

Carolina Watchman.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1887.

Railroad—Wilkes vs. Alexander.

We see in the report of the Railroad meeting held at Wilkesboro, given by the *Statesville Mail*, the following:

"Mr. Cranor: If we subscribe the \$100,000 in bonds and the road is built to Elkin, what guarantee will you give us that it will be built to this point?"

Mr. Busbee: We will give you the word of Col. Andrews, who has fulfilled every promise he has ever made, and we will forfeit the bonds.

Mr. Pardew: You promised to build the road to Taylorsville by the 25th of March. Are you going to serve us the same way?

Mr. Busbee: The Richmond & Danville is compelled to build the Taylorsville road. We have no competition there and can't have. That territory is ours.

At this point Col. Andrews stated that their contract with the Taylorsville road was not a valid one. That the authorities of Alexander county had no right to make the contract which had been done with the Richmond and Danville.

We would like to know: 1st. If the authorities of Alexander county had no right to make a contract, why did the Richmond & Danville make a contract with them?

2d. If the Richmond & Danville intend to build the road to Taylorsville and then on to Wilkesboro, why do they want to tap the same country by a road from Winston to Wilkesboro?

3d. If Wilkes county subscribes the \$100,000 to the Richmond & Danville, will that company build the road from Winston to Wilkesboro and break the Alexander county contract, or will they build the Taylorsville road and break the Wilkes county contract. Which do they want. Do they want to build the road, or do they only want the territory?

We think that Mr. Busbee hit the nail exactly on the head (and gave himself away badly) when he said, "We have no competition there and can't have. That territory is ours already." It may be that when the Richmond & Danville have succeeded in securing out all other companies from that territory, they will serve Wilkes as they have Alexander, and we believe that if Mr. Linney can't draw up a contract that will hold the Richmond & Danville, there is no need of any one in Wilkes trying to do it. Take it all in all we can't see anything on the face of it except BLUFF.

Mr. Bilheimer writes to Col. Grayson of Ashe, that within two years he will have trains running over the South Atlantic & North Western Railroad from Smithville, N. C., to Bristol, Tennessee.—*Herald*.

This is reliable it is better than anything Col. Andrews offers.

The Writing of Deeds.

One among the many brilliant pieces of legislation effected by our late General Assembly was the passage of a law imposing a license tax of \$20 on all persons who may wish to write a land deed. Just why the Legislature took it upon itself to prevent a man from doing his own work, provided he is capable, is not very clear. If it is intended by the act to throw the business entirely into the hands of the legal profession, we see no reason why the act should not have included chattel mortgages, notes and every other manner of instrument of a commercial nature.—*Charlotte Observer*.

The above is a little joke got off by our brother Chas. R. at the expense of the legal legislature, but of course all sane men know that he "don't mean any harm by it," and will take into consideration "from whence it comes."

Edison it is reported, has invented a machine, (we suppose it may be called), which manufactures food from crude dirt—food, fruits, bread, wine, &c. In a few years there will be no slaughter in the cities, and no tilling of the soil to supply the tables of high and low, rich or poor. It will all be done by turning a crank. We hope no one will send labor a-wait for the good time coming, for it is rather misty, just at present.

We received the news yesterday that the Supreme Court had granted a new trial in the "McElwee-Blackwell case," that was tried at the "Person Court," and set up for the Supreme Court to rehear. We are glad of this, and sincerely hope that Mr. McElwee may yet, after most persevering labors under the great difficulty of poverty, secure the rights which he so confidently contends are his.

The Emperor of Germany, King William, was 90 years old on the 22d of March. Berlin was crowded with visitors from far and near, to witness the ceremonies of the day, which was to be celebrated by civil and military displays of an extraordinary character. The old man is highly venerated by his people, who style him "beloved Kaiser."

The fourth annual session of the North Carolina Teacher's Assembly will be held at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., from June 14th to 20th, 1887.

The jury in the case of Cleary, one of the indicted Board of Aldermen of New York city, failed upon a verdict and were discharged.

Snow in Pennsylvania five feet deep. In Connecticut, in drifts, from six feet to twenty-five.

