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We have the Salem Academy for January - neat and nice as usual as the fair young women who edit it.

The winter was rather slow in coming at the north, but now that it has arrived it seems to have come with vengeance.

Baltimore society has a union of Maryland December in the marriage of Miss Edith Johns, aged 19, to bachelor millionaire Jesse Tyson, aged 65.

Miss Kate of trains six miles long is one of the features of the great system at the North. The South is fastened to live and do business in it.

There is a growing realization among coal miners that the high tariff on their product means protection for the workingman as well as the people at large.

St. Louis is finally coming to the front, proposing to hold a world's fair - its first next spring at Barcelona.

There where we print a summary of the admirable address of Hon. Kemp P. Battle, President of the State University, before the Farmers' Convention at Greensboro.

F. M. Lusa will take the opportunity of her withdrawal from full publicity this evening to get quite full. How shocking! Moreover, we know she has a way of getting full periodically reminding us strongly thus of certain men of our acquaintance.

There seems to have been some very loose notions of law and order about Plymouth, jail on the night of the 24th, judging from the special dispatches elsewhere printed.

We are glad to note the steps taken in Congress toward the protection of forests on the public lands.

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THE TARIFF MEASURE.

It appears from our Washington letter of today that the ways and means committee has about decided on the tariff measure it will offer. It seems that the total abolition of the tobacco tax is probable.

The rate on wool and sugar is to be reduced 20 per cent, the tax on fruit brandy is to be cut down to 10 cents, and lumber, salt and other like raw materials are to be put on the free list.

These suggestions indicate a very considerable reduction and the prospect is a gratifying one indeed to this tax-ridden, tax-burdened, tax-hindered people.

The bill has been so carefully framed that it will probably become a law, but in case of failure the responsibility for that failure will be continued upon the Republican party, where the responsibility for the war tariff has rested since the necessity that tariff passed away years ago.

For the promise of better things, of relief from the present almost intolerable state of affairs, the country is clearly indebted to the Democratic party, the policy of the Republicans in this matter having been one of masterly inactivity in the interest of their protected monopolistic pets.

This is the day for the total eclipse of the moon and the phenomenon will occur shortly after sunset, we believe. If the air be clear it will be well worth looking for; it will be a beautiful and interesting spectacle.

But if the light of the sun, which alone gives the moon its borrowed brightness, is shut out from the moon altogether, how is it that we are able to see the moon when in eclipse at all?

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THE NATURAL ADVANTAGES OF N. C.

AN ADMIRABLE SUBJECT ADMIRABLY TREATED - ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT BATTLE BEFORE THE FARMERS' CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO.

I have rarely heard so complete and eloquent a presentation of the natural advantages of our State as that made by President Battle at the recent Farmers' Convention. It was a capital speech, well delivered and well received.

1. Range of production - the same as in the State stretched along the sea coast from the Gulf of Mexico to New York.

2. The climate - Our average isothermal is that of South France, Florence, Yeddo. The range of temperature is from 105 deg. F. in summer to 38 deg. below zero. Kansas, from 98 deg. to 25 below; Indianapolis, from 100 deg. to 22 deg. below zero; West Texas, from 102 deg. to 12 deg. below zero.

3. North Carolina has no blizzards, and as the cold waves start from the northwest the telegraph gives our people one or two days' notice of their coming.

4. We have pure air and pure water in most of the State and therefore health. With cistern water the eastern counties are also healthy.

5. North Carolina has comparative freedom from drought. We have 47 inches per annum of rain, while Dakota has only 21, and West Texas only 18. At El Paso there were one year only 1 1/2 inches and about one third of this fell in one month.

6. Grasshoppers called locusts in the Bible flourish where there is a dry land near rich vegetation. They will always infest Kansas, &c. while North Carolina is free from them.

7. We have good, orderly population, composed of the best blood of England, Germany, France, Highland and Lowland Scotch &c. who have been in the State long enough to become homogeneous.

8. Our geographical situation is excellent. The most civilized nations with 240,000,000 of people, with ten thousand million dollars of imports and exports per annum are clustered around the North Atlantic.

9. As the mountains opposite the southern Chesapeake have been recently pierced by railroads the building of a great city where on its waters is in the near future. But even if the prediction be not verified, New York is now the second commercial city in the world.

10. There is an impression among coal miners that the high tariff on coal means protection for the barons at the expense of the workmen.

11. The First Symptoms of Lung Disease are such as: cough, feverishness, loss of appetite, sore throat, pains in the chest and back, hoarseness, loss of weight, night sweats, or, on the other hand, you may be down with Pneumonia or "galloping Consumption." Run no risks, but begin immediately to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

12. Several years ago, James Birchard, of Boston, was severely ill. The doctors said he was in Consumption, and that he could do nothing for him, but advised him, as a last resort, to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

13. Some unaccustomed to colored labor do not like to settle where negroes are a large portion of the population. To this there is a sufficient answer, first, that many counties are largely white and in the eastern counties the negro element is superior to that in the South because for many years it had been the custom to sell to that region the turbulent and vicious slaves.

14. Want of schools is urged as an objection, but that does not result from hostility on the part of our people but from sparseness of population and poverty. When settlers come schools will spring up.

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How Men Die. If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable.

Ex-Governor Warmoth leads the ticket just nominated by the Louisiana Republicans.

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