

See, E. M. Hall, N. C. ...

Cotton 23

Mr. W. C. Howlett, of Littleton, has opened a harness shop in Louisa...

Mr. Hargrave has reduced the price of reserved seats to the "Bunch of Keys" to seventy five cents.

The inclemency of the weather has retarded farm work, and few farmers have yet made a start for the year.

The Tolson "Sunny Home" says that Mr. R. J. Taylor will shortly put up a grist and dressing mill in that place.

Mr. Bennett Bullock, of Old Fields township, this county, has a cow 18 months old that gave birth last Wednesday to a fine calf.

Mr. Fred, Little, of Bethel, Pitt county, was found dead Jan. 5th, on a pile of shavings in an old work shop. Four play is suspected.

The Greenville "Reflector" has begun its third volume. The energy, work and go-ahead-ness of Bro. Wiehler deserves a large measure of success.

Collins and Wilder who were shot at Tucker's place in Nash, by James, are improving. It was first thought they had been fatally wounded.

The Methodist preachers of this district held a Conference in Weldon Wednesday and Thursday of this week to map out work for the Centenary year. Rev. Jno. R. Brooks was given the charge and preached Wednesday night.

Mr. P. M. Hale will begin the publication of the Raleigh "Register," a weekly paper, February 1st. It will be issued oftener during the campaign. Mr. Hale is used to working in editorial harness and has few superiors in his chosen profession.

The trial of Wesley Bunn, white, for the murder of Frank Cruise, colored, in Wake, is ended, a verdict of "not guilty" being rendered. The case attracted considerable attention, and Bunn's relatives and friends, in Wilson and Nash, will be glad to know that he has been acquitted.

The editor of the Rocky Mount "Reporter," who was married last week, says: "All of our readers who know the circumstances will overlook all shortcomings in this issue." And does getting married make a man a poorer editor? If so then will we see clear of the matrimonial noose.

Mr. F. W. Barnes has been elected vice-president of the Rocky Mount Fair. The selection of Mr. Barnes is eminently a wise and proper one, and his efforts will add much to the success of this successful Fair Association. We commend the wisdom of the Association in electing Mr. Barnes.

Our Mr. Hardy, who was at special term Pitt court, this week, writes that there was no court, the Judge adjourning it on account of the weather, &c. He says there is much improvement in the weather here in Greenville and Washington, which towns he visited. The Tar is high and steamers ply regularly.

Our esteemed townsmen, Judge A. B. Deans and B. F. Briggs, have formed a partnership for carrying on an insurance and real estate business in Wilson. They have their office in the Court House. See their commercial advertisement in another column. They have enterprise, business ability, legal knowledge and the other requisites necessary to success.

We tender our heart-felt congratulations to Mr. C. H. Harris, editor of the Rocky Mount "Reporter," at his good fortune in winning the heart and hand of Miss Sarah Sadler of Rocky Mount. The marriage ceremony was performed Wednesday night, Jan. 16th, in the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. N. Sumner, officiating. The ushers were, Messrs. Jas. H. Jones, H. L. Barnes, W. J. Fitzgerald and S. L. Rowland.

Painful Wounds.

The Rocky Mount "Reporter" says that Mr. Lee Watson, of Tarboro, who has been working in the foundry of Watright & Royal, in Wilson, while out hunting near that place, two weeks ago, received the contents of his gun in his body, inflicting serious and painful wounds. At last accounts he was still living and improving. How often will we need to be taught the lesson that we should use care in handling a gun!

New Job Office.

Mr. W. J. Fitzgerald, formerly editor of the Rocky Mount "Reporter," has purchased the Adams & Yax's Job Office and moved it to the store occupied by McCraw & Nurney last summer as an ice cream saloon. He has made quite an addition to the office and is prepared to turn out all kind of job work in the highest style of the art. We commend him to our patrons, and the public generally as a tasty, careful and experienced job printer.

"Arthur Barnes, of North Carolina."

A Washington City correspondent of the Washington (N. C.) "Gazette" says: "A good joke is told of Captain Arthur Barnes, of Weldon. A large man was talking to the entrance of the Senate Chamber, of which Capt. B. has charge, and in a pompous manner, was about to walk in. Capt. B. halted him and told him as he was not a Senator, he could not enter without a permit. The offended gentleman straightened up and said: 'I thank you will admit me, sir; I am Henry Ward Beecher, of New York.'"

Black Books, School Books, Stationery, Blank Books, Folders, Blotting, Memoranda Books and Accounts of M. T. Moxe & Co. have been moved to the Drug Store of E. M. Nadal, where a large assortment of all articles in the book line will hereafter be kept, at prices to suit the times.

An Ante Bellum Incident.

Appropos to the nomination of R. R. Bridges, President of the W. & W. R. Co., to be Governor, by a Wilson correspondent of the Goldsboro "Messenger," we are reminded of a little incident we heard him relate a few months ago. He said that when quite a young man he was nominated for the Legislature of Edgecombe county, of which Wilson was then a part. The canvass opened at Wilson town, then an insignificant village. Wilson he knows, and address the town and had been speaking but a minute, he was interrupted by an old gentleman, who asked in a loud tone: "Are you John Bridges' son?" and repeated his inquiry in still louder tones. Upon Mr. Bridges' answering in the affirmative, the old gentleman took the stand and said, in substance: "This is John Bridges' son (and a better man than John Bridges ever lived). He's like his father, and he'll get in for John Bridges' son and see that he's elected." Mr. Bridges said that was the most flattering introduction and the highest compliment he had ever received. The old gentleman went to his work, and Mr. Bridges well remembered Wilson giving him a handsome vote.

