STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP

BY FRED A. OLDS.

Raleigh, Oct. 1 -The Republi-Raieigh, Oct. 1.—The Republicans are now claiming that they are going to do their greatest work two or three days before the election. Does this mean that they intend to flood the country with money or what? There is no question, of the lact that "money" is more independent now than ever before and the conditions seem to be more favorable to Democratic success than at any time since Mr. Cleveland's first election to the presidency.

tion to the presidency.

There is independence in various There is independence in various ways. Who would have thought four years ago of seeing a trust man displaced from a Republican national committee, and yet this very thing has happened to DuPont, the head of the powder trust. DuPont ought to have stood very far away from trusts, for his French forbears came over here upon the invitation of the Colonies to make Revolutionary powder, but trusts are very entangling things. Everything that the "trust smoke" touches, no matter how, is like the damaged goods one sees advertised so often. Ne matter how they may be aired and fixed there is just a touch

aired and fixed there is just a touch of the smoke and so Foraker had to go and so went Haskell. It is really a sign of better times and improved ideas when this sort of thing hap-pens and people who are not clean are dropped. The world is crying out for better men and better methods and unquestionably the political cry ought to be for the same thing.

One of the queerest things which ever happened to a railroad man in this State or anywhere else occurred on the Western North Carolina Rail-way on the high mountain division, and recently I heard a story about it. One night an engineer was coming down the mountain; a very careful fellow and a cool hand, too. Suddenly fellow and a cool hand, too. Suddenly as he turned a curve a great light loomed before him; full-orbed and powerful. He thought it was surely the headlight of an engine, and he made a leap for life. Then he found it was only the full moon. He was very frank and told his story, for the engine ran wild, for a wonder keeping on the track in all the tangle of curves, down to the mountain foot and then piled into another train. The man lost his job, but who of us would not have taken the leap, too, with that startling moonburst, with all the brilliancy of its fullness and in that clear atmosphere, where it seemed right upon him and there was no time to think?

It has certainly been all sorts of a year. Much of the weather has been strange, with rose-killing frosts and ice in April, late fall weather in August, such rains as the oldest inhabitants never dreamed of, much less saw, and now in September-October, nature is playing some more freaks. On the wall of the rectory of Christ church, which used to be the old the church, which used to be the old Bank of North Carolina, there is an immense yellow jessamine vine, in the shape of a wish-bone. This has bloomed every month since mid-March and now is in full bloom; a glory in yellow, and as fragrant as if it were spring. I looked at and talked about it with Rector Barber and he said he had never heard of anything like

I made a rather careful study Saturday of the contrasted pictures of the Cherokees and Croatans in the the Cherokees and Croatans in the Hail of History and find the resemblance between certain of these peoples to be very striking, indeed. The dark featured or capper-colored Croatans are wonderfully like the Cheorkees. If they were put together there would be no difference, but there are types of the Cherokees which look extreme-State to have an expert to look over the Croatans. Among the Cherokees I the laws before they go to the public only saw two pretty women; both young and both mothers; hardly over twenty; while among the Croatans there are really beautiful women, some of whom would be noticed anywhere, and finer eyes I never saw than some of them have, so large and luminous are they. The Cherokee girls who are half-breeds are very handsome, too, in some cases, but in the reference above only full-bloods are meant. These pictures are worthy of sintic. This is not the case as to

minous are tialt-breeds are very handsome, too, in some cases, but in the reference above only full-bloods are meant. These pictures are worthy of a very careful study and they bring up again the old question from whence came the Indians? Was it from Asia, and did they get across at Behring's Straits or not?

