

LOCAL.

"Hop" at the Boyden House... Klutz & Cruse, who ran an excursion on the Western Road recently...

We regret to state that Mr. Burke, superintendent of the Federal Cemetery in the place, lost a child by diphtheria, Saturday last.

C. W. C. Woolwine, the Photo Artists returned, and has gone to work in the "pictorial" gallery. Go see the young man and ask him about his Virginia sweetheart.

ROWAN ARTILLERY.—The survivors of the above company will meet at the Mayor's office in Salisbury, on Saturday, September 20th to make arrangements for the Re-Union on the 23rd of October.

We are glad to state that several members of the old "Salisbury Silver Cornet Band" are making a move toward a re-organization. We are sure nothing would give more pleasure to the occasion of the re-union, than this most excellent band.

WELL PRESERVED.—In cutting among some old oak trees in Oak Grove Cemetery, yesterday, the workmen chopped out a plug closely resembling a jug or being hole stopper, made of some close grain wood. The circles above it indicated 40 years. It was in perfect preservation.

The Presbyterian Schools, male and female, opened on last Monday. The female school under Miss Gilmer, opened with fair prospects.

The male school is quite small as yet, but it is presumed that it will fill up soon. Mr. R. M. Davis, has charge.

Messrs. F. R. Williams and Wm. Griffith at Covington, Ky., are here for the purpose of buying Gold Mines. It is rumored that they have bought the Harvey mine and will probably make other purchases. The mining interest of this section are looking up—we learn that fair returns are being made in all the mines now at work.

Since the first side of this paper was printed several errors in the article on the "Blue Laws" have been discovered. We mention it here to relieve the author. The intelligent reader will easily detect the errors—"ever" for "even"—too many letters in "thirty-nine"—a large stop where there should be a comma—and "tutor" instead of "astor".

At a general meeting of Magistrates, Monday, W. R. Fraley, Esq., John L. Sloan, Esq., and Jesse W. Miller, Esq., were elected judges of the Inferior Court. Mr. Miller takes the place of the Hon. F. E. Shober, whom it does not suit to serve in this capacity.

J. W. Manney, Esq., was elected County Solicitor in place of Jas. E. Kerr, Esq., who has heretofore filled the place with honor.

THE PETREL CASE.—The trial of this case in Mecklenburg Court, has occupied four days. It closed yesterday evening. The charge of the Judge, published in the Observer, which is a recitation of the evidence and the arguments of counsel on the two sides of the case, leave it pretty clear that the prisoner cannot be convicted of the crime for which he was indicted.

LARA.—Petrel has been acquitted and is walking the streets of Charlotte.

AN EXCURSIONIST KILLED.—Mr. Hall Neely, of Davis county, fell off the platform of a car in D. R. Julian's excursion, Thursday night last. His left arm near the shoulder, was caught under the trucks, and nearly severed from the body. When found he was very bloody, having also received severe cuts on the head and face. He was taken up and left at Marion, where he died of his injuries Saturday evening. His remains were sent at this place by his wife and taken to Davis for interment.

RE-UNION.—Preparations are being made to have on the occasion of the reunion a GRAND SHAM BATTLE. A committee have already begun the work of planning the engagement; and have taken steps to have artillery enough for several batteries. This will be one of the most interesting and exciting features of the occasion.

ME WILL TRY TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED in regard to all particulars as fast as they are developed. Several prominent gentlemen, (old soldiers) of this and other States have signified their intention to be present and participate.

THE "BLUE LAWS"—Our correspondent "P," after two or three months' suspense, for which he accounts, puts on record in this paper, the result of his researches, together with his arguments, in defense of the New England Puritans. Scholars, and intelligent readers generally, will find this article highly interesting. It brings out many facts in the long ago which contrast strangely with opinions and practices of the present day, both in this country and in Europe.

RE-UNION! The necessary preparatory work is going on as rapidly as possible. We are requested to urge the township committees to hasten on their duties, also to say that "old soldiers" in these townships are to consider themselves members of these committees and to assist them as much as possible. This is entirely necessary, and ought to have been considered from the first—civilian were

appointed in the townships, it being understood that all the soldiers were committee men.

The ladies committee are requested to act as soon as practicable.

