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THE people are quick to detect a wrong and, as a general thing, credit it to the right source. There was, last winter, much complaint about miscarriages of justice in the courts and some plain talk was done toward the judges. Their skirts were not clean but the burden was not all theirs. That there is a responsibility to be borne by others as well as the Judges is plainly shown by Judge Montgomery in his charge at Iredell court as reported by the Landmark: "There is a great, and I may say, just complaint on account of the frequent miscarriages of justice in North Carolina. 'Thine eye shall not pity the murderer,' said Jehovah. The fault in this matter is not with the lawyers and the judges, as some suppose, but with the juries of the country. If good men are put on the juries these complaints will-cease. Put twelve intelligent and honest men on the jury and they will bring in a verdict according to the law and the evidence and the lawyers cannot swerve them." It happens sometimes, too, that when Judge and jury have both done their duty a miscarriage comes and snatches a felon from the talons of the law. Read what the Landmark says editorially in another column: "Two months ago a mob took a prisoner, who was under the sentence of the law, from the jail of Alexander county and set him at liberty-the highest-handed proceeding of any of those recounted because the mob thus clearly and distinctly bade defiance to the constituted authorities of the Stateand the crimical and his friends have not been arrested though they and their locality are well known. A month ago five red-handed murderers cocked pistols in the faces of the too willing sheriff and jailor of Buncombe county, and vacated their cells for the more wholesome outdoor atmosphere; and they have never been heard of since. What a group of incidents this is, and what a tale it tells of the impotency of our civil authorities!" Let there be an amendment all along the line.

THERE is not a shadow of a doubt but that North Carolina is to be saved this year and placed upon the high road by cotton and tobacco. To be sure, barring wheat, the provision crops are full and large, but there never is a great surplus from them and the profit upon the grain crops is such a small margin that it does not tell like a good crop of tobacco and cotton. Our live stock is held in reserve but it makes no show and cannot be turned into money unless the cotton and tobacco men, who are customers of the stock men, are prospering. Every indication points to heavy tobacco and cotton crops. Of course we cannot be sure until the tobacco is cured and the pickers are at work in the cotton fields, but we can view the beautiful prospect ahead. Upon an average the tobacco is good and in Wake county \$125 per acre is being offered for some crops in the hill. The condition of the cotton crop is almost as flattering. These two money crops will bring money into the State and will start it to circulating. Even if we do not raise much of either crop we will be benefitted, for the general prosperity which they will bring will reach us and place a money value on many commodities which we cannot now sell. Our drovers will take horses and mules and sheep and cattle down South to the cotton planters and, if good prices are paid for this stock, we will feel how good a thing it is to have a good cotton season.

IN THE death of Prof. Washington C. Kerr the State loses one of her best men. As State Geologist, he has done scientific work that will last and be a monument to him. This work will be commemorated and preserved in a useful form for the citizens of North Carolina in the first volume of his works published some years ago and in the second to be edited from his notes by Prof. Holmes of the University. One of the most important and practical things he has accomplished of late years is the accurate State map which he made for the State and which is published by the Agricultural Department. Prof. Kerr had a genuine love for the mountains and our people is this section entertain a peculiarly strong love of the dead scientist.

Henry B. Williams, aged 74, one of Charlotte's oldest citizens, is dead. | recover.

THE case of the Hon. Anthony M. Keiley, of Richmond, appointed minister to Italy and not accepted because he had abused the King, is familiar to our readers. There was a personal objection to Mr. Keiley on the part of the Italian Government and we can understand that the U.S. Government could have no right to insist that Mr. Keiley be accepted as its envoy. He was afterwards sent as minister to Austria and this Government declines to receive him because his wife is a Jewess! It is stated that Secretary Bayard has written a curt note to the Austrian State. Department in which he declares that there is no religious test for office holders in this country and intimating that the Austrian mission may remain vacant.

## STATE TOPICS.

Durham is to have waterworks.

A very proper course.

Lenoir county produces lemons. Raleigh is to have a cotton com-

S. M. Hensley, of Mitchell, i

Salisbury has four tobacco ware-

Major W. M. Gay, new postmaster at Wilson.

The Raleigh Insane Asylum has 250 inmates.

Col. John S. Watt, of Iredell, is dead, aged 77.

