On motion of Mr. J. A. Gilmer, a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. U. Kirkland, E. M. Holt and Jed. H. Lindsay, was appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of the Company, and report to the next meeting.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to have five hundred copies of the proceedings of this meeting published for distribution among the Stockholders.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the thanks of the meeting were returned to the Officers and Members of Eagle Lodge, No. 71, for the use of their Hall.

Mr. Gilmer introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:-

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this meeting are hereby extended to the Secretaries for the ability with which they have discharged the duties imposed upon them.

On motion of Mr. Gilmer, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this meeting be, and are hereby, tendered to the Chairman, for the dignity, ability and impartiality with which he has presided over its deliberations.

Thereupon the Chairman made an appropriate response in behalf of himself and the Secretaries, and declared the meeting adjourned.

CALVIN GRAVES, Chairman.

EDWIN A. HEARTT, THOMAS WEBB, } Sec's.

## COUNTY FAIR—1854.

### Orange County Society,

*For the promotion of Agriculture, the Mechanic Arts, &c.*

The First Annual Fair of this Society will be held in Hillsborough on the last Thursday and Friday in October next,

REGULATIONS.

Members of this Society, and all who, by the payment of one dollar to the treasurer before or at the time of the exhibition, may become members, will be furnished with a badge of membership, which will admit the member and the ladies of his family, and his children under 21 years of age, to the fair grounds during the hours of public exhibition.

Exhibitors who contend for premiums, are expected to become members of this Society, and must have their animals or articles properly entered at the office, on or before 10 o'clock on Thursday the 26th of October; so that catalogues of the articles exhibited may be properly arranged before the grounds are opened for public exhibition.

All animals or articles admitted within the grounds for exhibition, must be labeled with the name and residence of the owner.

No animal, implement, or other article, for which a premium is offered, will be entitled to said premium, though it be the best or second best of the kind offered, unless such article be deemed by the judges of sufficient merit to deserve such reward.

The decisions of the judges of awards will be regarded as final, in every exercise of their legitimate authority. But any awards made contrary to the rules for directing and restricting premiums, claimants or awards, will be disregarded, or reversed by the executive committee.

All reports of the judges, to be valid, must be delivered to the executive committee for examination, on the evening preceding the 27th, the day for announcing the awards of premiums.

Premiums awarded, but not claimed within three months thereafter, will be regarded as donations to the society.

The Chief Marshal, with efficient aids, will be in attendance during the hours of exhibition, to keep proper order.

According to the law upon the subject, Premiums can be awarded only to articles which are of the growth, manufacture or product of the county.

All persons exhibiting implements, will be expected to accompany them with the prices for which they can afford to furnish them.

All contributions to Floral Hall will be cheerfully and thankfully received.

An efficient police will take charge of the grounds during the night.

Admission fee—for a single person 25 cents—children under 12 years, and servants, half price.

PROGRAMME.

Thursday, Oct. 26th.—The fair will open at ten o'clock for the admission of visitors. In the afternoon of the same day, the Judges will make their examinations. Trial of Machinery.

Friday, 27th.—The address delivered, Ploughing match of single and double harness horses. Reading reports of Judges, and parade of prize animals.

The gates will be closed at four o'clock in the evening, to make arrangements for the night.

BRANCH I—CROPS.

For the largest yield on an acre of the following crops, viz:

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| For the largest yield of corn on an acre | $3 |
| " " " wheat " | 3 |
| " " " Tobacco " | 2 |
| " " " Cotton " | 2 |
| " " " Oats, (common,) or Spring Oats, | 2 |
| " " " Winter oats " | 2 |
| " " " Hay " | 2 |
| " " " Turnips " | 1 |
| " " " Sweet potatoes, ½ acre | 1 |
| " " " Irish " ¼ " | 1 |
| " the best barrel of flour from the smallest quantity of wheat, with full report of weight, offal, &c. | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each of the above, | diplomas. |

For the best average product of each of the following crops, a Diploma, viz: The common corn field pea, beans, sugar beets, the common beet, carrots, parsnips, pumpkins and Oregon pea.