The North Carolina State Treasurer, under date of March 22, in relation to the drummers tax says that he will be governed by the decision of the supreme court of North Carolina in the case of the State against Long. 25 N. C. Reports.

ANGELS IN THE LINE

At Gold Hill.

Gold Hill is perhaps the oldest mine in the State, having been in operation over 40 years. But not until last Friday, has any lady, or company of ladies, ever collected courage, nerve and curiosity enough to prompt them to go down in the mine and see for themselves how the mining was done. On last Friday this part of the old mine's history was brought to an end, by Miss Carrie Barnes, of Poupouke, N. Y., Miss Anna Douglas, of N. J., and Misses Maggie and Lillie, of Baltimore. They were here from Salisbury about 10 o'clock p. m.; drove to the hotel, and immediately after dinner declared their intention of going underground. This was soon noised about, and caused some little excitement among the miners then on top, but as no one of their sex had ever undertaken such a task, it was thought they would look like the night like depths of the shaft, but not so. After taking in the pumping machinery, the mill and amalgamation works, &c., &c., they were taken to the north shaft, where they proceeded to lay off their hats and other advantages that was calculated to retard their retrograde movements down the ladder. This being done each was provided with a lighted candle, but for the protection of lungs and the absence of hats, could not be used for the purpose, so they were compelled to hold them between their teeth. This placed them in a very awkward position, (to say nothing of the fallow,) however, Miss Carrie mounted the ladder and took the lead, closely followed by the rest, who, after a ladder they descended until they reached the 170 foot level, where their unexpected appearance came near frightening some of the miners into convulsions; and only for the timely arrival of their escort, with whom the miners were acquainted, it is hard to tell what would have happened, as one of them, who is a devout Christian, thought at first sight it was a band of angels paying him a visit; and a darkey, who had not fully recovered from the earthquake scare, which was pretty severe in the mines, dropped his tools and ran and was heard to exclaim: "This mine is haunted, sho' 'nuff." But after things became quiet, and they had taken a little rest, they proceeded through the level for about 200 feet to the end of the ground, where each one dug out with her own hands a piece of the gold bearing rock, and kept as memorials of her excursion. They then returned to the shaft, and started their escort in the lead up the ladder, for fear of frightening other unsuspecting workmen, they closely following. The climbing up proved to be a good bit more like work, but they all returned with a muscle ache, and a cure will be given to those who will raise a crop.

The seed is an important part of the crop, forming an excellent food for stock.

A Hint to Farmers—Try the Cultivation of Broom Corn.

At this particular juncture in the farming interests of North Carolina, when it is so important that every foot of ground possible should be utilized, it may not be amiss to call attention to what might be a profitable crop, and one that is well known to our farmers. There is a broom factory now in successful operation here, and there are other channels through which all the broom corn that would be likely to be raised in this particular section could be disposed of. All the material used for broom corn is the stalk of the broom corn plant, and the demand for it will constantly increase as the business grows and develops. We have at hand some useful information in regard to the cultivation of the broom corn. The ground should be good and fresh as you would want for the corn crop, and the soil well broken. The seed should be planted in the spring (not too early), and the rows should be three and one-half feet apart, the seed being drilled. Much depends upon good cultivation and the absence of weeds.

It is claimed for broom corn that it can be made a more profitable crop than either corn or cotton. One bushel of seed will plant twelve acres, and the usual yield of seed is fifty-five or sixty bushels. The cost of cultivation is about the same as for corn. The yield of broom corn is from one hundred to one thousand pounds to the acre. Those going into the business for profit should begin with five or ten acres. Several bushels of seed have been procured for those who wish to try the experiment, and can be had at J. H. and Fraley's furniture store, directions for getting and curing will be given to those who will raise a crop.

The Difference.

The description of Queen Victoria's drawing-room reception make entertaining reading. The etiquette is so expensive, the formality so odd, that the whole affair seems like a social extravaganza. Take, for instance, a demagogue girl, republican in politics, who is invited to a reception at the palace. She is in the greatest kind of luck if she gets permission to bow to her royal majesty. Then she must spend hundreds—perhaps thousands—of dollars or francs. She must purchase the costliest flowers. She must have a certain number of teachers in her train, and a well-dressed and certain kind of carriage. She must stand in a long line in a room whose temperature is not favorable to delicate constitutions. Perhaps it is several hours before her turn comes, and in that time she may have taken a deep cold. When her turn does come she makes her courtesy, she looks out—having practiced the bow, she is ready to do so—after more delay she gets in her carriage, and goes to her hotel, thoroughly tired out and more than satisfied.

