

Carolina Watchman.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1883.

Dr. John L. Henderson, of Concord, recently stricken down by paralysis, has so far recovered as to be up and get about with a cane.

Bill Meeks, colored, who was captured in this place some weeks ago, and taken to the Cabarrus prison, made his escape Tuesday night, notwithstanding extra care had been taken by Sheriff Slough to make sure of his safe-keeping. He is a desperate man.

There is considerable alarm in West Virginia on the rapid spread of small pox in some of the counties of the State. Mercer and Wyoming in particular. There have been a large number of deaths from the disease.

The Charlotte Journal reports serious damage to the cotton crop in that county from frost, on Tuesday night, some farmers expecting to plow up and replant their fields.

There was some frost in this town and county the same night, but we have heard no complaints of serious damage.

The Protestant Episcopal Church is holding its sixty-fourth annual Convention in Charlotte this week, and was called to order by Bishop Lyman. The Rev. Mr. Murdoch, of this place, preached the opening sermon. Rev. Dr. A. A. Watson was elected president, and Rev. E. R. Rich, secretary.

A cold wave struck this place Tuesday evening. The thermometer stood at from 38 to 41 Wednesday morning, varying according to situation. There was frost in some places. Wednesday night came on with a very cold wind, but the temperature moderated. Thermometer, this morning, 45.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the construction of the fangs of a rattlesnake, some saying they are perforated curved cylinders, and others that they are flattened curves grooved on the under side. The fangs of the copperhead snake are shaped like a cat's claw, grooved on the under side from the base to the point. The slightest pressure on the point reacts on the poison sack at the base of each fang, and sends the poison in a stream through the groove to the bottom of the wound made in striking.

The N. Y. World says, Ex Senator Conkling is not alone among Republicans in predicting the success of the Democrats in the next Presidential election. The country has expressed its verdict in favor of the return of the Democrats to power. The Democrats elected Tilden. They have revolutionized Congress. In the general election and in the spring elections they swept every thing before them. There is no question as to their power to elect the next President. The question is as to their power to secure the result of the popular verdict.

COST OF IMPROVED ROADS.—Boone county, Mo., has had some experience in building improved roads, an account of which is published. But she did the work in 1867-'68 and 72 at which time laborers were paid \$2, and teams cost \$4 per day—about double present rates.

The roads are made of gravel 12 inches deep and 11 feet wide, and the grade varies according to the country, although in most places it is easy, and in some localities there are considerable cuts and fills. Each road has a dirt track ten feet wide running alongside the gravel.

Roads thus constructed, cost at the time these were built, including bridges and toll gates, from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile. They have given entire satisfaction to the county and are prized as one of the best investments made.

Road making has for some time past occupied the thoughts of our citizens, who have recently voted at the polls on a proposition of considerable importance of this nature in reference to our streets. Their decision against making a bonded debt for street improvement may not be construed as a declaration in favor of bad streets, but only as to the plan of raising funds to improve them. The town commissioners are expected to do the best they can with the money raised by the annual taxes, and they are restricted to that source for means to work with. They are under no restriction as to the character of the work they may undertake. They may either follow up the ancient system of temporary repairs or may depart from it in a measure and commence a system of more thorough and enduring work. It is in this view of the subject that we publish the Missouri experiment above. Eleven feet roadways of gravel 12 inches deep would answer very well for the narrow streets of our town, many of which are much used, and in winter become almost impassable. The broad or main streets would require wider ways, and cost as much more in proportion.

The cost of whatever improvement undertaken will determine the amount of work that may be done in a year; and in order to secure the best results this question will doubtless be thoroughly canvassed; and we would suggest that the Western N. C. Railroad will probably be found the cheapest possible facility for obtaining suitable stone for any permanent work that may be undertaken. Horse-power and dirt roads can hardly compete with railroad and steam, even with distance in favor of the former.

A terrible whirl wind, tornado, or storm of some kind, struck Racine, Wisconsin, on Friday night last, and was one of the most destructive yet recorded. It also struck Malton, Harvard, Clinton and Stanton, Ill., and Duluth, Minn., and made a track between these places through the country, leveling almost every thing in its course. It had been ascertained on the 20th that not less than twenty-five people had been killed out right, and a great many wounded by falling houses and flying timbers. House-timbers and uprooted trees were driven before the storm like straws. The distress of the people whose property and lives were involved in the storm, is great. The full extent of the damage can hardly be estimated.

The 20th Celebrated.

Big Crowds and a Fine Time.

