

Carolina Watchman.

Gen. John C. Beckett is the statesman, patriot and soldier, is dead. He was a noble specimen of humanity and his death is a sad loss to the whole country and especially to the South.

The Hon. Burton Craige and F. Y. Shober, are the choice of our people for the Convention, so far as we have been able to ascertain the wishes of our people by talking with the leading men in the country. They would reflect honor on Rowan and the State. The nominating Convention meets in this place on Saturday, the 29th May.

We have rarely heard of a death from a distance that has given us more sorrow than that of Mr. C. F. Harris, Editor of the Concord Sun. But last Wednesday he was apparently in the enjoyment of perfect health. He died on Saturday following. He was jovial, kind hearted, and generous. He leaves a large family and very many friends to mourn his sad death. Peace to his ashes.

On account of the press of business we must defer till another time, a report of the Press Association and the many pleasant incidents connected therewith. The following is a telegram from Wilmington during the session of the Association:

WILMINGTON, May 13.—The press excursion down the river to Old Ocean yesterday was one of the most pleasant affairs it was ever our good lot to enjoy. Gov. Vance, in one of the best humors, was along, and this is all that is necessary to show that the party had a good time. The proceedings of the Convention have been important to the Press of the State. The Convention adjourned on Thursday after electing the following officers:

President—Col. Jno. D. Cameron, of the Raleigh News.
Vice-Presidents—Bernard of the Wilmington Star, Manix of the Newbern Times, and Malone of the Asheville Express.
R. T. Fulghum was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and Cap. R. A. Shoutwell Corresponding Secretary.
Messrs. Englehard, Stone, Manning, S. D. Pool, Jr. and C. R. Jones were elected as the Executive Committee.

Convention.

In some of the counties meetings have been called and delegates chosen to the Constitutional Convention, but there seems to be throughout the State some want of an apathy on this question. Our people are, however, in the habit of taking matters coolly, and coming up to the scratch handsomely when the time for action comes. They would take perhaps more interest in the Convention if it were not hampered with such a host of restrictions, something less cumbersome would have suited them better and would have called out a more enthusiastic support. But still there is enough at issue to call for active interest, and the selection of men of some mental calibre, who will command popular respect and have the ability to fill the position when chosen.

The Radicals count much and set their hopes on injudicious nominations by the Conservatives and in this we must disappoint them by nominating our very best men.—Greensboro Patriot.

The so called restrictions are not worth the paper on which they were written. They are regarded as of no force or consequence by all whose opinion is worth anything. So let the people remember that the Convention, when it assembles, will be untrammelled, all powerful, and act accordingly. It is all important that the ablest and truest Democrats be sent. Such men as Graham and Craige, Gaither and Shober, Davis and Groves, will make the people of North Carolina a Constitution that will be acceptable to our people. Send forward men of brains and nerve.

The Wilmington Journal says the Convention which meets in September, and delegates to which are to be elected in August, will submit to the people of the State for their adoption or rejection, a new Constitution. What its character will be depends upon the people themselves. Whether we are to have a Constitution which will reform our State government, conform the fundamental law to the wants and sympathies of the people, and under which North Carolina can join her sister States in their onward march in prosperity will, of course, depend upon who the delegates are. The people can, and their most vital welfare demand that the best men in the several counties should be nominated and elected. We want delegates who not only know what the best interests of the people require, but who have the moral courage to give us a Constitution which will protect and foster those interests. Our wisest, our best and our bravest men should be selected, and our word for it, their labors will not only meet the approval of their constituents, but will redound to the general prosperity of all the people of the State.

It behooves us, therefore, to begin the work of preparation at an early day. More care than ordinarily should be taken in the selection of candidates, and more than the usual time should be devoted to a thorough canvass of the counties. The names at stake are too vitally important to us to second class men or to an ordinary canvass. Our dearest hopes, our dearest rights are at stake for which we fight. Let us then buckle on our armor, and under our wisest, best and bravest leaders let us go forth to a glorious victory.

THE WHEAT CROP.

Report from 300 Counties of the Prospects of Winter Wheat—About Five Eighths of a Full Crop Expected.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—During the past week, the condition of Winter wheat in 330 counties has been reported to the Department of Agriculture. About 300 counties of the valleys of the Missouri and Ohio are represented, which last year produced 70,000,000 bushels of Winter wheat, or 60 per cent of the product of seven States from Ohio to Kansas. The average of the condition in these States is 63 per cent, indicating only five-eighths of a full crop if no improvement occurs. In Kentucky, the average is 76 per cent; Ohio, 57; Michigan, 62; Indiana, 66; Illinois, 63; Missouri, 59; and Kansas, 87, though only 32 counties in the latter State are represented. The condition is better in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, though below an average. A few wheat counties in New York make extremely unfavorable returns. The proportion to be planted in other crops average 14 per cent in the West, or 1,260,000 acres in a breadth of 9,000,000 acres seeded. The largest proportion is 27 per cent—in Missouri and Illinois, 27 in Kansas and Indiana, 11; in Michigan and Ohio, 10; in Kentucky, 4. There will be very little replanting in the Middle States, excepting in New York.