We have been able to glean an outline of the Programme, presented below. Other and attractive features will be added as fast as the committees report:

PROGRAMME: First day, October 23rd.

RE-ORGANIZATION, SPEECHES AND GENERAL REVIEW. GRAND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS, BALLOONS, &c, at NIGHT.

Second Day.

SPEECHES from 9 to 11 a. m., and from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. Grand Sham Battle, in which all the soldiers present are to participate, from 1 to 4 p. p.

GRAND BARBACUE AND DINNER, free to soldiers. All the Brass Bands in the State are to be invited—and are expected to be present.

The above is the probable programme, and we will state in regard to the Speakers that eminent men from all over the Union have been invited to be present. Among them, the President and his cabinet, Generals Joseph E. Johnson, U. S. Grant, W. T. Sherman, W. H. F. Lee, Geo. B. McClellan, James Longstreet, P. G. T. Beauregard, Wade Hampton, Jno. B. Gordon, B. F. Butler, and Hon. A. G. Thurman, Samuel J. Tilden, Thos. F. Bayard, Jas. G. Blaine, Roscoe Conkling and others.

Cheap transportation will be secured over all the Rail Roads in the State.

The Western N. C. Road, will pass soldiers both ways over the entire length of the road for \$1.00, all maimed or crippled soldiers to pass both ways free. Maj. Wilson always takes the lead in doing good things.

PERSONAL: Miss Fannie Neely, of this county is visiting at Mayor Ramsay's.

Miss Julia Clement of Mocksville and Miss Emma Rankin of Mill Hill, Cabarrus county, are visiting friends in this place, are at J. M. McCorkle's at present.

Mrs. E. N. Hutchinson of Charlotte is at Mrs. J. W. Hall's.

Misses Essie and Annie Means of Linwood Davidson county, are at Mr. D. A. Davis's.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Raleigh, are visiting Col. C. S. Brown.

Miss Hannah Gramsman of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Schloss.

Miss Mollie Fife of Thomasville, is at Mrs. Jno. Horah's.

Miss Hattie Ennis of Raleigh, is visiting friends and relations in this place.

Miss Mary Tomlinson and Miss Rosa Petty, of Bush Hill, N. C. are at Mrs. J. W. Manney's.

Miss Linda Rumpel left last Monday evening, for Pence Institute, Raleigh. She will spend several days in Greensboro, on her way down.

Wood Leaves.

Rev. Dr. Wetmore has purchased a house in Thomasville, and has removed his family to that place. He will continue to supply his parishes in this county.

Mr. Doc. Canfield died on the 18th, of hemorrhage of the head and lungs. He began bleeding at the nose on Sabbath and literally bled to death.

We are glad to learn that Rev. Dr. Nall will begin a series of revival meetings at Unity Church on Friday, Sept. 5th.

Thanks, Zephyrs, for your notice of that "pond." You should have added, in private address were delivered by Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. J. A. Linn, Rev. Mr. Crooks, and Messrs. J. Brown, A. Owen, Lippard and L. Lyerly. The little folks were all out, and the ladies too. They were all in high glee. May those beautiful little rosebuds grow and expand, and equal in grace and beauty the fallen roses. The celebration was a fine success. A SPECTATOR.

For the Watchman.

Sunday-School Celebration.

GOLD HILL TOWNSHIP, ELM GROVE. The celebration of the Sabbath-schools of Elm Grove, Lower Stone Church, and St. Peter's came off at Elm Grove on the 17th inst. The attendance was very large. The choir from St. Peter's, Lower Stone Church and Elm Grove acquitted themselves handsomely. Very appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. J. A. Linn, Rev. Mr. Crooks, and Messrs. J. Brown, A. Owen, Lippard and L. Lyerly. The little folks were all out, and the ladies too. They were all in high glee. May those beautiful little rosebuds grow and expand, and equal in grace and beauty the fallen roses. The celebration was a fine success. A SPECTATOR.

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A Neighborhood Fence.

SOUTH RIVER, N. C., Aug. 30, 1879. Mr. Editor: Below I give you an item of some interest.

