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## FACTS FROM FAUCETTS.

THE PEOPLE WANT VANCE—THE CROPS  
—NEARLY A BIG FIRE—SUCCESSFUL  
HUNTER.

It is some time since this scribe commu-  
nicated with your valued and highly  
respected journal, but thinking you might  
forget us of "Old Faucetts" I greet you  
again.

You are doubtless aware that the Demo-  
cratic banner trailed not in the dust in  
Faucetts, and that her people stood by  
their colors, bearing them proudly to vic-  
tory on the 4th inst.

And why so much enthusiasm in an  
off year? The explanation is plain. It  
is true that we had candidates than  
whom none could have been selected  
more ideally suited to the wishes, fancies  
and interests of the progressive Democracy  
of our grand old county. Again, it is  
true that the people understood this as  
being the most important election of the  
past ten years, and that the most tremen-  
dous results hung in the balance—in the  
success or failure of Democracy. But  
"the milk in the cocoanut" lies in the  
fact that Vance, the great Vance, who  
has done so much for the Old North  
State, he who has spent his life in the  
interest, and advocating the cause of the  
people of his State and the South, would  
be before the next Legislature to have  
his armor fitted on anew by the love of a  
grateful people. And every one knew  
that if we did our duty we should have  
a solid delegation for North Carolina's  
favorite son, her favorite patriot, in the  
coming assembly of law makers. Hence  
the outpouring, hence the cry of all sorts  
of Democrats (if there can be but "one")  
the alliance, the non alliance, the inde-  
pendents, the straightouts and all others  
It was Vance, Vance, "first, last and all  
the time."

The best farmers among us say in re-  
gard to cotton, taking a bale to the acre  
for a basis, that the crop this year is only  
medium in this section, but still every-  
body is highly pleased with cotton and  
all other crops.

Ex-Sheriff J. T. Dawson came within  
a hairs-breadth of losing a valuable gin-  
house and fixtures, besides a large amount  
of cotton by fire on the 11th. It was  
caused by a spark from the engine which  
ignited the shingles and soon the whole  
inside of the building was changed from  
dry and harmless lint to flash and flame,  
but his usual presence of mind and a  
level head came to the rescue and with a  
few farm shovels he smothered the flames  
by throwing cotton seed on them. Loss  
only about \$25.

Seth M. Dickens, the young son of  
our neighbor, Mr. J. E. Dickens, is the  
coming Nimrod of Marsh Swamp. In an  
hour a few days ago he killed two wild  
ducks, one turkey, one rabbit and two  
squirrels. One of the squirrels was an  
unheard of freak of nature, being snow  
white.

I'll stop for fear that this may result  
in only food for that basket.

DEKANGS.  
November 15, 1890.

## WELDON'S ENTERPRISES.

While in Weldon recently we were  
courteously shown by Mr. S. P. Arrington,  
the mill and elevator being constructed  
by the Roanoke Water Power and  
Canal Company of which he is the secre-  
tary and manager. The mill and ele-  
vator are of large capacity and are being  
constructed in the strongest manner.  
Their canal, about eight miles long, is  
nearly completed, and when finished will  
furnish power for a large quantity of ma-  
chinery. The power can be developed to  
a capacity only second to that of Min-  
neapolis, the largest in America.

We also met Col Emry, chairman of  
the Executive Committee and General  
Manager of the Great Falls Manufac-  
turing and Improvement Company. This  
company has increased its capital stock  
to \$2,000,000. This company will con-  
struct a canal one and half miles long,  
with a 35 feet head, giving 7,000 horse  
power. They have already arranged for  
the erection of quite a number of facto-  
ries as soon as they can turn on the  
water. Among these is a grist mill with  
a capacity of 2,000 bushels a day, a pean-  
ut mill, cotton seed oil mill, and several  
cotton mills. Their power is a few miles  
above Weldon, and a town will be laid  
out at once and a large and handsome  
hotel erected. It gives us great pleasure  
to note these enterprises. Eastern North  
Carolina is waking up to a realization of  
her great resources, and capital, over on  
the alert, is seeing large and sure gains,  
in investing in enterprises in our midst.

