A Racial Characteristic.

Tarboro Southernor.

Some of the papers of the first congressional district are giving space to an account of the proceedings of a recent meeting of negro politicians at Edenton. The purpose of the meeting seemed to be to protest against the way its members, and their race at large are ignored in the distribution of offices, and their special grievance was against Congressman Harry Skinner, who for some reason, has not met the expectations of the man in the black. Away up in the mountains at Asheville, the "man and brother" seems also to have been injured in his aspirations for official recognition, and down in the Cape Fear section a negro editor has given voice to the general lamentation of the sons of Ham. Our esteemed contemporaries, the Wilmington Messenger and Raleigh News and Observer and some others, have given much space to a reproduction of the wailing of the last named disturber of the peace, but for what essential purpose we do not know.

Our friends should know that nothing makes the ordinary negro so happy as an opportunity to "orate and resolute." Let him be never so full of wrath at actual or imagined wrongs, a chance to make a speech, or draught a resolution, or "write a piece" in the papers will fill him to the top with joy and make him forgetful of all but his present importance. His mouth is his safety valve for pent up wrath. As soon as it opens his anger escapes and by the time he reaches his twenty thirdly he will be as docile as any lamb ever led to the slaughter. His political leaders know this and are never alarmed at any volume of noisy shouting. They maul him and fool him and arouse him to wrath until one would think they had piled on the last straw. But they know him better than that. They let him make a speech or get his name in print—and there you are.

It is strange that some of our democratic friends have failed to appreciate this trait in the negro character. It is the string by which he is led and the more noise he makes the better the republican he is going to be when he gets through shouting. We would rather trust the one who works in the field by day and greases his face with 'possum fat at night, not knowing or caring for anythimg else, than the sleek looking fellow who gets mad and makes speeches.

For ourself, we do not care to make room for these meaningless diatribes. We know they will echo but as tinkling brass after the first promise made their authors by Pritchard, or Skinner, or Russell, or Butler, or who ever else may chance to dish out the rations and guide the destiny of the republican party. Even if it were in all things desirable, there is no more chance to divide the negro vote in North Csrolina than to separate the roar and mist from the falls of Niagara; for, so long as there are white men to encourage them in the hope of holding office or exercising power, so long will the negroes vote as a body with those who lead them. That they love office and would love to exercise authority is beyond doubt. We do not blame them for it, but that is not the question. The matter to consider is whether or not they are doing too much of it already and where its further increase will lead us. The question is whether or not the time has come when public interests are safe in the hands of many who now control them. If so, then, as good citizens, we should quietly say amen and send up our psalms of thanksgiving. If not then the question arises what shall be done about it?

We put the question square to the intelligent, thoughtful, taxpaying, non-office seeking citizens of this section, without regard to political associations, are you satisfied with what has been done in recent years in North Carolina? Are you proud of the tangle in which almost every public interest is involved? Are you sure that all things are as they should be and that worse is not coming? If so, well and good so far as you are concerned. You are entitled to your own opinion and we shall not say you nay. But, if not, isn't it about time to think of getting back to a safe and intelligent conduct of State affairs? Is it wise to allow pride or a false shame to hold you back from a duty you owe yourself and your neighbor? Much depends upon the answer.

Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.

A Most Miraculous Escape.

Commonwealth.

Last week's Roanoke News gave the following account of lightning's freak in Weldon:

"Little Leslie Parker, the three year old son of Mr. A. D. Parker made the most miraculous escape from instant death on record, last Sunday, at the home of its parents, corner of Sycamore and Third streets.

"About seven o'clock, a heavy rain storm crme up and the little boy went out on the porch with a tin can in his hand to catch some water from the eaves of the building. Just as he reached the edge of the porch there was a blinding flash of lightning followed by a terrific report, and Little Leslie fell out as if dead. The inmates of the house rushed out and Mr. Parker caught the limp little figure in his arms and ran across the street to Dr. Green, who lives opposite. The physician began at once to work on the little fellow. It was fully ten minutes defore the child showed the least signs of life and about one hour and a half before the doctor could discover its pulse. In vestigation revealed the following facts: The lightning struck the roof of the building, and that being metal it ran down to the eaves of the house. Here it forked, one portion of the fluid passing down a post of the porch and the other shattering a window to the pantry. The post was a large one, but it was split and splinters were torn out and scattered upon the floor. Little Leslie stood within two feet of this post and received a portion of this deadly fluid upon his head. The hair was burned where the lightning struck him, and it passed down to his neck and attacked a gold chain the child was wearing. The chain was torn into fragments and many of the links were melted. There is now a black streak around the child's neck, and the burn shows the impress of the chain. The lightning then passed down the child's breast and other portions of the body the appearance being as if some one had taken a hot iron and made the marks. There was a charm, or medallion, attached to the chain. The breast shows a burn where this charm rested, but the piece was not found.

