

PROGRESSIVE NORTH CAROLINA.

The Old North State Takes the Lead in an Important Work.

[Correspondence of Manufacturers Record] RALEIGH, October 29.—The settlers' convention which has been in session three days in this city, finished its labors at 11 o'clock last evening and adjourned sine die. In the short time at my command it will be impossible to give more than a resume of the proceedings...

The first session was held Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the hall of the House of Commons at the capitol. Half an hour earlier the Northern visitors and journalists assembled in the Senate chamber, where they received a cordial welcome from the Northern settlers, voiced by Mr. J. T. Patrick, commissioner of immigration, who also informed them of the programme for the following days.

The assembly, numbering several hundred, comprised prospectors and editors from the North, and citizens of the State both native and adopted. The meeting was called to order by Mr. S. S. Jackson, of Raleigh, president of the Wake County Settlers' Association, who, in a few brief sentences explained the form of organization prepared for the convention.

The convention, by unanimous vote, accepted the nominations made by the committee of arrangements, viz: a president, a vice-president and secretary each for the ten judicial districts of the State, and a committee on the order of business.

President George L. French, of New Hanover county, assumed the chair, and after thanking the convention for the honor, explained that owing to severe indisposition Governor Seales was unable to be present in person, but he deputed Rev. Dr. Sanderlin to represent him.

Dr. Sanderlin having been introduced, addressed the assembly. In behalf of the State and its chief executive, he extended a cordial greeting to all present. In most complimentary terms he referred by name to men of Northern birth now citizens of every part of the State, who were by their thrift, industry and enterprise helping forward the development of the commonwealth, and said what was true of those who had named would apply with equal force to the same class of citizens throughout the State.

The next address was by Mayor Dodd, of Raleigh, who in behalf of its citizens made a proffer of hospitality and the city to its welcome guests. Hon. Montford McGehee, commissioner of agriculture, extended a welcome to the convention, as the official representative of all industrial interests. In glowing language he described in their order the many natural sources of the material wealth of the State, and invited all to come and join with its citizens in using them to the best advantage.

The welcome of the North Carolina Press Association was extended by President McKee, editor of the News Observer, in language equally warm and cordial. President French responded in behalf of the settlers, and Messrs. Dodge, of Boston, Mass., and Kenney, of Reading, Pa., in behalf of the Northern visitors and journalists, after which the convention adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The second session was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. Baker, of Elizabeth City. The recommendation of the business committee was adopted, that the morning be devoted to the hearing of statements from all prepared to make them of the opportunities offered in North Carolina to settlers, every speaker being allowed ten minutes. This business occupied the convention till the final session Thursday evening.

Many addresses of this description were made. The speakers narrated their personal experiences in North Carolina. Every part of the State from the sea to the Tennessee border was described. The educational, religious and social advantages of all were portrayed. Farms, orchards and crops, soils, mineral springs and health resorts were described. The various industries pursued and those that could be profitably introduced were depicted. The mineral and forest wealth, the fisheries, and the opportunities for profitable investments were discussed. Information about railroad and water transportation was imparted.

As a whole, these statements were frank, business like, and entirely free from exaggeration. They were made by practical men talking to an audience of like character, and when edited and published they will furnish an almost perfect picture of the present condition of North Carolina in all lines of industry, and of the immense openings available for capital and enterprise.

It was evident to every observer that this was no ordinary assemblage. In the best sense of the word it was a thoroughly American audience. The president, Col. George Z. French, during the war commanded a regiment of Maine volunteers. When peace was restored he resolved to make his home in North Carolina. In his address upon taking the chair, he said that after looking the ground over with the greatest care he deliberately made his decision because he believed that from thenceforward the flow of immigration of Northern people would be diverted from the West to the South. Circumstances had temporarily hindered this, but all that had heretofore obstructed the current was now swept away, and after twenty-one years of waiting he had lived to see his expectations realized. He regarded this convention as the harbinger of the great prosperity coming to the South. In a humorous way he referred to his own physique (he is six feet three inches tall, and a fine soldierly figure) as an illustration of the ill effects of an alleged malarial climate.

Another member of the convention, Col. Julian Allen, of Statesville, illustrated in his own history and in those of those around him characteristics that made this a typical assembly. This gentleman was expatriated from

his native land, Poland, while a youth in his teens, and found his way to the United States. Arriving here before he was eighteen, he immediately decided his intention and later became a citizen. Engaging in mercantile pursuits, he accumulated a competency, closing up his large affairs in New York, he bought a considerable tract of land in Ireddell county in this State, where for thirteen years he has lived a jovial and prosperous farmer. This gentleman gave many useful hints to agriculturists coming from the North to follow the same vocation here, discharging the advice in the form of a very funny account of the disastrous results of his first farming operations.