Argument.

Catarrh cured, health and sweet breath  
secured, by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy.  
Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. At  
W. M. Cohen's drugstore.

## FOR THE INSANE.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CONFER-  
ENCE COMMITTEE OF THE ASYLUMS,  
THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD AND  
BOARD OF HEALTH.

The State Medical Society at its meet-  
ing at Oxford in May last adopted a res-  
olution looking to the better care of the  
insane of the State and also to the treat-  
ment of the inebriate class, and in fur-  
therance of the action taken by this body  
a committee composed of representatives  
of three insane asylums and of the State  
Medical Society and the Board of Health  
was held at the Yarboro House in this  
city.

There were present Dr. W. R. Wood,  
Superintendent, and R. H. Smith, Esq.,  
and Capt. Octavius Coke, directors of  
the North Carolina Insane Asylum; Dr.  
P. L. Murphy, Superintendent, and Di-  
rector J. P. Caldwell, of the Western  
North Carolina Insane Asylum; Dr. J. F.  
Miller, Superintendent of the Eastern  
Insane Asylum; Drs. J. A. Hodges, of  
Fayetteville, and J. M. Baker, of Tar-  
boro, representing the State Board of  
Health, and J. M. Hays, of Oxford, rep-  
resenting the State Medical Society. Dr.  
Frank Duffy, of New Bern, sat with the  
committee and Dr. E. Burke Haywood  
was present for a short time.

There was a full and very interesting  
discussion of the whole matter in hand  
and it was brought out that all of the  
asylums in the State are full, and some  
of them overcrowded, and it was resolved  
that the Legislature, at its session to begin  
in January, be asked to make appropri-  
ations for the enlargement of these insti-  
tutions so that the many unfortunates now  
confined in jails and poorhouses of the  
State may have the benefit of asylum care  
and treatment.

It was proposed on the part of the  
Western North Carolina Insane Asylum  
that its name be changed to "the State  
Hospital at Morganton," and that it be  
permitted to utilize certain wards in  
which it is not practicable to care for  
insane persons for the treatment of in-  
ebriates under proper restriction—the num-  
ber not to exceed twelve of each sex—  
and these to pay such charges as may be  
fixed by the board of directors, except in  
the case of indigent persons. The pro-  
vision as to charge is not with a view to  
profit but in order that the class referred  
to may not become a burden upon the  
State.

Dr. J. M. Baker for the Eastern dis-  
trict, and Mr. J. P. Caldwell for the  
Western, were appointed a committee to  
collect statistics of inebriety, idiocy and  
imbecility and also of the number of in-  
sane in the State outside of the Asylums.

It was further resolved to ask the leg-  
islature to amend section 2255 of the  
Code so that criminals, ordered com-  
mitted by criminal judges, may not have  
precedence of the innocent insane, but  
be admitted under the same regulations  
that govern all other cases.

A committee, to be composed of Capt.  
Octavius Coke, of the North Carolina  
Insane Asylum, as chairman; the chair-  
man of the board of directors of the other  
two asylums; a representative besides each  
of the three asylums; Dr. J. A. Hodges,  
of the State Board of Health; Dr. J. M.  
Hays of the State Medical Society, and  
Dr. E. Burke Haywood, chairman of the  
State Board of Health, was appointed  
by the conference to go before the leg-  
islative committees and ask for the special  
appropriation for enlargement, for the  
changes in existing and for the new pro-  
visions of law outlined above.—*State  
Chronicle.*

Louisville, Ky., April 15, 1890.

