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The Progressive Farmer publishes this week an address prepared by a committee appointed at the recent session of the State Farmers Alliance. It is addressed to the farmers and former members of the Farmers Alliance in North Carolina. We understand it was mainly gotten up by Maj. W. A. Graham of Lincoln county. It is a conservative paper, and, as we have often said, if the Alliance could be reorganized on the lines laid down in this address it could do a great work for the farmers of the State. We will publish the address in full in our next issue.

Dreyfus has been pardoned. This is something in the direction of justice for this ill-treated citizen of a great country, but it does not wipe out the disgrace to that country brought about by the manifest injustice he has suffered. His acquittal by the court would have been far better and France would have been looked upon in a far more favorable light by the civilized nations of the earth. The whole affair shows up the military department of France to be a mass of corruption, and it should teach this country the great danger of building up and maintaining a vast standing army. Such an institution will be a standing menace to justice. Away with "Imperialism."

**A Standard Gauge.**

In the Yorkville Enquirer, received to day, we find some interesting news about the Narrow Gauge railroad. It will be noticed that the Enquirer seems to think that these facts can be relied upon. In connection with this, we would say that it has just been stated in the papers that the Southern Railroad has bought the Carolina road. This would seem to indicate that the Southern is in the field, and that it may not surprise anyone to see our road in the hands of that corporation in a short while. Much of the business along the line will be benefited by a change of this kind, but Lenoir may not be so much benefited. Here is the news the Enquirer brings us: "THE ENQUIRER has confirmation of the Columbia States story of the proposed change of the Carolina and North-Western railroad into a standard gauge. It is not permitted to give the source of its information. The State's statement correctly outlines the present plans of the owners of the property. They have gone into the enterprise purely as a matter of speculation; but there seems to be no doubt of their ability to do all that they have in sight. This includes a new coal route from Tennessee to the Atlantic coast. The primary object of the promoters is to sell, and it is their intention to promote the enterprise to the point where it will sell to the best advantage. It may be necessary for them to build all the way to the coast, or they may find a purchaser in either the Seaboard or the Southern before they reach Camden. At any rate the work of broadening the gauge is to commence without a great deal of delay. The beginning is to be made on the upper end of the road, in Tennessee, and the work of broadening the gauge is to be commenced between Hickory and Lenoir, coming down this way. It is now thought that the entire work will be completed within 18 months. The promoters also figure that the undertaking is a perfect safe one; that even if they do not sell they will get good dividends on their investment."

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The Public Not Apprised of His Destination—Some Paris Papers Froth at Mouth Over the Pardon While Others Commend Favorably Upon It—A Champion of Dreyfus Dies in the Hour of Triumph.

Paris, Sept. 19.—Dreyfus was pardoned this morning. He leaves Rennes to-day, but his destination is not known. It is reported that Dreyfus will abandon his appeal for revision of the sentence of the court martial in consequence of his pardon.

The announcement of Dreyfus' liberation will not be made until after his departure for England.

The story of Mm. Dreyfus' visit to Folkestone, England, with Labor is contradicted. Mme. Dreyfus is still at Rennes.

WHAT PARIS PAPERS SAY. Paris, Sept. 19.—Afternoon newspapers variously comment on the pardon.

The Patri says it reserves its opinion for the present.

The Paris expresses delight at the action of the government.

The Gazette de France declares that the pardon tears up the judgement of the court-martial, although Loubet solemnly promised that it would be respected.

The Droits de l'Homme declares that the decision honors the government, which restores the martyr to his family. It adds that the cabinet recognizes Dreyfus' innocence, which was already patent to the whole world.

The Cote de Labourse praises M. Scheurer-Kestner, who died on the day of his triumph. It suggests that a statue be erected in his honor.

The Croix says that the pardon is a slap in the face for the court-martial and an insult to the army. It declares that it is the final act of a moribund government.

The Presse declares that the pardon is Prime Minister Waldeck-Rousseau's revenge for the defeat he received at Rennes.

The Republique Francaise says the suppression of attacks against the army, otherwise the whole country will rise against the government.

The news that Dreyfus was to be set at liberty created no commotion here.

"They are simply puffing," writes Robt. Moore, of La Fayette, E. I., of Dr. Wirt's Little Early Risers the "famous little pills" for constipation and all liver ailments. Never gripe. Todd & Shell.

**Death of Mrs. McGhee.**

On the 14th inst. Lucinda, wife of Rev. George McGhee died at her home in Kings Creek township.

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She had been unable to work for five years and had suffered all the horrible tortures of having her life gradually eaten up. She passed away almost without a struggle—knowing that a home had been prepared for her where there will be no more suffering and pain and where sorrow never comes.

May she rest in peace in the arms of the Savior whom she had trusted and worshipped as her only Physician who could give her complete peace and happiness. A. B. O. Meadow Hill, N. C. Sept. 14, '99

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**STATE TOPICS.**

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Sherman Pathay, colored, was killed by a Southern Railway train at Durham Saturday afternoon. Pathay was attempting to beat his way on the train.