Another man of mark among the delegates was Mr. S. T. Kelsey, who founded Highlands, a lovely town on the crest of the Blue Ridge, overlooking many square miles of South Carolina. Mr. Kelsey was born in New York State. A dozen years ago he came South, impelled by the same belief that influenced Col. French. Through his exertions a prosperous community is growing up around him in the midst of one of the most lovely localities of "the land of the sky." Space will not permit any mention of the many other men of mark in this convention it would be a pleasure to describe.

The session Thursday night was a fitting conclusion of the convention's work. By invitation of the president, brief addresses were made by Professor C. D. Smith, whose reputation as a scientist and an enthusiastic prospector has extended far beyond the mountains he has been exploring for more than thirty years; by Capt. E. R. Stamps, of Raleigh, lawyer and banker, whose wise counsels as one of the Penitentiary Commissioners of this State have placed it in the front rank among the commonwealths for humane and judicial treatment of criminals; by Mr. Wm. S. Primrose, of Raleigh, one of the rising young business men of the South, who, for his efforts in behalf of all that will give prosperity to North Carolina, is highly esteemed throughout the State; by Col. J. T. Morehead, of Leaksville, a wealthy cotton manufacturer, a liberal citizen and an accomplished gentleman, and by Major Bingham, proprietor and principal of a military school at Mebanesville, whose influence upon the many young men under his instruction is employed to incite them to right thinking, earnest purposes and noble living.

After these addresses, the committee on business reported a plan for a permanent organization of the Northern Settlers' Association. This was adopted and the officers appointed. Colonel French was elected president of the association, and a general committee, consisting of one member from every judicial district, was appointed. The purpose of this association is to act in concert with the Commissioner of Immigration, to aid him in the settlement of new comers and to furnish such information to his department as will be of service to inquirers about North Carolina.

The committee met after the convention adjourned and appointed an executive committee of which Wm. E. Ashley, Esq., of Raleigh, is chairman, with instructions to confer with Commissioner Patrick and to lay out a plan for useful work. A series of resolutions were unanimously adopted, in which the thanks of the convention were tendered to all who had assisted in the manifold work of preparation for the convention. Among the special kindnesses acknowledged were those of the officers of the Seaboard Air Line, who had made it possible to secure the large attendance of Northern editors and visitors, and who, by many other courtesies, had contributed materially to the pleasure and success of the convention. A declaration was also adopted summarizing the main facts respecting North Carolina brought out during the discussions. The convention then arose and united in doxology in long metre, after which Chaplain Shively pronounced the benediction. Then President French, in brief, but eloquent words, bade the members farewell and declared the convention adjourned.

There was one important incident of the proceedings on Thursday, the great day of the fair, that must be noted. At noon when the audience gathered at the grand stand to secure seats for the races later in the day, the members of the convention, of the State Agricultural Society, and of the Board of Agriculture occupying the central seats had been reserved for them. Major W. M. Fegram, of the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, was introduced to the great audience, and delivered an address replete with information. As this masterly effort will appear in this issue of the Manufacturers' Record, I shall make no other comment than to say that it was listened to with intense interest, that all its telling points were enthusiastically applauded, and that when the speaker concluded, he was immediately surrounded by many prominent men who congratulated him most heartily.

The courtesies extended to the Northern settlers and their guests were all and more than the Manufacturers' Record had predicted. The public institutions were thrown open for their examination, and at the academy for the insane an elegant collation was served. At St. Mary's School and at the Peace Institute charming musical entertainments were given by the young lady pupils. At Shaw University the various departments were visited, and in the chapel the assembled students sang "Roll, Jordan, Roll" and other melodies in grand chorus. The citizens of Raleigh gave a superb banquet for their Northern visitors. Landlord Rainey, of the Yarborough House, eclipsed all former efforts on this occasion. To-day the editors and visitors separated into two parties, one going to Henderson, the other to Durham, by invitation of the citizens of those thriving towns. To-night another party left for Charlotte, where they will receive a royal welcome from Mayor Johnston, the municipality and the citizens generally. Many of the visitors have gone to different parts of the State to see for themselves whether what they have heard is true. Take it all in all, the convention was much more of a success than even its most hopeful friends expected.

B. S. P.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup takes the lead of all cough preparations on our shelves—Carpenter & Palmetto, Jamestown, N. Y. I heartily recommend Sylvania Oil for colds and croup. It is a charm. J. S. McCULLY, (police man), Residence 205 N. Bond St., Baltimore, Md.

BACKBONE OF THE CONTINENT.

The "Garden of the Gods"—The Valley of the Arkansas—Royal Gorge. The pass through the "Garden of the Gods" is a particularly novel and interesting spot. The rocks here have been gradually worn away by the attrition of ages, and have the same weird and grotesque figures. A little stretch of the imagination and one is immediately among the gods and heroes of Grecian and Scandinavian mythology.