I see that State Geologist Prait estimates the soil loss in North Carolina by the August washing to be half a million dollars. It looks to make the soil loss in North Carolina by the August washing to be half a million dollars. It looks to make the things and remedy them. So many people resent saything being done in the way of changing their methods, and this certainly applies to farmers as well at others; perhaps when more so. How in the world are the people going to be reached? Not a tenth of them come out to the farmers' institutes and a number of them would not listen to what was told them if the instructors went to their own homes. But certainly, in some manner, there will have to be provided for it Education is a mighty slow process and here the power tauch hims can come to pass and the scaled are tach hims and been told that the was bewelt and bring about the trouble it did last August. Or course another more manner, there will have to be provided for it. Education is a mighty slow process and here the power tauch hims can come to pass and the people do sensethe things for the cannel for its at strike of despotent me needs to the course another the common good. Putitively one sighs cometines for its at a trifle of despotent me needs to the cardinal processing and here the power is acknowledged and processing and here the power is despotent and bring about the trouble it did has a fargust and a strike to a wound or to any surface of the world such hardsometimes for its at strike of despotent me or the season offered me, to be provided for it. Education is a mighty slow process and here the power is despotent and because the power is despotent and because the power is despotent and because the power i

The State Library has become in the most few years a very great pince for students. The improvement in the character of the studies made by teachers and pupils in pubile and private schools is very marked. The papers now prepared would have been thought impossible net many years ago. The study of newspapers has come to be particularly important and nothing historical is now attempted in this State without very thoraugh recourse to them. A good deal of history is being recast, so to speak. The State has many newspaper files, yet there are very bad gaps here and there. As a matter of fact it would have been well if from the beginning enples of every newspaper had been sent to the State for preservation. Had this boon date North Caroling would have far more material than it now has or ever will be able to never the state. The state is now attempted that have been secured by the switer from Miss Sybii Hyant, of Kinston, who is a very enthusiastic collector.

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handsomest building in North Caroli handsomest building in North Carolina, of its class, is now completed, it is particularly interesting to Masons, who form so powerful a part of North Carolina's citizenship, not only because it is a permanent abiding-place of the Grand Lodge, but because the funds it will bring in are to be applied to a very splendid use—namely the construction and maintenance of a home for aged and infirm Masons. The building itself has cost something over \$150.000 and three floors are occupied by the Masons. No building in North Carolina is more nearly freproof than this and the finishings throughout are in the best taste, in golden letters on a tablet set in the golden letters on a tablet set in the marble wall at the main entrance is

inarble wall at the main entrance is this inscription;
"Masonic Temple Committee: Samuel M. Gattis, Grand Master; William R. Cox, Francis D. Winston, John W. Cotten, Richard J. Noble, Andrew J. Harris, John D. Elliott, Walter S. Liddell, Samuel H. Smith, Beverly F. Royster, A. B. Andrews, Jr., Julian S. Carr, John S. Cunningham; John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary. Architect, Charles McMillen, Wilmington. Contractor, Central Carolina Construction Company, Greensboro."

The gallery which surrounds three sides of the grand lodge room has set in panels of oak in all fts front portraits of Grand Masters, their names being below each picture, in golden

being below each picture, in golden letters. The effect is striking in every way. The following is the list of the Grand Masters, with the dates they held office: William R. Davie, 1798; William Polk, 1801; John Louis Taylor, 1802 and 1816; John Hill, 1807; Panis vis 1816; John Hill, 1807; ior, 1892 and 1816; John Hill, 1807; Benjamin Smith, 1810; John A. Cameron, 1821; James S. Smith, 1822; Louis D. Wilson, 1829; F. J. Baker, 1839; S. F. Patterson, 1834; John H. Wheeler, 1843; P. W. Fanning, 1845; W. F. Collins, 1849; Clement H. Jordan, 1854; P. A. Holt, 1856; Alfred Martin, 1858; Louis S. Williams, 1860; William G. Hill, 1861; E. F. Wilson, 1862; John McConnell, 1864; Edwin G. Reade, 1866; Robert W. Best, 1867; Robert B. Vance, 1869; Charles C. Clark, 1871; John Nichols, 1873; George W. Blount, 1875; Herrace H. Munson, 1877; William R. Cox, 1879; Henry F. Grainger, 1881; Robert Bingham, 1884; Fablus H. Busbee, 1886; Charles H. Röbinson, 1888; Samuel H. Smith, 1890; Hezekiah A. Gudger, 1892; John W. Cetten, 1894; Gudger, 1892; John W. Cotten, 1894; F. M. Møye, 1898; Walter E. Moore, 1898; Richard J. Noble, 1899; Beverly S. Royster, 1991; Henry J. Clark, 1998; Walter S. Liddell, 1995; Francis D. Winston, 1°07; Samuel M. Gattis, 1998