The best average product of the Society's wheat, dealt out last fall to experimenters.

Ditto of the winter oats.

BRANCH II—LIVE STOCK.

FIRST DIVISION.—HORSES.

FIRST CLASS.—*Thoroughbred.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best thorough-bred stallion over 4 years old, | $4 |
| For the best thorough-bred brood mare over 4 years old, | 4 |
| For the best stallion colt under 3 years old, | 2 |
| For the best filly under 3 years, | 2 |
| For the 2d best of each of the above, | dips. |

In this class purity of blood being the highest point of distinction, a well authenticated pedigree must in every case accompany each animal put on exhibition to compete for any of the above prizes.

SECOND CLASS.—*Draught and Saddle.*

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|---|---|
| For the best stallion over 4 years old, | $3 |
| " " brood mare, | 3 |
| " " stallion under 4 years old, | 2 |
| " " filly " " | 2 |
| For the 2d best of each of the above, | dips. |
| For the best saddle horse, mare or gelding, | 2 |
| " " single harness horse, | 2 |
| " " pair of matched carriage or harness horses, | 3 |

In this class excellence in form, action, docility and disposition, will be regarded as chief points of merit.

THIRD CLASS.—*Jacks, Jennets, and Mules.*

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|---|---|
| For the best Jack over 4 years old, | $3 |
| " " Jennet " " | 3 |
| " " Mule " " | 2 |
| " " Jack under 4 years old, | 2 |
| " " Jennet " " | 2 |
| " " Mule " " | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

SECOND DIVISION.—CATTLE.

FIRST CLASS—*Improved breed.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best bull over 4 years old, | 2 |
| " " milch cow over do. | 2 |
| " " bull between 1 and 4 years, | 1 |
| " " best heifer between do. | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

SECOND CLASS.—*Common Stock.*

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|---|---|
| For the best bull over 4 years old, | 2 |
| " " milch cow over do. | 2 |
| " " bull between 1 and 4 years | 1 |
| " " heifer " " " " | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

In judging these classes size, form, and susceptibility to fatness, will be the chief points of attention.

THIRD CLASS.—*Fat Cattle.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best pair of fat oxen or cows, | $2 |
| " " fat single ox or cow, | 1 |
| " " lot of fat cattle grass fed, not less than two, | 2 |

In this class fitness for the shambles will be regarded as the chief excellence.

FOURTH CLASS.—*Working Oxen.*

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|---|---|
| For the best yoke of oxen over 6 year old, | $2 |
| " " " " under " " | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | dips. |
| For the best driver or manager of oxen, | 1 |

In judging this class, form, size and docility, together with susceptibility to fatness, will be the chief object of attention.

THIRD DIVISION.—SWINE.

FIRST CLASS.—*Improved Stock.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best boar over one year old, | $1 |
| " " brood sow over 2 years old, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |
| For the best lot of pigs, not less than six and under six months old, | 1 |

SECOND CLASS.—*Common Stock.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best boar over 1 year old, | 1 |
| " " best brood sow 2 years, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |
| For the best lot of pigs, not less than six and under six months old, | |

In these classes, size, form and fattening qualities, will be the chief object of attraction.

FOURTH DIVISION.—SHEEP.

FIRST CLASS.—*Fine and Medium Wools.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best buck, fine wool, | 1 |
| " " Ewe, " | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |
| For the best lot of lambs, not less than three, | 1 |

SECOND CLASS.—*Natives or Common Breed.*

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|---|---|
| For the best buck, | 1 |
| " " Ewe, | 1 |
| " " lot of lambs, not less than 3, | 1 |
| " " " muttons, not less than 3, | 2 |

RULES FOR BRANCH II.