The Old Broom.

It is worn away to nothing but a short stiff, uneven, useless stump fastened by loose, unravelled wires to a dirty, broken handle. It evidently has had its day, it ever anything had. No one would be crazy enough to say of it now: "It will sweep clean." It could not sweep at all.

But there was a time. I remember well when it was first brought home a trim, tidy, respectable broom. I felt it a power in my hands. All things went before it. It had a special hatred to spiders and all dust-frequenting things. Its bump of cleanliness was extraordinary developed. 'Twas a pleasure to sweep with that broom, it seemed to take a pride in its work.

But age crept on apace. Like a few human beings, its ambition and physical endurance were unevenly balanced. But it felt that it was better to be used and die, than to be useless and live, so it did its best until it was voted superannuated and replaced by a younger relative. Then Tommy took it for the garden walks, and then for his horse. Since then it has played the part of a promiscuous helper, wherever necessary, as the mother of invention has called into use.

Little folks, you may learn a lesson from this old broom. It was always ready to work and never shirked. It did just as well as it knew how, and was not to blame for what it did not know. So, if a long raveling, or a few chips, a spider's web, or a handful of loose dust was left behind, we never thought of blaming the broom, instead of that we never doubted that it was mortified at the state of things, though unable to remedy it of its own accord. When it "gave out" in the higher duties of broom-life, it readily took its place lower down and never murmured at its untimely fate, but did its best, wherever it was, cheerful and unflinchingly.

Let Them Work.

There never was a truer axiom uttered than that which couples Satan's name with idle hands; and parents who have boys to bring up should never forget this. A great many boys are mischievous and vicious simply because their activities are not directed in proper channels, and for this their parents are the only one to blame. The boy who has a sled, possibly of his own making, and a pocket knife, who has skates for the winter and kites for the summer, who has his own garden patch and garden tools, his own juvenile library of such books as he loves, his favorite pet animals, is almost sure to be industrious, happy and free from vice. If he shows an aptitude for drawing, pencils and drawing-paper should be supplied; if painting, a box of colors should be furnished, if typ-setting, he should have a miniature printing press; and, in one way or in another, his capabilities should be so cultivated that he will never be at a loss how to employ his time pleasantly and profitably. In furnishing your boys with a wisely selected stock of tools, you confer upon them a benefit which is incalculable. To be sure; many a knife or gimble will be lost and must be replaced before the habit of thoughtfulness is formed which will prevent losses. Tools will be injured, when destroyed; the quiet of the family will be disturbed by hammering and sawing, unless there is a workshop on the premises; shavings and like clean dirt will be of frequent occurrence in the kitchen, regular clothes will be forgotten and neglected in the enthusiasm of the boy to finish some task he has in hand; but these circumstances are trifling compared with the benefits to be derived from the constant and habitual use of tools. "Boys make men," and they should be taught to make useful men; knowledge never comes intuitively; it must be transmitted. The father who will not take the trouble to direct the expanding energies of his boy, to lead his inquiring mind to the pastures of knowledge, ever fresh and fair, and open for the child a career, humble though it be, is laying up for himself heart-break and grief for the future. When your boy stands at your side, book in hand, and begs you to explain the pictures to him, don't send him away until you have done it. Encourage him to look at pictures and ask questions about them; tell him stories that will stimulate his longings to read interesting and instructive books, of which happily, there is no end. Thus occupied with tools, books, work and play, he will grow up accustomed to find resources within himself, and not be driven to seek idle or vicious company.

In Iowa there are also female county superintendents of schools.

The Chinese tailors of San Francisco have struck and posted bills throughout the Chinese quarter, offering \$100 for the killing of any boss tailor who manifests a disinclination to pay the rate of remuneration demanded, and an additional \$300 for the killing of any tailor who consents to work for less than the rate so fixed.—Ez.

The financial system of the United States is well calculated to make Chinese of the whole South. The Yankee holds the United States bonds upon which they pay no tax. They deposit bonds to the amount of \$100,000 with the Treasurer at Washington and he gives them ninety thousand of greenbacks upon which they bank in the South, losing their money at 18, 20, and thirty per cent. The free money system will bring the industry and labor of the country down to the Chinese standard. Eight per cent, is as much as honest labor and enterprise can pay for money; especially for Yankee money and that which was stolen from the people of North Carolina.—Sentinel.

A Monster Shark.

