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RALEIGH LETTER. Cotton Growers—Their Prospect—Judge Parker—The gubernatorial contest—Fitch and McBee in court—Death of E. C. Avery.

In the first place, there is going to be more cotton grown in North Carolina this year than in many years past—the natural result of the high prices secured for the last crop. The statement has been freely made in certain quarters that this would be impossible, because there is no reserve force of labor available.

One of the principal causes of the growing scarcity of farm labor in this and several other Southern States of recent years has been the rapid growth of the cotton manufacturing industry. Thousands of small farmers and farm hands have left the farms and gone to work in the mills.

Now the conditions are reversed. A number of the mills have temporarily discontinued operations and thrown out of work hundreds and hundreds of operatives, while others are running on short time, thereby curtailing the wages of the employees.

The general opinion seems to be that our farmers are not acting wisely in increasing their cotton acreage; for it is generally conceded that, owing to the short crops of the two last seasons, cotton is again next season to bring a good price again next season. It may not reach 15 or 16 cents, but it will bring enough to make its cultivation profitable.

It looks now to be more than ever probable that the Democrats of the South will "go together" on the presidential nomination question by uniting on Judge Parker. If he secures the nomination from New York they will be almost certain to do so, in which case his nomination will be assured.

I have heretofore alluded to the strength of Lieut. Gov. Turner as a candidate for governor. If the reports that reach here are true the claim of his friends, that he will receive the second highest vote on the first ballot in the convention, appears likely to prove true. He is unquestionably a strong candidate, and he too seems to be gaining strength every day.

WASHINGTON LETTER. New Inventions to be Exhibited at St. Louis—"The Truth About Trusts"—The President's Attitude Toward the Trusts, Etc.

Washington, April 4.—Mr. P. V. DeTrow of the Eastern Press Bureau of the World's Fair, located in this city, is in receipt of advice that a most unique and universally useful invention will make its first appearance before the public in the Palace of Machinery at St. Louis.

It is claimed for this wonder of the twentieth century that it will be a boon of inestimable value to farmers, city folks, manufacturers generally, oil producers, railroads, breweries, miners, in fact to every one engaged in lifting and distributing water and perhaps greatest of all to the cultivators of land and raisers of stock in the arid regions, as through its use water may be drawn and distributed at will either by clockwork, electricity or hand power.

No. 1 will be arranged so that it may be readily wound in two or three minutes to run six or eight hours. This pump may be attached to the windmill devices now so generally used, thus obviating the necessity of waiting for wind in order to secure force for lifting water.

The conditions of mill life has a depressing influence upon mill people. Their lives are hard, monotonous, cheerless, and their leisure hours are unprovided for and the very monotony of their labor shut in by the walls and in the ceaseless din of machinery makes them drift into neglect and prejudice.

A Good Citizen Who Stays at Home. Mr. Daniel Sink, a well known and progressive farmer living just across the Davidson county line tells us a remarkable record concerning himself. Mr. Sink is 60 years old, has never seen the Yankin river, living only 12 miles from its home and has never rode on the river. He has reared a family of eight children, has always raised plenty and to spare; is a member of the Reformed Church and is an industrious and highly respected citizen, serving his day and generation honestly and conscientiously, with good will toward all men.—Winston Republican.

Can Anything but a Red Smell Come from Kottencen? Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer. Here is a simple lesson.

If the Republicans of North Carolina do not cease their meddling performance and quit before their own party's best they will soon indicate the good will and have the respect of every national party leader. A pious hole in half dozen senate rooms is filled with charges against Republican agitators for office.

Can the Leopard Change his Spots or the Ethiopian his Skin? "Minority parties are very necessary to secure the best and safest government from the majority; and it was hoped that with the adoption of the constitutional amendment a clean, open party would spring up in North Carolina. But what we have seen is a party which has been a party since the time of the revolution, and which has been a party since the time of the revolution, and which has been a party since the time of the revolution."

Star News. Mr. Butler, of Charlotte, has accepted a position as general superintendent at the Star Foundry and Machine Co. Mr. Butler is a well recommended and well known man.

Resolutions of Respect. The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Education of this county, March 25th, 1904: Resolved, That the Board of Education do hereby extend its sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Mr. George Stewart, who died on the 23rd inst.

Keeping Down the Surplus Population. One hundred and eighty-six men killed in a Pennsylvania coal mine. Two of the "bosses" are said to have kept their safety lamps unlocked. If men could only be as trustworthy as machinery? But why is the loss of life per thousand of miners at work in Great Britain some 100 less than in 1894—the figures on years ago—and in France only 1.57, whereas in the United States it is 2.57?

Commitee of Every Church who decides to have their offices printed, will save money by obtaining a donation of a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martineau Pure Paper. The largest Methodist Church in Georgia, calculated from a former experience, to use over one hundred gallons of mixed paint in painting their church, at a cost of about \$130. They pointed it with thirty-two gallons of the L. & M. and twenty-four gallons of oil, mixed therewith. The cost was about seventy (\$70) dollars.

