only thirteen had come; that it was but a little while before the hour and that in case the fourteenth man falled to show up he was going to ask the gentlemen to quietly leave the house, so there would be only the house, so there would be only twelve at the table, telling him that he counted on this as an added proof of their friendship. The guest was ready to make a quick get-away, when to the quick relief of the men the fourteenth man rang the bell and showed up. Strange to say, a few years later the State official in question was the guest of another Governor at a banquet of the same kind. This time only thirteen made their appearance and he remarked to the vernor that perhaps he had better slip out, as so many persons considered thirteen an unlucky number. This Governor laughed very heartly and said thirteen had no terrors for him. The State official alluded to went on then to tell of his own luck with that number on a trip be took. here on the 13th of the month; there were thirteen persons in the Pullman car; the train was which is three thirteens, and in half a dozen other ways that numher cropped up, but his luck never

HENRY CLAY'S SPEECH. Hon. John Nichols, of this city, exmember of Congress and now United States commissioner, was speaking the other day about his first arrival in Raleigh. It was in 1844, on the very day when Henry Clay made his speech from a portice of the Capitol, which was then quite a new building and the admiration of the whole country, being by far the handsomest of all the State Capitols and indeed exceeding that at Wash-

flickered. It was a great trip. The boodoo falled to connect.

Mr. Nichols' remarks about Clay's speech show the interesting fact that here at Raleigh Clay met his fare by the presidency of the United He was the guest of Hon. enneth Rayner and Hon. George E. Badger, Mr. Rayner's house standing where that of Col. A. B. Andrews now is and having been removed some years ago for use as a school. as a boarding house and quite recently having been torn down and rebuilt and used for a building of a nature at the Pilot Some contend that Mr. Clay's famous letter in regard to slavery in Texas, etc., which cost him the presidency, was written at the Rayner outdoors, under one of the but it seems that it was really writ-ten in the office of Mr. Badger.

one of them is certainly Dred Thomas, who is from the County of Wake and who is perhaps the only man in North Carolina suffering from a wound made by an Indian arrow. Thomas is about 99 years old, and when he was a youngster went to Florida to aid in taking some slaves there for their owner. He reached that State at the time when the war with the Seminole Indians was on and was immediately pressed into service, this being done so far as all able-bodied men in reach were concerned, and was put right in the fighting. He was hit by an arrow in to a pension. the neck and an ugly scar yet remains. The wound nearly cost him

IGNORANCE OF NATURE.

entitled "China in Law and Com-merce" is a handbook in China, Europe and the United States. Mr. Jernigan finds game very abundant in China, and this includes several varieties of pheasants, such as in this country are in the parks, magnificent birds, some of which are illustrated. Mr. Jernigan's book was published in Shanghai in June of this year.

will certainly apply to the grain crop. Tobacco has been injured somewhat in the east by rain, yet it is a fine crop. The leaf of the tobacco in the eastern section is thinner than in the

DOCTOR'S SPORTING BLOOD.

An ex-engineer was telling a good story a day or so ago about the old days when trains on rival roads used derfoot" to race between Raleigh and Cary, and The sale broke him and he left for finally this got to be so dangerous that his home by the first steamer. one of the roads issued an order against it, but it happened that on the very day the order was issued the president of this road, no less a person than the late Dr. William J. Hawkins, got in the cab of an engine, as he frequently did. As the train rolled Mortimer Fleming, known everywhere great caks, some of which yet stand neer ranged up alongside and inch by at many a fireside, of scenes in our middle. This gave the smaller snake in the yard of the Andrews house, inch crept ahead. He blew blast after North Carolina mountains, and up his opportunity and with a slow the blast after need to be a smaller snake the propertunity and with a slow to be blast after need to be a smaller snake the propertunity and with a slow to be blast after need to be a smaller snake the snake th

idea that simply because he had worked during the war he had a title

DEVOTION OF SLAVES.

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crop situation in this State it may be cessive and violative of that section usual languid interest. The scene boldly said, in a general way, that up of the constitution which prohibits was Texas all the way through and to this date it is the best crop year cruel and unusual punishment, but nothing wilder can be imagined. declined to take any action whatever. worked in North Carolina and no doubt will be the last, as the "bad with the corners and edges of that metal, but the rest of some other substance, worth hardly anything, which was sold to an English "tenwho had just come