"This is undoubtedly the most remarkable case on record, and no doubt there are people who will be incredulous about it. But the child still lives, marked by the fluid from the elements. and it is the opinion of leading physicians that Leslie Parker's escape from death will go down into history as the most miraculons ever known."

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We note columns of rarely appreciated free notices of sales, parties and prices and warehouses and buyers published free. Con the papers afford this and is it right in respect to those who pay for other ads?

The desire to help the market is earried too far generosity, not to say self interest, ought not to seek on the part of the public to make a bright, prosperous paper reflect the tobacco interest and not to starve the medium that promotes that interest. We ought all to be more just before so generous. The greater journals get high pay and escape the free column clause.

Pure Brandy.

We call our readers attention to the following testimonial from undoubted authority on the excellence and purity of Speer's Climax Brandy.

MR, SPEER:—I congratulate you on a recent unsought testimony as to the purity of your brandy. Lady Duffus Hardy, of London, England, an old acquaintance of mine, on tasting from the bottle of brandy we brought from Passiac, immediately asked me to get a like one for her, which I did. The English aristocracy, you know, male and female, are pretty good judges of brandy—I remain, Yours truly,

PRENTICE MULFORD,
Editor Graphic.

CASTORIA.

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The mystery of womanhood is full of deep unanswerable enigmas. Why should women be compelled to suffer simply because they are women? Why is it that the source of their highest joys is at the same time the cause of their greatest wretchedness? The very attributes which make it possible for women to be happy wives and mothers also render them liable to the utmost physical misery and pain.

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She's Too Big to Arrrst.

A Rogersville, Tenn., special to the Journal says: "Mrs. Mullens, of Hancock county, who weighs 630 pounds is defying the United States revenue officers. She lives in a log hut, and is selling liquor without bothering herself to pay the government any license. They are powerless to prevent it.

"It is easy enough for an officer to inform her that she was under arrest but bringing her to trial is another matter. as she is too heavy to be conveyed to court over the rough mountain roads. If this difficulty could be overcome another would present itself from the fact she has outgrown the doors of her house and cannot get out of them, and no marshal could be invested with the authority to tear it down over her.

"So she sits or reclines by the whiskey cask and deals out corn juice in defiance of law. Her supply may be destroyed, but it is impossible to keep an officer over her all the time, and she soon has a new supply brought in."

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Labor for Postal Savings Banks.

Chicago Record.

The State Federation of Labor in session at Bloomington has added its indorsement to the agitation for the establishment of postal savings banks. Local unions in large numbers have indorsed the movement. Other state and national conventions as they meet should also take action along the same line. Especially should the American Federation of Labor, which meets in December, take a strong position in favor of postal savings banks. The demand for their establishment should be reiterated so persistently that congress cannot longer ignore the subject. The vote upon the adoption of the postal savings bank resolutions at Bloomington was unanimous, which indicates the general sentiment of workingmen on the subject.

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A Great Walnut Tree.

A massive curled walnut tree, probably the largest in Eastern Kentucky or Southwestern Virginia, was sold, on Elkhorn creek, Letcher county, Ky., Saturday, to an Eastern syndicate, they paying $400 for it. The tree, although buried far back in the wilds of Cumberland mountain, where civilization is hardly known, will be split into small pieces and then carted out.

It will then be hauled overland through Pound Gap to Forton and shipped to Cincinnatti, where it will be manufactured into the finest furniture. The tree in question is nearly sixteen feet to the first limb. It is estimated that it will cost more than a $1,000 to get it to Norton, Va, the nearest railroad, but it will make $15,000 worth of furniture. They cannot lose, in fact, they will make big money.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

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STATE NEWS.

REVIEW OF RECENT HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The Argus notes the death of Ex-Sheriff Wm. A. Deans, of Wayne.

The Weldon News says the Roanoke river is now lower than it has been for years, in fact, the "oldest inhaibtant" dont remember a time when it was ever lower.

Judge Ewart has rendered a decision requiring the commissioners of Haywood county to lay the special tax for railroads, according to the terms of an act of the last Legislature

Secretary J. T. B. Hoover, says that by the middle of October the shoe factory and tannery of the State Farmers' Alliance, at Hillsboro, will be in operation. The employes have been secured.