How different it is in his country! With a president who can shake several hundred hands a minute, and with a president's life whose smile is sweeter than any royal formality, the conventional manners are dispensed with and everybody is made happy. This is a great country, and our institutions are the glory of the world.—*Baltimore American*.

Helping the Farmers.

A scheme has been placed on foot in Greenville, S. C., which is designed to be a benefit to the farming class. The plan is to organize a company with a capital of \$50,000 to \$100,000, to do a large supply and brokerage business, furnishing farmers with the means of securing the most discounting paper, making loans on real estate, security, &c. It would be in other words, a "supply and credit company," especially for the farmers.—*Charlotte Observer*.

This is a capital idea. It is a wonder that it is not adopted in every community in the South. There are oceans of money in the rich North. It can be got if sought for in the right way. The money that is received in the North, where money can be borrowed and how to get it from the North. If the Greenville scheme was adopted and worked by trustworthy and just men, who are willing to live and let live, it would be a potent and important work would be done.

The farmers, laboring under the severe strain and distress of low prices and indifferently crops are badly handicapped. They need assistance. They are forced to mortgage to get help is only secured by paying two, three or four prices for the same. It is proposed that a company be organized with capital to supply farmers at 6 or 8 per cent, or less, what a tremendous boon, and a vast saving to them. If they had the cash they could buy supplies, and at 8 or 8 per cent, that now cost them 12, 15 or 20 or more per cent.—*The Greenville Whistle*.

The Concord "Cowhiding" Affair.

Wil. Star. A correspondent writing from Concord, N. C., in reference to the recent difficulty between Col. Paul B. Means and Mr. John S. Sherrill, editor of the *Times* newspaper of that place, says that the telegraphic account of the affair conveyed a false impression and adds: "The facts as to the difficulty are: Col. Means attacked Mr. Sherrill with a cowhide, which Mr. S. knocked from his hand, and in this position the combatants were found by friends, who separated them. One was hurt; except a few scratches on the face and a torn coat, which Col. Means sustained."

The public have been wondering what Sherrill was doing during that affair.

Analyses of Fertilizers.

The following analyses of Fertilizers have been completed at the Experiment Station. Phosphates are ruling lower than last year, and available phosphoric acid is accordingly rated at 65 cents per pound, as against 72 cents last year. Ammonia is still worth 16 cents per pound, and potash 6 cents. These valuations are based upon the cash retail prices of chemicals at leading points on our seaboard as Wilmington, Washington or Norfolk.

For the value of these fertilizers at interior points like Raleigh, the freight here, is to be added to the sea-board prices. As an illustration, we have added the freight from Portsmouth to Raleigh, \$3.25, which is about the average freight to that point, to the sea-board value, and have set the resulting figures in the last column.

ANALYSES.

Name	Seaboard	Raleigh
Acid Phosphate, Atlantic	\$15.39	\$18.64
Acid Phosphate, Rainier's	17.75	21.00
Acid Phosphate, Rainier's	21.80	25.05
Ammoniateq Soluble Navas		
Guano	22.92	26.17
Ashepoak Acid Phosphate	18.72	21.97
Bradley's Patent Superphos-		
phate	22.92	26.17
Capital Cotton Fertilizer	20.17	23.42
Diamond Soluble Hoop	15.59	18.84
Diamond State Superphos-		
phate	24.08	27.33
Etiwan Dissolved Bone	16.59	19.75
Gibbs & Co High Grade		
Ammoniated Superphos-		
phate	22.18	25.73
Long's Prepared Chemicals	14.15	18.40
Navassa Acid Phosphate	14.76	18.01
Navassa Guano	20.85	24.10
Piedmont Special Fertilizer	18.49	21.74
Pine Island Ammoniated		
Phosphate	22.17	25.42
Pocomoke Superphosphate	23.03	26.28
Profile Cotton Grower	21.43	24.68
Raw Bone Superphosphate		
(Pine Brand)	24.63	27.88
Red Navassa Guano, ammo-		
niated	19.26	22.51
Reliance Ammoniated Su-		
perphosphate	19.28	22.53
Stono Acid Phosphate	17.41	20.66
Stono Soluble Guano	24.23	27.48
Zell's Ammoniated Bone		
Superphosphate	19.47	22.72