We reached our destination a little past noon, and, after refreshing ourselves with a most abundant and inviting lunch by the side of a clear, rippling brook, we proceeded to take a view of the "Seven Falls." This is a magnificent cataract, with a perpendicular fall almost equal to that of Niagara. There are seven flights of steps by which you ascend the mountain, where you gain a better view of them than from below. Standing here we are impressed not only by the beauty and sublimity of the falls, but we feel the inspiration of the spot. Here we are poised upon the main axis of this continent, the great dividing range which separates the streams of the Pacific slope from those of the broad central plains.

Last week I took an excursion to the valley of the Arkansas and the Royal Gorge, one of the most wonderful sights in all this region of wonders. This day's experience in my life will ever form a page in my memory with the leaf turned down. Never shall I forget the awaking dawn of that glorious morning—the sun kissing the mountain heights, and adown the hill sides, and deep into the dark valley, pouring a flood of radiance—the earth arising from her night of sleep, and through all her arteries bounding the pulse of life. The low veiling mists reflecting rainbow hues. Diamonds flashing back the sunbeams from every leaf and spray and flower, and the whole universe clothed in its thousand varied hues, all combine to make a scene fitting a king, and that king—the king of Heaven—Manitou Cor. New Orleans Times Democrat.

The Point of the Joke. A stranger in Wheeling went into a saloon and found a lot of young fellows playing at a new game. A bit of paper was fastened to the wall, each player in turn was blindfolded and turned about three times, and then tried to walk up to the table and pick up the paper who touched furthest from the paper was to pay for the drinks. The stranger joined the game, and when he had jabbed at the paper and pulled off the bandage, found that the other players had fled. He couldn't see the joke until later, when he discovered that his pocket had been picked.—New York Sun.

A Dispatch to the Farmer. Specie, the Italian faster, receives letters daily from all parts, asking for his secret of living without food. The other day the chief telegrapher of the Mediterranean railway at Grassano-Sealo sent him the following dispatch: "Being suspended from my functions for a month I beg you to send me a little bottle of your food, that I may not be before resuming work." But Specie refuses to reveal the secret which would solve the social problem which has caused so many revolutions.—Foreign Letter.

The French President. President Grevy, of France, contradicts the report recently circulated concerning his health. He says that the "fainting spells" attributed to him are pure inventions. He goes around his farm at Mont-sous-Vaudrey every day and talks with the laborers, while government messengers are obliged to wait for his convenience. When his day's work is over he sits by the fire with exasperating bonhomie while the crowd is waiting for him outside.—Paris Letter.

Veterinary Surgeons. The fact that the son of a wealthy and well known citizen of Boston had decided to become a horse doctor, to the horror of some of his friends, reminds a writer in The Boston Post that one of the sons of that most fastidious gentleman, Edward Everett, became veterinary surgeon with his father's approval, and had his sign on his father's house in Summer street, and that one of the oldest and best horse doctors in Boston to-day is an honored member of one of the best families of the Hub.—New York Sun.

The Emperor of Germany. The emperor of Germany is subject to frequent attacks of somnolence, which his physicians say, if permitted to last longer than is absolutely necessary to allow him to rest, might result in death. Every two hours he is given soup or beer, and waked up by his attendants during the day. He is troubled with a weakness of the heart and ossification of the veins. Still he continues to work and supervise all things relating to the army.—Berlin Letter.

A Colony in Cashmere. It is reported that the government of India has a scheme in hand for colonizing a part of Cashmere by the aid of Europeans. The land, it is said, could produce, with care and attention, abundant crops, and the climate is excellent, though the natives of the country could not at all times do manual labor. However, the government in the first instance aims at inducing retired officers to select Cashmere as a residence.—Chicago Times.

The Theosophical High Priestess. Mme. Blavatsky, the theosophical high priestess and marvel-worker, eschews all wines and liquors as rigidly as the strictest Mohammedan. Her favorite diet is rusks dipped in very sweet coffee, Turkish fig paste and tenceny to copulence, but she smokes Russian cigarettes of fine flavor as an offset.—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Custer's Colored Servant. Mrs. Custer is at work on her book, taking notes from an old colored woman who lived with her in camp, on the plains and in Kansas, and who is blessed with an exceptionally fine memory. She remembers things her mistress had forgotten, but which her vivid description brings to mind again.—Detroit Free Press.

Not Dead Yet. M. de Lesseps invited a man who started the canard on the Paris horse the other day about his failing health to follow him around on his daily horseback rides. He says he would find it much more difficult for him to keep up with his pace than to pocket differences dishonestly obtained on the Bourse.—New York Graphic.

The Condemned Maxwell. Maxwell, the condemned murderer, who is awaiting execution in St. Louis, is said to have become completely unerved, and to show in every movement and gesture, as he rolls and tosses all night, talks and starts in his sleep, and is said to be haunted by a vision of the murdered Preller.

Reduction in Telegraph Charges. Bonanza Mackay hopes to create out of the Postal Telegraph company a system as extensive as the Western Union, and predicts that in doing so he will reduce rates to such an extent as to do away with business letter writing inside of three years.

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