

LENOIR TOPIC.

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ASHEVILLE had a \$25,000 fire last Thursday night.

The trial of Thomas L. Shields in Charlotte for killing Joseph Sitten, the alleged seducer of his sister, was in progress, last week.

On the 13th at Wittenberg, Germany, began the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth. 50,000 visitors were present.

The Chronicle, in getting up its opinions from the counties, says that Watauga is for Gen. Vance, first choice for Governor, and Coke, second choice.

A big rain and wind storm prevailed in the east and on the coast during the first part of last week. Considerable damage was done to shipping.

A SPECIAL from Raleigh to the Greensboro Patriot says that a careful canvass of the counties of the State shows that the choice for candidate for Governor stands, as between the two leading candidates, Scales 29, Coke 12.

The Winston Republican brings out Ertrick H. Winston, Jr. as the Republican candidate for Governor. The Leader thinks he has his eye on the district attorneyship, while the Charlotte Journal Observer is of opinion that he wants to go to Congress from the seventh district.

MECKLENBURG court adjourned last Saturday. A negro named was convicted of rape and sentenced to be hanged Oct. 29, and Thomas L. Shields was convicted of murder in killing Jos. G. Sitten, and sentenced to be hanged Oct. 12. An appeal to the Supreme court was taken.

This summer two steamers, the Yantic and the Proteus, were sent out to bring home Lieut. Greeley who was in command of a party of arctic observers stationed at Discovery Harbor in the Arctic Sea. The Proteus was lost and the Yantic has returned with both crews but with no news from Greeley and his party.

The meeting of the Stockholders in the Richmond & Danville held on the 12th resulted in putting in Messrs. H. C. Fahrnestock, Samuel Thomas and John A. McAnney on the board of directors. The Sancy Syndicate has indicated that they will build a road, estimated to cost \$1,000,000 from Goldsboro to Norfolk if Norfolk will take one-fourth of the stock. At a meeting of the Cotton Exchange in Norfolk, last week, at which all the prominent Norfolk capitalists were present, it was decided to accept the proposition. This is important.

VOLUME NINE.

It is a custom, probably more honored in the breach than in the observance, for newspapers to review each ended volume on the commencement of a new one. This week THE TOPIC enters upon the ninth year of its existence. With varying fortunes, such as follow after every human enterprise, it has buffeted with the waves which so often engulf ventures upon the journalistic sea. The tight old craft leaves port today upon its ninth voyage with bran new sails, with all its belongings spick and span and with the choicest and most valuable cargo that it has ever been its good fortune to carry, viz, nearly 1200 good paying passengers. And as ye ancient mariner raises his glass to his eye and takes a prospect of the track before him he sees no clouds nor fogs. Here's fair weather and clean sailing to the good ship Topic.

A Dance of Death.

A rustic dance in the lower part of Pierce county, Ga., was the scene of a sanguinary encounter between two country lasses Friday night. Miss Mable Smith and her niece, Miss Roxie Wilson, both daughters of respectable farmers and belles of the evening, were rivals for the hand of a country swain, whose personal attractions were enhanced in the eyes of the maidens by a \$10,000 estate, to which he is the only heir. His preferences for Miss Smith's company was remarked and Miss Wilson became infuriated with jealousy. At 11 o'clock she was so maddened that she made open threats that she would kill both her rival and her lover. Her brother, who was present, shared his sister's anger, and while they were all dancing in the same set about midnight, secretly put an open

knife in his sister's hand and went on with the dance.

Suddenly raising the knife above her head the infuriated woman sprang upon her aunt, and at the first stroke almost disemboweled her. Before the horrified spectators could recover from their astonishment she raised the knife again and plunged it to the hilt in the young woman's breast, cutting a gash which laid open her dress and exposed the bleeding wound to the view of everybody around. Without waiting to see the effect of the wound the murderer sprang like a tigress toward the throat of her aunt's lover, but was seized and disarmed before she could accomplish her purpose. The young woman's brother made no attempt to interfere while the tragedy was being enacted, and after it was over calmly walked away, and has not been seen since. The murderer, who is an uncommonly handsome country girl of 19 years, is under arrest. Her father is said to be worth \$25,000.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Bolivian Congress has declared null the last election of Senators.

The statue of ex President Zachary Taylor at Louisville, Ky., will be unveiled on September 30.

Mrs. Jackson, widow of "Stonewall" Jackson, is in Boston, where she and her daughter are the guests of Gov. Butler.

With ninety-eight counties to hear from, the assessment in Texas shows an increase of \$38,000 over that of last year.

John Wanamaker has given to the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia \$50,000 to pay off its floating debt.

Memphis has expended \$2,700,000 in new buildings since September, 1882, and more than doubled her manufacturing capital.

