

The Commercial Convention, in session at Atlanta, is attended by over three hundred delegates, representing twenty-nine States.

The negro Cooper, tried in Baltimore for the violation of Miss Katie Gray on the 2nd of April, has been convicted and sentenced to be hung.

James Hopkins, a citizen of Henry county, Va., has just died at the age of 92. He leaves two brothers, 83 and 85 years old, respectively.

An old man, Mr. J. G. Rainey, living near Reidsville, subject to epileptic fits, and satisfied that his disease was incurable, recently blew out his brains.

The Mexican band, which has been providing music at the New Orleans Exposition, is preparing for a grand tour of the country, giving concerts in all the American cities after the exposition closes. The band is connected with the Mexican Eighth Artillery, and consists of about eighty members, all of whom are excellent musicians.

The "Cabinet roses" are the Misses Manning, Endicott, Lamar and the two younger daughters of Secretary Bayard. They will make their entrance into Washington society next winter.

A telegraph operator who copies directly from the sounder upon a typewriter is reported from Nashville, Tenn., the first and only operator in the world who has succeeded in doing this. One night recently he received and copied 15,000 words of press matter, delivering it to the news editor of the paper in handsome typewriter copy.

Newport, May 18.—This evening, 6 o'clock, the house of J. T. Jones, county Court Clerk, caught fire from a defective flue, and spread so rapidly that all efforts to save the house were in vain. The office building of Dr. M. Lewis, formerly occupied by the Eastern Sentinel, was also consumed. Loss reaches \$2500. No insurance.

The Mormons have made a settlement and are doing missionary work in North Carolina. At a recent conference in Surry county fifteen ministers were present. The president of the council, a young man of 19, is said to be a very eloquent preacher.

Jos. H. Martin, recently acquitted of murder in the Albemarle county court on the ground of insanity, whom the court, and subsequently the circuit court, insisted should be confined in a lunatic asylum, applied at the western lunatic asylum and was refused admission because that institution was full. The deputy sheriff brought him back to Albemarle, but the jailer refused to receive him. In the circuit court a satisfactory bond of \$10,000 for his safe keeping was given, and Martin was put in charge of his friends.

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Handsome and largest Stock of Furniture in Western North Carolina at Williamson's Furniture Store. tm27

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Land for Sale for Taxes.

FOR SALE, on the 8th day of June, 1885, so much of the lands of Mrs. S. E. Carter, in the city of Asheville, adjoining the lands of A. T. Devis and others, as may be necessary to pay the tax and cost for the year 1883. Amount of tax \$37.45, and cost \$4.10.

FOR SALE, on the 8th day of June, 1885, so much of the lands of Isaac Hunt, in Asheville Township, adjoining the lands of Rolla A. Devis and others, as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes and costs for the years 1882-83. Taxes \$6.35, cost \$4.10.

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FOR SALE, on the 8th day of June, 1885, so much of the lands of Otto Hildebrandt, in Asheville Township, adjoining the lands of V. S. Lusk and others, as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes for the year 1883. Taxes \$10.20, cost \$4.10.

FOR SALE, on the 8th day of June, 1885, so much of the lands of Nelson Bailey, in the Asheville Township, adjoining the lands of John Devis and others, as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes for the year 1883. Taxes \$6, cost \$4.10.

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FARM & GARDEN

Agricultural Reports.

The United States Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. George B. Loring, has made public his report for 1884. It is a work of 200 pages. It is exceedingly valuable and ought to be in the hands of all farmers. They might secure it in some way by applying to their members of congress.

The report is divided into departments, as those of botany, chemistry, forestry, entomology, etc. Much is said, too, about the result of experiments made at the propagating grounds of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. The Zinka, or Japanese persimmon, is one of the new fruits tried there. The success with it has been gratifying. It will grow in many parts of the country, and is much superior to our native persimmon. In many localities it has already been propagated, and in a few years it will doubtless be common in our markets.

