

Prohibition in Richmond, Va.

The Richmond Dispatch reports the proceeding of one of the most imposing meetings of the business men of the city ever held in Richmond, and the design of it was, to oppose the adoption of prohibition, on which question the vote of the city will be taken, Monday, 20th instant.

Downfall of the Blair Iniquity.

The Blair bill is dead! This news will be hailed with pleasure by many of the readers of this paper, and by all those who love their State and believe in local self-government.

Improvement of the Mississippi.

It has long been conceded on all hands that the Mississippi, should, if possible, be improved to the extent of making it a safe and unfailing highway for the commerce of the States so largely dependent on it for shipping purposes.

Labor Question in Congress.

President Cleveland sent in a message to Congress, April 22d, on the propriety of taking some action designed to settle difficulties that may arise between capital and labor.

"Old Virginia never Tire."

A strange story comes from West Va., of two young ladies, belles of New Milton, rivals for the hand of Wm. F. Appleton, cashier of the New Milton bank.

Prohibition was voted on in Lynchburg, Va., Monday last, and defeated by a large majority.

Rail Road Discriminations.

The city of Atlanta has been for sometime the victim of Railroad discrimination; but her merchants failing in redress through appeals to Railroad authorities, appealed to the Railroad Commissioners, who have had their complaints under investigation and have reached a decision in favor of the merchants.

It is strange indeed, that a corporation charter by the State for the benefit of all the people thereof, should conceive that they had the right to tax one portion of citizens for the benefit of another, which is the practical result of discriminating rates.

Hog Cholera Cure.

Dr. W. S. Johnson, an experienced and eminent physician, says the Goldsboro Messenger, asserts on careful test and observation that tobacco is not only a remedy for local inflammations but will destroy parasites whether they are internal or external; and that he has stopped hog cholera by giving an infusion of tobacco in butter milk, having first ascertained by post mortem examination, that internal parasites were the cause of the disease.

A New Hot Spring.

A new hot spring has just been discovered at Warm Springs in Madison county. It was found by the ground caving in on it, and is about a hundred feet deep.

Music Festival.

The third Southern Musical Festival will be held in Petersburg, Va., at the Academy of Music, on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of May. Carl Zerkow, of Boston, will be Festival conductor, and also have his renowned orchestra here.

Boycotters Arrested.

Thirty boycotters were arrested in New York, Tuesday, on warrants issued by Recorder Smith. They hired negroes to go into the store of the boycotted firm and on the sidewalk in front of it, bearing banners with inscriptions of mottoes and warnings.

The Levee Broke.

High waters on the Mississippi are dreaded and expected in a few days. The levee broke at Austin, Miss., on the 27th, which will cause the flooding of Lunia and Coahoma counties.

Judge Bennett, the representative of the sixth Congressional District, is frequently mentioned by the newspapers in a very complimentary manner.

George E. Graham, "evangelist and wife murderer," was taken from prison at Springfield, Mo., at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, by a large mob of disgraced men, and hung to a tree at the edge of town.

The importation of hairpins from France and Germany has been costing the United States about \$2,000,000 a year. An employee of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., will probably stop this outflowing current, having invented a machine to make the pins, and compete for the trade.

The Wil Star says: An old darkey was in market yesterday with fourteen "cotton tails." "Every one of dem, boss," he said, "was kotched in a burning ground." But the produce Exchange was closed and there were no buyers.

The Jersey Bulletin reports the milk product of Lanette, a Jersey cow sold to T. B. Parker, Goldsboro, N. C., beginning March 8th. Lowest yield on first day 41 pounds. Being under special feed and treatment she gradually rose to 50 pounds, making the aggregate of 746 pounds in 16 days.

Trouble among the sugar refiners occurred at Brooklyn, on the 22d, the laborer's union having ordered the 4,000 men employed in them to strike. The order was obeyed by 3,000, two refineries having assented to the demands of the workmen.

A party of men, women and children—about 30—came to Hickory from Caldwell county, last week, says the Press, and took the cars for Idaho—emigrants to the West, seeking a better country than North Carolina! As an offset to this, small parties who have gone on the same errand, are frequently returning, content to live and die in North Carolina.

The recent elections in Virginia on the question of prohibiting by law the sale of spirituous liquors resulted very much as it did in this State a few years ago. It was overwhelmingly defeated. In view of these facts any democrat who desires to injure both the democratic cause and the cause of temperance, cannot more successfully do it than by joining the third party.

The warehouses for the sale of leaf tobacco, in Marshall, N. C., have closed for the season. Prices have generally ruled lower than last season, owing, it is thought, to the quantity on the market. A correspondent of the News & Courier notes the fact that tobacco raisers in the mountainous sections are discontinuing the use of fertilizers, believing that it injures the quality of the weed. Also that in view of reduced prices, they will give more attention to raising home supplies.