Animals for exhibition will not be received or admitted within the fair grounds before Wednesday, then they must be properly entered at the office, and placed under the direction of the executive committee.

Animals will not be admitted or received after 10 o'clock, Thursday.

No exhibitor will be permitted to enter more than two animals in any one class.

Animals when duly entered shall be well provided for, by the Society, without charge to the owner, but they cannot be removed from the grounds, except by the permission of the Executive Committee.

Awards of merit or superiority in this branch, will be given agreeably to the schedule of premiums.

No unprofitable animal will be a proper subject to receive a premium.

No premium will be awarded by the judges, for any animal not esteemed worthy; though it should be the best of the kind exhibited.

BRANCH III.—MECHANICS.

FIRST CLASS.—*Agricultural Implements,*

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|---|---|
| For the best one horse plough, | 1 |
| " " two " " | 2 |
| " " coulter " | 1 |
| " " bull-tongue " | 1 |
| " " cultivator, | 1 |
| " " grain-cradle, | 1 |
| " " threshing machine, | 5 |
| " " wheat fan, | 2 |
| " " horse rake, | 1 |
| " " hung grind-stone, | 1 |
| " " straw-cutter, | 1 |
| " " pair of Elliptic Springs, | 1 |
| " " " iron axletrees and boxes, | 1 |
| " " dung forks, | 50c. |
| " " hay forks, | 50c. |
| " " dung shovel, | 50c. |
| " " ditching spade, | 50c. |
| " " chopping-axe, | 50c |
| " " broad-axe, | 50c. |
| " " hand-axe, | 50c. |
| " " claw hammer, | 50c. |
| " " hand rake, | diploma. |
| " " ox yoke, | " |
| " " pruning hook, | " |
| " " scythe snath, | " |
| " " smut machine, | 3 |
| " " corn planter or drill, | 1 |
| " " straw or shack cutter, | 2 |
| For the 2d best of three last, | dips. |

SECOND CLASS.—*Vehicles.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best four horse wagon, | 4 |
| " " two " " | 2 |
| " " one " " | 1 |
| " " two horse carriage, | 2 |
| " " one phaeton or rockaway, | 1 |
| " " buggy with top, | 1 |
| " " open buggy, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

THIRD CLASS.—*Saddlery.*

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|---|---|
| For the best set of 4 horse wagon gear, | 2 |
| " " " 2 " harness, | 1 |
| " " " 2 horse carriage " | 2 |
| " " " buggy or sulky " | 1 |
| " " " Gentleman's Saddle, Bridle and Martingales, | 2 |
| For the best Lady's ditto. | 2 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

FOURTH CLASS.—*Tannery, Manner of Tanning to be given.*

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|---|---|
| For the best side of upper leather, | 1 |
| " " " sole " | 1 |
| " " " harness " | 1 |
| " " calf-skin, | 1 |
| " " kip-skin, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

FIFTH CLASS.—*Shoemaking.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best pair of boots, fine, | 1 |
| " " " shoes, fine, | 50c. |
| " " " boots and shoes, coarse, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

SIXTH CLASS.—*Tailoring.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best coat made by a lady, | 1 |
| " " " " " tailor, | 1 |
| " " pants " " " | 50c. |
| " " vest of any material, | 50c. |
| For the 2d best of each, | diplomas. |

SEVENTH CLASS.—*Household Manufactures.*

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best bed quilt, | 2 |
| " " counterpane, | 1 |
| " " blanket, | 1 |
| " " specimens of embroidery, | 50c. |
| " " coverlet, | 1 |
| " " piece of woolen jeans, 10 yards, | 2 |
| " " " linsey, " | 1 |
| " " " woolen cloth for negroes, 10 yards, | 1 |
| For the best table cloth, | 50c. |
| " " home-made silk, | 1 |
| " " specimen of soap, and process of making, | 50c. |
| For the best specimen of fresh butter, not less than 5 pounds, | 50c. |
| For the best specimen of cheese, home-made, 5 pounds, | 50c. |
| For the best honey, not less than 5 pounds, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of the above, | diploma. |
| For the best pair of woolen stockings, | " |
| " " " cotton " | " |

RULES FOR BRANCH III.