To-day after a short notice, there assembled at the residence of H. C. Best, Esq., about 25 farmers, to locate a boundary for a neighborhood "stock law" fence. Result—a harmonious meeting. A committee was appointed to locate said fence, and equalize the burden of fencing upon all included, both for fencing in the few opposed, as well as the general line fence. The proposed fence will begin at the river on the Miss Lantz farm, run west to and include Mr. A. Lentz, thence across Second creek to and with the Unity line to the river, below the mouth of Third creek.

All present signed a petition asking for an immediate township election on the "Stock Law."

Norfolk has been generous and now it is growing jealous. It is looking savagely at Richmond and Baltimore that have been poaching on its preserves and stealing some of those merchants that it fondly hoped to bag as its own game. Ah, Richmond and Baltimore, you are running old foxes. Wilmington Star.

Only about 100 of the North Carolina bush-hunts who went on the excursion to Norfolk continued their trip to Baltimore. They were probably old traders and were merely availing themselves of cheap travel. They would probably have gone any way, excursion or no excursion. Merchants, just like other mortals, like free rides, free lunches and free hotels. Wilmington Star.

School Committees--Rowan County.

The following School Committees were appointed by the County Commissioners for two years from the first Monday in September, 1879.

- No. 1. Calvin Deal, E. P. Deaton, John A. Weddington. 2. Jas. F. McLean, Davis A. Sloop, E. J. Lipe. 3. S. C. Rankin, John K. Goodman, Sidney Hart. 4. Mack Morrow, Geo. A. Masters, John S. Knox. 5. John Graham, Jas. Knox, M. D. Phifer. 6. Wiley Phifer, Newton Renshaw, W. L. Steele. 7. Martin Phifer, J. L. Steele, A. D. Moore. 8. S. S. Cullerton, Wiley Lyerly, Joel P. Marlin. 9. W. A. Luckey, Jr., Robert Barber, J. F. Owens. 10. Nathan Neely, D. M. Barner, John C. Gillespie, Jr. 11. J. P. Sullivan, J. W. Turner, Jr., Richard Fleming. 12. Obadiah Sloop, David Hampton, Daniel Corlier. 13. H. J. Overcash, H. M. Leazer, J. S. Goodlight. 14. Jas. Rogers, George Deal, Jesse Seckler. 15. E. R. Blackwelder, J. C. Cress, D. W. Bostian. 16. J. C. Barhardt, Alfred Goodman, Wilson Lingle. 17. Edward Seaford, Rich'd F. Graham, Jno. Barger. 18. John Bailey, Harvey Winecoff, George Link. 19. Thomas Fraley, J. J. Lowder, T. P. Thomason. 20. John Lingle, W. F. Watson, A. C. Dunham. 21. Tho. J. Sumner, J. P. Wiseman, Charles Saffit. 22. Henry Fink, Milas M. Kotchey, W. C. Klutz. 23. J. L. Graeber, Moses A. Stirewalt, George M. Kether. 24. M. J. Barger, G. A. Barger, Tobias Penning. 25. John Brown, John F. Heilig, Alison Misenheimer. 26. A. M. Brown, M. M. Bailey, Julius Peeler. 27. Robert Knox, John W. Manney, Theo. F. Klutz. 28. Tho. Thomason, W. A. Lentz, John Eagle. 29. H. C. Best, J. A. Hudson, H. A. Fisher. 30. I. W. Jones, N. R. Windsor, Newton Earnhardt. 31. W. B. Klutz, Jacob Trexler, W. R. Mason. 32. R. P. Roseman, Alex. Shemwell, Henry W. Hudson. 33. Henry C. Peeler, W. A. Couble, Dawalt Klutz. 34. J. Lawson Klutz, Alex. Holtshouser, W. D. C. Peeler. 35. J. R. Fisher, Uriah E. Miller, William Weaver. 36. Lawson G. Holtshouser, John V. Fisher, Moses J. Earnhart. 37. Joseph Eagle, Oborn Holtshouser, Andrew Barger. 38. Alex. Lyerly, H. C. Agner, Moses Kestler. 39. Eli Wyatt, Noah Fife, Daniel Eagle. 40. John W. Trexler, Joseph Keler, Thos. Carter. 41. Nathan Morgan, Emanuel Miller, John A. Arey. 42. W. L. Parker, Jr., David C. Parker, M. C. Morgan. 43. Atlas Kirk, John E. Carter, John Trexler. 44. J. A. Gill, J. C. Snuggs, J. A. Coleman. 45. David Fleming, W. L. Carson, L. A. Wilhelm. 46. Levi Powlas, Isaac Lyerly, R. T. Thompson. 47. Levi Casper, Jacob C. Earnhardt, Alex. Shaver.

