

At Whose Expense.

Those people who are clamoring for the eight-hour rule of work, vainly suppose that such innovation on the present system will inure wholly to their benefit...

"Murder Hole."

The Richmond Dispatch gives a description of a very remarkable natural curiosity near Red Sulphur Springs in Roanoke county, Va. It consists of a perpendicular hole in the ground 130 feet deep...

Dehorning Cattle.

The Chicago Humane Society prosecuted a Mr. Haaf, of Illinois, a noted stock raiser, for sawing off the horns of his cattle. What was the effect of it? It set stock raisers to thinking on the subject...

Looking for Ghosts.

It may be remarked as very late in the day for scientific men—grave senators in learning—seriously to set about investigating the subjects of ghosts and haunted houses. And yet it is a fact...

Thomaston, Maine, says the Bangor Journal, once prominent for her ship building, is doing almost nothing in that line now.

Moving West.

Mr. P. M. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, and Mr. John T. Patrick, State Immigration Agent, were in Salisbury a few hours last Monday. They were on their way to Asheville where they are making arrangements for introducing intelligent men of some means...

Mr. Wilson says that the indications for the speedy development of the western part of the State are most flattering. The Department has many queries regarding that section from the best people all over the Union.

Great Destruction of Birds.

A shower of dead birds of many varieties fell on the streets of Chicago, recently. They were migratory birds and were killed by flying during the night into an immense electric tower light.

After the great Rochester tornado, a farmer twelve miles from town found an uninjured marble top table in his field. Another found a very large sheep that came from no one knew where and had been deposited in his yard unharmed.

It is easy to conceive of such things being lifted by the suck and whirl of a tornado and of their being carried off for miles; but not so easy to see how they get down to the earth again without being broken to pieces.

The National Builder presents a statement showing the difference in the cost of three kinds of building material for a wall of ten feet square, or 100 superficial feet, including all cost of putting it up, to wit:

Table with 2 columns: Material, Cost. Common brick \$27.00, Rubble Stone 27.00, Frame 12.93.

There will be variations in this estimate dependent on local circumstances; but relatively, and as a general thing, the estimate is offered as proportionately correct. A brick or stone structure will generally cost twice as much as a wooden frame of the same size.

The Scientific American, so intimately identified with patented articles, is hardly a disinterested judge of Congressional measures designed for the protection of the people as against the abuses practiced on them by patentees. Almost every issue contains more or less on the Bills before Congress, and always from the patentees standpoint.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, is doing double duty as pastor of the Tarboro and Rocky Mount Presbyterian churches. The Elders of the latter church are anxious to finish and paint their church, and to this end ask contributions from those who care to help.

There are two telescopic comets now visible,—one in the eastern sky resembles the great comet of 1853, and has a period of 3,000 years. It has a long bright tail, slightly curved—has a small star-like head, and is moving north. The other is a large round nebulous body, bright in the center but has no tail.

The Key West Democrat tells of a novel use of dynamite, to wit: catching fish. A six inch cartridge was sunk in a 25 foot hole where fish were known to congregate and exploded; and a great commotion quickly followed, the stunned fish coming to the surface were scooped up with nets to the number of about 1000.

All know something of the "liquor habit" and the "opium habit"; but the Medical and Surgical Reporter, adds to these the "coffee habit,"—the case of a young woman who taught herself to eat parched coffee, so that not less than 4 ounces a day were required to steady her nerves.

Rev. Walter W. Moore, D. D., was married in Salem, on last Tuesday evening to Miss Lula Fries. Both the bride and groom are well known in North Carolina. Dr. Moore was a school mate, and genial friend of the writer, who wishes him all happiness in his new relation.

L. D. Warren & Co's. paper mills, known as the Cumberland Mills, at Westbrook, Maine, covers an area of 50 acres: are driven by 20 steam engines besides water power, and employs 700 men and women, and 14 mules and horses. The pay roll is about \$27,000 per month, and products of the mills 20 tons of paper per day, much of it of finest quality.

It is said that Bob Ingersol, the atheist, is about to "jump Jim Crow" and become and true preacher of the word. Money making is probably at the back of the metamorphosis. He knows how to gather in the "boodle."