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There are also portrafts, similarly placed, of the following Grand Secretaries: John J. Christopher, 1836; W. T. Bain, 1838 to 1867; Donald W. Bain, 1868 to 1892; Gustave Rosenthal, 1892; William H. Bain, 1893; John C. Drewry, from 1894 to date.

There are also portraits of the following Grand Treasurers; William E. Anderson, 1888 to 1896; D. S. Waitt, 1891; William Simpson, 1892 to 1905.

There has been heretofore delay in getting out acts of the Legislature and a good deal of the public printing generally, but it is hoped next year to obviate a great deal of this, as the public printer has put in much new machinery and will be able to handle far better the great volume of business which year by year increases. In some States the journal of each day is placed on the desks of members the following morning. This has never been done in this State. It is very easy to do this during the first half or more of the session, but during the last few days there is such a rush that it is declared to be impossible, with the limited force available. It has

Of course the man who believes in the mad-stone must not be passed by. Most any kind of a porous stone will stick to a wound or to any surface of that kind, but as far as efficacy is concerned one might as well its a brick-bat on the head for a headache cure. But will the belief in the madstone ever be driven out? Out of about twenty people bitten by mad dogs and brought here for treatment by the State experts, exactly one-fifth had the mad-tone applied before they came, and it was actually applied to one boy here in Raleigh. One of the patients told me be did not believe in the stone a second, but that some of his relatives said it must be put on right away. The belief is that if it sticks, then the dog was mad; but if it falls off you are all right and need give yourself no further trouble. Of course the only effect of this whole business is mental and not physical in the least.

Great numbers of persons believe in

children shall attend the institutions the State has so thoughtfully provided for them, is bringing is large numbers of children, yet not all are reached. The parents of some of these unfortunate children actually secrete them and keep their existence a secret from the county officials whose duty it is to look then up. This has occurred in several countes. So it comes about that as yet not all the children of either class have been brought in, but there will be a systematic effort to get every one. The tematic effort to get every one. The law is well drawn and is proper in every respect and the Ignorance as well as the careleseness of parents who withhold their children from the is almost criminal, though on their part they perhaps consider it to be a kindness. Never was any act more

How many men in North Carolina have within the past few days been in a millinery establishment, where the best looking women the management can possibly get together devote themselves to the work of inducing other women to buy hats? A beauti-ful woman puts on a hat, and of course anything in the world would course anything in the world would become her, or rather she would be-come it, and lo and behold! a miracle is accomplished, all in a breath, for the woman looking at the hat-wearer believes in her soul that she is a better looking woman and that very hat will look better on her than it does on the professional. She either buys it herself are near or hubby have buys it herself or papa or hubby have the pleasure of going down in the pocketbook for the price, which runs all the way from \$16 to \$75, let us say, and so, as our friend Mr. Hennes-ay says, "There you are." I have been in several of these places in this good town during the past few days and have found that the hats are bigget, gayer, and more atroclous than they were last year. One lady confided to on or two longer the women wouldn't be able to wear anything but hats. I told her I was looking for that good time and saw it ahead. A Georgia ma-jor a good many years ago set the pace for the costume for gentlemen: a pair of spurs, and now come the la-dies. There was a very solemn promise last season that there would be a revulsion from the "Merry Widow" cart, wheel hat to something small cart, wheel hat to something small enough to get through a door, but this season's hats are admitted by the ladies to be bigger and worse than the last. The only redeeming thing about it is that not many feathers are used, that is of wild birds; the rooster and the gentle barnyard ben contributing most to the gayety hen contributing most to the gayety of the hats. The milliner, bless her heart will tell you with a sweet smile that they are "confections," and the way she does begule the dollars out of a pocketbook would make Jay Gould turn over in his grave in envy.