The silk industry is another new enterprise of whose future in the United States great hopes are expressed. It is really regarded as of much importance in this report. Thousands of women in villages and on farms are now trying to produce the raw silk. The majority of them meet failure. That was to be expected at first. Yet if they do not give up to discouragement in the start, but keep trying, even if it takes three, or four years, they are bound to succeed at last. There is no doubt at all that silk culture can be made a profitable industry among the country people, to go along with butter making, poultry rearing and small fruit producing. It can be made more profitable than any of these.

Much is to be learned, however. Our climate is far more trying on the worms than that of Italy, France or China. There, too, it is necessary to know what variety of mulberry in this country is best adapted to their feed. We must find out what species of worm will best endure our extremes of climate. Perhaps it will be necessary to develop a distinctively American worm and American mulberry for the successful production of American silk. All this will require time. The Department of Agriculture at Washington should take it on itself to solve the problem for the people.

Among reports of the different bureaus in the United States, the Department of Entomology is one of the most vital. Numbers of new insect pests have been lately discovered. They are so many that the farmer is put to it to keep up with them. The new ones are described and their pictures taken in this report. Methods of destroying them are given.

The live stock breeder and fairman will also find here information of the greatest value. From 1860 to 1885 the value of our agricultural products increased from \$1,600,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000.

Apple-Tree Borer.
A correspondent has asked us to give a picture and description of that other vile pest of orchardists, the apple-tree borer. We do so with pleasure. The illustrations below are taken from a new book, called "Injurious Insects of the Farm and Garden," by Mary Treat. The publishers, the Orange Judd Co., New York city, have kindly permitted us to copy the pictures.

The borer attacks, besides the apple, the quince and the pear. There are several species. The one we present below is the most destructive. "Few persons are aware," says Mrs. Treat, "to what an alarming extent the insect is infesting the orchard in various localities. A tree becomes unhealthy and eventually dwindle and dies, often without the owner having the least suspicion of the true cause—the gnawing worm within."

The illustration shows on the left the worm, on the right the pupa, or the insect in the chrysalis state, just before it burrows into the tree. The apple borer lives a little over three years. It is a long-lived creature. Three years of its mischievous existence are spent boring apple trees. The first summer it lives on the upper bark and sap wood. If you peel off the dead bark of the tree you will find it and the outer wood of the trunk pierced with holes that seem to be full of sawdust. The sawdust-like substance marks the borer, wherever found. The worm does not attain its full growth till the end of the third summer. At the beginning of the fourth summer it comes out a beetle, lays its eggs and dies. Half a dozen worms in the bark of a tree will girdle it. They bore around and around, and finally penetrate the solid wood. Reading of this post, one understands what a pity it is that the pretty woodpecker birds have been killed off.

REMEDIES.
It is absurd to plug up the holes where he has already come out. Brush the trees in May with soft soap thinned with water. Brush the trunks thoroughly, from the base several feet up. The creature usually stays about the base of the trunk, in the crevices and crotches of the tree, where it will be washed down by the rain, is recommended by Mrs. Treat. The borer hates soap, like a tramp. If the holes are not plugged, the worms out, if possible. If not, pour boiling water into the upper end of the burrow. It will soak through the sawdust cuttings and kill the worms.

How Appy the Minnows.
The minnow is a most mischievous creature, only so far as it is related to the actual damage done to the orchard. If you only see more liberally we should find that our accustomed quantity of food is sufficient to satisfy the most voracious of hunger, and hence save ourselves from the evils of dyspepsia, or of the other ailments, a tendency to over-eat in weight.

