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CHARLOTTE, N. C., SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1879.

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STATE NEWS.

Mrs. Wm. E. Best, of Greene county, is dead.

The Catholic church is gaining ground in Goldsboro.

The town of Oxford will subscribe \$50,000 to the Oxford and Henderson Railroad.

Davie county will distill more, while key this year, it is thought, than was ever known before.

Hertford county has furnished the State two historians, in the persons of Mr. J. W. Moore and John H. Wheeler.

Mr. William Burkhead, father of Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D. D., died in Ashboro, Randolph county, on the night of the 6th inst. He was 84 years of age.

Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., of Richmond, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual commencement sermon at the Greensboro Female College.

The Boston Mendelssohn Quintette club will go to Salem in May. They will find as appreciative an audience in that town as anywhere else in the State.

The *Patriot* says twenty emigrants left Greensboro Tuesday for Western States and Texas. They were from Stokes, Davidson, Randolph and Guilford counties.

Salisbury Watchman: We learn that Capt. Frank Brown will sail from Salisbury Wednesday morning next, in his boat "Christian Reid," destination Salisbury.

Wilmington Star: We are told that one of our railroad haulers will haul a very small fraction of thirteen millions pounds of freight during the short month of February last.

Maj. Wilson, president of the Western road, was the first man to go through the Blue Ridge mountains in North Carolina. This was on the occasion of the opening of Swannanoa tunnel.

During the past ten days large droves of cattle have passed through Henderson to Coleman's where they have been shipped on the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad to Charleston.

Salem Press (written in all seriousness): Calvin Hauser has a valuable hen. She lays the average number of eggs, but three out of each week's laying are of a larger size, double yolked, and if set hatch two chicks.

The body of a man floated up near the wharf of the Dismal Swamp Transportation Company, at Elizabeth City, last Monday morning, supposed to be the remains of Jonathan Markham, who has been missing three months. He is believed to have been foully dealt with.

In the Superior Court at Greensboro, Tuesday, the jury gave a verdict for \$800 to Sam Johnson, colored, who two years ago was injured by being thrown from a train on the Richmond and Danville Railroad on which he was a brakeman.

Greensboro News North Star: Levi Scott, Esq., of this city, came very near strangling to death one day last week. He was sucking a lemon and was taken with a spasmodic contraction of the throat, from which he did not recover for several minutes.

The Legislature did not escape the present fever. Mr. Speaker Morning was presented, Wednesday night, with an elegant gold watch, the gift of the members of the House. The presentation speech was made by Mr. B. C. Cobb, of Lincoln, and Mr. Moring responded in befitting terms.

Two gentlemen in Raleigh, Wednesday, according to the *Observer*, of that city, went into a justice's office, and there took solemn oaths that they would not trouble fire water in any shape for six months. The magistrate administered the oaths through the proceedings was not at all in his regular line.

The *News* says that Rev. Dr. C. R. Vaughan, late pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh, has accepted the position of chaplain of the University of Virginia, to which he was recently elected. In the meantime he will serve the Central Presbyterian church, at Atlanta, Ga., for six months.

Greensboro Patriot: The reduction of the fees of State solicitors by recent acts of the Legislature has cut down the income of these gentlemen to such a low figure that some of them contemplate resigning. They say at the present rate of compensation it is impossible for them to pay traveling expenses.

Greensboro Patriot: The evidence in the case of Daniel Coble tried last Monday for an attempt to burn C. P. Vanstony's livery stable, established the fact of insanity so fully that the solicitor entered a *not proes*, and the judge appointed the jury to sit as a jury of inquiry. In accordance with the evidence given the jury at once rendered a decision of insanity.

Raleigh News: The Governor has continued Prof. Kern's office with his work of the past five years in manuscript for publication. It is thought it will take twelve months to complete the work, after which the Governor will appoint a geologist. The work will be done in the department of agriculture and no doubt will contain much valuable information.

Asheville Journal: A negro by the name of Henry Henderson, recently released from the penitentiary, was horribly burned at the Fleming House in Marion, last Thursday night about half-past 9 o'clock. He was drunk and his bed caught fire from the fireplace. The chances of his recovery are doubtful. This is the same house in which Page was burned to death some time ago.

