

Mr. W. H. Fisher of Columbia, an accomplished gentleman and an excellent writer, has written for the Boston Traveller a readable article in reference to the efforts which have been made in the South Carolina in the advancement of the cause of popular education, and the article moves the Columbia Register to examine the latest statistics touching this matter as they apply not only to South Carolina but to all the States.

The most illiterate States in the Union rank as follows: PERSONS 10 YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARDS WHO CANNOT READ.

Table with 2 columns: State, Persons 10 years of age and upwards who cannot read. Includes Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina.

The total number of persons over 10 years of age in the United States who cannot read are 4,528,048, and of those who cannot write 5,065,144. It would thus seem that very nearly one-half of the illiteracy of the Union is expressed in these six contiguous States.

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It is not to be wondered at that our Columbia contemporary pronounces this a fearful scale of illiteracy for the white people of States who have a hundred years enjoyed the benefits of free institutions.

Table with 3 columns: State, Who Cannot Read, Who Cannot Write. Includes North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, Tennessee.

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CRIME AS AFFECTED BY RESIDENCE

Investigations made in England and the North of the British Isles, and residence of various criminals, to test the question as to what part of country, and what sort of life, is most likely to produce criminals, show the fallacy of the idea that cities and towns alone produce murderers, burglars and thieves.

London was shown to be a moral and virtuous, productive only of good, as compared with some of the rural portions of the west and south of England, while Manchester, which has the worst record of any city in England, was proved to have a comparatively smaller criminal population than Kent.

An examination in Connecticut, made by the board of directors of the Connecticut State prison, makes a similar showing. It was then shown that cities do not, as a rule, furnish the largest number of convicts. Indeed the county in Connecticut with the worst criminal record was Litchfield, which is altogether rural, containing no cities whatever.

The Western North Carolina Railroad.—The Legislature will doubtless this week renew its appropriation to the Western North Carolina Railroad; and while mentioning this matter we take occasion to refer to the fact that the Raleigh News has mistaken the position of this paper in reference to this appropriation.

OUR MAGAZINE.—The South Atlantic is again to hand. The current number contains a continuation of the story "John Davidson's Wife," by W. W. Williams.

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STREET NEWS

There was a skating rink at the park in Raleigh Thursday night. There is a movement on foot to reorganize the Morganton brass band.

Davidson Melton, of Allemarie, had his hand badly saved in a cotton gin a few days ago. Hendersonville is clamoring for a hotel in which to entertain the summer guests of that pleasant town.

A certain druggist in Halifax county advertises that he sells for cash. A card hanging in his "druggery" reads, "I cannot live on air alone."

Col. Duncan K. McKee, of Wilmington, was to have delivered his lecture on "Genius and Talent" in Fayetteville night before last.

Wilmington Sun: Yesterday morning, in Fayetteville, Capt. Sandy Robinson, the popular captain of the steamer Wave, was married to Miss Sallie Fuller, of that city.

Concord Register: Col. H. D. Capers, son of Bishop Capers, will deliver a lecture at the court house next Monday night. Subject, "True Men and Women."

Wilmington Review: A freight train on the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad came into this city this noon consisting of forty cars.

The Lenoir Topic says that during the funeral services of the late W. W. Dowd at Union church in Little River township, Caldwell county, last Friday, the floor of one-half the church gave way without any warning.

Petersburg Index-Appel: Rev. J. C. Fleetwood, of Northampton county, S. C., was painfully injured a few days ago, while at work in his field.

Mr. Nat. Taylor, a photographer who lives in Asheville, but who has been running a gallery for some two months in a building on the corner of the street, was severely injured by a fire in his room, in the latter place, one night last week.

Blue Ridge Blade: J. H. Ramsay, Esq., writing from Upper Fork says one of his sons, about ten years old, chopped off two of his toes on the 1st inst., and another about fifteen years old put ice on his head, which he says he never came very near proving fatal.

Piedmont Press: We learn that Dr. A. M. Powell had the entire dam torn out of Catawba river at his cotton factory in order to give free passage for the fish.

CHICAGO, March 8.—The activity in wheat continues to-day, but the movement is towards higher prices. Last night's closing figures for April delivery in which most of the transactions are made, were 92 1/2.

LA BELLE FRANCE. Republican Strength and Dictation in the Chambers.—The impeachment.

LONDON, March 7.—The pure Left, which is the strongest group of Republicans, numbering 98 members, yesterday decided that none of its members can also be connected with another Republican group such as the Left Centre or Extremes.

LONDON, March 8.—The fire in the Polytechnic Institution last night did not burn so badly as was first reported. Only a small theatre in the institution and some electrical apparatus was destroyed.

BOSTON, March 8.—The jury in the Paig case last night returned a verdict of guilty of the general charge of conspiracy to defraud his creditors.

THE SPEAKERSHIP

Morrison Against Randall and in Favor of Blackburn's Opinion that the Latter will be Elected.

Mr. Logan, arch-enemy of Morrison, member of Congress for the seventh Illinois district, arrived here today and has expressed himself very freely about the contest for the speakership of the House.

Programme for the Issue of the Debt Certificates. WASHINGTON, March 8.—The four per cent. refunding certificates, to be issued under the act passed by Congress, entitled "an act to aid in refunding the national debt," will date from the 1st of April next.

AND PRETTY. Line of Candles, Fruit, &c. His Caramels, Coconut Cream, Walnut and Molasses Taffy, and plain Creams, have proven to be exactly the article all customers, young or old, man or woman, boy or girl.

FELONIOUS ATTEMPTS TO BURN COLUMBUS, O. COLUMBUS, O., March 8.—Night after night for the past week attempts have been made to burn this city, and both citizens and police have thus far failed to discover their origin.

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New Advertisements

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TURKEYS! TURKEYS! TURKEYS! Pure Bronze, very large and fine. S. M. HOWELL

SEED OATS, &c. 600 Bushels Seed Oats, 50 Bushels N. C. Irish Potatoes, Corn Flour and Wheat Bran, Mixed Hay, Shooks and Fodder.

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POPULAR LITERATURE. MUSIC & GIFT BOOKS OF EVERY STYLE. BLANK BOOKS, INK, PENS, PENCILS, MUCILAGE.

PHOTOGRAPHS. In consequence of the reduction in the price of the original cost of materials, and in order to give my patrons the benefit of the reduction from and after this date Photographs will be taken at my Gallery at REDUCED RATES.

Hotels. FIELD BROS. Wholesale and Retail. GROCERS and DEALERS in COUNTRY PRODUCE. Keep constantly on hand FRESH EGGS and BUTTER, CHICKENS, TURKEYS, CABBAGE, IRISH POTATOES, APPLES, DRIED FRUITS, &c.

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