



OUR JAPAN LETTER.

Another interesting letter from Hon. Thomas J. Herrigan, Resources of the Country and Peculiarities of the People. HIOGO, JAPAN, Sept. 18, 1886.—In the Messenger of July 16, there is an article on silk culture. I am glad that attention is being directed to this important industry. There is no reason why silk should not be successfully cultivated in North Carolina.

COTTON.

This plant is not a native of Japan. It was introduced from India by the votaries of the Buddhist religion, who falling from persecutions in their native land, sought in China and Japan the free exercise of their faith. Cotton reached Japan nearly a century before it was received in China.

he has to pay from eight to ten dollars for a two or three small roomed house, and buy clothing for a family, amounting perhaps to twenty dollars. He will have a small garden with his house from which one-half of his living is produced. A few chickens and duck, tended by the children, will buy many articles of necessity or ornament for holiday use.

TEA. This is one of the most important and lucrative of Japanese industries, the leaf being one of the chief articles of support. In 1884, the amount exported was 26,853,471 pounds. In 1885, 30,934,140 pounds, and this year it will be larger. The best tea grows on the hillsides, shielded from the winds, which the latter makes the leaf rough and of bad flavor.

LAGRANGE ITEMS.

Weldon Fair this week. Prices of rice cause our farmers some discouragement in its cultivation. We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Margaret Croom of our town. Entertainment for the benefit of Baptist Church takes place on 22nd inst.

SAMPSON JOTTINGS.

Paragraphs Caught on the Fly by our Clinton Reporter. Five Sampsonians go to Raleigh. Judge Clark sends them.

We learn that Rev. J. T. Kendall (Methodist) has addressed two hundred members to churches under his charge, this year. The ladies of the Presbyterian church have organized a Missionary Society. What would our churches do without the women?

ANNUAL RE-UNION.

Of Co. H. First N. C. Cavalry at Kinston. According to adjournment the second annual reunion of Co. H, 1st N. C. Cavalry, was held at the Opera House in the town of Kinston, N. C., on the 13th day of October, 1886.

MOUNT OLIVE LOCAL.

By the Regular Messenger Correspondent. The boiler to the engine which runs Mr. A. J. Bartfield's gin, exploded last Monday afternoon. The eyes of John Williams, colored, were right seriously damaged with dust and steam.

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PREMONT ITEMS.

Items of Interest Gathered in the Nahant Section. This has been a very prolific year for independents, but the most prolific part is, they will be left. So say the people! Why does a democrat want to be an independent candidate? It is because he thinks the people want him or does he want office?