SCROFULA in its worst form yields to the blood cleansing power of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands of cases have been perfectly **CURED.**

The Mayo Mills, of Mayodan, N. C., has commenced the erection of a 500 foot addition to its mill building, to be used as an opening room. The mill has 15,000 spindles in operation now, and it is said to contemplate building a new mill.

The board of county commissioners have received a car load of machinery, including a crusher, an engine, and a roller, for improving the roads of Rowan. The visit of the commissioners to inspect Mecklenburg's roads is bearing fruit.

ARGONAUT— Saturday morning last at his home, at the Old Westray Homestead, about half way between Rocky Mount and Nashville, Mr. William J. Newby was injured so seriously by the machinery of his cotton gin that he died on the afternoon of the same day after intense suffering.

There is no provision in the law for filling the vacancy in the Board of Education of this county, caused by the death of Lee Perry, colored. This is another blunder of the late Legislature. But it is said that the "fusionists" will fill the vacancy regardless of the fact that no provision exists for the same. As in many other instances they will do their own legislating.—Franklin Times.

Robert Stafford, the best ball player North Carolina has ever produced, will wear a National League Uniform next year. Stafford, who has led the battery in the Western League this year, has been drafted by the Louisville Club. He has been with Milwaukee two years. He is a native of Guilford county and resides with his people several miles from Greensboro, out of base ball season.

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GOLDSBORO ARGUS—Our esteemed contemporary. the Wilmington Messenger, is in error in its statement that Hon. C. B. Aycock has been appointed District Attorney ad intermin by the President. Mr. Aycock was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Fuller, until President McKinley appoints a successor to Mr. Aycock. The Democratic party is proud of Mr. Aycock's record.

Malarial Bitters.

DECATUR, Ill, Aug. 26, 1896.

We consider that we have not only saved our lives, but also our house and home by the use of Aunt Rachael's Peruvian Malarial Bitters. We have been sick with malarial fever the past two years and not able to work sufficiently to pay the interest and taxes on our home and keep our family. We have used Aunt Rachael's Peruvian Malarial Bitters two months we are rejoiced to say that our health has been restored and we are free from malarial fever and chills.

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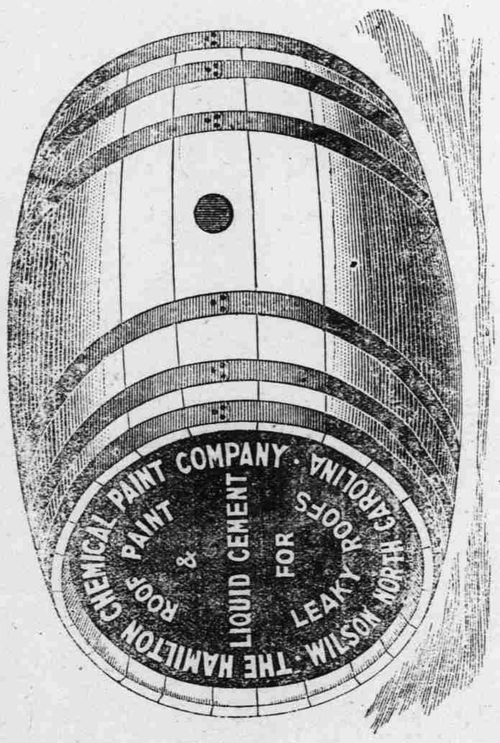

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

TRAIN GOING SOUTH.