Reidsville Times: Six prisoners escaped from jail in Wentworth soon Monday night. One of them has been captured, offering a reward of Two Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said six. The young madcap murderer of Goode. He is foot loose, still in chains, and armed with a splendid Spencer rifle loaded for eighteen shots and that can kill as far as the eye can see. It is this gun from the office below; it belonged to Col. Dave Settle. McKinsey also has Dave Settle's breech loader. These guns were no doubt used by the guards in the office underhead. The impression to-day (Wednesday) is that McKinsey has his chains off.

The Richmond (Va.) *State* speaks of the time when the Governor of North Carolina shall meet the Governor of South Carolina on Pennsylvania Avenue and make that well remembered observation: "whereupon the Wilmington *Star* says: That was the old style. But old things have passed away, and Vance is a staunch Presbyterian. But Vance, we learn, is still full of his qualities and qualities. A fellow of finite jest, of most excellent fancy. Of him may it be a long time before it can be said that Garlick said of Quin: "That tongue which set the table on a roar, and charmed the public ear, is heard no more."

G. B. Thornton, president of the Memphis board of health, officially contradicts all reports of the existence of yellow fever there.

The wife of Gen. T. W. Sherman died Wednesday at New York.

The Randolph Macon (Va.) college chapel was entirely consumed by fire at 7:30 Wednesday evening. No other buildings were burned. Origin unknown.

The board of inquiry into the case of General Fitz John Porter, New York, closed its public sessions Wednesday. The report will be made up and sent to the President next week.

The Supreme Court of Indiana has affirmed the constitutionality of what is known as the ticket scalpers' law, passed by the last Legislature. The enforcement of the law will break up "scalping" in that State, as it makes each sale a penal offense, punishable by a heavy fine.

The Manhattan Savings Bank in New York, resumed business Wednesday. Long before the hour for resumption—ten o'clock—several hundred depositors were in line. A large number drew out all their deposits, but the majority were only drawing for present contingencies. With a surplus of \$300,000 the officials say they can answer all claims on them.

The quarterly convention of the United States board of trade met at New York Wednesday. Elwood E. Thorpe, presiding. M. Leon Chouteau addressed the convention on the proposed Franco-American treaty of commerce. Resolutions were adopted in favor of the treaty in the postoffice department, the custom-house and in coinage; also in favor of a national department of commerce and industry, technical education of the masses and a system of citizen soldiers in each State, an export duty on foreign bottoms, and an international exhibition at New York in 1882.

The Public Schools. (Raleigh *Observer*.) The Senate passed the school bill yesterday, as it had previously passed the House. The session is so near its end that those in charge of the bill fear to have it amended at the one particular, needing amendment. Had there been time the Senate would have restored the bill to its original shape and the House would have concurred in the bill. As it is, the bill, in its present shape, is a compromise between the two bodies, and we must make the best of it and try for a better law next time.

The material changes from the old law are in sections 35, 36 and 47. Section 35 directs the State board of education to prescribe, from time to time, and for a term of not less than five years, the text books to be used.

Section 36 increases the present property tax of 5 cents to 10 cents, and the poll tax of 35 cents to 50 cents. The yield of the property tax last year was \$123,206.17, and of the poll tax \$170,040.50. The change will increase the school revenue some \$25,000 from the property tax, and not less than \$100,000 from the poll tax. The provision in the State debt bill taking away from the schools three-fourths of the liquor dealers' tax will, however, decrease the school revenue by some \$18,000, leaving a net increase of rather more than \$40,000.

Section 47 authorizes the biennial election of county superintendents of public schools, who shall be *ex officio* county examiners and trustees of the county school funds.

Another amendment to the old law is one authorizing any school district, white or colored, to tax itself and keep open its schools as much longer than four months as may be convenient, and to employ and pay teachers at their will.