The 108th anniversary celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence has come and gone, and, after a day of crowds and dust, floating banners, gay and gaudy processions, speech making, fun and merry making, the city is once more left to its usual quietude and serenity. A pleasant day for the celebration could scarcely have been desired. The air was cool and bracing, and heavy banks of clouds gave protection from the rays of the sun, and made it just about right so far as the weather was concerned, for the exercises of the day. The streets began to fill up about nine o'clock and it was soon apparent that we were to have a larger crowd than was anticipated. An excursion train of six coaches from Columbia, and one of three from Statesville, emptied crowds of visitors into the city about ten o'clock, and vehicles were rolling in from all directions all morning. The number of visitors at the lowest estimate was put at about 3,000. At one o'clock the procession began to form and at two it was ready to move. Capt. Jno. R. Erwin, the chief marshal, was in command, and brought out the procession in fine style. Happy McSmith, as drum major, led the band, and then came the mayor and officers of the fire department in carriages, followed in successive order by the Hornets, Pioneers, the Firemen's Pet, Kendrick Hook and Ladder Company, The Charlotte Bicycle Club, 20 strong, handsomely uniformed, and mounted on their glittering machines, were at the head of the whole, and were a very attractive feature of the procession. Miss Bertha Eagle, the firemen's pet, made a very pretty picture in her rose embowered chariot. After parading the several streets, the procession drew up in Independence Square, where it was disbanded, and speeches and other ceremonies of the day claimed the attention of the public.—Journal-Observer.

It is clearly impossible to construct houses that will withstand the enormous force of mad winds such as have recently carried destruction through Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri. But there is one important lesson to be found in the record of these cyclones: well constructed, low, wooden houses on the Western prairies are safer than brick houses. A good frame structure is not so easily torn to pieces as one of brick, and it has been shown beyond a doubt that the loss of life in families occupying frame dwellings in the path of a cyclone is not as great as among those living in brick houses. The same force that will utterly demolish the latter and bury the inmates in the ruins may tear a frame building from its foundation and wrench it out of shape and yet leave the occupants uninjured. Moreover, it is reasonably safe to take refuge in the cellar of a frame house; but not so with a brick, which is liable to come tumbling about you when struck by the storm king. Therefore in the regions periodically swept by tornadoes, strong wooden structures are far better than dwellings made of any other material. While this is by no means a new idea, it can not be too often urged upon the attention of the people in the Upper Mississippi Valley, inasmuch as the loss of life from terrific storms seems to increase year after year.—Ctn. Times Star.

A Successful Year.

The Managers of the American Bible Society have just presented their sixty-seventh Annual Report. During no previous year of the history of the Society have so many pages of the sacred word been issued; and only a single year—the last of the great civil war—ranks the one just closed. In the United States the Fourth General Supply has been auspiciously inaugurated, and in foreign lands the Society has entered new fields, while in countries where the work had been previously established it has been prosecuted with remarkable vigor and success. Three hundred and eleven colporteurs have labored in this country, and two hundred and seventy-six in foreign lands. The receipts for the year for general purposes were \$283,641.91. The number of copies of the Scripture issued during the year is 1,676,232. The issues of the Society during sixty-seven years amount to forty-two millions, eighty-three thousand, eight hundred and sixteen. (42,073,816).—Ctn. Times-Star.

How times have changed since the Grant regime, when all the machinery of the Republican party was employed to work up negro movements and to instigate the very race demonstrations here condemned! The Republican party has grown weary of the negro. It has wrung out of him the last particle of political material he can be made to yield and now flings him aside to take care of himself.—St. Louis Republican.

Appointments by the President.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The President to-day appointed Sam'l W. Ferguson, of Mississippi, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission, vice James B. Eads, resigned. He also, this afternoon, appointed Walter Evans, of Louisville, Ky., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in place of Green B. Raum, resigned.

Walter Evans, the new Commissioner, is a lawyer of some ability and is well known in the politics of his State. He was at one time law-partner of Benjamin H. Bristol, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and was a Bristol man in the convention of 1876. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Chicago convention and was one of the 306 who supported Gen. Grant's candidacy. In 1879 he was a candidate for Governor of his own State on the Republican ticket.

He and Post Master General Gresham are warm personal friends, and it is understood that the latter was instrumental in securing Evans' appointment.

Queer Educational Results.

It is by some persons considered an open question whether education educates. There is no question that educational machinery, properly fabricated with cash, moves smoothly, talking in at one end of its curriculum thousands of bright eyed archons and turning them out daily at the other end after five or six years, with more or less of knowledge. But the machine seems to be out of gear in Illinois, and the archons will have a poor show, as the following answers given at an examination by several teachers in Adams county, Illinois, holding first-grade certificates, would indicate:

One named as three living American poets, Shakespeare, Byron and Longfellow.

One teacher thought Shakespeare was dead; thought he died in Indiana about 20 years ago.

Another said "Pilgrim's Progress" was written by Longfellow.

Another said "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written by Byron.