Mr. Jefferson Best, of Crab Orchard, Mecklenburg, was gored by a bull Thursday afternoon, receiving injuries from which he died early Friday morning. Mr. Best was 37 years old and his wife survives him.

A company was organized in Durham Saturday afternoon for the erection of a \$400,000 cotton mill. T. B. Fuller is president; George W. Watts, vice president; J. S. Carr, Rufus L. Patterson and others directors.

Mr. W. M. Harvell fell from the roof of the Delgado cotton mill in Wilmington Friday morning and received injuries which caused his death Friday evening. Mr. Harvell was at work on the roof of the mill when the accident occurred.

Mr. Harry Tucker, of Wilmington who was severely burned by the explosion of a lamp in his room at the Charlotte Hotel, in Charlotte, Thursday night, died Friday night of his injuries.

Dr. J. P. Strong, for many years editor of the Charlotte Democrat, at the home of his sister-in-law in Brattleboro, Vt. died Friday. Dr. Strong was a native of Vermont lived in Charlotte from 1876 until last July, when, being in very feeble health, he returned to Vermont.

Following in the wake of the other railroads, the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, nearly all of which is owned by the State, has obtained an injunction restraining the corporation commissioners from increasing the assessment over last year.

A correspondent of the Essex-Mirror says that Wilson Taylor, a young white boy, attempted to criminally assault the daughter of Jas. Wiseman, near Ingalls, Mitchell county, on the 6th, but the girl escaped from him. Taylor was arrested and is in jail.

The University opened Monday with an attendance which it is said breaks all records before or since. Four hundred and 17 students had registered up to Sunday night of 82 over last year. Of these 137 are new students, representing 87 counties in the State, and 45 States and foreign.

Not far by last week Bert Beaman and Dan Grigg were on a six-man and Beam quarreled at the latter's house about the sum of \$2. The elder Grigg, it is stated, came up and threw a rock at Beam and started toward him, knife in hand. Beam was cutting wood near his door and he struck Grigg with his axe. The latter died in half an hour.

The hearing before Judge Simonton at Asheville last week of the railroad and telegraph assessment injunction cases and the first jury trial case, was concluded Saturday. Judge Simonton's decision will not be rendered for some time. In all the cases the attorneys have the privilege of filing briefs in thirty days, and to read those, in addition to the affidavits, will take a considerable time.

W. R. Ellis, clerk of Davis Superior Court died a few days ago and there are five candidates to succeed him. They are A. T. Grant, James McQuire, Jr., Geo. W. Shook, of Mocksville; G. M. Sheets, of Advance, and J. M. Farcher, of Farmington, Judge Starbuck, Republican, and the resident judge of the district, will make the appointment. Grant has held the office before. He was clerk for 16 years. Farcher is brother of Judge Farcher, of Statesville.

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**LUCY YOUNG'S CASE.**

"Stricken" at the Mourner's Bench September 1—Takes No Solid Food.

Asheville Citizen.

The strange case of Lucy Young, the colored girl, who, the worshippers at "Baby Zion" church believe, was "stricken by the Lord" while at the mourner's bench, continues in its mystery at the church, and the seasons of the protracted meeting still in progress have full houses of the faithful.

Lucy went to the altar on the night of September 1, and while in a devout attitude she suddenly fell over and all efforts to aid her in "coming to" failed. She was removed to a house near by, where she remained for a week in a state of semi-consciousness, and it was then decided to take her back to the church and "camp" with her. This was done and the girl's resounding prayers at intervals aroused to the keenest pitch the emotions of the congregation.

The girl lies on a pallet spread in a corner of the floor near the pulpit and she is closely covered with a quilt and the weight of a heavy blanket. She has not partaken of solid food since she was stricken. Her only expressed desire is for water. Attempts have been made to have her drink milk, but she turns from it, and though some of the fluid has been given her, the diet for 14 days has been almost entirely of water. A physician was called in by the watchers and his opinion was that the girl was all right and no medicine was given.

"Baby Zion" is a mission of Zion church on College street, and its membership is stirred to the depths over Lucy's "manifestations" and say the case is a warning for the people to "get right."

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**Came to Brief.**

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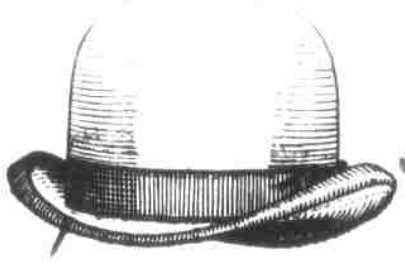
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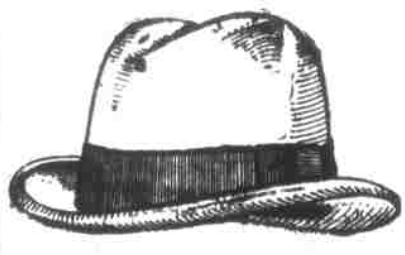
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