A Southern Storm.

A Terrible Louisiana Gale--Great Damage Done.

NEW ORLEANS, September 2.—The following dispatches have been received here: "MORGAN CITY, LA.—Noon.—A hurricane is prevailing here. The barometer has fallen four-tenths since 10 a. m. It is now 28-7/10, and still falling. The gale is increasing. It is impossible to give details of the accidents to property. The steamboats Sammie and Alberta have sunk. A portion of the iron shed on Morgan's wharf and a portion of the engine shed have been blown down; also Erwin's place. Some dwellings have been blown from their foundations. The damage to crops along the Teche are immense. The saw mill at Berwick Access Bay has been blown down.

4-2 p. m.—The Presbyterian church and new school house are blown down. A terrific gale prevails. The streets are flooded.

4 p. m.—Morgan's Teche warehouse is blown down. It was carried across front street, injuring the stores of L. Loeb and A. Eiman. The gale is terrible this evening."

LATER.—The storm abated about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In addition to the damage reported yesterday the Morgan Line round house at Berwick City, a new building just completed, to accommodate the engines of the next extension, and many dwellings had their roofs blown off and chimneys blown down. The negroes' cabins at Freetown were nearly all demolished. The gale was so furious that it carried the plates from the iron warehouse at Morgan's wharf clear across the bay to Berwick City. When the Teche warehouse went it was carried across Front street, smashed in the front of three stores, carried away the galleries, &c. The steamboat Fuller was abandoned in Bayou Sale Bay. Fears are felt for the safety of the steamboat Mattie coming from Vermilion. A steamboat from New Iberia brings the report of many sugar houses entirely blown down and partially destroyed. Several plantations have escaped being destroyed. Morgan City and New Iberia. The destruction to the cane and fruit crops is larger than ever done by any previous storm in this locality. At Franklin the Catholic church, Smith's warehouse, Walker's warehouse and ice house were blown down. Great destruction of property is reported on Bayou Sale.

Historical Notes.

Rev. J. Rumpel, of Salisbury, is writing a series of papers for the North Carolina Presbyterian, entitled "Presbyterianism in North Carolina." We are pleased to see his pen at work in this direction. His long series in the same paper on the history of his Church in this State show him to be a most capable writer, painstaking, and generally accurate. Numerous of the series is upon Granville county. We quote his first paragraph because it is interesting in itself and to correct an error into which he has fallen: "Previous to the middle of the eighteenth century, the county of Granville embraced all the territory lying along the Virginia line, west of Bates county—now divided into Warren and Franklin—and was set off from Edgecombe in 1746. Five years later, 1751, Orange county was established, embracing parts of the territory of Granville, Bladen and Johnston counties. Caswell county was set off in 1777 from Orange county, and Person county in 1781 from Caswell, Guilford and Rowan. It also occupy territory originally covered by Granville. This county is therefore the imperial mother of the northern cluster of counties lying on the river Dan and its southern tributaries, and covering the head springs of the Tar, the Neuse and the Haw rivers. Lying thus on the northern frontier of the State, it was the first to receive into its ample bosom the pioneers of the great Scotch-Irish army of settlers, that moved southward from Pennsylvania through Virginia, about the middle of the last century."

It appears to think that Bute county was separate from Granville. The latter was created into a county in 1748, and associated with gold in varying quantities, and from it was formed Bute.

Got Their Deserts.

The people who planned the conspiracy against the life of Mrs. N. E. Pierce, who was burned to death by a fire which she had burned two newly born infants with their deaths yesterday. They were found guilty Thursday and yesterday judgment was passed upon them. John Jackson, the white leader, gets 10 years in the Penitentiary; China Utley, colored, gets 5 years; Anthony Gattuso, colored, gets 5 years. In the case of Grace Burt, colored, judgment was suspended on payment of one-fourth of costs.—Raleigh Observer.