TELLING STORIES. Most of us have seen a picture along towards Cary, with Engineer has in nowise abated since the old into the box, through a little trap Mortimer Fleming, known everywhere as a rapid runner, in charge, a train on the rival road, the Southern, crept up alongside. Fleming kept a watch ahead, yet out of the corner of his eye has been my good fortune to meet work took the bird in its mouth, but looked at the doctor, who was on a not a few of the thrills. Down by strange to say instead of taking it by seat in the cab. The Southern engi- the sea coast I have told my friends, the head, as usual, took it by the the yate on the street from shot, stood across the street from shot sto blast of his whistle, as if in challenge in the mountains I have talked to tion he went up and took the bird He was asked if he was in the army and said no, but when asked if he was wounded, replied yes, and said rim-rock. In one of these we went that was worked and the little one ate it after in good working order by the time. that was why he wanted a pension. and found the floor of infinitely fine bird and the little one ate it after in good working order by the time that was why he wanted a pension. When asked to describe his injury he said: "One day they told me to take some saddle-trees and load them on a wagon. I took them and the more time was not asked up sideways to the factory, and as I tried to get the said: The chile that they are nothing but muscle.

The said and the little one ate it after the summit is reached. The first evening after the Idler arrived he stronghold and withal a community in that region. Here and there in this soft sand we saw footprints of the was a member of a party of young ladge and young men that "asto the factory, and as I tried to get to the factory and as I tried to get to the factory and as I tried to get the summit is reached. The first evening after the Idler arrived he stronghold and withal a community ladge and young men that "asto the factory, and as I tried to get to the factory and as I tried to get to the factory are nothing but muscle.

The object of infinitely fine bird and the little one ate it after the summit is reached. The factory and found the floor of infinitely fine sand, upon which water had never all. The combat lasted two hours.

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GOSSIP OF STATE CAPITAL

BY COL FRED A CLDS.

Baleigh, Ang. 14.—A great many people task about the superstillions of negroes, but very few have an idea how deeply them are routed in the mission of white neeply to the foot of the hill and people task about the superstillions of negroes, but very few have an idea how deeply them are routed in the Governor Glenn, out of the story, though it got minds of white neeply to the foot of the hill and the story will feak out. for Governor Glenn, out of the papers in one way or another, into the papers in one way or another, into the papers in one way or another, and the prominent men were invited to a dinner given by a Governor, and as he was manding in the hall the Governor walked un very hastily, evidentity quite excited, and told nine the other day about the washing in the hall the Governor walked un very hastily, evidently quite excited, and told nine the other one was the seals, and the secretary of State is the hall the Governor walked un very hastily, evidently dute excited, and told nine that fourteen persons had been invited to the dinner, but that only thirteen had come, that it was between the man was the feat pand of the province of a pound, and three or in the hopfield for some the feat of the dinner, but that only thirteen had come, that it was been the man was the feat for only thirteen had come. that it was been the man was the feat that four or five builters and because they made such a built in the seed to document to the seals and the postener which as the man with the rine, across one fitteen feet or more of apacet in thin, asking for a pardon. It was the man with the rine, across one fitteen feet or more of apacet in the hilling stated in the hopfield for some the province of the man with the rine, across one fitteen feet or more of apacet in the seals of the seals have a being back the seals of the correct of the man with the rine, across one fitteen feet or more of apacet was the man with the rine, across of the seals in him, asking for a pardon. It that lached of down with a washing for a particular with a washing for a particular with a point of the line is a washing as a light of the line is washing for a material of the line is washing as a light of the line is washing for an afternoon to that stream. Having for a particular washing for scorned and it was not until Governor Glenn concluded that the aged man had had punishment enough in that he would show elemency and that they are stoles and recovers too and the combat they and the combat the property and the combat they and the

> Secretary of Agriculture Ellas Carr This was the first gold-brick game and State Horticulturist Hutt had an unusual experience in the State Mu-They had started home, but seum. medicine" given the criminals is a near the building caught an English powerful deterrent. In a hotel sparrow and decided to return and in Texas there is gold brick, give the bird to the rattlesnakes, which are in a large box on the ground-floor, and are special pets of Curator Brimley. There are two snakes, one somewhat larger than the They have thus been companions for a couple of years. Last summer the big snake ate only one The smaller one, far more active, gets practically all the good representing a Greek story-teller front of glass and sides of wire. The

Its quickness astonishing.

he Quiet Village in Buncombe, Surrounded by Mountains, a Fine Spot For Resting—Picnicking on Hamburg Mountain a Popular Pastine—
Longry Mountain the Mecon of Many Parties—The Town Full of Pretty and Cultured Lassies, With a Perceptible Scarcity of Young Mon—Trolley Line Now Being Built Will Make the Place a Fine Resort —Many Points of Historical Interest —Many Points of Historical Interest for an afternoon to that stream, The \$20 a.m., No. 2, daily, for Richt for an afternoon to that stream, The \$20 a.m., No. 2, daily, for Richt for an afternoon to that stream, The \$20 a.m., No. 2, daily, for Richt \$20 a.m., No. 3, daily, for Richt \$20 a.m., No