An election will be held November 20 in the first Congressional district of this State to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Walter F. Poole.

The new postal notes are deemed a failure in Chicago. The banks have refused to accept them as checks or drafts on account of the mistakes of the postmasters sending them.

P. H. Winston's withdrawal from the Democratic party has been followed by the greatest gale ever known on Lake Michigan, and a terrible tempest along the Atlantic coast.

Messrs. Meody, McGranahan and Whittle, the evangelists, leave America on October 2 for Ireland, where they contemplate carrying on an active missionary campaign in the south of the Island.

The annual statement of the lumber business of Wilmington, N. C., shows that for the year ended August 31 the exports amounted to 33,000,000 feet, of which 22,000,000 went to domestic and 10,000,000 feet to foreign ports.

A rose farm is a new Georgia industry. Two gardeners in the vicinity of Savannah planted three acres in rose trees. This year they set 22,000 trees to parties in the North, and had orders for 50,000, which they could not fill.

Mrs. Philip Sneed, of Louisville, a daughter of George Keats and a niece of John Keats, the poet, died at Cobourg, Canada, yesterday. John Gilmer Speed, until recently managing editor of the New York Word, is her son.

Postmaster Humphreys, of Pensacola, Fla., reports to the Postoffice Department that a malignant type of disease prevails at the navy yard and is growing worse. Mail from that point is taken out of the sacks at Pensacola and fumigated.

The Czar is not afraid to travel in his own dominions. He lately had the hardihood to visit Copenhagen, the home of his wife, who is the daughter of Christian IX, King of Denmark. His reception by the people of Copenhagen was all that the Emperor of all the Russias could desire.

Reliable reports at the office of the Mississippi commissioner of agriculture show that the cotton and corn crops of Mississippi are much injured by the unfavorable weather. The decrease in the cotton crop as compared with last year amounts to 25 per cent, and in the corn crop to 15 per cent.

LONDON, September 11.—A dispatch from Hong Kong states that a Chinese mob at Canton burned the houses of several European merchants and also their wharves, causing great consternation among the foreign residents, the most of whom sought refuge on board the vessels in the river. No violence was offered to the persons, and a force of Chinese troops was called out which quickly dispersed the rioters.

The building of the Kimball house at Atlanta seems to be conditioned upon the citizens of Atlanta raising \$150,000. So far \$70,000 has been subscribed, leaving \$80,000 yet to come. Unless this sum be guaranteed within the present week the project will be abandoned.

A pretty Irish girl's kiss may be sweet but it is costly, John Kennedy, of Lockport, New York, kissed pretty Mary McCarthey, of that town, with her consent. She construed it as an engagement, and when he married another girl she sued him for breach of promise and the jury awarded her \$400.

The official statement of the cotton crop of the United States for the year ended August 31, 1883, issued by the National Cotton Exchange, of New Orleans, shows a total crop of 6,949,956 bales, including receipt at shipping ports of 6,009,612 bales, and shipments by rail routes overland to Northern spinners direct from producers of 641,361 bales. The report shows that the Southern mills consumed 313,393 bales, an increase over last season of 26,439 bales. The increase in the total crop compared with the previous year was 1,493,708 bales. The takings of United States spinners for the year were 2,073,099 bales, an increase of 108,561 bales.

North Carolina at Boston.

Boston Herald.

The North Carolina exhibit, besides being the most conspicuous in the great hall, is simply immense in its comprehensiveness, and shows a whole-souled enterprise on the part of enterprising citizens and public officials of that State which cannot fail to give a most favorable impression to all who view it of the variety, extent and excellence of the resources of that State.

A New Paper.

Wilmington Review.

Messrs. George Dyer and E. S. Warrock have made arrangements for the publication of the Sunday Morning Mail, to begin in this city about the first of November. We see no reason why a paper of the class they propose may not be made to pay well here, and we are satisfied that if there are any two people in Wilmington who can make a success Messrs. Dyer and Warrock are the men.

A New Enterprise.

Greensboro Patriot.

W. C. Petty & Co., of Bush Hill, have in successful operation a shuttle block factory, and they are daily shipping shuttles to various points, both North and South. For some time blocks for shuttles have been gotten out in this State from dogwood and persimmon, and shipped North to be made into shuttles, but we believe this is the first factory that has undertaken the manufacture of the shuttle. They leave this factory ready for the loom. The specimens exhibited are as pretty as any made anywhere.

The Work of Incendiaries.

NORFOLK, VA., September 10.—Twenty-three houses were burned in village of Deep Creek on the canal of the Dismal Swamp, 10 miles below this city yesterday morning. The fire was the work of an organized band of incendiaries who have tried to burn a number of villages in this vicinity recently. Their object is robbery. The residents of the village who have been rendered homeless by the flames are in the greatest distress, several people were injured by falling timber, some fatally. The damage will exceed \$75,000.