DATED Sept. 23rd, 1897	No. 23, Daily.	No. 35, Daily.	No. 103 Daily ex Sunday.	No. 41, Daily.	No. 49, Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Lv Weldon	11 50	9 45	...	.....	.....
Ar Rocky Mt	12 52	10 55	...	.....	.....
Lv Tarboro	12 12	...	6 01	.....	.....
Lv Rocky Mt	12 52	10 35	6 55	5 45	12 45
Lv Wilson	2 16	11 15	7 7	6 22	2 12
Lv Selma	3 00	...	...	.....	.....
Lv Fayetteville	4 40	1 14	.....	.....	.....
Ar Florence	7 35	3 25	.....	.....	.....
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar Goldsboro	.....	...	8 60	.....	...
Lv Goldsboro	.....	.....	.....	7 01	2 10
Lv Magnolia	...	.....	.....	8 15	4 16
Ar Wilmington	...	.....	.....	9 30	5 45
			P. M.	A. M.	P. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED Aug 1st, 897	No. 78, Daily.	No. 12, Daily ex Sunday.	No. 32 Daily.	No. 40, Daily.	No. 42, Daily.
	A. M.		P M		
Lv Florence	8 45	...	8 15	.....	.....
Lv Fayetteville	11 20	...	10 20	.....	...
Lv Selma	1 00	...	...	.....	...
Ar Wilson	1 42	.....	12 10	.....	
Lv Wilmington	.....	A. M.	.....	P M	A. M
Lv Magnolia	.....	.....	.....	7 15	9 35
Lv Goldsboro	...	5 00	.....	8 55	10 59
				10 10	11 58
	P. M.		P M		P. M.
Lv Wilson	1 42	5 41	12 15	11 20	12 45
Ar Rocky Mt	2 33	6 17	12 53	11 57	1 20
Ar Tarboro	12 12	6 45	.....	.....	...
Lv Tarboro	...	.....	.....	.....	...
Lv Rocky Mt	2 33	.....	12 53	.....	.....
Ar Weldon	3 39	.....	1 44	...	...
	P. M		A. M.		

†Daily except Monday. ‡Daily except Sunday.

Train on Scotland Neck branch road leaves Weldon 4:10 p m, Halifax 4:28 p m; arrive Scotland Neck at 5:20, Greenville 6:57 p m, Kinston 7:55 p m. Returning leaves Kinston 7.50 a m Greenville 8:52 a m, arriving at Halifax 11:18 a m, Weldon 11:33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington branch leave Washington 8:20 a m, and 3:30 p m, arrives Parmele 9:10 a m, and 5:10 p m, returning leave Parmele 9:35 a m and 6:30 p m, arrive Washington 11:00 a m and 7:20 p m, daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro daily 5:30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7:40 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth 7:50 a m, arrives Tarboro 10:15 a m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday 7:10 a m, arrives Smithfield 8:30 a m. Returning leaves Smithfield 9:00 a m, arrives at Goldsboro 10:25 a m.

Trains on Nashville branch leave Rocky Mount at 4:30 p m, arrive Nashville 5:05 p m, Spring Hope 5:30 p m. Returning leave Spring Hope 8:00 a m. Nashville 8:35 a m, arrive at Rocky Mount 9:05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily except Sunday. 11:15 a m and 4:10 p m. Returning leaves Clinton at 7:00 a m and 3:00 p m.

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Arrive Fayetteville	3.35 "
Leave Fayetteville	3.45 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 47 "
Leave Sanford	5.05 "
Leave Climax	6.54 "
Arrive Greensboro	7.25 "
Leave Greensboro	7.45 "
Leave Stokesdale	8.34 "
Arrive Walnut Cove	9.13 "
Leave Walnut Cove	9.30 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	11.00 "

SOUTH BOUND.
No 1 DAILY.

Leave Mt. Airy	5 25 a m
Leave Rural Hall	6.50 "
Leave Walnut Cove	7 19 "
Leave Stokesdale	7.52 "
Aarive Greensboro	8.40 "
Leave Greensboro	9 00 "
Leave Climax	9.29 "
Leave Sanford	11.20 "
Arrive Fayetteville Junction	12.42pm
Arrive Fayetteville	12.45 "
Leave Fayetteville	1.15 "
Arrive Wilmington	4.30 "

NORTH BOUND.
No 4 DAILY

Leave Bennettsville	7 45 a m
Arrive Maxton	9.00 "
Leave Maxton	9.07 "
Leave Red Springs	9.37 "
Leave Hope Mills	10.26 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10.50 "

SOUTH BOUND.
No 3 DAILY

Leave Fayetteville	4.45 p m
Leave Hope Mills	5 02 "
Leave Red Springs	5.42 "
Arrive Maxton	6.11 "
Leave Maxton	6.15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7.20 "

NORTH BOUND
No 16 MIXED DAILY except Sunday.

Leave Ramsuer	7.40 a m
Leave Climax	9 33 "
Arrive Greensboro	10.20 "
Leave Greensboro	10.55 "
Leave Stokesdale	12.20 "
Arrive Madison	1.10 "

SOUTH BOUND
No 15 MIXED Daily except Sunday

Leave Madison	2.10 p m
Leave Stokesdale	3 05 "
Arrive Greensboro	4.30 "
Leave Greensboro	5 45 "
Leave Climax	6.57 "
Arrive Ramseur	8 35 "

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