From what can be learned of the ground that the punishment was ex- seemed to have departed from their Irving. There can hardly be a more delightful silt in the Tar Heel State Franklin and the present Asheville delightful state in the Tar Heel State was called Morristown. Mr. Weaver's points South. Pullman drawing room to which a resident for 355 days in was called Morristown. Mr. Weaver's points South. Pullman drawing room sleepers New York to New Orleans, Richthe year of a ceaselessly bustling city can spend a few days recreating. Weaverville is a hundred feet higher than the far-famed resort of Asheville and nestles quietly and soberly within the enfolding arms of the Capt. W. E. Weaver, a grandson of Blue Ridge, being almost literally the founder of the town. He has a surrounded by mountain peaks. It is good memory and talks very interesteight miles north of Asheville, in the ingly of the past. He tells a good County of Buncombe, in the valley of loke about the man who built the first Ream's creek. To the outside world brick chmney in all that section. it is almost unknown except as being This was Sammy Samples, an Engthe seat of the Methodist institution, Weaverville College, but it is destined within not many years to be- of the fact that he was going to have come better known. It has been a chimney much better than any of isolated and somewhat hard to reach, things in the way of rats, mice and but a street car line is now being birds put in the box, which has a built from Asheville and when it is completed (which is to be this fall) seated on a bench, while before him, two snakes appeared to have been in the happiest of all happy attitudes, friendly, despite this unequal division are his listeners. The love for stories of food. Mr. Carr put the sparrow and rest out in Weaverville. and rest out in Weaverville. The population of the place is some

five or six hundred happy souls. They live, for the most part, in handsome homes which they own themselves, get along well with each other and have no troubles. About a quarter of a century ago the town was incorporated, but two years ago the charter was forfeited, as being an entirely useless thing for Weaverville.

The climb is not rugged, but still of 7 the enough declivity to set the appetite after ours. Water evening after she idler arrived he was a member of a party of young lades and young men that "asag as cended the heights." The party started up in time to get to started up in time to get to down till after 10 o'clock. The susproves set view from this peak is sometimes set view from this peak is sometimes overly gorgeous, but on the particular own, and also ministered to the polson evening clouds shut off the light of the departing Sol and the beautiful started was missed. But the outlook in otlive, every direction over valleys and peaks, over wooded regions and the beautiful peaks, over wooded regions and the started was known in that region, and Captain Weaver says that he great regions a member of the Baptist over the climb is not rugged, but still of the command and the strong Methodist started with the summit is reached. The first strong dethodist is strong Methodist was strong Methodist W. Railway points. No. 31, 1:30 p. m. daily, from Wilming-ton, Hamlet and Monroe: also from points at Hamlet and Monroe: also from points at Hamlet and Monroe. Connections are made at Hamlet with No. 133, daily, at 9:50 a. m., for Linuary time to prove with the particular very gorgeous, but on this particular very gorgeous, but on this particular very gorgeous, but on the particular very gorgeous, but on the beautiful had not come started the point of the light of t breath of blue smoke curling up from faith who first came to that section the heartstone of some contented very much as a country boy does the household, was worth every drop of first time he looks upon an elephant NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY. perspiration and every pant for breath required to reach the mountain top. The Methodists had a camp ground within a hundred yards of where within a hundred yards of where weaverville College is now located. With about two hundred tents, and big, roaring camp fire was built and around this the crowd gathered, and the night air was cool enough to make the night air was cool enough to make the fire feel very comfortable. The null Conferences were enteredated by the night are the fire feel very comfortable. The null Conferences were enteredated by the night are the nodes upon an elephant with wide-eyed wonder. Schedule in eecfit May 17th, mos.

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make the parties and pienics and sociables enjoyable to the feminine participants.

white woman born in Buncombe county. The most interesting inhabitant of Weaverville at the present is lishman. He was up on a ladder laying the brick and feeling very proud his neighbors could afford, when an old sow and her brood came rooting around among the brickbats and debris that lay on the ground. Sammy old hog had already got her nose under the foot of the ladder and brought the Englishman down upon herself and her pigs. As he extricated his bruised self from the squealing porkers Sammy remarked to his attendant: "The Lord cast the devil sold by this company and accepted by into the swine hundreds of years ago and he is still in this old sow." and he is still in this old sow."

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