A prairie dog was caught near Newton last week. Shelby shipped 11,400 bales of

cotton this year. Marion wants a brass band and

more small cottages. A stock company in Gastonia will

build a \$10,000 hotel. A 21 karat diamond, worth \$25,

has been found in Richmond county. The Charlotte mint assayed \$173,

604.37 worth of bullion the past

150 store-keepers and 42 gaugers have been bowed out by Collector

Deer are plentiful in Lenoir county and in whatever county Swans-

Durham's population is 6,370 and its assessed valuation of property

\$3,000,000. Nearly all the newspaper correspondents in Washington are "taking

a vacation." Dr. W. H. Howerton, late of Salisbury, died at Moorehead City, Sat-

urday, aged 55. Paralysis. Mr. Ervin Harris, aged 30, representative of Cabarrus county in the

Legislature of 1876, is dead. The R. & D. R. R. Co. is reported to be anxious to buy or lease the C. F. & Y. V, R. R. to Mount Airy.

Ex-Gov. Curtis H. Brogden, "the last rose of summer," still survives as lively as a cricket in Goldsboro.

Our uncle Bob Vance is President of the W. N. C. Fair Association at Asheville, which will hold a fair in

The druggists will hold their next meeting in Fayetteville. Dr. Jno. Tull, of Morganton, is one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Fruit Fair at Greensboro was a success last week. Jimmy Reid delivered an oration full of rhetori." cal fruits and flowers.

W. Alex Hoke, Esq., of Lincolnton, has been released from the Morganton Asylum with his health of mind and body restored.

Gen. R. F. Hoke, of the Cranberry company says the company is determined to have railroad connection with Wilmington. Rev. S. H. Flemming, late editor

of the Marion Lamp Post, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Morristown, Tenn. A military company has been organized in Salisbury to be called the "Rowan Rifle Guards," with Theo.

Parker, U. S. A., as captain. Prof. W. C. Kerr died in Asheville on Sunday of last week, in the 58th

year of his age. The remains were carried to Raleigh for interment. According to the Landmark the new Judge, "Billy" Montgomery, "wore an alpaca coat and a white

lawn tie and looked as fresh as a Iredell county has just held a

teachers' institute which on all hands is conceded to have done much good. We should have them in other coun-A committee of the N. C. Teach-

ers' Assembly is now in the West on the lookout for a permanent location for its meetings. We hope they will visit Lenoir.

The Charlotte Democrat thinks that Rev. Dr. Hendren is insane and has been so for more than a year. It learns that one of his brothers and two sisters died insane.

At a lawn-party at Mount Holly, on Friday of week before last, 28 persons were poisoned by ice-cream made in a new freezer and with condensed milk. Only three were dangerously ill, Tipton, of Dallas Cur-rent, R. K. Davenport and Conrad Derr, and it is thought they will

The Waynesville News and the Asheville Advance are having a lively discussion. The former calls the latter a liar and accuses the editor of not having a free pass on the rail-

William Jones and his son Frank have been arrested upon the charge of having murdered the Joyce family in Buncombe county some months ago. The clues are said to

The Cleveland people are having the fermentingest time over railroads you ever heard tell of. They are about to vote on three of four "proposed" routes that point to every letter on the compass.

We have received the Advertiser, a new paper published in Milton Mr. Ed W. Faucette, a nephew of Capt. E. W. Faucette, of Lenoir, is editor and R. T. Oliver proprietor. It is a neat and creditable paper.

Mr. James J. Litchford, of Raleigh, aged 64, died last Thursday. He has been Secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee for 12 years and, at the time of his death, was mailing clerk in the post-

On Tuesday morning of last week the main building of the Haywood White Sulphur Springs at Waynesville was burned to the ground. It caught from the kitchen which was in the rear and was discovered soon enough to save nearly all the furniture and baggage of guests. About 200 guests were stopping at the house, about half of whom had to leave, as the cottages can only accommodate 100.

The attention of all holders of claims against the county of Mitchell, is called to an announcement made by the board of commissioners of that county to the effect that holders of claims duly audited prior to the first of June must bring them to judgment before some justice of the peace in said county, to the end that payment may be made thereon pro rata with judgments of like kind, as provided by the legislative act allowing the county to levy a special tax. See ch. 316, page 567, acts of 1885.