All machines, implements, or other products of mechanical art, or household handiwork, must be exhibited by or for their respective makers or inventors, or improvers, or assignees, to whom or for whom only premiums for such articles will be awarded.

Persons holding such articles by purchase, or as matters of traffic, will have no claim to premiums.

Every machine or implement offered for a premium, must be designated or described, so that the article may be identified by future purchasers; and also the selling price, marked on them.

Efficiency, cheapness, and durability will be regarded as chief excellence in every machine or implement.

FRUIT AND FRUIT TREES.

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best and largest variety of apples, pears and peaches, each, | dips. |
| For the largest and best variety of fruit trees, | 1 |
| For the best and largest assortment of table vegetables, | 1 |
| For the best and largest assortment and greatest variety of roses and other flowers, | 50c. |
| For the 2d best of the three last, | dips. |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|---|---|
| For the best bacon hams and method of curing them, | 1 |
| For the 2d best, | dip. |
| For the best bedstead, | 1 |
| For the best chair, | 50c. |
| For the best table, | 1 |
| For the best hat, | 50c. |
| For the best gun, | 50c. |
| For the best specimen of stoneware or earthenware, | 50c. |
| For the best lot of wood-ware, | 50c. |
| For the best lot of iron castings, | 1 |
| For the best specimen of flour, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of the above, | dips. |

PLOUGHING MATCH.

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|---|---|
| For the best ploughing with any two horse plough, and the same with oxen, | $4 |
| For the best ploughman and horses, | 1 |
| For the 2d best of the above, | diplomas. |

DISCRETIONARY PREMIUMS,

Will be awarded for contributions to Floral Hall, such as works of art and taste, needle work, paintings, drawings, &c.

BRANCH IV.

EXPERIMENTS AND ESSAYS.

EXPERIMENTS.

For the best experiment, or series of experiments on any of the following subjects, a premium as follows:

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| Effects, (in profit or loss,) of the usual mode of saving corn fodder, by stripping off the green blades and cutting off the tops, | $2 |
| Cost and effects of sub-soil ploughing, under different circumstances of soil and sub-soil, | 2 |
| How late, in reference to the growth, the last tillage (by plough or cultivator,) should be given to corn for its best product; and whether said tillage should be deep or shallow, | 2 |
| Best series of comparative experiments in the cultivation of corn, | 2 |
| Benefits and products of guano, compared to cost; to be tested by not less than three different experiments, made under circumstances more or less different, | 3 |

ESSAYS OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

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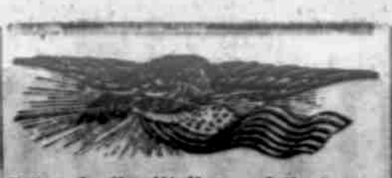
| On improving and enriching poor and wornout lands, | 2 |
| On draining, | 1 |
| On rotation of crops, | 2 |
| On the accumulation, preparation and application of stock-yard and stable manure, | 3 |



Union, the Constitution, and the Laws—the Guardians of our Liberty.

HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.

Wednesday, September 13.

## Orange Agricultural Fair.

In to-day's paper will be found the report of the Executive Committee, embracing the Regulations and the list of Premiums for the Orange County Fair, to be held in this place on the last Thursday and Friday of next month. The report was prepared, with care, by Mr. Thomas Wilson, at the request of the other members of the executive committee. It will be seen that he has adopted the regulations, classifications, &c., of the schedule for the State Fair, as far as they were applicable to a County Fair. The committees to award premiums, &c., will be announced in due time.