CASE OF JEALOUSY.

Marion Lamp Post.

Saturday Mr. Isaac Grier, who has been carrying the mail from Marion to the Gillespie Gap on the Bakersville route, was fired upon by a man concealed in the bushes, about halfway up the mountain. The ball passed through the sleeve of his coat and shirt above the elbow, blackening the skin. Mr. Grier had been cautioned that threats were out against him, but not thinking they would be executed, continued to carry the mail, but provided himself with a pistol, which he discharged at the man twice as he ran down off down the mountain. Mr. Grier says the rocking of the buggy, over the very rough place alone prevented him from being shot in the centre of the back as the party did not fire until he passed. There could be no cause for the attempt at his life, Mr. Grier thinks, except that he has the inside track with a very pretty girl in that neighborhood, and as he wants to live to see more of her he has decided to quit carrying the mail on that route until the girl matter is settled. As Mr. Grier is our townman we hope he will win despite of bullets.

A Railroad to be Built and Operated by Colored People.

Journal-Observer.

A colored man named C. F. Martin arrived in the city Sunday from Wilmington, to work up Charlotte in the interests of the proposed Wilmington, Wrightsville and Oaslow Railroad, of which he is the general Superintendent. Martin is an old slave of Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, and got his ideas of railroading from his old master. His plan is to form local companies in all the towns of the State each party subscribing to so many shares in the proposed railroad. He has visited a number of towns, and has enrolled thousands of shareholders. He has already graded six miles of his road from Wilmington to Wrightsville sound, and says he will succeed beyond the shadow of a doubt in completing the road. It is proposed to run the road to Wrightsville first thence to Jacksonville, along the coast in Oaslow county. He talks railroad with surprising intelligence, and says that within the course of three years Wrightsville sound will be a port of entry, with as fine a breakwater as the Delaware. The country along the line of this road is low and flat, and from Wrightsville to Jacksonville, there will not be a cut over five feet deep. It is exclusively the colored people's enterprise. Rev. J. C. Paice is President of the company and all the officers and directors are colored. Martin showed us a map of his railroad drawn by a colored draughtsman, and which was excellently executed. He has been working on this project for a long time and has so well succeeded that there is no doubt of his ultimate success. He met with considerable encouragement in Charlotte, we learn. Among his list of stockholders are a number of white people.

THE ORIOLE.

Features of the Festival.

Baltimore Sun.

For the third time Baltimore has prepared for the entertainment of the thousands who visit her Oriole festival a pageant which at night will emerge from the rude workshops on the suburbs like a butterfly from a chrysalis and come down through the main thoroughfares of the city. The Oriole of the Oriole promised that their efforts this year would eclipse all past processions of a like character, and the word has been kept. The subjects this year are rich ones, and forty floats are required to illustrate them. The Lost Continent and the Spanish Conquest of Grenada form the motives for the tableaux.

In 1881 the subject was "The March of Ages," and the endeavor was to make a tableau of every momentous event in the world's history. Last year the subjects were "Illustrous Women" and the "Ramayana," a legend of the East.

The subjects chosen for this year's parade are "The Lost Continent" and "The Lost Kingdom." Both of them abound in opportunities for rich, fanciful treatment, and the work done is believed to be the finest in the way of street pageantry ever accomplished.

Crased by Jealousy.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Sept. 10.—Rush Hall, a young man living near here, on Wednesday last parted from his Annie Hopkins, a beautiful girl, his betrothed wife. The engagement was broken from some trivial cause. On Saturday evening as the lady and a young man were walking together they were seen by Hall, who, crazed by jealousy, slunk out of sight into the woods. He cut a heavy club and followed the couple. When they arrived at Miss Hopkins' house, the young man left her near the gate. Suddenly Hall rushed upon her and felled her to the ground with his club, fracturing her skull and otherwise injuring her. She begged piteously for life, but her appeals seemed to infuriate him and he only ceased to beat her when she was unable to cry any longer. She cannot live. Hall has fled.

The contract let out.

Hickory Press.

Capt. D. S. Hassey an engineer of the Marrow Gauge is in town seeing after the work of the road. He says that Wilkins, Post & Co., of Atlanta, have received the contract for building the bridge across the Catawba river and work will begin soon. A force will begin on leveling the old grade Monday.

Railway consolidation.

Bristol Courier.

We have before us, in pamphlet form, the articles of consolidation of "The Bristol & North Carolina Narrow Gauge Railway Co." with "The North Carolina and Tennessee Railroad Co." forming "The Tennessee & North Carolina Railroad Co." John D. Imboden, Wm. B. Council, Thos. J. Coffey, Robert Shearer, Jos. R. Anderson, R. C. Smith, and F. H. Imboden compose the board of Direc-

tors. At a meeting of the Board at Elizabethton, July 18, Gen. J. D. Imboden was elected President of the Company, and John Slack, Secretary and Treasurer, Jos. R. Anderson and Wm. B. Council were appointed the Finance Committee.