The President's family will leave Washington September 8 for Cincinnati, where they will remain a day or two and then go to their Ohio. The President will return early in October, and during his absence will attend the reunion at Youngstown, and the agricultural fair at Neesho, Kansas.

SUSPENDED IN MID AIR.

A CASE OF REMARKABLE PRESENCE OF MIND.

A Missing Young Girl Found Hanging to the Side of Stone Mountain.

Yesterday a pleasure party started from the Jesse House, in Decatur, to visit Stone Mountain. Among the party was Mrs. W. C. Jones, of Augusta, and her daughter, Emmie, about nine years old, and three or four small children. Emmie and the little daughter of Mrs. Cunningham, of Savannah, wandered from the grown people and were soon lost. They rambled through the thick undergrowth, until they were nearly dark, and had gotten far to be heard. The children were moving rapidly, when, without warning, Emmie slipped from the steep and almost perpendicular side of the mountain, falling about THREE HUNDRED FEET, when by great presence of mind she managed to catch a small shrub and cling to the mossy side of the mountain, her feet resting on a space of about fifteen inches of glutted rock. Had she again slipped she would have been hurled ONE THOUSAND FEET farther, and been dashed to pieces among the sharp rocks below. Her little companion missed her, but did not know she had fallen, and finally found the grown people from whom she had been separated. The entire party had been in search of Emmie, and were about to give up the hunt, when some parties passing the base on that side of the mountain, looked up and saw the child suspended in mid air, as it were. Information was quickly carried to the anxious mother and the questing ones here could also be rescued. She had been in that position for two hours and no time was to be lost. A brave and gallant young gentleman named GEORGE H. GOLDSMITH, about nineteen years of age, volunteered to descend the treacherous mountain side and rescue the child from impending death. The child being unable to descend, he was quick that she was growing very cold. A swift, strong wind was sweeping the mountain sides, and it was growing quite late. No time was lost, and in a few minutes a coil of rope was brought, hastily adjusted around the brave young man, and assisted by Mr. J. T. Willingham, he was lowered to where the child was clinging to the scaly walls. Reaching the child he gathered her in his arms and brought her safely to the arms of her mother. The child clutched young Goldsmith with such force that she left the imprint of her blue fingers deeply imbedded in his arm.

Our readers can imagine the joy of the mother and the deep gratitude she feels to the gallant young man who rescued her darling.—Atlanta Dispatch, 29th.

A Mountain Sinking.

Atlanta, Ga., August 20.—In the northeast corner of this State a recent heavy storm occurred, with thunder and lightning, entering the scene, as can be seen in the shape of a horseshoe, a party of gentlemen visited the mountain last Sunday, and found that it was not sinking, but sinking, making a break near the top, and at one place on the top of the sloping ridge leaving a perpendicular band—the depth of which is about 16 feet, and the number of acres about thirty or forty—rather in the shape of a horseshoe, the top being at the top of the mountain, where is the greatest depth of sinking. In the centre of this earth had evidently been thrown up, as trees are now standing with their tops downward and the roots up, and large stones are seen down the mountain. Since then the earth has continued to sink, until it is now nearly level with the river. The phenomenon is being considered by the State geologist and many scientific men. The theory is that the river is gradually hollowing out a way under the mountain.

WEALTH AMONG THE EX-PRESIDENTS.

Washington Adm an estate worth \$200,000. John Adams died moderately well off. Jefferson died poor, but if Congress had not given \$20,000 for his library he would have been bankrupt. Madison was economical and died so poor that he was buried at the expense of his relatives in this city. John Quincy Adams left about \$50,000, also result of prudence. His son, Charles Francis Adams, gained a large fortune by marriage. Jackson died tolerably well off. Van Buren died worth some \$300,000. It is said that during his entire administration he never drew any portion of his salary, but on leaving took the whole in a lump. Polk left about \$50,000. Tyler married a lady of wealth and accomplishments, and died rich. Taylor left about \$150,000. Fillmore was always an economical man, and added to his wealth by his last marriage. Pierce saved about \$30,000. Buchanan left about \$50,000; Lincoln, about \$75,000; Johnson, about \$50,000.—Ez.

