

THE GLEANER

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CANVASSING.

A correspondent of the Greensboro Patriot suggests that inasmuch as there will be no appointments by the Sheriff to collect taxes immediately before the August election this year, and inasmuch as he says there are no issues to discuss and the people desire rest and repose from political excitement, that there be no canvass of that county by the candidates this year. It seems to us the suggestion is not a good one. It would not do for our county we feel quite certain, that is for the Democratic party at least. For the candidates to go around, and at least announce themselves, and let the people see them is an established custom that we do not think there is an inclination to dispense with, nor do we think it should be dispensed with. Those who are up for reelection can discharge the duty of rendering an account of their stewardship, and can also take the occasion to make new promises for the future. The people too may wish to hear candidates define their positions upon questions of legislation that may be regarded necessary or likely to come up to be passed upon.

Whether the present unjust and inefficient system of working the public roads is to be kept up is interesting to road hands at least, if it is considered worth while to heed their desires; and the public at large should feel quite an interest in this matter.

There are various questions that we think might profitably be discussed before the people. Aside from all special matters political canvasses should be the means of imparting information to the people, concerning their government and its administration.

An election without a canvass would lose much of its interest, and give opportunity to the unscrupulous to take unfair advantage by the circulation of false information. There is enough of that done under any circumstances, without increasing the opportunity for it. So we say let the old custom of candidates meeting the people at stated times and places be kept up.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C., June 5, 1878.

The agreement to adjourn on the 17th inst. did not induce House or Senate to hurry in the consideration of public business. Both bodies were dull as a country village in a hot summer day. The Potter Committee was not in session, a conference committee on the appropriation bills made no reports, and, in fact, nothing was done of interest except the report by the Senate of an amendment to a House bill, by which amendments were given to two lines of language from New York to Brazil and the other from New Orleans to Brazil. The Senate, however, ineffectually, attempted to amend the bill, and the House, in its reply, rejected the amendment. Ever since the venerable Senator's late visit to Maine he has betrayed an anxiety about the political condition of his section of the State that is unusual with him. This attempted revival of the franking privilege is simply an indication that he and other Republicans see the need of sending to the people the old-fashioned piles of speeches and documents. The Republicans voted for the restoration, and the Democrats against it.

The testimony of Anderson before the Potter Committee will be resumed today. Anderson will be cross-examined by Genl. Butler, and the latter was clothed with Secretary Sherman yesterday for a couple of hours. Anderson has heretofore made statements not exactly consistent with some he made while testifying on Saturday. His present statement, however, has the substantial backing of documentary evidence, was made with every appearance of truth, and created a decided sensation. He seems to have established the fact that Sherman and Stanley Matthews knew of his intention to commit fraud in preparing paper to secure the throwing out of the vote of a parish which had gone Democratic, and that they promised him protection and pay. This is a plain statement of the facts. Unless his testimony is impeached or the alleged letters of Sherman and Matthews proven forgeries, it is difficult to see how either of these men can remain in public life.

It is also noticeable that Sherman swore when before the Committee, that when at New Orleans he wrote many letters intended to influence the action of

Louisiana officials, though when there he, Garfield, Hale and others declined to unite with visiting Democrats in a proposed canvass. He said, it would be manifestly improper for them to attempt to influence affairs. Altogether Secretary Sherman and Senator Matthews are in a bad fix. The first day of the investigation settled that. The view Mr. Hayes takes of it is shown by his having telegraphed to Evansville, Indiana to which place he had promised to be today, that he would remain here "owing to complications." It is said that if Senator Matthews appears before the committee and it is not seen how he can avoid it, an effort will be made to prove by him the "guilty knowledge" of Mr. Hayes. Two noted hotels close this week—the Metropolitan and Willards. The former is the oldest in the city was well known in earlier days of the Republic as the "Indian Queen Tavern."

It is said that recent events have revived bad feeling between Senator Gordon and Senator Conkling. The trouble between them was supposed to have been settled, the absurd document signed by Senator Hamlin and others being taken by the public as evidence of the fact. I suppose no other Senator ever lost prestige and strength in one session as Conkling has in this. Certainly none ever gained more of them than Senator Gordon has done. In the original quarrel the fault was Conkling's and the forbearance was Gordon's and all the Senators so understood.

SOLON.