Radam's Microbe Killer Co.,

Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen—I have been troubled for  
some time with an acute form of kidney  
disease, for the relief of which I have con-  
sulted several of the best physicians in  
this city, but with no appreciable benefit  
resulting from the faithful use of the me-  
dicines ordered. I had lost thirty or forty  
pounds in weight, was naturally greatly  
reduced in strength and had frequent  
rigors which possibly may have resulted  
from uremic poison. Several weeks ago  
I concluded to give the Microbe Killer  
a trial, and the result of its use has been  
gratifying to me and a surprise to my  
friends. I have fully regained my  
strength and weight, suffer but little or  
no pain, have no recurrence of the rigors,  
appetite good, and have the fullest con-  
fidence in a complete restoration to health.  
I willingly recommend the Microbe Kill-  
er as a remedy of great value.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. H. Meffert.

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Weldon, N. C.

It is said that beer is going up. We  
thought it generally went down.

## DIKING ROANOKE.

A FEW FACTS WORTHY OF CONSIDERA-  
TION AND A PLAN OF ACTION SUG-  
GESTED.

The tortoise of fable, who supposed the  
world to be bounded by his horizon, was  
not more mistaken than are many good  
people living in the Roanoke valley,  
when they suppose that this valley is now,  
ever has been, or ever can be the Egypt  
of America. There is one county in Il-  
linois which makes more corn than every  
farm lying on the Roanoke from Weldon  
to Plymouth makes now, or ever has  
made. And not only that, it makes more  
than every Roanoke county from the  
Falls to the Sound. Were it possible  
that so great a calamity could befall the  
Roanoke section that not one bushel of  
corn could be made, how much, think  
you, would the price be advanced in  
Chicago? Probably not one-tenth of one  
cent per bushel. This said only to show  
that the diking of the river is not a mat-  
ter of national importance.

But a few days ago I heard a very in-  
telligent gentleman, who had evidently  
never given the subject much thought,  
ask that "as the national government holds  
itself responsible for the water ways of  
the country, and expends millions every  
year in removing sand bars and other  
obstructions from them, could not the de-  
sired object be attained by expending the  
appropriations in diking the rivers, there-  
by making and keeping the streams navig-  
able and at the same time conferring a  
great benefit upon the farms lying on the  
streams?" Now there is embodied in  
this query a very pretty theory, but it is  
ONLY a pretty theory. The theorizer's  
idea was that if the flood could be confined  
to narrow limits the weight of the water  
and the swiftness of the current—that is  
the momentum of the flood—would carry  
everything before it. Now if the Roa-  
noke was straight this would probably be  
the result, at least as far as sand bars are  
concerned, but it is far from being  
straight; in fact, like most rivers, it is  
very crooked, some of the bends being  
perfect horse shoes in shape. All sub-  
jects, whether solid or liquid—a cannon  
ball or a body of water—to which mo-  
mentum has been communicated, have a  
tendency to move in straight lines. So  
that at every bend in the river the force  
of the stream is expended on one of the  
banks, which is, in consequence, being  
constantly worn away. The clay being  
readily soluble is carried an indefinite  
distance, but the sand is soon dropped  
and goes to form bars. This is no mere  
theory, for the fact has been over and  
over again established that during every  
freshet the sand bars are raised from six  
inches to one and a half feet, and that as  
the water falls the erosion of the banks  
almost entirely ceases and the sand on  
the bars is gradually washed and distrib-  
uted over the bed of the river.

Let us see if the diking is a matter of  
State concern. To treat the Roanoke  
farmers as the national government treats  
the manufacturers—that is, tax the State  
for the sole purpose of benefiting these  
farmers—is a thing the State would never  
consent to. But if it could be shown  
that for a reasonable amount, say one-  
fourth the taxable value of the farms ly-  
ing on the river, dikes could be con-  
structed on both sides and near the banks  
sufficiently strong to withstand the high-  
est freshets, the State might embark in  
the enterprise. And well it might, for  
with such embankments there is hardly  
a farm immediately on the river the val-  
ue of which would not be doubled.

When the crest of a freshet records  
thirty feet above ordinary low water upon  
the tide gauge at Weldon, ten hours later  
it will mark twenty feet at Norfolk's  
Ferry. This means that if the river is  
confined within its banks between these  
two points the embankments in the Scot-  
land Neck section will have to be at least  
50 per cent. higher and stronger than ever  
before. The late Thomas P. Devereux,  
one of the largest farmers who ever lived  
on the river, was heard to say shortly af-  
ter the war that he would gladly sell every  
acre he owned for what his dikes had  
cost him. I only mention this to show  
that diking, or, as we call it, damming, is  
expensive.