ITS LENGTH 29 FEET, AND ITS CIRCUMFERENCE 15 FEET.

The London Daily News says: It will be recollected that, in a late issue, we announced the stranding of an immense shark at Shanklin, in the Isles of Wight. The skin of this huge fish has now arrived in London, having been purchased for the British Museum. The difficult operation of taking the skin off so gigantic a creature has been admirably carried out by Mr. G. Grant, Jr., whose ability in preparing huge objects for the British Museum is well known. Its total length is 29 feet, its circumference 15 feet at the largest part. Its teeth are exceedingly small, and not the least like the large white ivory teeth seen in sharks of mameams; they are on the contrary, very small, and set with interspaces one from the other and about the size of a cat's teeth.

This is the basking shark—squalus maximus, catenatus maximus, squalus maximus, sail fish, hoc-mother, or humber of O'Keefe, say-fish, west coast of Ireland. It is not, however, to be confounded with the sun fish, Octogoriscus Mola—that is, the shape of the sun. These huge sharks appear in considerable numbers in the Spring along the northwest coast of Denmark and Clew Bay. The Sun fish Bank is probably the first shoal water made by the fish coming from the Atlantic. It is possible they come there to spawn, passing the rest of their lives in the deep waters of the Atlantic. Little or nothing is known of the habits of this fish, which is probably the largest among known sharks. Couch records one taken in Cornwall, measuring thirty-one feet eight inches. It is supposed that they swallow their prey alive. The Irish fishermen spear them for the sake of the oil which is to be obtained from their liver. This fish, when floating on the water, is frequently taken for the whale on account of its somewhat sluggish movements. Hence it is also called the basking shark. It is supposed that the present specimen had lost its way, being bound probably for the west coast of Ireland.

THE VINLAND SHOOTING.—Mr. Carruth, the Vinland editor who was shot through the head by Mr. Landis, still lives and his case is remarkable in the annals of surgery. His homoeopathic doctors, who were called in the case to the exclusion of one, the most celebrated surgeon of Philadelphia, have given but one medicine from the beginning. They have administered arnica internally with the view to prevent inflammation, and have not attempted any surgical operation.

The Iceland Eruption.

The particulars of the grand eruption of the mountain called Troland-yujay, in the north of Iceland, have been received. The eruption occurred in December last, and was preceded by earthquakes. The weather during the month was very foggy, and the flames from the burning mountain could not be seen to advantage until the 2nd of January, when the sight presented was magnificent. Columns of fire and stones were shot straight up into the air to a great height, and fell back into the crater in so narrow a circumference that the formation of new lava only extended 12 miles from northward to southward. An exploring party state that from the side of the ravine, at a point as near as they could get for the burning lava, they could see down through the volcanic fissure liquid flames like vast reeking rivers of fire playing in wild confusion among the "wreck of matter." Fortunately, no damage was done either by the earthquake or the eruption.—Wilmington Journal.

Arrest the House Burner

Runaway under arrest for burning Gin House and Saw Mill, DAN. KIRK, colored, a smooth black, 6 feet in height, and weighing about 170 lbs. Two teeth out in front above. He broke away in Stanly county on the 29th April, and it is believed went towards Rockingham in Richmond county, or to Wilmington. Arrest of this man will confer a favor on the public, as he is a dangerous sneak. Information of him should be sent to the Solicitor, S. J. Pemberton, Albemarle, Standly Co., J. F. PENNINGTON, S. M. REDWINE. May 13, 1875—1m.

VALUABLE House & Lot for Sale!

The House and Lot on the corner of Main and Bank Sts. recently occupied by Mrs. Ann Smith, is offered for sale. This is among the most valuable property in Salisbury, and is conveniently situated in the business part of the town. Persons desiring further information can obtain it by calling on or communicating with either of the undersigned. Price Reasonable.

MOUNT IDA HOTEL, Marion, N. C.

This Hotel, (formerly Chapman House) is newly furnished and now open for the reception of Guests. The Proprietor has a number of large and well furnished rooms for

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The undersigned, in taking charge of this House, hopes to fully sustain his past reputation in catering to the public. J. J. WEISGER, Proprietor. May 13, 1875.—1f.

The Religious War in Germany—An Old Catholic School House Mobb'd.

BERLIN, May 12.—A crowd of women mobbed an Old Catholic school house in Kouigsbute, Silesia, yesterday, declaring they would never allow their children to become Old Catholics. After much excitement, the military was called out, and cleared the streets, which were full of spectators. Twenty persons were arrested.

The Roman Catholic bishops of Prussia have decided to dissolve even the religious orders which the state tolerates, being unwilling to see them subjected to the supervision of the Government.—N. Y. Sun.