A PLATINUM MINE FOR \$20,000.

Some time ago, Edison, the inventor had written to several gentlemen in this immediate section of country, making no allusion to the existence of platinum in the mines hereabouts, was mentioned in the Observer. It is now learned that Prof. W. E. Aidden, of Mento Park, N. J., is in Henderson county, in consultation with Geo. Clingan and others, reference with to this subject, having been sent out by Edison himself. He desires a very large quantity of this metal for use in his recently patented electric light, and it is said will pay \$20,000 for a good mine of platinum. Our information is that Prof. Aidden is satisfied that this section of North Carolina is the best look for the metal now so much in demand. Miners would therefore do well to keep a sharp look out for it. It is frequently found associated with gold in varying quantities.—Char. Ob.

A Wonderful Discovery.

A correspondent has sent us a startling letter from Miss M. Betham-Edwards, from which we give an extract: "I send you the following particulars of a recent scientific invention, just patented, and destined without doubt to play a very important part in our economical history. I think it must be regarded as a solution for once and for all of the great coal question, or rather fuel question, not only among ourselves but abroad. M. Betham-Edwards, the celebrated lion and panther slayer, lighted upon the following discovery by hazard, and after six years' persistent investigation brought it to entire workable perfection. He discovered by means of two natural substances, exhaustible in nature, the means of lighting and maintaining a fire without wood or coal. It is an instantaneous lighted and extinguished; a fire, causing no dust, smoke or trouble; a fire costing one-tenth at least of ordinary fuel, and what is more wonderful still, a fire, the portion of which answering to our fuel is everlasting, that is to say would last a lifetime. M. Betham-Edwards' invention comprehends both stove and fuel. The fire could be on the minutest scale, or on the largest. They would be used for heating a baby's food or for roasting an ox. Being lighted instantaneously they will be a great economy of time. M. Betham-Edwards at once patented his invention, and a body of engineers and savants from Paris visited him and pronounced his discovery one of the most remarkable of the age. He has had several offers for the purchase of the patent in France, but wants to sell it in England, his own occupation being in another line. Any English firm wishing to see his fire or stoves could do so by writing to him a day or two before he leaves. His address is M. Betham-Edwards, 10, rue de Valenciennes, Paris. I have seen his stoves. There is no mistake about the matter. It is as clear as possible that had he lived a hundred years ago the discoverer would surely have been burnt as a wizard." Very like a hoax.

The Supreme Court has decided against signing the school bill.

Thirty-two additional convicts have been sent from the penitentiary to the work on the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Raleigh States, a colored man of Rockingham county, recently sold his tobacco crop, which he raised on four acres of land, for \$925.

The Raleigh Observer states that the grand jury of Wake county, Superior Court last Friday presented some twenty Raleigh merchants for failure to take out license.

The address of Hon. Wm. Robbins before the Catawba memorial association, at Newton, last week, is highly and no doubt justly complimented by the press.

The Raleigh Observer reports the closing of a tobacco factory in Granville county, by revenue men, and the capture of one in Richmond, in addition to the discovery of a number of unstamped tobacco boxes in Hobson.

Over three hundred tobacco wagons were in Durham Friday, to attend the great tobacco sales. Such quantities of tobacco were brought in that the sales could not be completed. Pieces piled high, and for some specially fine yellow leaf as much as \$2.10 per pound was obtained.

Piedmont Press: Dr. E. O. Elliott, of the Sparkling Catawba Springs has patented a marvellous engine, which he is using for coal conveying purposes, and from Hickory, for plantation purposes and to run stationary machinery. This enterprise will doubtless be one of great convenience. The engine arrived here Thursday, and on being fired up and run through town created some what of an excitement.

It is estimated that 50,000 would be sufficient to open immigration from Columbia to the Air-Line Railroad, and there is no calculating the benefit it would confer upon the county along the river.

Union correspondence, 29th, Charleston, News and Courier: Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, on T. R. Cudd's farm, about six miles from Union, Mr. Seave Cudd and two farm hands were blasting in a well. While packing some gravel on the powder it caught fire and burned out one of Mr. Cudd's eyes, and the physician think he will lose the sight of the other eye. He blew a sledge hammer out of the well, and it struck one of the employes and knocked him insensible for some time. The other man was not seriously hurt. Mr. Cudd it is thought is dangerously burnt in the face.