MEXICO.—The adherents of Lerdo are stirring up resistance to the Diaz government, in the land so productive of revolutions and disturbances. What strength this movement may develop it is impossible to tell. The insurgents are mustering their forces and the government is taking steps to put them down. Whether Diaz will be driven from the presidency, an event not out of keeping with the history of this turbulent country, remains to be seen. Our government has but recently recognized the Diaz government of Mexico. Affairs in Mexico just now gains some interest from the prediction of Stevens and Key that we are to have experiences of the same kind.

State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.

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OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRIST. ASSO., }
CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 9, 1878.

At the first annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the State of North Carolina, held in the city of Charlotte in April of last year the undersigned were appointed members of an executive committee to oversee the work of the association through the State to foster and encourage existing associations, and to effect organizations in new localities wherever practicable. Our efforts have met with some degree of success and while we do not claim all the growth and development of the work as the direct result of our labors we are nevertheless greatly cheered by the fact that the number of associations in the State has more than doubled during the past year. We deem it, therefore, our duty and privilege to call the second annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of the State of North Carolina, and have appointed Friday, June 14th, as the time, and Greensboro as the place for holding the said convention. The business session will continue during Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday, following devotional exercises will be held under the auspices of the convention. Our brethren of the Greensboro association have given us a cordial invitation to assemble there and assure us that we will receive a hearty welcome. We are anxious to have every association in the State represented by one or more members. There are also many localities in which no formal organizations have been effected, where the young men if properly stimulated and instructed would unite in association work. We would gladly meet in convention representative men from all such communities, feeling assured that many of them would be enabled, on their return home, to organize an association. The committee request that the names of all delegates who expect to attend the convention be promptly forwarded to T. M. Pittman, secretary, Charlotte, N. C., in order that arrangement may be made for their transportation. Application has been made to the various railroad officials in the State for a reduction of fare to delegates attending the convention and we presume the usual courtesies will be extended. A programme of the order of exercises to be observed during the convention will be issued in the form of a circular, and parties desiring information as to the railroad or any other subject, will please address the secretary at Charlotte, N. C.

T. M. PITTMAN, Secretary.

The New Garden Agricultural Society in Guilford county will hold a Fruit Fair, at their fair grounds on Thursday the 8th of August. Entries will be free and premiums for the best of the following articles will be offered: Peaches, Apples, Pears, Plumbs, Nectarines, Grapes, Watermelons, Muskmelons and Tomatoes. So says the Patriot.

Destructive fire in Rock Hill S. C. a thriving town, in York county S. C. about half destroyed. Loss reported about \$100,000; insurance about \$60,000.

Dr. J. A. Weatherly, a well known citizen of Guilford county is dead.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The following rates over the transportation lines have been obtained for the benefit of the Normal School, at Chapel Hill, on the 18th. Tickets to be sold at all stations on the various lines, at any time from the 12th of June to the close of the school.

On the Western North Carolina Road, free; but parties asking for passage must produce a certificate from the Superior Court Clerk, Register of deeds, or member of Legislature, that they are going to attend the school.

On the A. & N. C. Road, half the usual rates, or one fare for going and coming, to be paid when tickets are obtained, and returned free on certificate of President Battle, or Secretary of the Faculty, that they have attended school.

Same rates over the Raleigh & Gaston Augusta Air Line, Roanoke and Seaboard Roads, and their connecting lines of Steamers, and same condition.

Over the N. C. Road, and its Salem and Danville connections, three cents, per mile each way, to be paid for in one ticket, and returned free on certificate of President Battle, or Secretary.

Over Western Railroad, half usual fare, on same terms and conditions. Charlotte and Atlanta Air Line, Charlotte & Statesville, and Carolina Central not yet arranged with, but will be soon, and terms announced.

State Press please copy.

EDISON'S LATEST INVENTION.

James Redpath, general manager of the Edison speaking phonograph exhibitions, states that Mr. Edison has just completed and tested an invention for measuring heat—an instrument so sensitive that the heat of rays from the most distant stars can be accurately ascertained by it. He estimates that it would require a Fahrenheit thermometer fifteen miles in height to record the same range of degrees of heat. He has been engaged on this instrument for a long time, and regards it as his most difficult achievement.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 4.—A special to the Constitution states that a man named Caldwell, near Americus, yesterday, killed his wife, three children and his wife's sister with a smoothing iron. Two older children were at school, and one in the field, and one little one ran under the house and escaped. The murderer jumped into a well, but failing to materially injure himself crawled out and got on top of the dwelling house and jumped off; he was picked up insensate by two negroes, who were attracted by his cries and gesticulation while on the house. He recovered in a short while and sent the negroes off for some neighbors, and then went to the gin house and climbed to the loftiest point and threw himself headlong to the ground and expired almost instantly.