Capt. John N. Moffit, a well known naval officer, who has served both the U. S. and C. S. N. Governments, died in the 68th year of his life at Wilmington, N. C., on the 15th inst.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of New York City have adopted a resolution denouncing the passage of the Blair bill.

Mr. D. B. Gray, of Germantown, Pa., it is thought, is the inventor of the best automatic car coupler yet patented.

Queen Christina has a son and the Spanish throne a heir. Spain is happy.

Mr. F. H. Fowle, son of Judge Fowle, accidentally shot himself one day last week. He was 10 years of age.

With a Spirit of Fairness. The New York Star is one of the soundest Democratic papers in the United States, and it treats questions concerning the South with a commendable spirit of fairness not often seen in the press of the North.

It is well known that members of both branches of our national Congress have been obliged to sit in silence and allow measures to pass over them because they were from the South, and an expression of opinion from that section contrary to the Northern sentiment was a thing not to be dreamed of. But a change is taking place in the sentiment of the North as the following from the Star will show:

We are glad to see that Senator Vest of Missouri had the courage to oppose one of the numerous pension bills now pressed upon Congress by vote-seeking demagogues. Senator Blair of New Hampshire, author of the most sweeping and reckless of these devices for depleting the treasury, questioned the right of ex-Confederates to oppose such measures. It is time for the southern Senators to treat such suggestions with the contempt they deserve.

A Woman's \$200,000 Love. A strange story, illustrative of a woman's love is told by New York papers, briefly it is as follows:

"Over forty years ago William Kramer lived in Westphalia, Germany and loved a lass above his station. His love was returned, but the difference in position prevented him from marrying the girl. He left Westphalia and came to this country and in Bridgeton, N. J., where he married an estimable young lady, but he was unfortunate in business and at last the couple were compelled to apply for aid at the County Almshouse.

Fifteen years ago his former love died, still true to him. Her last wish was that her fortune, amounting to \$200,000, should be given him, although she had heard nothing of him for nearly thirty years. A search was immediately begun, and two weeks ago he was found in Bridgeton. He started immediately for Germany to receive the money."

The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor is in session at Providence, R. I. Theo. F. Klutz, Esq., is the representative of North Carolina. The Supreme Lodge is being tendered all kinds of honors, such as receptions, excursions, etc. At a grand reception given them in the Music Hall, Mr. Klutz was one of the speakers, and the Providence Journal says:

The next speaker was Brother Theo. F. Klutz, of North Carolina, who commenced by telling them a bright story. Continuing, he said he found this beautiful city open to the brethren, warm and hospitable in its citizens, and a splendid country around. One of our citizens came to our State once, and we tried not to give him a welcome. I refer to Burnside. But then we did not know you as well as now. We are here legislating in the interests of a grand constituency of 125,000 Knights and 400,000 women and children, a grand constituency of one half million of souls, and this fact may well interest you.

There is not a single savings bank in the whole of North Carolina. Philadelphi Record. "This true, 'tis pity, pity 'tis 'tis true." But there must be one in Wilmington. Who will take the initiative? Wilmington Star.

A scheme is on foot for establishing a savings bank here. Some stock has been subscribed and it is probable that we will have the bank.

The North Carolina Press Association meets at Morehead city on the 17th of June.

Town Report of Finances. Report of the Auditor of the Town of Salisbury, N. C., for the year ending May 7th, 1886.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. E. B. NEAVE, MAYOR. To fines and penalties collected \$444.41, To Cash from Treasurer 55.59, Total 500.00, By Salary 500.00, GEO. H. SHAVER, TAX COLLECTOR. To amount collected on tax book 1883-'86 \$ 15.35, To amount of tax not listed, 77.45, 1885, 6,721.20, To amount of dog tax 51.00, To special tax, 1,920.83, Total, 8,785.83.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. L. H. FOUST, TREASURER. To amount received from O. D. Davis, old Treasurer 27.48, Amount received from general taxes, 1883-'84, 15.35, Amount received from tax not listed, 77.45, Amount received from general tax 1885, 6,350.39, Amount received from special tax 1885, 1,920.83, Amount received from hay scales, 63.89, Amount received from dog tax, 51.00, " " graves, 86.50, " " sale cotton house, 3.50, Total, 8,596.39, By 564 vouchers paid, 8,240.61, By cash on hand, 355.78, Total, 8,596.39, R. J. HOLMES, Auditor.

