

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

REVIEW OF RECENT HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

J. A. Augustine, of Richmond, Va., a traveling salesman, died suddenly in Fayetteville Saturday morning.

The Statesville Landmark says that some parties opposed to the establishment of a system of water-works have been consulting with attorneys with a view to asking for an injunction to restrain the board of aldermen from carrying out the contract which they have made with Mr. J. L. Ludlow, of Winston, the engineer employed to make the survey for the water works.

A farmer near Burgaw had been annoyed by a chicken thief who was an attendant around the premises. He was more daring because he knew his employer did not have a gun. The farmer procures a pistol and awaits the coming of his victim. He hears a chicken squall; he pursues the thief and fires. The hen was killed by the bullet under the negro's left arm. After the shooting the strides of the thief measured eight feet.—Burgaw Star.

Some parties living in Colorado desire to emigrate to North Carolina, and have written to friends in Statesville for information. They are, we are informed, good substantial people and would be a desirable acquisition to any community. Among the information wanted is the price of land partly timbered, with streams running through it, or springs on it, suitable for sheep pasture; also the names of any parties handling sheep, and the price of horses weighing from 1,000 pounds up.—Statesville Landmark.

The schooner John R. P. Moore, Capt Joe Sabiston arrived at Beaufort Monday with the body of a young, unknown white man, picked up at sea off Cape Hatteras. From all appearances the unfortunate man was of a good family and about eighteen years of age. He was handsomely dressed and in one of the pockets of his pockets was found a gold watch which was still running. It is possible that the young man may have fallen from some passing passenger steamer going down the coast. The body was interred in the cemetery at Beaufort, Tuesday.—Newbern Journal.

Banks with Large Deposits.

A recent issue of the American Banker furnishes a list of the banks of the United States which have \$5,000,000 deposits or over which number seventy one. Their combined deposits amount to \$884,000,000. With one exception the first twenty banks in the list are New York Banks. Boston doesn't appear before No. 34. The largest Boston bank has \$9,150,000, in deposits, the largest Philadelphia bank \$11,500,000, the largest St. Louis bank \$10,000,000, the largest San Francisco bank \$10,600,000. The first bank in the list is the National City Bank of New York, with \$42,000,000 in deposits; the second, the National Park Bank, with \$37,500,000; the third, the First National of Chicago, Lyman Gage's bank, with \$32,000,000. The next seventeen are New York banks, with deposits ranging down to \$11,500,000.

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Excitement Over Mica Mining.

Raleigh, N. C., June 19—State Labor Commissioner Hamrick returned today from his second tour of inspection of mills and mines. He visited fifty mills in Alexander, Rowan, Cabarrus, Irdell, Guilford, Davidson, Union, Burke and McDowell counties. He has now visited 100 mills. He finds that in the counties above named there are no new mills under construction, but there is a large increase in the number of spindles. He finds the greatest excitement ever known regarding mica mining, this being due to the propositariff duty. This interest is very great in Cleveland, Burke, McDowell and Buncombe. One man in Cleveland is moving his dwelling, very fine mica having been found under it. No monazite is now being mined but people are waiting for the duty to be imposed. There are plans to renew the mining at Kings mountain. Not much gold mining being done save in a few sections. In McDowell some new shafts are being sunk.—Special to Wilmington Messenger.

From the Van Lindley peach orchard near Southern Pines, where there is about one-fifth of a crop, some 5,000 crates of peaches are expected to be shipped this season.—Santord Express.

Spraying Solutions that are Dangerous.

Don't spray the blossoms with poisonous solutions. It is possible, if not probable, that to do so may also injure bees, and may also interfere with fertilization of the flowers and setting of fruit. Vermont's law imposing a penalty of \$10 to \$40 for spraying blossoms. Bees don't injure flowers or fruit, but aid in fertilizing blossoms. The unanimous verdict of experiment stations and experts, says L. R. Jones, Botanist at the Vermont station, is that it is not necessary to spray fruit trees when in order to give them practical protection against insects and fungus attacks. Fruit trees should be sprayed either before the blossoms open or after they fall and not during the blossoming period. The leading orchardists in the country at the present time are following this advice with satisfactory results.—Ex.

Mr. Cleveland Refuses \$60,000 a Year.