He Jumps from Florida to Pennsylvania with a Stopover at Fayetteville, Ga., and Writes Interestingly of His Trip. Oil City, Pa., March 23, 1904. From Florida to Pennsylvania is a long jump, but I split the difference by a stop over of two days at Fayetteville, Ga., last Friday and Saturday at the convention of the Home Mission Society of the North Georgia Conference.

I always enjoy the conventions of women. I can get to rest my voice and mind, too, occasionally. Wife and I were the guests of Mrs. Brooks, and a half dozen more delegates were also her guests. She entertained us so splendidly in her commodious lovely home. She has a heart as big as her home.

The Factory Child. At the meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Education Association held recently in Atlanta, Lawton K. Evans, of Augusta, delivered a talk on "The Factory Child," which in part he had the following to say: "There are three pressing problems before southern educators: The problem of the fields, which is the rural school; the problem of labor, which is the negro question; the problem of the mill, which is the education of the factory child."

Go by Private Conveyance. W. Henry Davis, of Fork Church, informs the Davis Times that he expects to go to the World's Fair through the country in a private conveyance, and will exhibit moving pictures and other features on his way there and back, making in all a good man from Indiana for his remaining mate, the Democrats have a fighting chance, and may make the landing. But if they put up Hearst they had just as well hold their convention and nominate Bryan and Soekles Jerry Simpson and go home and stay drunk until the election is over. Then they can say they were fools. Go it, gentlemen, I don't care which gets licked; I don't belong to either gang. I am a prohibitionist, I keep telling you, and I won't change my policy until the Democrats quit playing the fool and the Republicans quit acting the rascal. So I am inclined to the opinion that I will never change from my prohibitionist principles.

Catalogue of A. & M. College. The catalogue of the A. & M. college, just issued, shows 821 students as follows: Agriculture 149, Civil Engineering 74, Mechanical Engineering 75, Electrical Engineering 77, Chemistry and Mining 22, Textile Industry 42, Mechanic Arts 73, Shop drawing, etc., 18. States represented 7, Foreign countries represented 2, Counties in North Carolina represented 85. Tuition \$20 a year. Board \$8 a month. One hundred and twenty scholarships. Summer School for Teachers July 1 to August 4th. Address President Winston, West Raleigh, N. C.

Paint Your Burgly for 75c. with Devco Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ounces more to the pint than others, wears longer, and gives a glossed-up new look. Sold by McCray's Hardware Co.

Montgomery News. A car of horses and mules passed to Mr. Glenn Saturday. Mr. W. F. Haywood of that place, is desiring extensively in this season.

Items of Interest Clipped from the Troy Examiner. A car of horses and mules passed to Mr. Glenn Saturday. Mr. W. F. Haywood of that place, is desiring extensively in this season.

Mr. W. J. Ballou, of White House, Randolph county, has moved his family to Troy. He and Mr. J. J. memberman will engage in the manufacture of shingles at this place at an early date.

The Methodist cemetery was elaborately made beautiful Tuesday, by those having relatives and friends buried there. A day similarly spent at the Baptist cemetery would add considerably to its appearance.

Our next term of court will begin on April 18th, and will continue only one week. Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, who held our February term will preside. This term is for civil cases only.

The contractors for the iron work of the bridge at Saunders ford on Ucharrie river have commenced work on the bridge. The piers have been completed and the bridge will be ready for travel in a short while.

Col. B. F. Hester, a prominent lawyer of Troy, N. C., is spending the week in Arcadia, and this office a pleasant call. Simons is highly pleased with this portion of the State and says Arcadia is the most prosperous town he has seen in Florida. He is delighted with the climate of south Florida.—Des Moines (Fla.) News.

White Sulphur Springs, N. C. (White Sulphur Springs, N. C.) has raised ten dollars by private donation, and forwarded it to the County Treasurer to be applied to the purchase of a library. This leaves the county entitled to only three more under the act creating rural libraries.

A Tribute of Love. Our dear little brother, Tommy Lowdermilk, was born November 16, 1880 and died March 12, 1904 and was buried in the cemetery at Flag Spring, March 13. Little Tommy has always been afflicted and unable to do any thing and bore his affliction without a murmur. The light of his life was a short time before his death he said to one of his sisters, "I will soon be with the angels. Oh what a blessed thought that there was a rest to the people of God. Still it is hard to give up little Tommy. How can we live without him and home will seem so much longer with his sweet presence."

There is a great chair in the house that never can be filled. Yet again we hope to meet those who no longer care to be missed. Hear pain and mourning God has increased your interest in Heaven, that in the midst of the cruel, cruel and trials of life, you may not forget that there is a glorious life beyond this one of tears, in which the Lord is gently and brightly calling you. We would say that Tommy is standing at the beautiful gate not suffering, but healed, watching and waiting for us. May we all live here so when we are called away we may meet him there, where there will be no more.

Prof. Frank Niles, instructor of that there will be a "happy" party at the academy Friday night.

Miss Etta Bostine has opened a military department in connection with The Star Mercantile Co. and would be pleased to see her friends call and buy their spring hats.