

STATE NEWS. The Week's Gleanings from Our Exchanges.

Commissioner Patrick is taking steps to have an exhibit from Eastern Carolina at the Bradford county, Pa. fair, which comes off September 14 and 17.

Beaufort Record: St. Paul's Church Guild is growing in interest and success week adds some new feature to the social and literary character of its meetings.

Rev. Dr. Miller, of Charlotte, had a very narrow escape from death in the mountains. A mule ran away along a road, mountain on one side and precipice on the other, but he escaped with only a big fright.

Battleboro Headlight: The most successful revival that this place has enjoyed since 1854, closed last Wednesday. We believe there were sixteen conversions and fourteen accessions to the church.

Greensboro North State: Mr. Cicero Bryan, a well known engineer on the R. & D. Railroad, died at his residence on Ashboro street on Tuesday last. He cut the road Sunday and died from a congestive chill. He leaves a wife and four children, and many friends to mourn his loss. He was a member of Guilford Lodge, K. of H.

Wilmington Review: The receipts of cotton for the month ended August 31st, 1886 foot up 56 bales, as against 132 bales for the corresponding month last year, a decrease of 76 bales. The receipts for the crop year, ended August 31st, 1886, foot up 101,524 bales, as against 94,854 bales for the crop year of 1885; an increase of 7,670 bales.

Charlotte Chronicle: Prof. B. S. Hendrick, a native of this State, but for a long time a resident of Washington, D. C., died in that city yesterday. Prof. Hendrick was a son of J. L. Hendrick, Esq., of Salisbury. Judge Manning is a native of Edenton, North Carolina, and a cousin of Hon. John Manning, of the State University. He is about 50 years old.

Raleigh News Observer: The following patents were granted North Carolinians last week: G. H. Gaskins, Patent, mechanical detector; L. Jones, Hendersonville, mill and fish dam; J. M. Maynard, Hickory, machine for marking and laying out mortises. Died, Friday last, of typhoid fever, at Newport, Rhode Island, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca H. McPheeters, wife of Mr. James G. McPheeters.

Newbern Journal: There was considerable caucusing among the politicians yesterday. The nomination of Abbott for Congress has almost completely demoralized the Hahn faction of the Republicans. I. B. Abbott publishes a card in this issue announcing his acceptance of the nomination for Congress. He says the people have wanted him for a long time, but their wishes have been subverted by the bosses.

The town commissioners of Salisbury have contracted that Moffet, Hodgkins & Clark, of Watertown, N. Y., their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to build, construct and maintain, operate and own water works in the said town of Salisbury, to supply the said town and its inhabitants with pure and wholesome water, suitable for domestic, sanitary and fire purposes; to lay down pipes and water mains for the purpose of conveying water through the streets, avenues and alleys of said town.

Charlotte Democrat: Appearance thickened that Charlotte will soon be made the central headquarters of the Richmond & Danville Railroad system. It seems that Mr. Robert D. Graham has reconsidered the matter of his resignation of the place of Secretary of the Civil Service Commission. He is now endeavoring to get it withdrawn and have himself reinstated. In consequence of the coal fields of East Tennessee being bought up by Northern capitalists, and a combination formed, coal delivered here in Charlotte costs fifty-five cents more per ton this season than last.

Progressive Farmer: Mr. R. L. Cox, our excellent county treasurer, made this year 660 bushels of wheat. In reply to an inquiry he said he thought the wheat would yield him a fair profit, "but," said he, "I expect to get my profit from my crop of clover. I manured the ground well and seeded it all to clover, and got a good catch. This is the great crop for this section. When the tobacco craze shall be over, I think the people shall have given intelligent attention to grass and clover and stock, then will the Piedmont section 'bloom and blossom' with genuine prosperity.

Charlotte Observer: The committee appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery to take the evidence in the case of Rev. D. P. Robinson, the Presbyterian minister of this county who was suspended a couple of years ago upon the charge of beating or otherwise mistreating his wife, is holding a business session at Sharon this week, the result of which will be submitted to the Presbytery at its meeting to be held in the Second Church in Charlotte to-morrow. The tabernacle meeting at Rutherford College closed Monday, and the event was a success that was gratifying to all concerned. The meeting lasted through twelve days and such was the interest manifested and the numbers attending that it was decided to hold the meetings annually.

Weldon News: The surveyors have finished their work on the canal and returned to Petersburg. They say the property is invaluable. The prospects for a good fair are encouraging and there is every reason to believe that it will be most successful in all its departments. The prospects for crops in this section are remarkably good. On Wednesday last a colored boy, about twelve years old, was struck by the passenger train going north, between Enfield and Halifax. The boy was lying on the track asleep, and the engineer, Billy Reams, attempted to stop the train but could not do so in time as he was going around a curve and could not see the boy until it was almost upon him. He was taken to Halifax and medical attention procured. He was badly hurt.

