

JOSEPH S. DANIELS, Editor and Proprietor.

The official pullout has begun to pull in its work...

"First Steps" North Carolina History by Mrs. Spencer.

A Devastating Conflagration on Sunday.

What The People in This Section of The State are Doing.

The General Assembly of North Carolina as a whole.

Madam—Four years ago I took a violent cold, which resulted in quincy...

NEW GOODS, J. C. Hadley

EDUCATION is the basis of true progress. The town which makes no effort to educate its children cannot go forward and it does not deserve to.

READING maketh a full man. No man can accomplish the work whereunto he is sent unless he develops the intellect which God has endowed him.

The city of Wilmington re-ferends to all new manufacturing enterprises all the city taxes they pay for the space of ten years. This is done to encourage the establishment of man-ufactories in that city.

We see it, stated that the Mormons are at work in North Carolina. Quite a number of converts have been made in Mitchell county. A good coat of tar and feathers would be very good dressing for these lustful emissaries of the devil.

The Wilmington Star says: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia have now sold white majorities. Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina have only negro majorities. In Louisiana the majority is less than 30,000 and may be smaller in 1890.

In our opinion, the best edited daily newspaper in the State is the Wilmington Star. Its different departments are all edited with conspicuous ability, while its views on politics are always strongly and forcibly expressed. We often differ with Brother Kingsbury, but we always recognize his honesty of purpose (the best thing an editor can possess) and his outspoken way of saying only what he believes to be right. Long may he shine to the right of the pathway of duty fearlessly performed.

THE GREAT FEAR. Senator Vance has been interviewed by the Asheville Citizen and he says many things that show our Senator to be deeply in love with the Democratic party as ever and as true to the interest of North Carolina as has always characterized him. Among other things he says: "The greatest fear that our people need to have of this administration, is to be found in the act, that its full strength and influence will be exerted to overturn the Democratic State governments, and place us again in the hands of local Radical rule. To this point all good Democrats ought to be wide awake. Experience teaches us that there is no greater calamity which could befall us in North Carolina than to be once more subjected to that infernal conglomeration of ignorance and corruption, which we once experienced under Republican rule. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of this, and no good Democrat, or good man, will permit himself to be led astray by minor local issues, which have so often sapped our strength, and undermined our party organization."

Our accomplished friend, Mrs. C. P. Spencer, has laid a great debt upon her native State in the production of this charming little book. It has risen above the horizon with a suddenness which has nearly taken our breath. Without any heralding, with no subsidized flatterers, leaving the questions of admiration and patronage to be settled hereafter, it very modestly bids for our approval and we are frank to say that it gets it. This is not the notable North Carolina History so long predicted by the press. That is to be a profound and elaborate performance, full of wonderful views of men and measures. But this is something a great deal wiser and better; it is a sweet, wholesome, healthy, giving child's history written in a style borrowed from wonderland, its language bright and sunny, its sentences rolling along like the blue tides of the sea in summer time, and its free spirit of patriotism and good sense captivating every reader. If the bright boys and girls of our graded schools do not make friends with this book, we have greatly mis- understood them. We hope and believe it is to be the wizard volume of our school literature, making to every child's fancy the dusty, dusty annals of North Carolina to be transformed. It is high time for such a miracle to be wrought. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the white earth, North Carolina has got been a partner for the world's good histories. Mrs. Spencer, in one of the sweetest spots ever trod by toiler or dreamer, set the keynote of this work. She not only shows that North Carolina history is full of interest, but that it can be written with the pen of inspiration. She shows a beautiful philosophy in first the history of the innocent intelligence of the school-room. She thus not only stimulates the ambition and scholarship of the student, but creates a new highway for historical composition, and shapes the historians of the future. We hope to see this dainty volume in every school in the State."

THE OLD BLUE BACK. Setting The Sights Too High For The Game. The State Board of Education held a meeting at Raleigh Tuesday and voted the blue-back spelling book out of the public schools of the State. This is the first time that North Carolina, as far as the public schools are concerned, they can introduce "Harrington's Spelling and Elementary Reader Continued" if they want to, and as the News and Observer says they will; but a State Board of Education, which does not know that Webster's blue-back and a limb from a persimmon tree are necessary adjuncts to the education of a North Carolina boy, has set its sights too high for the game.—Statesville Landmark.

"Little Rhode." In the Rhode Island election the other day the Democrats elected the Attorney General, the only State officer who received a majority of the votes cast, which is necessary to an election in that State. They secured a plurality of more than 600,000 votes over the Republican candidate for Governor and stand a fair chance of having a majority on joint ballot in the Legislature which will secure to them all the State officers.—Durham Tobacco Plant.

Too Plums. I have it on the best authority that North Carolina will get two good consulates, at least, and that the consular appointments will be commenced about April 10th. Messrs. O. H. Dockery and Rufus A. Smith will be sure to get something. The personnel of the internal Revenue will be changed between April 15th and June 1st. I got this from the State Department and the White House.—Washington Correspondent of the Durham Tobacco Plant.