QUEER FISH.

Two fish seldom seen herabouts were exhibited in market yesterday, having been sent up from Beaufort, as curiosities. One was a young swordfish. It was about two feet in length and not more than two inches in width. On the upper part of the body runs a continuous fin almost from the head to the tail, while on the lower part is a spiny growth, just like the projecting teeth of a small saw, which extends for about a foot. The fish is not more than half an inch in thickness. The mouth is almost round in shape, light in color, and with an ill shaped mouth. Both the fish will be given to Col. Polk, for preservation.—Raleigh Observer.

Two important State elections will be held in September, in California, on Wednesday, 3, and in Maine, on Monday, 8. First in public interest, as in date will be that of California, where State officers and Legislators, as well as four Representatives in Congress, will be chosen. Whether the Republicans or the Democrats shall have a majority of the last named becomes of great importance, in view of the possible consequence of the selection of the next President being thrown into the House.

Say what you will, uncle Sammy Tilden is a good hand at a trade. He made a clear profit on his long stay in some elevated Railway transactions about which Mr. Cyrus Field is complaining lustily, and now he has bought a magnificent country seat near Yonkers, N. Y., for \$150,000. The original cost was \$325,000. And then to think that old gentleman of near seventy summers should be spending his money in such a way, with no Mr. T. to care for him. He is a very confirmed old bachelor.—Wilmington Star.

A KNOTT CASE.—A rather knotty case came up before a magistrate for solution yesterday. It seems that two colored men owned a horse jointly—each being half owner. One of them, who was working the horse, mortgaged the animal without the knowledge or consent of the other, and in the course of time the mortgage was foreclosed and the horse sold. The owner now comes forward and wants his half, but the animal has been sold to a third party, and the question is, how can this owner recover or get possession of his property, for if a writ of claim and delivery is issued, the officer can not seize one half of the horse without taking the other. The case is still on.

END OF THE WAR IN AFRICA.—London, August 25.—An extra edition of the daily Telegraph contains the following dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated August 23th: "Sir G. Bullen, Wolsley has left Durban on the 10th of August. He telegraphs from that place as follows: Colonel Clark's column joined the one here on the 11th. The country is quiet. The enemy's army has dispersed to their homes. I am in communication with the principal chiefs, who say they will come in and submit to the King. Cettewayo is not very far off, and there is a prospect of an early peaceable settlement of the difficulties. The health of the troops is excellent."

A telegraphic dispatch from Capetown says: Notwithstanding Wolsley's hopeful tone reported on excellent authority, that Sir G. Bullen, at the last moment, refused to join the expedition for the capture of Cettewayo. The Oham King, Cettewayo's brother, has refused to return to his own district, declaring a large Zulu army was waiting to destroy him. Sir Garnet Wolsley telegraphs that a cavalry reconnaissance to Cettewayo's new kraal to the north of Durban, which had two cannons lost at Inausunda. There have been severe storms and the bridge over the Tugelas river has been partially destroyed.

MARRIED.

On Sunday morning August 18th, at 8 o'clock A. M., the marriage of the bride by David L. Bragg, Esq.; Mr. Wilson Kestler, of Morgan township, to Mrs. Margaret E. Rice, widow of the late George Rice, of this place.

In Rowan county, August 26, 1879, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Saml Rothrock, Mr. J. E. W. and Miss Corinne C. daughter of Andrew Cress, Esq.

DIED.

Died in Thomasville, on 29th ult., Mrs. Sallie C. Wetmore, wife of Wm. H. Wetmore, formerly of this county.

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BUSINESS LOCAL COLUMN.

The ladies of Salisbury say the Mill and Spool Cotton, wrapped on steel spools, is the strongest and smoothest for machine sewing. The different shades and colors equal silk in their exquisite beauty. Sold by Klutz & Headman.

SCHOOLS OPENING.

The male and female Schools under the supervision of the First Presbyterian Church will resume exercises Monday, Sept. 1st. Persons wishing to enter pupils should apply to D. A. DAVIS, Secretary of the School Committee, for terms and tickets of admission.

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