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POOR CHARLESTON. THE FAIR PALMETTO METROPOLIS IN RUINS.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 1.—The earthquake here was terrible. Houses fell on every side. Great consternation prevailed. The streets were filled with the cries and mourning of the people, who were utterly unmanly at the terrific catastrophe. Sixty people were instantly killed; many others injured. The streets are filled with the ruins of buildings and falling chimneys. Fires occurred in several places and the city is now on fire, but under control.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—The point from which the railroad leading into Charleston is submerged is Ravenel, a place on the Savannah & Charleston railroad, about eighteen miles distant from the city.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 1.—An earthquake, such as has never before been known in the history of this city, swept over Charleston last night about 10 o'clock, causing more loss and injury to property and far more loss of life than the cyclone of the year before. The city is wrecked, the streets are enumbered with masses of fallen brick and tangled telegraph and telephone wires. Up to an early hour it was almost impossible to pass from one part of the city to another. The first shock was by far the most severe. Most of the people, who were sleeping in their homes, were crowded with people afraid to re-enter their homes. More than sixty people were killed and wounded, chiefly colored. Among the whites killed and fatally injured are: M. J. Lynch, Dr. R. Alexander Hammond, Ainsley Robeson.

Fires broke out in different parts of the city, immediately after the earthquake, and some are still burning, but there is no danger of its spreading. There is no way of leaving the city at present.

Telegrams from cities in South Carolina and Georgia say the utmost consternation prevails on account of the non-receipt of news from Charleston, and many fear that a terrible calamity has happened.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 1.—Two slight shocks of earthquakes have been felt here this morning. The first at 8:25 a. m. and one at about 1:30 p. m. Neither of them did any further destruction. Not even during Gen. Gilmore's bombardment of the city has there ever been such a deplorable state of affairs here. The city is literally in ruins, and the people are living in the open squares and in the public parks. There is a great rush to the depots to get away, but owing to the early hour of the morning, it was not to be dispatched from the city. Telegraphic communication is also out of order, excepting one wire of the Southern telegraph company, which is crowded with anxious private messages. It is impossible to depict the ruin and desolation that prevail here. Not a single place of business in the city, save a drug store, which is busy preparing prescriptions for the wounded, is open. It is impossible also to give an estimate of the number of the killed and wounded, as bodies are constantly being disinterred from the debris of wrecked houses. One undertaker stated that he had furnished eight coffins up to noon to-day. Many of the dead are lying unburied, principally of the poorer classes of colored people, who will be buried by the county. There are not half a dozen tents in the city and women and children are in great distress, and in consequence, a great number of the heads of families are trying to construct tents out of bed sheets, square awnings or any other material that comes to their hands. The sun is about to set upon another night of horror for women and children. It is calculated that at least three-fourths of the city will have to be entirely rebuilt if the houses are to be inhabited.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 1.—The city is wrapped in gloom and business is entirely suspended. The people generally remain in the streets in tents and under improvised shelters and will camp out to-night. The gas-works are injured and probably the city will be without light to-night. St. Michael's church is shattered and the steeple will come down; likewise the steeple of St. Philip's. The steeple of the Unitarian church has fallen. The porticos of Hiernian hall and the main station-house are demolished. There is much injury to the mansions on East and South Battery. The portico of the Ravenel mansion is down. Hardly a house in the city escaped injury and many are so shaken and cracked that a hard blow of wind would bring them to the ground. The shock was severe at Summerville and Mt. Pleasant and Sullivan's island, but no loss of life is reported there. Fissures in the earth are noticed, from which fine sand, apparently from a great depth, exudes. A sulphurous smell is very noticeable.

The loss by the fire and earthquake cannot be accurately estimated, but it may be placed safely at \$5,000,000. As far as can be ascertained during the night, fifteen to twenty persons were killed and a much greater number wounded in all sorts of ways. The loss of human life will be large, and it will take days to get at the accurate number. Shocks equally as severe were felt at a distance of thirty-five miles and have done inestimable damage to railroad and telegraph property. Charleston is now entirely isolated from the outside world.

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TESTIMONIALS. W. A. BLAIR, Professor, English Grammar and English Literature, State Normal, Winston, N. C. I am very much pleased with "Harrington's Speller," and have adopted it in my school at High Point. I have never believed in "copy-books" as much as in doing "copy-books" with the "Language Lessons" and "English Grammar" in my graded school here, and like them very much.

H. L. SMITH, Principal Selma Academy, Selma, N. C. I have carefully examined "Harrington's Graded Spelling-book," and am much pleased with it. Its adoption by our public schools would aid very much in doing "copy-books" with the "Language Lessons" and "English Grammar" in my graded school here, and like them very much.

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