In Clear Creek township, Mecklenburg county, two brothers-in-law. Charles Kerr and Amos Garland had taken a contract to sink deeper a well infected with foul air. Garland went down on Tuesday of last week to make arrangements to pump out the noxious gases and soon became insensible. Kerr then went down, tied a rope around Garland and had him drawn up. When the rope was let down to him he took hold of it and was drawn up several feet when he let go and fell back. When taken out he was dead.

#### TIMELY TOPICS.

On Friday the Queen prorogued Parliament-sent 'em all home.

Over 10,000 Christians have lately

been massacreed in Tonquin. The whole temper of Wall street

is that the better times have come. The President is spending a vacation in the Adirondack mountains.

On Wednesday an Irish girl named Margaret Kealy, died near Camden, N. J., after what was thought to be a short and severe attack of cholera morbus. It is stated that she died of Asiatic cholera.

Fitzhugh Lee, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia, whom the Virginians call "Our Fitz" after the Prussian fashion of naming a favorite prince, "Unser Fritz," is a nephew of Gen. R. E. Lee-"Mars Bob."

A bill has been offered in the Georgia Legislature providing for a yearly tax of \$2.50 upon every unmarried male person over 30 years old who lives in the Empire State. This is awful and the worst of it is that the atrocious measure receives universal approval in Georgia. Even if we lived in Georgia it would make no difference to us, though we are unmarried, for we are very young; but upon general principles, you know, one should cry out when the iron heel of despotism is being placed flat on one's "sect" and when it would seem that the mot d' ordre is to be: "Let no guilty bachelor es-

## Pension Claims.

Yesterday a reporter found auditor Roberts hard at work with pension applications. He was comparing them with the roster of N. C. troops and verifying their correctness in various ways. He said that he was going into the work of examination single-handed. The board of pension examiners had agreed upon a certain rule, this being that under the statute the claims could be examined by him in those cases where a soldier had lost a leg or an arm or an eye, or where widows' husbands were actually killed in battle. All other cases will be left over for consideration by the full beard, which is composed of the Governor, auditor and attorney general. In response to an inquiry, Gen. Roberts said he did not think payment of pension claims could payment of pension claims could possibly begin before October 1. All the work is laborious and great care is an absolute necessity.

## Special Notice.

I hereby certify that Mr. H. C. Boylin has worked upon my watch in a satisfactory manner. I had previously had the same watch in the hands of several other jewelers who failed to do it any good. I consider Mr. Boylin a competent consider Mr. Boylin a competent jeweler and watchmaker.

EDMUND JONES.

**Burke Notes.** 

Mr. W. C. Ervin assisted Solicitor Bower on the criminal docket. A lot of C. & L. Railroad men including Chief Engineer Bernard. were in attendance as witnesses in the case of a woman against the railroad for slight injuries incurred a year or so ago. The dockets were both large, there being 125 cases on the criminal and 60 on the civil docket. Cou.t will doubtless last till today or tomorrow.

The marriage at the Presbyterian church by Rev. R. B. Anderson, of Mr. Gilmer Brenizer, of Charlotte, and of Miss Hattie Avery, of Morganton, came off Wednesday night and was a brilliant affair.

The stockholders of the Southern and Western Air Line Railroad met in the court house on Tuesday to elect a President, Directors and Treasurer. One hundred thousand dollars was reported as subscribed and the 5 por cent. required by law to be paid in before organization was also reported.

S. McD. Tate was elected President; J. A. Claywell, Treasurer and the following board of Directors:

— Webb, of Shelby; Lem. J.

Hoyle, of Cleveland; J. M. Spainhour, of Caldwell; P. M. Mull, of Catawba; N. P. Beck, I. I. Davis, A. C. Avery, J. W. Wilson and Jos. Brittain, of Burke.

The Burke stockholders then held a meeting and a committee of five in each township was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the stock of the company.

#### Upper Lower Creek.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:

Wheat threshing over with in our locality, and a very short yield for the number of acres sown. Farmers have commenced preparing their lands for the next crop. The corn crop looks promising, yet it will not be so good as was expected earlier in the season, owing to so much

Mr. and Mis. M. V. DuBose, who have been spending some time with Elder G. D. Sherrill, have returned to Lisbon, S. C.

Mrs. Susan Cottrell, who has been spending some time visit ng friends and relatives in Watauga has returned.