They Have Axes To Grind. The Southern men who "naturally sympathize with a protective policy" will take their place in the protection party as soon as the race question assumes a shape which will warrant them in doing so. They are the mine and timber trusts, the manufacturers, trusts syndicates, and other beneficiaries of high tariff.—N. Y. World.

The Inaugural. A new baby made its appearance at Squid's house the other day. When his papa heard it cry for the first time, he remarked, "Listen to the inauguration-bawl!"—Pittsburg Chronicle-Tribune.

Youth is the time for hope when a man gets a little older he stops hoping and begins reaching out for whatever he can get.—Somerville Journal.

Handsome Figures. The fortune hunter is not so much taken with pretty faces as with handsome figures.—Boston Courier.

Our old acquaintance, Albion Tourgee, the carpetbagger and slandering know-all North Carolinian, is at his old tricks. He has quit teaching politics in the name of the public weal of such states as the indigent population, and now he has old spites and dislikes and ignorances in either that bumper sheet, the Chicago Inter Ocean, or he finds admittance into even so respectable a monthly as the Forum. Tourgee is a man of real ability. His misfortune is that he hates a gentleman if he is born in the South, does not love the truth, and desires to make money.—Wilmington Star.

Farmers Bear This in Mind. In 1890 every farmer in the United States will be visited by a paid officer of the Government, and asked to give the statistics of his farm crop, stocks, etc., for the previous year, which is the present one, 1889. To be prepared for the census taker, begin now to keep an accurate account of all farm operations, and keep it up through the year. In this way only can the agricultural statistics of the nation report have any real value.—Greensboro Patriot.

But Is Natural. And it may possibly seem a little ridiculous to some for a lot of college students to lay aside their text books and go a hundred miles to engage in the name of foot ball.—Monroe Enquirer-Express.

Marvellous Memory Discovery. Only Genuine System of Memory Training. We were glad to have a call Saturday from our old friend M. C. F. Wilson of the W. A. M. Co. He has just discovered a new system of memory training, and is confident as a father. (He is still suffering from "too much law" but the newspaper men must expect that nature will demand that if they do not let their own free will the numps will force them to do so. EL. ADVANCE)

The Mexican Cowboys. Will give free Lassoing and Corral Riding Exhibition in Wilson N. C. on TUESDAY April 16, 1889. On the same day, I will sell at auction sale 25 choice young Horses and Mares. Come prepared to buy, as the stock is strictly first class, and will be sold regard- less of cost. I mean business. Sale at 10 a. m.

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On Sunday night word came that a terrific fire was raging at Smithfield, but there was no means of communication open, and nothing definite was learned until the arrival of the train this morning. The fire started on Sunday last in the very midst of the raging wind-storm, in rear of the carriage factory of S. R. & J. A. Morgan, spreading as wild fire to the livery stables of D. W. Fuller, the Postoffice, the store of Sasser, Woodall & Co., druggist, H. Dannenberg, dry goods; Williamson & Blake, general merchandise, etc. Hood's drug store, Peacock Bros., general merchandise, D. H. Graves, grocer, W. M. Sanders, grocer, and John H. Gray's hotel and saloon, are the only business houses left. The fire broke out at 4 o'clock and raged till it exhausted itself, the wind blowing so high that all effort on the part of the citizens of the stricken town to stop the flame were without avail. The destruction was rapid by reason of the storm which prevailed, to fan and spread flames, and the loss is estimated to be at the lowest calculation \$100,000. Fifty eight buildings went up in smoke right in the business centre of the town, and the scene is said to be one of the great desolation, sad to look upon, and upon many hopeless ruin is etched, while all the sufferers are heavy losers. The burned area covers the territory from Morgan's store, by the post office to the court house corner; all the court house block; all the street off from Sasser & Woodall's drug store, and Dannenberg's; and including Dr. G. J. Robinson's barn and stables, with his handsome flower garden and beautiful surroundings, together with his apiary. The loss to Dr. Robinson is very heavy including one of his fine horses and a buggy, which were in his stables, he being in the country on a sick call at the time and saving only the team he was driving. Mr. Tom Hood's drug store, in the rear of Dr. Robinson's office and suite of rooms upstairs, took fire several times, but by strenuous efforts it was saved, though the stock is much damaged by water and drizzle. Mr. D. W. Fuller is one of the heaviest sufferers, his loss being estimated at \$100,000.—Telegram in Wilmington Messenger.

Benefit of Protection. Kansas gave nearly 80,000 Republican plurality in last November. The N. Y. Times says: "The poverty-stricken, most gaea-burdened agriculturalists of Kansas declared at the ballot box that they would support a high protective tariff benefited agriculture; that trusts, which are the legitimate offspring of protective tariffs, did not increase the prices of finished products, and that they desire to continue to pay exorbitant prices for all the goods that they consume. Now, a year or long before the wheat harvest has arrived, these inconsistent men call on their fellows to organize to resist the encroachments of trusts." This comment is called out by a call of farmers to take action to protect against "organized capital" and an increase in the price of "binding twine" used in wheat harvests. The farmers of the Northwest must be educated. They do not understand their own interest.—Wilmington Star.

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