Sunday Night's Storm.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 10.—Last night at 12 o'clock a terrific hurricane centered along the coast near this place and a storm amounting to almost a cyclone prevailed at this place unceasingly until a late hour last night. No damage is reported as having been done in the city, but it is feared there have been wrecks at sea. The sea came entirely over Wrightsville sound, and the roar of the breakers was distinctly heard here, a distance of eight miles. The hurricane started off the coast of Florida and moved northward.

A Bloody Row at a Campmeeting.

Lincoln Press.

One of the bloodiest campmeeting rows on record occurred at a negro campmeeting in Catawba county, near Ball's Creek, last Saturday, between the whites and blacks. Whiskey was the cause. Knives, pistols, rocks and sticks were the weapons used. One negro will die, and four others were desperately wounded. Two whites, Doc Lockman and Bruce Brown were badly cut.

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POST OFFICE.

NORTH CAROLINA, ASHE COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT, Aug. 31, 1883. REBEKAH A. ELLIEN vs. JOHN H. BLOTTEN. ACTION FOR DIVORCE.

IT APPEARS to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is a non-resident of this State and cannot be served with ordinary process. IT IS ORDERED by the Court that publication be made for six successive weeks in THE TOPIC, a newspaper published in the town of Lenoir in the county of Caldwell. COMMANDING the said defendant to appear at the next term of the SUPERIOR COURT to be held for the county of Ashe at the Court House in Jefferson on the seventh Monday after the fourth Monday in September 1883, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of said COURT during the first three days of the Term, otherwise default will be taken according to the relief demanded in said complaint. J. M. DICKEY, G. S. C. Ashe county, Day and date above written. 193-22

YADKIN VALLEY LAND FOR SALE!

I OFFER for sale my Farm of 330 acres, more or less, on the Yadkin River in Wilkes county, N. C. THERE are about 60 acres of good River bottom 10 acres of which is fine Timothy and Red Top Meadow. BALANCE in Heavy Timber.

LAND FOR SALE.

I have 85 acres of land, eight on top of the Blue Ridge, 2 miles west of G. Jones Coffey's 221 acres of improved good house, barn and out buildings. It is for sale and I ask persons interested to come and see it or write to me. J. A. GRAGO, Shull's Mill, N. C. A. 1.-71.

DR. A. F. HOOK,

offers his services to the public. Will do Office and General Practice. May be found at Office, Clover Hill, 2 miles East of Patterson, when not professionally engaged. Calls, both night and day, promptly attended to.

Sheriff's Notice.—Watauga county.

I SHALL attend at the following times and places in the different townships of Watauga County for the purpose of collecting the Taxes for the year 1882. BLOWING ROCK—L. W. Estes' Store, Monday, October 2. BLUE RIDGE—Storie's School House, Tuesday, October 3. ELK—El Wolfe's Mills, Wednesday, October 3. STONY FORK—Horton & Walsh's Store, Thursday, October 4.—Sidney Ely's Store, Friday, Oct. 5. MEAT CAMP—John Ragan's Store Monday Oct. 8. BALD MOUNTAIN—E. K. Rife's Store Tuesday Oct. 9. COVE CREEK—Mouth of North Fork of Cove Creek, Wednesday, October 10. PRAYER DAWN—Bethel Church, Thursday, October 11. LABEL CREEK—J. E. Philips' School House, Friday, October 12.—J. V. Beece's Store, Saturday, October 13. SHAWNEEHAW—Pops School House, Monday October 15.—L. M. Banner's Store, Tuesday, Oct. 16. WATAUGA—J. C. Shull's Store, Wednesday, Oct. 17.—Henry Taylor's Store, Thursday, October 18. BOONE—Boone, Saturday, October 20. THIS is the day of September, 1883. D. F. BAIRD, Sheriff.

HACKS AND HORSES TO HIRE.

Mr. JULIUS JUSTICE desires to inform the public that he is prepared to carry passengers to and from the railroad & to go on excursions. JULIUS JUSTICE, LENOIR, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

LENOIR MARBLE WORKS. I will open, on or about Oct. 1, a complete stock of marble in Lenoir, and will be prepared to furnish all kinds of TOMBSTONES, MONUMENT FURNITURE MARBLE, &c. at the most reasonable terms. Having been connected for some time with the Statesville Marble Works, I feel confident I can fill the wants of all in need of marble work. Be sure to give me a call before buying elsewhere. C. B. WEBB, Lenoir, N. C., September, 19

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Lenoir, N. C., August 22, 1883.

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