Miss Jennie Isbell, of the Valley. spent several days not long since, with friends and relatives on Lower Miss Alice Cottrell is visiting

friends in the Valley. Mrs. J. M. Isbell spent a few days last week with her son, J. B. Isbell,

on Lower Creek. Our road overseers have commenced working out their roads with vim; it must be not long until

There is quite an abundance of green fruits in our section, none being dried of any consequence for the markets, owing to the fact that it is very dull sale, and it will not pay to handle it in that way. ODD FELLOW.

## Court in Nawton.

NEWTON, August 8.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: The county was well represented every day, and good order prevailed. Judge Shipp showed great ability and dispatch, and court adjourned on Thursday evening. The new Solicitor, Osborne, made a very favorable impression.

The grand jury held over all day Friday, and judging from the time they were in session, there will be a full docket next term of court.

The stock law carried by 180 votes in the county. Crops are in fine condition, but the weather is dry now, and the heat oppressive. A good deal of sickness

## Items from Watauga.

through the country.

BOONE, Aug 13.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: Too much rain for hay-making. Corn crops all over the county very promising, never loooked better and and more planted than ever before. Meadows are splendid, oats finer than for many years. Buckwheat good, potato crop large and fine, cabbage splendid, cattle plenty and fat, sheep the same. I will not make any report about the "land pike" until I see what the cholera does for

Health of the people good except some cases of diarrhoa among the children, and some cases of measles. W. H. Edminsten and Wallace Edminsten lost a child each, with measles. Finly Holsclaw lost an infant

Watauga county, if nothing serious takes place, will be well provisioned, an abundance of everything unless it is wheat. Only one serious trouble staring us in the face. We have no money to pay our taxes, but we hope our fat cattle will come in for a good price; if so, money will be all right.

As THE TOPIC indicated, "all crops planted under a Democratic administration have grown finely,"
then let us hope that money will
follow which is a reasonable conclusion and desired by all. We can't do well without money.

OLD HAL.

## To the Public.

Having removed temporarily to Washington, D. C., I have formed a partnership for the practice of law, with Mr. T. M. Vance, in whose hands I have left all my cases and papers relating thereto. Mr. Vance can always be found at our office, and I will regularly attend the terms of Caldwell Superior Court.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND JONES.

Elk X Roads Letter.

ELK X ROADS, Aug. 1st.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: On Thursday, July 30, a terrible wind and rain storm passed over this vicinity, lasting for about 10 minutes, and greatly damaging the corn crops, laying a great deal of corn perfectly flat on the ground, but we hope that a great deal of that that is blown down, will raise up.

Our wheat crop in Watauga, so far as I hear, will be behind that of last year, although it is well filled and plump grain. The rye crop is far behind that of last year.

Money seems to be tolerably scarce until the swindling peddlers give a call, and then it is plenty it seems, for they "dug up and set out" a few of our neighbors, but we hope they will keep their eyes open hereafter.

There is not much sickness in this vicinity at present, notwithstanding the uncommon hot weather which has lately been as high as 90 BILLY.

#### Second Adventists.

Sunday's Wilmington Star.

The Piedmont Advent Christian Conference finally adjourned yesterday evening, after the transaction of much important business.

Today Elder G. D. Sherrill will preach at the Second Baptist Church at 11 a. m., and at 3 o'clock this afternoon he will deliver a lecture from his prophetic chart, which is represented as being "several feet in length; the first chapter painted on it being a representation on Adam and Eve in the year one."

#### Col. Cowles' Work.

This gentleman has been in Congress but a short while and has not formed the opinion that the people belong to him as some others seem to think. He has had twenty incumbents removed and put in Democrats. This is the way to work.

#### MOTICE.

The notes and bonds taken by me in the fall of 1884, for Star Brand Guano are now due and in my hands for collection. Come forward and settle up without further notice, as I have to make settlement with the Company the 1st day of September. Some have failed to pay up for 1883. I hope they will pay up at once as further indulgence cannot be given. R R WAKEFIELD.

August 10, 1885. SPECIAL NOTICE.—All persons owing me by account will please come forward and make prompt settlement. In the future, my rule of "no credit" will be strictly adhered to and, under no circumstances, will any exceptions to the rule be made. My time, knowledge and medicine constitute my capital in trade, and for these, I must have an equivalent. To conclude, all people must come prepared to pay.

Very Res'y, PENROSE BALDWIN.

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