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The Br. Kah. Mandan's Reading-Room.
[San Francisco Chronicle.]
Curious for some facts and figures as to the working and general history of the reading-room, I entered into conversation with the other day, with the proprietor, the most courteously put me in possession of a good deal of information. From such records as he kept I would appear that the reading-room at the Br. Kah. Mandan, in every ten days, of whom one, perhaps, in every ten is a lady. I ought, perhaps, already to have stated that the reading-room is not a public library, but is not granted to the public unreservedly. To become a reader it is necessary to apply for and obtain a ticket of admission from the principal librarian, or this is granted to any adult who can furnish a written recommendation from any householder of London or its suburbs. No distinction is made between applicants, and the strictest attendance may have his name inscribed upon the books after that of the proudest aristocrat provided he be qualified as a reader. It is a rule, foreigners. These come, I am informed, mainly from Germany and America.

How Barbed Wire Injures Leather.
[Our Shoe and Leather Review.]
The damage to hides from barbed wire is nearly as great as that of branding. An illustration I will improve a pack of cowhides and carry through the tannery. I go into the hide market to purchase a lot of hides, and find that many of the hides are of a quality that is not desirable, and when put up have every appearance of being a special selection. I take them to the tannery; soak and trim them, and find that many of them are healthy and of the desired pattern. Fine clothes cover a multitude of sins, so does the fine glossy hide of a brandy. It will hide over a multitude of defects which can not be recognized until the coat is removed. The brainer places them upon the beam, and with the concealing hand moves the hair, and in place of the smooth, perfect grain or cuticle a trans formation scene: a map of Chicago rail ways is legibly outlined and containing all the principal lines running out of the city.

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Beautiful suburban home, with twenty acres of land and fine orchard, one mile from town. A fine country seat.

210 acres rolling land, one-half cleared, and 20 acres branch bottom, near town. Improvements consist of two good dwelling houses, four log cabins and tobacco barns, fully equipped circular saw-mill and never failing water-power.

Twenty-eight and a half acres of land with new brick house of eight rooms. Young orchard of 1,000 trees. The views, both of the river and the mountains, unsurpassed. A fine opportunity to purchase one of the choicest pieces of property in Asheville.

Five acres of most productive bottom land, near the Swannanoa river, one mile from town. Improvements consist of three good dwelling houses, and all necessary outbuildings. Excellent investment for farmer with small capital.

85 acres on other side of Beaucatcher mountain, two miles from the Courthouse. Very fine young orchard of 400 trees. One of the strongest chalybeate springs in the country. The best spot to locate a hotel or large boarding house.

134 acres of rich bottom and good upland on the Swannanoa river, two miles from town.

34 acres of good upland with comfortable log-house, on the Hendersonville Road, 5 miles from town. Fifteen acres cleared, small orchard and good well. Cheap place for a poor man.

85 acres of timber on the French Broad River, six miles from town.

160 acres on Swannanoa River, 7 miles from town and 2 miles from Long's. 75 acres of timberland, balance in good state for cultivation. Farm house of four rooms with kitchen detached. Renters house, 2 tobacco barns, (near,) stable, crib, etc. Good springs, small orchard. A suitable farm for small grains or tobacco.

450 acres eight miles from town, small dwelling house, tenants' houses, tobacco barns, stable, etc. One-third of this property is cleared, and has produced excellent crops of tobacco, wheat, corn and potatoes.

A farm of 115 acres, with \$30,000 improvements, house, barns, &c., located on French Broad river, seven miles from Asheville.

550 acres on the waters of Cane Creek, five miles from Fair View, on the Blue Ridge; 70 acres in grass, 35 in corn, balance well timbered rich upland. This property wonderfully well watered with numerous small brooks and creeks. A superb cattle and sheep range.

152 acres adjoining the above. 65 acres cleared and in grass and corn, balance fine upland. Most desirable farm, with numerous choice building lots for sale.

Most complete Cottage of 7 rooms, with two acres of land, on Camp Patton. Frame House of 11 rooms, beautifully located on Haywood street; lot of half an acre.

House of 8 rooms on Grevy street, with good stable and one-half an acre of land. House and lot of over one acre, on Haywood street, near Patton Avenue.

Two story brick store on the Court House Square, 60x30 feet. Vacant lot on Main St. at Waynesville, 44 x 52 feet.

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