Chas. L. Heitman, of Lexington, N. C., has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. It is reported that his liabilities are about \$35,000 and his assets about \$10,000. Mr. Heitman had won the confidence of a large circle of acquaintances in counties adjoining Davidson, and his failure will astonish them all, for he was regarded as a very safe and reliable man. He has left Lexington, and it is supposed with the design of not returning.

It is predicted by a Georgia paper that this is to be another year of cyclones; and that now is a good time to make cyclone pits. The present dry and hot weather may be followed by storms, and then again it may not. No one knows anything about it. There are some three hundred people at Chicago who confidently interpret the present commotions between capitol and labor as an indication of the near approach of the end of the world. If that should happen there will be no need of cyclone pits. Now, what are you going to do about it?

A Parisian has a bed with devices provoking him to rise early. In itself a model of comfort, a chime of bells announces time to rise. If he does not heed it, a candle is lit. If still motionless, an invisible hand snatches off his night cap, a spirit lamp is lit and his breakfast coffee in process of making, filling the room with its aroma. It is supposed he now begins to rise, and is soothed with delightful sounds from a music box. Then another peal of merry ringing bells; and last of all, a card pops up at the foot of the bed, with "get up" inscribed on it; and all this by the aid of electricity and machinery.

It is mentioned as a fact that the mocking birds are rapidly disappearing from the woods of the Southern States, that two causes are assigned for it, to-wit: the shipping of them as caged birds to the North, and the introduction of the English sparrow, which is supposed to fight them away. If the main fact be admitted the causes assigned need confirmation. It is believed that doves, robins and birds of all kinds are diminishing in number, and from causes more potent than those suggested. The face of the country is changing—it's forests are being cut down, its waters polluted by washings from the cultivated lands, &c. The causes which drive fish from the streams may also drive birds from the groves.

There was a bloody encounter near Manchester, Coffield county, Tennessee, between 12 and 1 o'clock on the morning of the 28th, between Deputy U. S. Marshal, Webb Purdon, and "moonshiners," who went to his house to avenge the destruction of still house property. They broke into Purdon's house with the intention of killing him. He met them as they entered with a cocked revolver, and in the battle which ensued two men fell, but not without inflicting a deadly wound on him. The moonshiners then retreated and Purdon shot down two more of them with a gun as they were leaving, and then fell dead near one of those he had killed in the onset.

Affairs in Western North Carolina are assuming a serious attitude. Dark and dire war clouds are hovering low. The State Guard may be called out in case of emergency. LATER.—Recent advices intimate that the clouds are breaking away, and that the glorious sunshine of peace is falling athwart the almost bloody ground.

Gen Johnstone Jones and Richmond Pearson, Esq., of Buncombe county, both members of the last Legislature, have had a published controversy on the stock law passed for their county. Mr. Pearson voted against it, and has undertaken to criticize the course pursued by Mr. Jones, who voted for it. The last aspect of the dispute is serious. Mr. Pearson having challenged Gen. Jones to fight a duel.

The friends of Prohibition in Charlotte, are proceeding under the Act of the General Assembly of the State, as recorded in the Code. They have had out petitions for signatures and obtained the number of signers required, and have appointed a Committee to present said petitions to the County Commissioners, asking that an election may be held on the first Monday in June. This is all regular and proper. It brings the subject of Prohibition before voters on its merits alone, without the intermixture of politics.

Careful fruit growers will make a thorough examination of their apple and other fruit trees usually attacked by the canker worm—more generally known as the nesting caterpillar. If let alone they will in a few days strip the leaves off the top branches of a tree and cause them to die. And when you undertake to destroy the worms make sure work of it. You may break up their nest and scatter them all around, but if you fail to kill them, they will get back on the tree, reconstruct their webs, and go to work again. You may blow them up with powder, dynamite or gun cotton, if you prefer explosives; but a good handy pole wrapped at the end with rough cloth, so as to avoid barking the trees, answers a better purpose, because you can rub the life out of the depredaters and have done with it. Some burn them out with a pine torch, but there is danger of damaging the tree by that method.

The fear of poverty, like the greed for wealth, is often a snare, leading to insanity, to murder and to suicide. Such was the outcome with the wife of John Monroe Smith, near Keyport, N. J., a few days ago. Smith had mortgaged the farm and foreclosure was threatened. The wife brooded over it. They had six children the oldest 18, all raised on the farm. The poor woman could see no relief, and continually looked forward to being turned out of house and home. It caused insanity, and armed with an axe she undertook to murder all her children; for said she, if driven into the world they will go to the devil. Two of the she killed, and it is feared mortally would three others. Her husband came upon the scene just in time to prevent the murder of an old negro servant woman.

LATER.—This family is the scene of great distress. The husband and father has made two attempts on his own life, and it is supposed he too will have to be sent to the asylum. The recovery of the wounded children is yet in doubt.