Another thought a bicycle was a musical instrument.

Another did not know what a telephone was.

Another did not know that Congress was in session the past winter.

Another said Illinois had 10 United States Senators and New York 120; and he voted for United States Senator from Illinois.

Another thought that Freilinghuysen was a machine.

Several had not heard of the Vienna or United States floods, or of the star-trout trial. Most of them are men teachers, and these are only part of the answers.

The Strange and Attractive Traits of the Scotch Canines.

Brunswick (Ga.) Appeal.

Our readers have doubtless seen child hood heard of the Scotch shepherd dogs and their wonderful sagacity, (almost amounting to reason) but few of them, probably, are aware that these dogs have been introduced and are now being used in their favorite work of keeping sheep, within a hundred miles of this place. Mr. Walter T. McArthur, of Montgomery county, who is probably one of the largest sheep owners in Georgia, has for several years had two of these dogs, which, during that period, have served him well and faithfully in the care of his flocks. They are so very intelligent that at any time they can be trusted to either watch their charge or to drive them to or from pasture, no matter what may be the distance or nature of the way, a command from their master being all that is necessary to secure prompt obedience. The sheep composing Mr. McArthur's flocks were purchased from several different persons, and each particular lot naturally remain together and rather separated from the others, each of these bunches being designated by the name of the party from whom they were purchased. These dogs can, at any time, be sent far into the woods for a specified bunch, it only being necessary to give its name, thus: "The McCloud sheep," or "the Nash sheep," and a failure on their part to bring the proper lot, not one being missing, is reckoned among the phenomenal occurrences. As a matter of course these dogs are of immense service to their owner, and the gentleman who gave us these facts says he doesn't believe that \$1,000 each would buy them. So strong is the instinct in these dogs to watch and keep together all animals of a kind, that three puppies of the above mentioned dogs and their chief enjoyment in driving all the poultry of the yard into some clear space and keeping them for hours, regardless of the fact that not one particle of food can there be obtained by the imprisoned fowls. On this account it is unnecessary to keep these enterprising pups shut up.

One of this species is owned in this city by Mr. J. K. Nightengale.

These facts were given us by a gentleman of this city of undoubted veracity, who affirms that he has often seen these intelligent brutes go through the performances alluded to.

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From some readable and instructive notes of travel furnished the News-Observer by Rev. L. Branson we copy the following: I make the following assertions without fear of contradiction: 1. North Carolina was never so prosperous materially as at the present time; 2. The State was never before so prosperous in her educational matters; 3. The State was never before so prosperous in her religious institutions. I have noticed at Goldsboro, Newberne, Greenville, Edenton and at many other places a wonderful revolution in the one thing of personal comfort. I noticed at Goldsboro a rice mill in active operation. At New Berns I found another. At Washington there is still another, doing beautiful work and capable of hulling and polishing several hundred bushels of rice daily.

The last number of the Popular Science Monthly contains two excellent articles—one on "Consumption," wherein the author says that outdoor life in the North Carolina mountains will ordinarily effect a cure. The author remarks that consumption is readily cured under certain conditions. He seems to know what he is writing about; but if he eras it is a pleasing definition that life and health are to be found in the "Land of the Sky." Let all who are threatened with this dread disease (if the pleasant experience be accompanied by another article that justly attracts our attention is the "Philosophy of Cooking." We had rather call it "Common Sense in the Kitchen." The first installment alone is given, but we like the practical way in which the author goes into his subject so much that we know he has something to say and is going to say it well. A few ideas of how we cook would doubtless be appreciated by most people. There is nothing like living and learning how to live.—News Observer.

A REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

On last Saturday, while a number of students of Rutherford College were bathing in the stream just above McCallard's Falls, about two miles from the College, Mr. G. O. Floyd, a young man from Leeville, Robeson county, approached too near the shoals when he slipped and fell on the rocks, whose steepness whirlled him down the slope over a precipice of 15 feet, and dropped him on a narrow ledge of solid rocks, from which he fell over another precipice of about 10 feet, thence 8 feet into a pool of water below over 20 from where he started. To see him dashing over the rocks in his perilous condition almost paralyzed his comrades above, but their excitement was calmed on seeing him scrambling out of the water and proceeding to rejoin them with scarcely an injury, except a few scratches and bruises. It was certainly a narrow escape from death.—Lenoir Topics.

Rich harvest for thieves and burglars.

Two citizens of Cabarrus county who camped in one of the back lots of the city night before last, came out on the streets yesterday morning with barren pockets. Some thief had gone through them during the night and robbed them of their last copper. They lost \$33, but were so anxious to get out of town that they went away without leaving their names with the police. The residence of Mr. J. S. Spencer, was entered by a burglar Monday night, who made a considerable haul of greenbacks. Mr. Spencer had \$108 in the pockets of his pants, and the burglar entering his sleeping apartments, picked up the pants and taking the money from the pockets, escaped with it.—Journal Observer.