An up country gallant, not long since, went over to see his bright particular; and after sitting near half a day without saying a word, got up, and says he: "Well I reckon it's a gittin' feedin' time—I must be goin'." Well, a good evenin' to you all, Miss Nancy!

You may talk, says the Milwaukee News, about marryin' an heiress, a delicate human blossom, a fairy, an angel; but give us a girl like Nancy Terwilliger of La Crosse, who ran out of doors the other night, and straddling a horse, yelled out: "Good night, old man, I'm off for the spellin' match!"

New Advertisements.

County Convention!

A County Convention of the Democratic Conservative party will be held in Salisbury On May the 29th, 1875, for the purpose of nominating candidates to represent the county in the State Convention, which will assemble at Raleigh on the 6th of September next, to revise and amend the Constitution of the State. The different Townships in Rowan are urged to send forward Township delegates to the County Convention announced above. By order of Rowan Conservative Executive Committee. JAMES E. KERR, Chairman. May 20.—2w.

NOTICE.

A little orphan girl about ten or twelve years old, to be bound out. Apply to J. M. Harsh, Probate Judge, Salisbury, N. C. May 20.—3w.

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A situation as clerk, teacher, or as business manager. Will serve in almost any capacity at reasonable wages. Apply at this office.

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STOCK HOLDERS MEETING, YADKIN RAIL ROAD.

The annual meeting of the Stock holders of the Yadkin Rail Road will be held in Salisbury, in the Court-House at 11 o'clock A. M. on Thursday the 27th of May, 1875. W. A. SMITH, President. May 13.

Notice to creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of Dr. J. R. Fraley, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of May, 1876. And all persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle promptly. M. S. FRALEY, Administrator of J. R. Fraley, dec'd. Salisbury, N. C. May 13, 1875—6w.

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LANDBRETH'S, BUIST'S, & FERRY'S. A large lot of Seed from the above Establishments just received and sold low. Send for a catalogue and call and buy your Seed, if you wish to have a fine Garden, from BUIST & BARKER. Feb 18th, 1875.—1f.

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NOTICE.

Having transferred my Agency for Salisbury of Messrs Wansamaker & Brown, Philadelphia, to Messrs Meroney & Bro., they will show samples and take orders for clothing made from measure. From this date I will take orders for custom work from citizens of Salisbury. W. T. LINTON. April 22nd 1875—1f.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held at the several precincts in Rowan county on the first Thursday in August, 1875, to ascertain the sense of the qualified voters of Rowan County, as to whether they will subscribe the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the stock of the "Yadkin Rail Road Company," and direct the issuing of the Bonds of Rowan County for the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS to pay for such subscription. All those who vote in favor of such subscription and issue of the County Bonds for \$100,000, shall vote on a written or printed ticket "Subscription;" and those voting against Subscription and issuing of County Bonds for \$100,000, shall vote on a written or printed ticket "No Subscription." This notice is given in obedience to an act of the Legislature, passed at its last Session. D. A. DAVIS, L. W. COLEMAN, H. BARRINGER, JNO. G. FLEMING, JOS. McLEAN, Co. Clerks. April 26, 1875.—3ms.

CONTRACT to be LET.

There is to be a new church built at Franklin, in this county, and the specifications are all duly made out and in the hands of William Thompson, A. C. may be seen by calling on him. The contract for the building will be let out to the lowest bidder, on the 4th Saturday in May, next. The letting to take place at Franklin church, 2 o'clock, p. m. Builders invited to be present. A. L. HALL, Chairman. Building Com. May 6, 1875.—3s.

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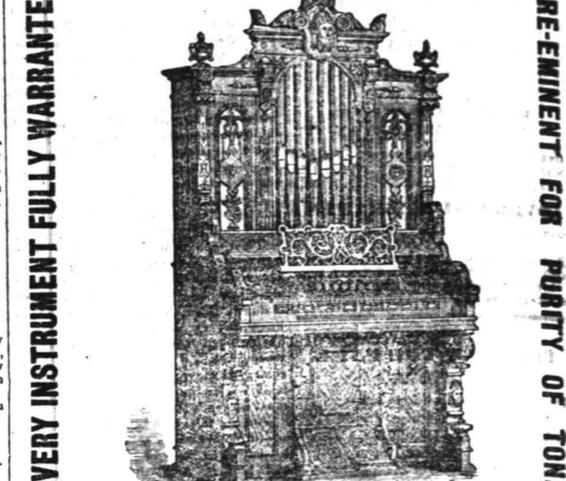
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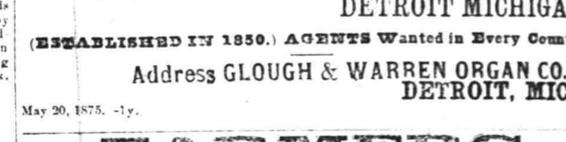
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