Secretary Manning continues to improve and it is thought will be able to leave the city in few days.

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A Word to Workers.

If your avocations are mentally or physically laborious; if they subject you to exposure in inclement weather, if they confine you to the desk, and are of a nature to involve wear and tear of brain, and nervous strain, you may occasionally require some renovating tonic. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the article for you; it stimulates the failing energies, invigorates the body and cheers the mind. It enables the system to throw off the debilitating effects of undue fatigue, gives renewed vigor to the organs of digestion, arouses the liver when inactive, which it very often is, with people whose pursuits are sedentary. It renews the jaded appetite, and encourages the healthful repose. Its ingredients are safe, and its credentials, which consist in the hearty endorsement of persons of every class of society, are most convincing. Admirably it is adapted to the medical wants of workers.

200 Barrels of Lime, JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE -AT- R. J. HOLMES, April 29, 1886. 28:1m

Executors Notice. Having qualified as Executors of the estate of John Julian, dec'd., we hereby give notice to all creditors to present their claims to us on or before the 28th day of April 1887. ISAAC R. JULIAN, Geo. W. JULIAN, Executors of John Julian, Craige & Clement Attorneys. April 27, 1886. 28:5t

Pecans—Again. A week or two ago, in a brief notice of the pecan as a desirable nut tree for cultivation, it was mentioned that L. Blackmer, Esq., and Dr. J. J. Summerell, of this place, had pecan trees growing on their premises, but that they were as yet too young to bear fruit. It has been so short a time since we knew Mr. Blackmer was thinning out his nursery and giving away the young trees to his neighbors, that it did not seem possible he now had fruit bearing trees, and upon that assumption made the statement. But it was a mistake. The trees are now seven years old from the seed and have been bearing fruit for the last two years.

This is all the better for the pecan and all the more encouraging for those who wish to grow them. Any young farmer, or other person owning lands, can easily make a pecan grove, and after a few years have nuts to eat or to sell according as he may choose to do. Seed nuts can be bought in any of our shops, at any time of the year. The fall season is probably the right time to put them out.

The Post Father Ryan Gone.

Father Abram J. Ryan, the famous poet-priest of the South, whose death was announced yesterday was a native of Virginia and was born in 1840, it is said, but we thought him not made. He sang because poetry-love not made. He sang because the music was in him and must out. He loved the South and the South will cherish his memory and read his poetry. Children unborn will commit to memory his "Conquered Banner," "The Sword of Lee," and dozens of his best known lyrics. He was known to many of the people of Wilmington, and his death will be sincerely regretted.—Wil Star.

A Rare Gavel.

Rev. Dr. Lafferty, of Richmond Va., has caused to be made a gavel of a root of a tree planted over some of Jackson's grave at Lexington. He says of the tree: "It made rapid growth, and in years disturbed the modest mound. In 1884 Mr. Jackson directed its removal. The sexton opened the earth and the company present found the roots had come directly to the coffin and embraced by curious curves and bendings the body of the dead Champion of the South. My friend, the sexton, handed me a section of the tree, and these little objects are made from wood nourished by the night and day, and holding in its fibers the dust of the matchless hero." He has presented the gavel to the Alabama Monument Association and it will be used at Montgomery when ex-President Davis speaks.—Wil Star.

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NORTH CAROLINA, IS OFFICE CLERK ROWAN COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT. NOTICE OF INCORPORATION. Notice is hereby given of the Incorporation of "The Salisbury Manufactory Building Association," that the names of the Incorporators are, S. W. Cole, Alex. Parker, D. A. Atwell, S. H. Wiley, J. M. Knox, W. Smith, J. A. Rendleman, Theo. F. Klutz, John Whitehead, C. R. Barker, Geo. T. Thomason, David A. Swink, W. T. Thomason, J. A. Hedrick and such others as they may associate with them; that the principal place of business shall be in Salisbury, N. C., and its general purpose and business is to build Factories and Warehouses; that the duration of the Corporation shall be thirty years. The Capital Stock is \$2,550, with privilege to increase to \$12,000, divided in shares of \$100. J. M. HORATH, C. S. C. This 12th day of April 1886. 26:4t

Valuable Real Estate for SALE. The undersigned having been duly appointed and qualified as Executrix of the estate of Elizabeth Pearson, deceased, offers for sale privately, a valuable House and Lot, the late residence of the deceased in the West Ward of Salisbury, N. C., fronting 300 feet on Ellis street and extending back 400 feet to Craige street. This property will be sold entire or in lots to suit purchasers. ALICE L. PEARSON, Executrix of Elizabeth Pearson. April 13th, 1886. 26:1t

Notice to Creditors. All persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to me on or before the 15th April of 1887. ALICE L. PEARSON, Executrix of Elizabeth Pearson, April 15th, 1886. 26:1t

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