Rumor Hath It.

That at least one young man in Wilson mendereth about and morneth liketh to the whang-doodle, because she will not cotton seed and manure. This is said to be the cheapest potash that can be used in the making up of phosphates, that the tin and worn out soil of the South sadly needs.

Mr. C. L. Upshur, get in the prime of life, being about five and forty years of age. Of a very nervous temperament, he is all energy and grit, added to which is a pleasant disposition that makes friends of all—poor and rich alike. In conclusion it may be said that Mr. Upshur has a bright future before him, and the American Fertilizing Company were fortunate in electing him their President.

As the history of self-made men read now-a-days like romances, this little sketch of Mr. C. L. Upshur may be of interest to the farmer patrons of THE ADVANCE; and with this suggestion I take my leave until another time.

SPERRY.

That there is really a man in Kansas who is so full of electricity that he can actually light the gas by merely snapping his fingers in a jet of it.

That there is a certain man in Wilson who is generally fuller than the Kansas man, for the Wilson man can ignite a barrel of oil by merely touching his nose to it; but that he is thus so full of fire is not ascribed to electricity.

That Dr. Deems, formerly of Wilson, but now of the Church of Strangers, N. Y., says: "Kissing is purely an American habit."

That upon the force of the good Doctor's wise remark, the young men hereabout reverently say, "Let us remember this, dear brethren, and sisters, and encourage and patronize home industry."

That our young ladies and gentlemen are forming protective tariff clubs, called "Deems Clubs."

That some account of these clubs will soon be reported in THE ADVANCE.

That two or three of these clubs, in which the membership is limited to two, are already wof.

That the Chinese pay their doctors while they are well and when they are sick stop the payments.

That the Chinese method with some modifications could be extensively adopted in this country.

That E. G. it would be a first rate idea for our Congressmen and Legislators while they are at home attending to their own business, and stop their pay while they are in session attending to other people's business.

That the introduction of the telephone into Russia has proven a complete failure, because when a word like "Scantnesskooffuonvocalveit" is forced through a little instrument like a telephone something has got to give way every time.

That the "old ticket" of Tilden and Hendricks boomed in New York and is sustained by the leading Democrats of said State.

That there is no man in all the great Empire State that knows so much about all the highways and byways of New York's vote as S. J. T.

That, yes, there is just one other man who knows as much as S. J. T. about these h. w.'s, and b. w.'s, and that his name is John Kelly.

That this same J. K. is a pronounced and zealous supporter of the "old ticket."

That the o. t. is a sure one for N. Y., and as goes N. Y. in '84, so goes the nation.

Letter From Norfolk.

ITS RAPID MARCH TOWARDS THE TOP RUNG IN THE LADDER.—THE IMMENSE GROWTH OF THE FERTILIZING BUSINESS WITH A GRAPHIC PEN AND INK PICTURE OF C. L. UPSHUR—THE PIONEER IN THE TRADE.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 14.—There is no city in the Union of its size that has grown so rapidly as Norfolk in the past four years. Business of every kind is booming. The snow-white cotton from the southern fields seeks its hospitable harbor for shipment across the pond; manufacturing of every description is prospering; new houses are building and going up as if by magic;—retailing, wholesale, and among the oyster shells, in a word, Norfolk has awakened from her long sleep, and is about to take her place on the top rung of the ladder. The business that brings wealth into her coffers, that has made such rapid strides upwards as the fertilizing business, sixteen years ago a young practical farmer named C. L. Upshur, seeing the folk of southern Norfolk for fertilizers, determined to start the business in Norfolk, and benefit the farmers by so doing, by having the article right at their door and selling at cheaper rates by saving the cost of freight. From the first. For two years this pioneer in the fertilizing business worked his way slowly in assisting the producer to make an early crop, when family matters compelled him to relinquish the business and return to his farm. But being a man of natural intelligence and education, acquired through study, he did not let the grass grow under his feet, but to speak more plainly, Mr. Upshur experimented all the time while he was on his farm, and the result is, that the formulas prepared by him are among the first in the land, and he has become an authority on all that pertains to fertilizers.

Six years ago Norfolk did not possess a factory, and yet a party called the phosphate was manufactured there; the North is usual supplying the demand. But the pioneer, Mr. C. L. Upshur, again came to the front in behalf of the Southern toilers, and his ingenuity and business capacity were followed by other parties, until now it can be said Norfolk boasts of five factories, but the credit is due principally to Mr. Upshur, and this city should thank him with a vote of thanks for being the originator and

Fatal Accident.

The "Sunny Home" says: "Mark Copeland, a very industrious colored boy, aged about 18 years, who lived on M. E. Atkinson's farm, in Edgecombe county, while trying to draw the load out of his gun, last Sunday morning, the gun slipped and the hammer struck against the steps, causing it to discharge. The whole load entered his body just below the left ribs, causing death in about one hour."

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