Wonders of the Yellowstone Region. (Baltimore *Sun*, of Thursday.) Gen. John G. Gibbon, United States army, delivered a lecture last night at the Maryland Institute on "The Wonders of the Yellowstone Region." The large hall of the institute was filled even to the galleries, many ladies being in the audience. The lecture was a most interesting and instructive one, and the lecturer, Prof. M. A. Newell, introduced the lecturer. The interest of the lecture was largely enhanced by stereoscopic views of the scenery of the Yellowstone valley, canyons, mammoth hot springs, eruptive geysers, and the Falls of the Yellowstone. The lecturer said that nine years ago the region of which he spoke was a most beautiful and fertile valley. Its marvelous geysers, 250 feet high, its frozen cascades as they looked to be, or solid white stone as they actually are, those places where you can catch a trout in cold water, drop it into a pot of hot water, cook and eat it without moving from one spot—though he would not ask them to swallow the story, [laughter]—these wonders were unseen by the eye of white men or even Indians till a few years ago. Thus the Yellowstone river, the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin forks and branches of the Missouri river, were explored seventy years ago by Lewis and Clarke, but the wonders of scenery of the great national park of 3,500 square miles were a sealed book until recently. The stereoscopic presented many strange and beautiful views from the valley of the Yellowstone from 200 yards to one mile and a half wide and four miles long. The white stone cascades were formed from the sediments deposited by the water, and the traveler goes on under the eye of the traveler, though he can scarcely distinguish the water from the stone. The pools are rainbow-hued, with flowers of every pattern and color, that flash their loveliness from their clear depths. The colors seem more vivid and the water more varied in hue and numberless in that region than anywhere else.

Stone Ore. (Greensboro *Patriot*.) Last Saturday we met Mr. S. S. Clayton, of Baltimore, one of the largest stockholders in the Ore Knob, Ashe county, copper mine. He informed us that near that mine are inexhaustible quantities of the finest kind of iron ore, which he said he had seen. If transportation could be secured, he says that without taking into consideration the freight of the copper mine—a very large quantity—the yield of these iron mines alone would give a handsome income to the railroad.

Mr. C. proposes opening up the Conrad gold and copper mine in Davidson county, one of the most valuable mines in the State which was probably worked some years ago by Gov. Morehead and Charles Fisher.

A South Carolina Suicide.

[Union (S. C.) Times, 14th.] About half-past 5 o'clock last Tuesday evening this community was thrown into great excitement by the announcement that Mr. O. B. H. Graham had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. For some months Mr. Graham had been confined in his bed by a severe attack of paralysis in the lower part of his body and legs, but had so far recovered as to be able by the aid of a crutch and stick to walk up town, and not more than fifteen minutes before he committed the sad deed we all witnessed him on the street about the act lately passed by Congress to pay the veterans of the Mexican war, and he appeared in his usual spirits. He was then on his way home. On entering the house he stumbled, and was assisted to a chair by Mrs. Robinson, his mother-in-law. She then turned from him and immediately after heard the report of a pistol. On turning to him she found a pistol lying on the floor beside his chair, and that Mr. Graham was shot. The ball entered the head just behind the right ear and passed through to the skull directly opposite.

Mr. Graham was a well-known Confederate soldier. He was also a veteran of the Mexican war. At the time of his death he was the corner of the county, to which office he was elected at the last general election. For some weeks he had been quite despondent, fearing that he would never recover the use of his limbs, and there is no doubt that he committed the sad act under an intensely depressed state of mind.

The "Halifax" Alstons. (Henry W. Grady in the Atlanta Constitution.) Bob Alston came of a princely stock. His ancestors settled in Halifax, North Carolina, nearly a century ago. They were imperious, dauntless people, of enormous wealth, lavish habits, and stirring traditions. They were of a stubborn strain of fighters, dominating over everything and brooking no contention. They were known over the country as a gentle but reckless race and came to be called the "Halifax" Alstons. Many a time have I heard Alston tell, in his frank and bright way, of the traditions of these people—how they traveled from one of their estates to another in almost regal state—with the old King George coach and four and an army of stable attendants—how his grandmothers used to carry her own sheets and pillowcases with her, and her everywhere she went—and of how, in her meretricious days, racing with her husband over the country-side, she would put \$100 on a cock-fight and follow the fox-hounds when none but the Alstons dared ride. Or of how his grandfather offered his estates to Jefferson when war was declared, and drank dry coffee to his death, because he drank it during the war—of how his great-grandfather, his grand uncle, had to confront the whole State of Carolina, because of his assaults upon a defaulting State treasurer, and of the lordly way in which these two brothers fought and frolicked alternately with the gentry from Virginia to Georgia.

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