It is strange but true that the "bar becue" which is such a feature of al-most all country gatherings in this part of the State is unknown in the pledmont section. While Commission-er of Agriculture William A. Graham was here this week he spoke about this matter and said in his section the people knew nothing about barbecue. He said in their section fried chicken was the thing, with beef on the side and that kind of cornbread which they called "wayns" posts." I which they called "wasps' nests." I told the major, who himself knows very well the joys of barbecue and brunswick stew, that one of two of those people ought to come into to cook barbecue, or else missionaries in this section ought to go among his people and show them how to prepare the two best things in the world. This ls written in all seriousness, for it is a pity for any North Carolinian to be kept away from any such things as brunswick stew are only properly pre-pared in about twelve or fifteen countles of the State. Thank heaver been said that it would be well for the Wake is one of them, and from early summer until late in the fall they are

Here and There BY THOJAN.

In The Observer of September 14th there appeared a sermon by Dr. Hulten from the text: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." subject of the discourse: "Borrowing Trouble." It was a very interesting address and had much in it of a comforting nature and it did me good. It does appear strange that so many people misuse the opportunity of feeling good in life by the incessant habit of murmuring against provi-dence. What is the use of it? Where any reason for it come in? I admit that some disaster may come suddenness that for the moment It would be out of the question for one to be resigned and smile at the coming of dire misfortune, but one may learn the lesson of submission and agree that it is all right. That nothing somes of chance and that every thing is in accordance with law. is a foolish men or woman who will keep on growling, and at the same time be a professor of religion and attending church and prayer meet-ing. I had a letter some time ago from a Christian woman and it was a wail all the way through and she was sure of a complete collapse in a very few days. But she hasn't col-lapsed. I wrote her that there was so much in suggestion, and that sugges-tion more than anything else determined whether we stayed on the sun-ny or the gloomy side. That God could do no wrong, and that if she thought she was not feeling well to not believe these thoughts; but if she felt compelled to believe them, to let thm not dominate her life and destroy her happiness. Wasn't that good advice? The average person has sufficient troubles for each day has sufficient troubles for each day without borrowing from days to come. It is a foelish habit and in no sense compensatory. I don't know whether Dr. Hulten has any troubles or not, suppose he has, but any way, that was a mighty fine sermon and such preaching should accomplish much for the betterment of the disordered

In this day of political agitation the papers are full of sensational and interesting matter and one is sure to read every morning something that had not been forecasted. But one of the most interesting recent articles to me was the account given by Col. Fred Olds of his trip over the Caro-lins. Clinohfield & Ohio Raliroad from Marion to Johnson City. It is fortunate for us all, who enjoy good reading, that the Colonel was born and is still with us to edify with his ready pen, and being such a disciple of sunshine is likely to be here a long time to come. I don't know how many have been his years but he is still young and vigorous and his future promises much that is good for

the old State.
In the winter of 1892 I traveled with horse and buggy from Marion to Bakersville, going over part of the present course of this new railroad. The driver with me carried the mail It was a cold, rainy day but the trip was not without interest as I had never been in that section of the country before and the roughness and altitude were much enjoyed. On the top of the mountain near midday we stopped at a postoffice known to Uncle Sam as Mica. The office was in a log dwelling and the old lady resident in charge. I saw no other dwellings nearby. There were a few of the natives present who had come to enquire for mail, and one of the crowd, a shaggy, awkward looking fellow, asked for his part, and then inquired: "Is there any thing come ough to-day for George The old lady replied: "Nothing for George." "Well, I didn't know, I just thought I would ax:" answered the man. As I was pretty hungry about that time I asked the old lady