From what we can learn, this first Orange Fair will be a creditable one. Many persons have already stated to us their intention to exhibit articles. We hope, indeed, that every branch of industry in the county will have a showing, though the specimens exhibited may not be of superior excellence. It would serve, at least, to show the present condition of agriculture and the arts among us; and from that, we can more accurately note the future improvements, which we may now confidently anticipate.

The Ladies are earnestly invited to send in their contributions, and we hope they will not be at all backward in complying. Their specimens of handiwork and domestic articles, and their taste, will be needed to give grace and embellishment to the Fair.

There are now over one hundred members of the Agricultural Society. How many more will come forward to join these in the effort to improve the Agriculture, Mechanic Arts and Manufactures of the county?—a noble work, which, by its success, will greatly promote the comfort and wealth of our people. Let all who can spare one dollar (and who cannot?) hand it into the Treasurer or Secretary, and have their names entered upon the list of members. All are interested, and all should put their shoulders to the wheels of this noble enterprise.

NEW BANKS.—Notices are given by advertisements in the newspapers that applications will be made to the next General Assembly, to charter banks in the following places, Wilmington, Newbern and Beaufort. We also hear it spoken of that a move will be made for a new bank in this city.

Besides these, the Bank of the State and the Bank of Cape Fear have given notice that application will be made for an extension of their charters.

*Ral. Star.*

We presume it is the intention of some of our citizens to endeavor to procure a Bank, or Branch Bank, in this place at the next session of the Legislature. If the effort is to be made for an independent Bank, as some prefer, the notice of the intention to apply for a charter should be published at once; and we would, therefore, suggest the propriety of holding a meeting on Saturday of this week to consider the subject—say Saturday the 16th instant, at 12 o'clock.

The next session will be a favorable time for the application; and in view of the present demands for such an institution at this place, which will be greatly increased by the facilities for trade soon to be opened by the Rail Road, our citisens will manifest a culpable negligence if they permit the opportunity of procuring one to pass unimproved. The statistics of the county show abundant means to sustain a Bank of a moderate capital—the wheat and flour trade alone would be almost sufficient.

**The Official Vote** for Governor has been published in the Raleigh papers. The summing up in the Standard is as follows:

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| For Thomas Bragg, | 48,705 |
| For Alfred Dockery, | 46,620 |
| Bragg's maj., | 2,085 |

The Register's figures vary from this a little. It gives Bragg 48,715, and Dockery 46,619; majority for Bragg 2,096.

In commenting upon the results, as shown by the official vote, the Raleigh Register draws some conclusions which are by no means discouraging to the Whigs. It says:

"In 1852, Mr. Kerr received 43,003 votes and Gov. Reid 48,567. Gen. Dockery, then, receives 3,616 more votes than Mr. Kerr obtained, while Mr. Bragg only exceeds the vote polled for Gov. Reid 148 votes!—showing a clear Whig gain (or, what is equivalent to it, an increased Whig vote,) of 3,468 in two years!

"This exhibit demonstrates two things: 1st, that the locofoco strength in the State has been constantly diminishing since their triumph in 1850; and 2d, that with the increased vote of the State, the Whig vote has increased over the locofoco vote in the ratio of more than 25 to 1!

"To our mind these facts are full of hope and encouragement. Voting in North Carolina is so uniform,—so little subject, except under circumstances of an extraordinary character, to be influenced by popular excitements or swayed by sudden impulses,—that it could hardly have been fairly expected, (however confidently some of us may have entertained the belief,) that the State would be redeemed instantaneously, as it were. It must be done gradually. *Slowly* the glorious work *has been* in progress,—*surely*, it *will be* accomplished."