Raiding Chinese Dens.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Lieutenant Walton, one of the Sixth police district with a squad of twenty-four officers, tonight raided six of the leading Chinese gambling places, and succeeded in capturing two hundred and thirty-three Chinamen, together with a large quantity of gambling paraphernalia, including opium, dice, and other fixtures. All the places raided are in the immediate neighborhood of Ninth and Race streets, and the vicinity is the rendezvous of almost the entire Chinese population on Sunday. The fact of gambling having been carried on so openly, and the loss created by so large a congregation of Chinese in the evening, has become a frequent complaint to the authorities; and up on these warrants were sworn out and placed in the hands of the Sixth district officers, with the result above stated. In one house alone, on Race street, a two-story structure, thirty-seven people were captured; and in other various numbers, from sixty down.

Saved by a Reduced Salary.

"My life was saved by having my salary reduced," said a robust, middle-aged man yesterday. There was a natural explanation at length, and he explained as follows: "Ten years ago I was under bookkeeper for Rice & Co. at \$1,200 a year. Something happened—no matter what—I lost my job and had to look for another. I went to work at \$750. At that time I lived at Sixteenth and Market, was thin and weak and couldn't walk a mile with a dollar. At length I bought a little house, and my wages were reduced so fearfully I had to economize, and did so by walking long on far days from Tenth and Market to Sixteenth street—say five miles. It nearly killed me at first, and then I began to enjoy it. In three months I was walking both ways, and I kept on doing it until I was in good shape, and winter, unless during a hard storm, and look at me! One hundred and eighty pounds, appetite of an ostrich and not a day's sickness in ten years." Exercise in an open air.

She Fixed His Coat.

"What idiosyncy is this?" thundered a man prancing about his bedroom with a dress-coat held at arm's length. A row of buttons had been sewed on the outside of one of the lapels from bottom to top, while the other was mutilated with a corresponding row of buttonholes.

"Think of an inferior tailor!" said his mother-in-law, anxiously. "You can button the coat up to your neck now without running risk of taking cold. It shows a good deal of your shirt front before you go. Think of your chest and lungs, John! Think of your lungs!" "Think of an inferior tailor!" said his mother-in-law, anxiously. "You can button the coat up to your neck now without running risk of taking cold. It shows a good deal of your shirt front before you go. Think of your chest and lungs, John! Think of your lungs!"

The Buffalo Fire.

Buffalo, March 21.—In accordance with the compromise between the citizens' committee and the telephone company, the cable of the latter on Main street was taken down this morning. No more dead bodies had been found in the ruins in the Richmond hotel up to noon today, when the searching party withdrew, owing to the shaky condition of the building, which was pulled down at once. The hotel safe was examined this morning, and its contents, including \$30,000 or \$40,000 worth of diamonds, were found to be in good shape.

STEELE TOWNSHIP, March 20th.

Mr. Editor.—The death of a kind hearted neighbor always casts a gloom upon the members of a community, but it is especially sad, very sad, to stand by the death bed of a tender wife and mother when death is fastening his icy hand upon her and see the grief-stricken father as he presses the prating babe to his breaking heart, and a number of small children weeping around. Such a scene was witnessed in the death of Mrs. Clarissa Stansill, wife of Maj. Jesse P. Stansill, of Steele Township, who died of consumption after a few hours illness on the 16th inst., aged 44 years. Mrs. Stansill was a daughter of Harrison Converse, a native of Vermont after wards of Illinois and Kansas, a relative of the Converse editor of the *Christian Observer*. Mrs. Stansill was married in her 18th year to Mr. Hays of Illinois by whom she had one child. Mr. Hays died soon afterward—the child also—she then removed with her father to Kansas where she was married to Maj. 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