Henry Carrawan was stabbed in Washington in this State some weeks ago by John Matthews of New Bern, and has since died. The stabbing is said to have been in self defence. Carrawan was a nephew of Geo. W. Carrawan who some years ago was convicted of the murder of a school teacher named Lassiter and in the bar immediately after the verdict of guilty shot E. J. Warren, one of the prosecuting attorneys and then blew his own brains out before the Sheriff could prevent.

CINCINNATI, O., June 4.—Yesterday about 500 miners from different mines near Charleston, W. Va., captured the steamer Modoc, and went to Blacksburg to make mines there stop work. They threatened to kill or drown every one opposing them. They succeeded in stopping the Blacksburg mines, after which they took possession of a train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and returned, making the train stop when and where they pleased and refusing to pay fare.

The Chief Clerk of the Senate, Mr. W. J. McDonald, has been ill for some time. On Saturday his physician told his son, a clerk in the Senate, that his father could not live, and that he had better break the sad intelligence to his mother, also weakened by sickness. He did so on Sunday morning, and so overwhelmed was she that she died instantly in a paroxysm of grief. Mr. McDonald has been in the service of the Senate since 1829, and succeeded his father, who for years had been Clerk.—The Observer.

We learn that Dr. Fulford has sent after a black snake, the most formidable foe of the King snake and that as soon as it arrives a snake fight between the two reptiles and Mr. James G. Hargrett's rat catcher will come off. The king snake is considered a great fighter never known to have been vanquished in a pitched battle, and there can only be one result to the contest.—New Berns Nut Shell.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—The following States have abolished capital punishment and abolish murder in the first degree by imprisonment for life: Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota. In the latter State, however, the death penalty may still be inflicted if the jury so determine. In Maine the death sentence cannot be executed under six months from the day of sentence, and the time may be extended to one year. In Illinois the punishment may be either death, imprisonment for life, or for a term not less than 14 years according as the jury shall determine.—The Observer.

The House has passed a bill authorizing a term of the United States District Court at Charlotte.

Kaiser William Wounded

BERLIN, June 2.—While the Emperor was taking a drive, at 2 o'clock this afternoon some shots, apparently from a party of assassins, were fired at him. The Emperor was wounded in one arm and on the cheek by a bullet shot and small shot. The would-be assassin is Dr. Nobeling, occupying apartments at No. 18 Unter den Linden. When his door was forced open he fired upon and wounded the hotel keeper and tried to commit suicide, but was secured. The Emperor's personal attendant jumped into the carriage and supported the Emperor until the carriage reached the palace. The Emperor was conveyed to bed and several grains of shot extracted, causing great loss of blood. The Emperor suffered great pain, but never lost consciousness up to the latest moment. At 7 o'clock this evening no serious apprehensions were felt as to his condition.—New York Sun.

The Beaufort Atlantic tells of a narrow escape Mr. John Davis had. He was ploughing when a rattlesnake struck at him just as he jumped. The fangs of his snakebite were fastened in his pants whilst the body was coiled around his legs, until he was killed by Mr. Davis's companion. The snake was five feet in length and had about a dozen rattles and a button.

On the 29th of July next will occur an astronomical event of great interest—a total eclipse of the sun—which will be partially visible generally throughout the United States. The eclipse will be visible from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

The gallows upon which Noah Cherry, Robert Thompson and Harris Atkinson will expiate the crime of the Worley murder will be completed within the jail yard in a few days. There will be but one trap and three will pass into eternity at the same time.—Goldboro Messenger.

The Conference of the M. E. Church South, at Atlanta, has determined to meet on the first Wednesday in May, 1882, at Nashville, Tennessee. The Conference adopted various reports on minor changes in discipline, and then adjourned sine die.

An insect has made its appearance in Warrenton, which is pronounced by an eminent entomologist to be the veritable Colorado Beetle. It feeds on potato vines and they have been badly eaten by it. The theory is that it was introduced by seed potatoes.

James Foster, a very bad man and a terror to the people of Sandy Creek neighborhood in Randolph county has been arrested and lodged in Asheboro jail.

Rutherford county Democratic convention declared for Vance for the Senate, Smith for Chief Justice and Schluck for Associate Justice.

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