Administrator's Notice!

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Lawson J. Peeler, dec'd, notice is hereby given to all creditors to exhibit their claims to me on or before the 30th day of June, 1884, and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment. ALFRED L. FEELEK, Administrator of the Estate of Lawson J. Peeler.

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Five carloads of black walnut timber passed through this place last night, consigned to a manufacturing establishment in Philadelphia. Many of the logs measured three feet through. The timber was shipped from a point beyond Asheville on the W. N. C. R. R. In a few years it will all be gone, and then some foolish somebody will cry, "Shut the stable door."—Greensboro Patriot.

Cincinnati Times-Star: Pomona is already pouring her offerings at the feet of the hungry New Yorker. Strawberries from Tennessee, peaches from Georgia, cherries from North Carolina, and watermelons from Jamaica.

Cincinnati Times-Star: There are some things which even the loyalty of a soldier cannot withstand. Col. George H. Boker, of Fort Kameh, has resigned his position because it was so cold out there he had to clap his own wood or freeze.

COLUMBIA, May 21.—Ex-Governor Thomas B. Jeter, aged 78, died at Union, S. C., yesterday of a tubercular disease of the intestines.

ATLANTA, May 21.—Mrs. R. B. Ridley, daughter of the late Senator Hill, died to-day from injuries received Friday in jumping from a buggy while her horse was running away.

TOLEDO, OHIO, May 21.—Snow began falling here at noon to-day, and at 3 p. m. it was still snowing hard, with about three inches on the ground.

BOSTON, May 23.—The steamer Prussian, which arrived here to-day, brought 1,000 steerage passengers, most of whom are assisted emigrants from Ireland, and their average condition is much the same as those landed here before by the Allan Line. A few of them are engaged to go to Lewiston, Me., to work in a mill.

A Late Snow Storm.

A Very Unwelcome Cold Wave Strikes the West. CINCINNATI, May 22.—At Muncie, Indiana, the ground was covered by snow last night; at Findlay, Ohio, the snow fell several inches deep; at Wapona, Ohio, it was so heavy as to break branches off the trees, and the thermometer fell to 35; at Hagerstown, Indiana, it fell from noon to night; at Easton, Ohio, it covers the ground; at Lima, Ohio, twelve inches fell, and branches of trees broke with its weight; at Bellefontaine, Ohio, four inches fell, and the thermometer fell to 41; at Marysville, Ohio, a blinding snow storm began in the forenoon and lasted all day. CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 22.—Cold windy weather prevails here, and trees, out-houses and unfinished buildings have suffered some. The snow is reported to be five inches in Logan county. ST. LOUIS, May 22.—A special to the Post dispatch from Caseyville, Illinois, says a severe frost here last night damaged crops considerably, doing more injury than the cyclones.

The time for the American people may justly be said to be taken up in preparing for elections. They are to have another trial of strength in the Old Dominion next Thursday, and both sides are getting ready for the fray. Mahone has been trying to whip in the dark by telling them that it will be a reflection on Arthur's administration if Mahone candidates are beaten. But not relying on this argument that is so strongly resisted by the simon pure and original Republicans, he has sought to draw the negro to his standard by having two of them put over the white schools at Richmond. He hopes to show by this that the Readjusters really think that the colored man and brother is just as good as the "pale-faces" if not a little better.—News Observer.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. All persons having claims against the estate of Levi Deal, dec'd, are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of May, 1884, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate are required to make immediate payment. This April 30th, 1883. J. L. SHINN, Ex'r of Levi Deal, dec'd.

BANK NOTICE. Ordered by the Board of Directors, that the Books be re-opened in the town of Salisbury, at the store of J. D. Gaskill, for additional subscription to the capital stock of the Bank of Salisbury, from April 25th to and including Saturday, May 5th, 1883. The amount of additional stock is limited to Twenty Thousand Dollars. S. W. COLE, Pres't, J. D. GASKILL, Sec'y Board Directors, April 24, 1883.—It.

FAIR WARNING. All persons indebted to me, as agent for Guarano notes, that are part due, as well as those due me individually, by note or account, are requested to make payment, for I cannot give a further indulgence. If you fail to heed this notice don't be surprised to find your notes or accounts in the hands of an officer. J. D. MCNEELY, April 26, 1883—28:1m

Notice to Creditors. All persons having claims against the estate of Moses Lingle, dec'd, are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned for payment on or before the 19th day of April 1884, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. JOHN C. LINGLE, Adm'r, April 19, 1883.—At:pd.

IT IS CERTAINLY SO!