☞ The Senior Editor of the Fayetteville Observer, in one of his letters from New York, makes the following observations upon the position of the two parties at the North in regard to the slavery question. We are pretty much of the opinion expressed by the N. Carolina Argus, that on this question we will have to "tar both parties with the same stick"—for both are strongly beset with free-soil and abolition influences. It is true, that, just now, owing to the position of their President, there is more dodging and trimming on the Nebraska question among Northern Democrats than among Northern Whigs, but it is evident that they are not with the South on this question; and even those Northern Democrats who professedly approve the Nebraska bill, do it for very different reasons from those advanced in the South. But however this may be, a discussion of the question at this time, whether the Whigs of the South can co-operate with their Whig brethren of the North in the next Presidential election, may bring about an understanding between the two sections which will prevent the separation when it would be disastrous to the party. It is very certain that Southern Whigs, ever true to the Union and the Constitution, will only give their aid in the elevation of a man to the Presidency who is known to be conservative in his views, and who will faithfully adhere to the principles upon which rest the security of our institutions. The following is the extract from the Observer:

"I have seen no offensive manifestation of the abolition feeling since I came North, but free-soilism and hostility to the Nebraska bill are universal. I think I am not in the habit of taking gloomy views of danger to the Union; but I do now believe that its period is approaching far too closely for the good of either section. I do not see, for instance, at present, how the Southern Whigs can go into a Convention with Northern Whigs for the selection of another Presidential candidate. The selection will be too apt to be of a free soiler, whom Southern Whigs could not support. The going into a Convention implies an obligation to support the candidate selected. Therefore Southern Whigs will not probably unite in a National Convention, unless the appearance of things should greatly change within the next twenty months.

"I have not spoken of what the Southern locofocos will probably do, or refuse to do, for the reason that they have a convenient way of accommodating themselves to any existing state of things, and of voting for any man who may be the candidate of their party, be his opinions on slavery what they may. They did not hesitate about Van Buren, and they swallowed without a wry face the man who "loathed slavery," and who now supports the Nebraska bill as the means of preventing any new slave States from ever entering the Union. They, therefore, can afford to go into a National Convention, and to sustain John Van Buren or any other abolitionist for President. But Southern Whigs neither will nor can do so."

**A Rare Curiosity.**—Dr. Franklin R. Freeman, of this county, sent us on Monday last a Chicken with *four* legs and *three* wings. The legs and feet are fully formed, and of the usual size. The wings are small, two appearing on one side and one on the other. How long it lived after being hatched, we are not informed. It was sent to us preserved in alcohol, and we shall keep it at our office for the inspection of such as may desire to see it.

☞ Everett, the great American Magician, has been exhibiting his wonderful feats in this place, much to the astonishment as well as amusement of his numerous crowd of spectators. His experiments are said to be philosophical, chemical and mechanical; but by whatever means performed, they surpass any thing of the kind we have ever before witnessed—presenting some incredible phenomena.

Madame Everett, and "La Petite" Caroline's portion of the entertainment gives a pleasing variety; and the comicalities of "Old Billy Creighton," together with the banjo playing, almost equal to that of the famous Joe Swinney, add greatly to the amusement. The whole affair is unusually attractive; and is, withal, conducted with more propriety than is usual.

☞ Mr. W. W. Holden announces that he has made arrangements by which he has secured the services of Frank L. Wilson, esq., late Editor of the Salisbury Banner, as Associate Editor of the Standard, and business partner of the establishment. Mr. Wilson will take charge of the printing and publishing department on the 1st of November next, and will also write for the paper as occasion may require. Mr. W. is a ready writer, and has considerable tact and experience in the business.

THE CROPS.—We learn from a planter, that the Rice crop this season is fully equal, if not superior, to the best average crop of former years. The yield is abundant, and but little damage has been done by freshets and birds. One or two plantations have suffered from the ravages of the former, but as a general thing, the injury has been slight. Some of the plantations have been busy in harvesting for several days past, though the entire crop is by no means yet in.

A guess, places the crop this season at or near 200,000 bushels.

*Wil. Herald.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.—The Raleigh Star suggests to the Trustees, Faculty and friends of this institution, the propriety of making it "a University in the fullest sense," by a reorganization of some Departments, by the establishment of a Medical Department, and by giving more prominent position to the Department of Law.