In the Scotland Neck section in sever-  
al instances the dams intended to protect  
the lowest land have been allowed to go  
down and others upon higher ground  
have been built, and though these failed  
to resist the freshets of 1888 and 1889,  
had there been a generous concert of ac-  
tion among those who were benefited by  
them, they could have easily been made  
strong enough to have withstood them.  
The farms lying immediately on the  
river have always had to bear all the  
expense of building and keeping up the  
dikes, while there were many farms just  
back of them which, though as much  
benefited as those owned by the builders,  
never contributed a dollar towards con-

structing or sustaining them. And it is  
just here that there is room for legisla-  
tive action. If every farm that is bene-  
fited by these dikes should be taxed so  
much per acre for every acre so benefited,  
and the fund thus raised be applied to  
keep a small force constantly at work,  
it would not be long before hundreds of  
acres which are now considered insecure  
would be perfectly safe.

I have been through the famous Shen-  
andoah valley of Virginia, and the more  
deservedly famous Cumberland valley  
of Pennsylvania, and I know that  
even our higher (or what we know as the  
second class) low lands are their equal in  
NATURAL fertility. Should we ever be  
able to prevent the rushing and whirling  
waters from passing over them, scraping  
off the best soil in some places and piling  
up sand in others the owners  
of the farms would take more interest in  
their improvement, and it would not be  
long before the big bend which was the  
original Scotland Neck would be the gar-  
den spot of the State. X.  
Edward's Ferry, N. C.

In connection with considering the fea-  
sibility of diking the Roanoke, a glance  
at the water gauge record affords a subject  
for much thought.

The highest and most destructive fresh-  
et of last year occurred in August. The  
gauges are set for ORDINARY LOW WA-  
TER. At 8 A. M., on 4th of August at  
Weldon the gauge read 47 5-10 feet.  
That evening it read 28 2-10 feet at Nor-  
fleet's Ferry and three days after, when  
the crest of the freshet had reached  
Jamesville, broke the dams at these points.  
You can readily see where they would  
have been if they had had to contend with  
47 1/2 feet.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

| STATE.         | 1888. |      | 1890. |      |
|----------------|-------|------|-------|------|
|                | Dem.  | Rep. | Dem.  | Rep. |
| Alabama        | 8     | —    | 8     | 0    |
| Arkansas       | 5     | —    | 5     | 0    |
| California     | 2     | 4    | 1     | 5    |
| Colorado       | 0     | 1    | 0     | 1    |
| Connecticut    | 1     | 3    | 3     | 1    |
| Delaware       | 1     | 0    | 1     | 0    |
| Florida        | 2     | 0    | 2     | 0    |
| Georgia        | 10    | 0    | 10    | 0    |
| *Idaho         | 0     | 0    | 0     | 1    |
| Illinois       | 7     | 13   | 4     | 6    |
| Indiana        | 10    | 3    | 11    | 2    |
| Iowa           | 1     | 10   | 7     | 4    |
| Kansas         | 0     | 7    | 5     | 2    |
| Kentucky       | 9     | 2    | 10    | 1    |
| Louisiana      | 5     | 1    | 6     | 0    |
| *Maine         | 0     | 4    | 0     | 4    |
| Maryland       | 4     | 2    | 6     | 0    |
| Massachusetts  | 2     | 10   | 7     | 5    |
| Michigan       | 2     | 9    | 8     | 3    |
| Minnesota      | 0     | 5    | 4     | 1    |
| Mississippi    | 7     | 0    | 7     | 0    |
| Missouri       | 10    | 4    | 14    | 0    |
| †Montana       | 0     | 4    | 1     | 0    |
| Nebraska       | 0     | 3    | 3     | 0    |
| Nevada         | 0     | 1    | 0     | 1    |
| New Hampshire  | 0     | 2    | 2     | 0    |
| New Jersey     | 3     | 4    | 5     | 2    |
| New York       | 15    | 19   | 23    | 11   |
| North Carolina | 6     | 3    | 8     | 1    |
| †North Dakota  | 0     | 1    | 0     | 1    |
| Ohio           | 5     | 16   | 14    | 7    |
| *Oregon        | 0     | 1    | 0     | 1    |
| Pennsylvania   | 7     | 21   | 10    | 18   |
| Rhode Island   | 0     | 2    | 1     | 0    |
| South Carolina | 7     | 0    | 6     | 1    |
| †South Dakota  | 0     | 2    | 2     | 0    |
| Tennessee      | 7     | 3    | 8     | 2    |
| Texas          | 11    | 0    | 11    | 0    |
| Vermont        | 0     | 2    | 0     | 2    |
| Virginia       | 8     | 2    | 10    | 0    |
| †Washington    | 0     | 1    | 0     | 1    |
| West Virginia  | 4     | 0    | 4     | 0    |
| Wisconsin      | 2     | 7    | 6     | 3    |
| *Wyoming       | 0     | 0    | 0     | 1    |
| Totals         | 161   | 169  | 243   | 88   |