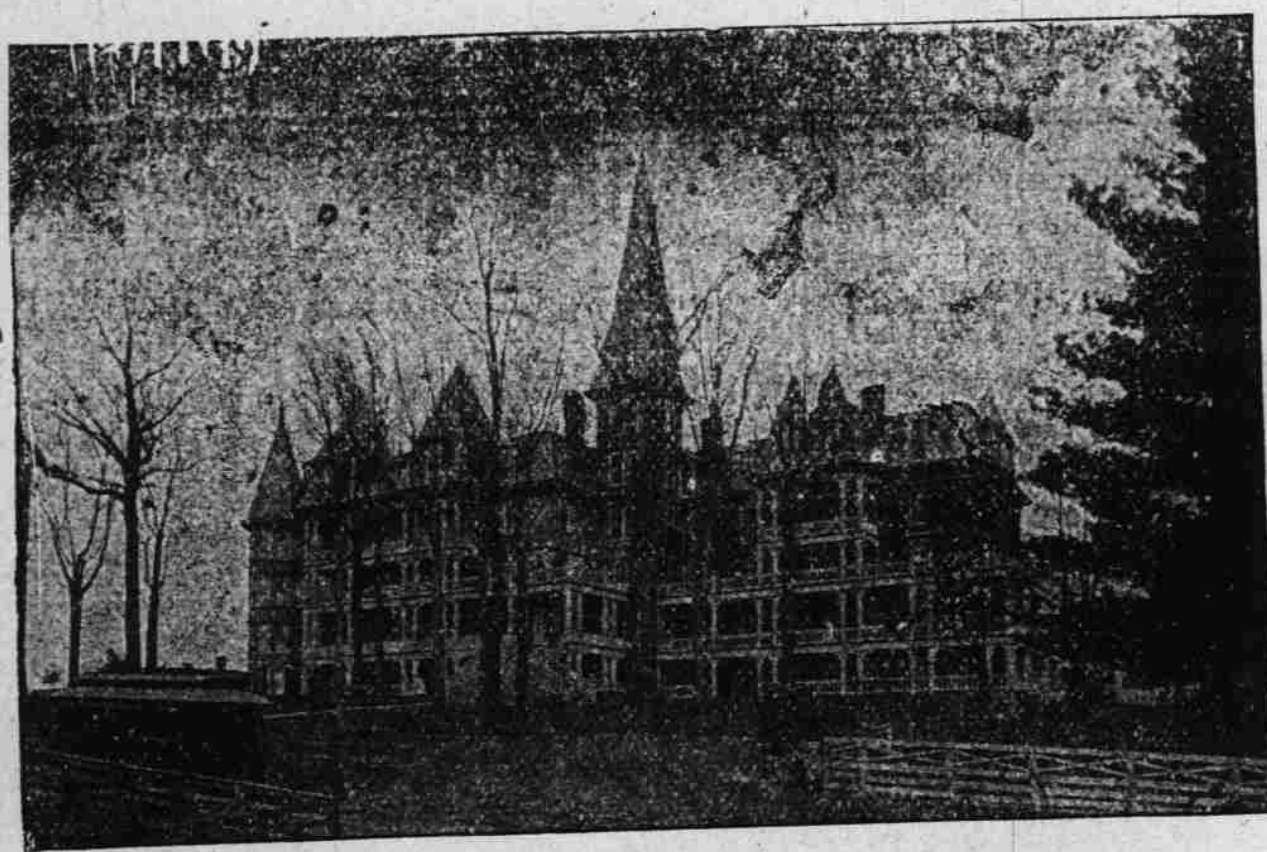
A New York syndicate has offered ex-President Grover Cleveland \$6,000 a month for a term of years, for two articles a month, giving in detail the history of his two administrations. The offer has been refused. Mr. Cleveland's reason for refusing this princely salary of \$60,000 a year, is that he is now collecting material for a history of his eight years in the White House. He has repeatedly urged John G. Carlisle to write a history of the Treasury of the United States while he was in control.—Washington Dispatch to St. Louis Post Dispatch.

A CATECHISM.

- What bends men's figures to an S? The bicycle.
- While ladies ride with gracefulness? The bicycle.
- And what makes Daphne with alarm, From sudden spilt foreboding harm, Yield her slim waist to a man's arm? The bicycle.
- What makes Amanda save and scrape? The bicycle.
- Till she can buy the latest shape? The bicycle.
- What makes a joint last days on days, Turned and returned in sundry ways Of hash, rissoles and rechauffes? The bicycle.
- What plays the deuce with Yankee trade? The bicycle.
- What's now the only "notion" made? The bicycle.
- What makes the carriage builder slack? The bicycle.
- What checks one's ebb and nag and hack, While the financiers boom and crack? The bicycle.
- What turns the scholar to a dunce? The bicycle.
- He rides (he used to study once) The bicycle.
- Why are neurotic novels shut, And minor poets all uncut, And everything neglected but

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