way of mail. Then again, the timid way in which the man asked for the lightful than Major Rorison and Col-mail struck me as curious; so did his one! Bailey, the former a Republican apparent apology: "Well, I didn't and the latter a Democrat. Both Know, I just thought I would ax." Methodists and Christians. But you see this timidly in people go- if a housekeeper, with many duties ing to the postoffice in more civilized incident thereto, is able to employ a nunities asking for mail. If there good cook she is entitled to this asis anything in the world that belongs sistance. The woman who is ignorant to them absolutely it is the postoffice. In the matter of proper cookin There are many things connected certainly to be pitied and sadly with this business run by Uncle Sam ficient in one accomplishment for the benefit of the people that is makes more for the health and hap-great but nothing more striking than piness of her household than any oththe 25 splendid envelopes with a two-er. Occasionally one meets with a bent stamp on each, all for 54 cents. woman who says: "I know nothing

Spencer, to assist him in a meeting at pity this poor creature. Ordinarily, Backward, turn backward. O Tim Bakersville, of which church he was she is not giving evidence that she then the pastor. I am glad yet that has been raised to any thing else that I went. Of course preachers are in is useful.

The habit of stopping with poor peohabit of stopping with poor peo-The host was many times a gentleman; hand-some, dignified, jolly, religious. He was a northern man but making his home in this State and interested in mics. The wife and daughters were charming and knew how to keep house in every detail. I have had house in every detail. I have had many good things in my life but never any thing surpassing that steak she gave me for supper. It was brought to the table in a covered dish, the aroma floats on my memor It was the genuine article.

think I know when to stop but I never to this day have had enough of beef steak and gravy of the kind above mentioned. Bakersville filled with nice people, and I

many of them, but none more de-lightful than Major Rorison and Col-

in the matter of proper cooking is I was going on this trip by invita- about cooking; I was never raised flow of Rev. R. D. Sherrill, now of that way." How sensible people do spencer to assist him in a meeting at pity this poor creature. Ordinarily,

ple where conveniences and fare are There is a church in a city without not always the best, but that is a part a pastor and has been quite awhile. There is a church in a city without of their life and business; and they This is a desirable charge with a sal-accept all hospitality with gratitude; ary of \$2,000 or more and house for This is a desirable charge with a salbut when they sometimes strike a the pastor. The pulpit committee is home like the one prepared for me at having a difficult time to supply the Bakersville, it adds much to the joy vacancy. There is plenty of preachof existence. The town is the most ers who no doubt could be obtained, curious looking place I ever saw. It but the man this committee wants is stood then just as God left it before already employed and perhaps get-the carpenters came. Going into it ting more than \$2,000. While the reminded me something of the view average salary in the ministry is hair—as you pass Round Knob on the small, yet at the same time there are Western road. Lynchburg looks many churches paying fine salaries something like Bakersville with its without pastors because of the fact anany hills and elevated residences. that they cannot get just the class But at the time of my visit art had of man they want. Right at this not usurped or demolished the bowers point is where the good of the Meth-My home was with Major odlet plan asserts itself. No charge Rorison and his family. It was one without a pastor is the rule. There to some preacher who fails to accept his appointment; but the rule stands all the same, and the vacancy is soon filed with a man who can preach. The fact of the business preachers of all denominations are necessity a migratory set, and the moves of the Methodist preacher, on the average, is Methodist preacher, on the average, is not more frequent than that of his brother in other churches. Take Charlotte, for instance, and count all the moves made there in the last 12 low bjotched complexions by stimulating years. It looks strange to see a big church without a preacher, but it is all because there may be a critical and is mild and pleasant to take Romanmembership and the utmost care must ber the name Orino and refuse to at be exercised in in getting an all-round any substitute. R. H. Jordan & Co.,

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