There is another improvement needed just now, we infer from an examination of the last Catalogue. There were in attendance, we think, nearly three hundred students, not more than half of whom found accommodation in the University Buildings. *Fay. Ob.*

Nat. Clayland, who was recently shot in Charlotte by James Wilson, died Sunday morning last. A Jury of Inquest was held over his body, who stated that his death was caused by a wound received in vital parts of his body from a pastol fired by the hand of James Wilson. Wilson has fled the country, and has not been heard of since the unfortunate rencountre.

REVOLTING MURDER.—The "Rowan Whig" states that a man—a fiend, rather,—by the name of Holbrooks, *hung his own son* in Cabarrus county, last week. It seems that Holbrooks had sent his son off to some neighbor's house to procure something to eat, and returned without it. Holbrooks then sent him back, and threatened, that if returned again without it he would hang him. The boy returned as before, whereupon his father took him out to a tree and hanged him. Holbrooks fled, but, we are glad to say, has been apprehended, and will stand his trial at the next November Court for Cabarrus.

ATLANTIC AND N. C. RAILROAD.—The surveying party, under the direction of Col. W. B. Thompson, started from Newbern on Monday last, and commenced the survey and the location of the above road from the town of Goldsborough. The "News" says that "the construction of the road will be begun as soon as the survey is completed, which will be about the middle of October or the first of November. It is the intention of the company to push the work forward with energy to its completion."

N. C. RAIL ROAD.—The work on this Road is progressing rapidly. The iron has been laid for ten miles immediately West of this city, and the line from Goldsborough has been brought to Auburn, about then miles from us. The whole line between this and Goldsborough will doubtless be completed early in the winter. *Ral. Reg.*

We learn that Gov. Reid has issued writs of election for the Senatorial District of Rowan and Davie, and for a member of the House of Commons from New Hanover—the elections to be held in the District and County respectively on Thursday the 10th of October next. These elections are to fill the vacancy in the Senate occasioned by the death of Mr. Lillington, and that in the Commons occasioned by the appointment of Mr. Person as Judge.

*Standard.*

STATE FAIR.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Having occasion to pass by the Fair Grounds a few days ago, we noticed that several quite important improvements were going on, which will add much to the comfort of visitors and exhibitors at the Fair. Besides enlarging several of the buildings on the grounds, preparations are making for the erection of two more. The Fair last year was a very creditable one, but all had occasion to regret that there was so little space in the houses for exhibitors. We feel confident that this will not be the case this time. Besides, we observe, that the grounds having been ploughed up are much more level than they were before. The arrangements for the coming Fair will be much more complete and satisfactory than for the one last year. With more time to make the necessary improvements, and more experience, we feel sure that every thing will be done by the Committee to make this Fair equal to any in the country.

*Raleigh Star.*

ALUM CRYSTAL.—The Editor of the Asheville News has been shown some beautiful specimens of Alum Crystal, recently discovered in McDowell county, in this State, on the Catawba River. He states that, from the accounts of the Alum Springs of McDowell county, in his possession, the supply of mineral water must be almost inexhaustible. There are four or five high and extensive bluffs, any one of which will be found to afford as much alum and water as either of the Virginia localities.

These Springs possess much value as a remedial agent, in a great many forms of disease incident to our county; and situated as they are in a healthy and picturesque locality, offer to those in search of health or pleasure, many inducements to pay them a visit.

*Wil. Herald.*

ARREST OF CAPT. HOLLINS.—Some of the papers doubt whether Capt. Hollins can be held personally responsible for the destruction of the goods and merchandise of Calvin Durand at Greytown. Do they remember the case of Harmony & Co., in which a recovery was had against Colonel Mitchell, of the army, for the seizure of their goods in New Mexico? In the latter case there was a declared war, and Gen. Taylor