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terrible cough. Shiloh's Cure is the  
remedy for you. For sale at W. M. Co-  
hen's drugstore.

Will you suffer with Dyspepsia in  
Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer and  
guaranteed to cure you. For sale by W.  
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For lame back, side or chest, use Shi-  
loh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents.  
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That hacking Cough can be so quick-  
ly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guaran-  
tee it. For sale by W. M. Cohen.

Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure  
is sold by us on a guarantee. It cures  
Consumption. For sale by W. M. Co-  
hen.

Croup, Whooping Cough and Broch-  
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Cure. For sale by W. M. Cohen.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need  
for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Diz-  
ziness and all symptoms of Dyspepsia.  
Price 10 and 25 cents per bottle. For  
sale by W. M. Cohen.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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# ISAAC LEVY,

ENFIELD, N. C.

## New Fall & Winter Goods, 1890.

I have never sold as many goods  
as I am selling this year, especially  
clothing.

The Tariff don't affect my prices as  
they all say, goods are higher. I  
bought most of my goods in July and  
August, to be delivered as I want  
them. Am selling them at the old  
prices.

I have just received an invoice of  
missfit clothing from one of the best  
merchant tailors in Boston, all fine  
goods and well made and trimmed.  
Thus when they will fit, they can be  
bought very cheap.

I am always a LITTLE LOWER  
IN PRICES and my goods are the  
finest and most attractive.

I have a few left of those black  
Chevott suits in frock or sack, at \$10.

Have just received an assortment  
of FURNITURE and TRUNKS.

A LARGE ASSORTED STOCK OF  
DRY GOODS.

LADY'S, MEN'S MISSES' AND  
CHILDREN'S SHOES.

I also sell the Virginia shoe for la-  
dies. Each pair warranted. \$1.50 a  
pair. If not satisfactory will give a  
new pair or return the money.

I KEEP all the TIME a full LINE  
of MEN'S BOOTS and SHOES of  
STANDARD MAKES

AT LIVING PRICES.

A well assorted stock of  
NOTIONS.

CLOTHING. CLOTHING. CLOTHING.  
CLOTHING. CLOTHING. CLOTHING.

MY STOCK OF MEN'S, BOYS and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING and  
OVERCOATS, is surpassed by none.

All goods are warranted as represented. Satisfaction guaranteed or no sale.

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A full line of MEN'S, BOYS' and YOUTH'S hats and caps, bought from  
first hands, and sold very cheap.

A complete line of groceries on hand at all times.

A good line of Harness and Road Carts, direct from the manufacturers, and  
sold at small profits.

ALSO PAY HIGHEST MARKET  
PRICE FOR COTTON.

Thanking my friends and customers for their past patronage and asking a con-  
tinuance of the same, I am, Truly Yours,  
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