Town Affairs. At the last meeting of the town commissioners, the following officers were elected: Clerk, D. R. Julian; Treasurer, I. H. Foust; Weigher, John Gill; Tax Collector, G. H. Shaver; Policemen, C. W. Poole and R. M. Barringer; Sexton, J. J. Bell; City Attorney, Kerr Craige.

The committee on cisterns, for use in case of fire made a report, which was generally approved. Action was postponed until next meeting.

The uniforms for the Hook & Ladder Company have been ordered.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. It was moved that the general tax be 50 cts on the \$100.00, Poll tax, 1.50, Bar rooms, 200.00, Vendors of wine, cordial, etc., 50.00, Ten pin balling alleys, etc., 50.00, Hotel, 10.00, Bankers, money exchange dealers, etc., 35.00, Billiard and bagatelle tables, 25.00, Two horse drays, 10.00, One horse drays, 5.00, Pedlers of soap, inks, patent medicines of any kind, what-so-ever, 10.00, All lectures given otherwise than for charitable purposes, 5.00, Pedlers of... 5.00, Photographers or picture taker residents, 10.00, All concerts or musicals, 10.00, Auctioneers, 25.00, Commission merchants, 10.00, Public eating house or restaurant Express company, 40.00, Telegraph Companies, 20.00, Theatrical troupe each day, 5.00, All amusements, 5.00, Museums or wax works, 5.00, Circus each day, 50.00, Side shows each day, 20.00, All itinerant companies that show for public amusement, 5.00.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. All gift enterprises, 5.00, Itinerant physicians, dentists, surgeons, etc., 20.00, Lightning rod dealers, 5.00, Fortune tellers, horse jockeys, 12.00, All butchers per year, 10.00, Grand gympases, 12.00, The indebtedness of the town amounts to about one thousand dollars.

During the past year we have paid every dollar of indebtedness created by the present administration, and have paid vouchers issued by the previous board as per statement below. About 700 feet of streets have been thoroughly macadamized, the streets and sidewalks generally have received more than usual attention and are now in good condition. We have paid the following amounts which are outside of the usual and ordinary expenses of the town.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Beef taxes refunded \$361.85, Building graded school house 680.00, Seats, desks, putting down, etc. 207.79, Building station house, painting, etc. 9.50, Balance of R. H. Morrison's judgment 272.50, Taking census of the town 324.25, 400 feet of hose, buckets, etc. 344.00, Orders given by previous Board 385.44, Total amount 2,825.93

Another democratic movement in favor of economy is the recommendation of the acting secretary of the treasury that about sixty of the customs districts of the country be abolished by consolidation with contiguous districts of more importance. It appears that in nearly all of the districts this recommendation has been greatly in excess of the receipts, it having cost one of them, for example, \$22.16 to collect one dollar. They have under republican administrations, been simply places for the support of republican party workers. They should be abolished by all means. News-Observer.

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ONLY HALF ALIVE.

There are hosts of men and women who, to coin a phrase, are only half-alive. That is to say, they have seldom if ever any appetite, are nervous, weak, fidgety and troubled by numberless small pains and aches. In the presence of vigorous, exuberant vitality they seem mere pigmies, such persons are usually fond of frequently dosing themselves, swallowing in the course of the year enough drugs to stock an apothecary's shop of average dimensions. This, of course, defeats instead of furthering the end in view.

Proposals for Building. Sealed bids for furnishing all materials and erecting a large school house in Dixonsville will be received until Monday, June 7. The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids. The plans and specifications may be seen by calling at the residence of the undersigned after May 23. F. J. MURDOCH, Sec. Salisbury Graded School Com. May 18th, 1886. 31:3t

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