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SPEAKERSHIP AND PRESIDENCY.

The Southern Democrats in Congress and National Convention are not disposed, we think, to play the role of dictators, because it would be both unhandsome and impolitic to do so. But they will hardly, with their large numerical strength, consent to lick any body's boots. The identity of their interests with those of a wing of the great Conservative party of the North will naturally bring them into sympathy with certain policies and certain leaders. No more, no less, unless these opponents of immediate and disastrous resumption of specie payments, throwing away all their splendid opportunities, play fool or coward, and leave Southerners no option but to make terms with such a man as Senator Bayard or such a man as Gov. Ingersoll. These men are personally unexceptionable, and some are even disposed to forget that the chivalric Delaware Senator ever differed from us on the important question of the currency, and accept him cheerfully as first among his peers, for the proud office of bearing their standard in the mighty conflict of 1876.

The Speakership is entangled somehow in the Presidency contest. If Kerr is chosen Speaker the President will come from the East, and the non-resumptionists lose everything. On the other hand if, as we desire, the Speakership shall be awarded to Randall for distinguished merit as well as for geographical considerations, the next President must be a Western man. Either Hendricks or McDonald, of Indiana, or Davis or Trumbell, of Illinois, would do.

The interests of the South demand the largest conservatism of counsel and the ablest strategy, combined with the most fearless determination in action. Southern Democrats in Congress ought to do nothing to disintegrate the Democratic Conservative party, but they must not forget that manliness and self-interest have something to do with the contest over the Speakership, as that question will undoubtedly have something to do with the Presidential nomination next year.

NO RESUMPTION IN '76 POSSIBLE.

The Richmond *Dispatch* hits the bull's eye of the situation in this straight shout: "For the national "banks five hundred millions of circu- "lation and eight millions of coin! "And yet we see what are called 'hard- "money men' pressing the country to "immediate resumption as do Indian "hunters speed the herd of buffaloes "over the precipice.

"Relieve the country and let the "currency alone. The way to relief "is to repeal the resumption law, re- "quire the Government to receive its

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"own paper for all dues to it—for "duties on imports as well as every "thing else—and resumption will come "in due time. Gold-gambling being "in that way ended, paper and gold "will gradually meet on the same "platform and the country slide into "resumption without shock and with- "out shrinkage of values attended "with wide-spread ruin.

"This is the way to resumption of "confidence, and until then there can "be no resumption of specie payments."

Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire is a time-honored adage, the justice or propriety of which we are in no wise inclined to dispute. Well, that being the case we don't know that we feel disposed this morning to cry out, "slander," to this red hot shot from the St. Louis *Westliche Post*, Carl Schurz' paper:

"The Grand Jury that again meets to-day to examine into the facts connected with the whiskey frauds, which were notoriously conducted and protected from above, must under no circumstances overlook one thing. The Washington telegrams, written in cipher, which are before them, warning the distillers of this city of their imminent danger, are based upon and derived from a knowledge which at that time but two single persons possessed. Only Bristow and Grant knew of the steps that were to be taken, and as we know that those signals of warning were not given by Bristow they could only have come from Grant or one in his confidence. The whole country, therefore, points already to the notorious Babcock."

AN IMPORTANT AND PECULIAR DISCOVERY IN NATURAL HISTORY—CAN IT AFFECT AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS?

It has been recently discovered that certain plants not only catch and destroy animal prey, but that they digest and absorb its nutritive elements by a process analagous to that which the human stomach performs. A few months ago we were incredulous as to a certain cannibal plant described in the newspapers, and we took the story as it came to us for what it was worth, that is with several grains of salt. In this article we will give our reasons for believing the truth of the discovery mentioned in our opening sentence, and we suggest to the farmers of North and South Carolina to see if this scientific revolution can be made of practical benefit to them. For the last year or two the subject has been agitated by leading European and American periodicals, which gave the principal facts connected with it; but Mr. Darwin in his "Insectivorous Plants" gives the first systematic exposition of the matter. Mr. Darwin's observations are confined in a great part to the *Drosera rotundifolora*, commonly called "sun-dew," which belongs to a species of plants growing in portions of the Old World, and in America from Canada to Terra del Fuego. His attention was first called to it in 1860, when he observed a great number of insects caught on its leaves, and believing this could scarcely be the result of accident, he commenced a series of elaborate experiments, the results of which he gives in the work referred to. The plant has little, almost no root and is sustained by the insects that alight on its juicy leaves. It derives its poetical name from the glittering drop which shines on its leaves after the sun has dried the night dews. The leaf, as soon as it is touched by the smallest insect, begins to elevate itself, and gradually forces its prey into the centre of the plant. This phenomenon was carefully and repeatedly observed by Darwin.

We are not addicted to sensations, but as this is vouched for by such high scientific authority, and has been approved by the scientific world, would it not be well for some enterprising farmer to see if this plant can not be made to become a valuable ally to the birds in keeping his fields free from pestiferous insects? We would not quote Darwin on every subject, but our own observation forces us to think he is deserving of our consideration and gratitude for developing and explaining this discovery.

Among various insect-eating plants described by the distinguished scientist mentioned, the most remarkable is the *Dionæa*, "a small plant which grows in a limited district in North Carolina." The plant referred to is the "fly-catcher" or Venus fly trap, which grows chiefly, we believe, in the Cape Fear section.

It would be impossible in our limited space to quote some of Mr. Darwin's most interesting paragraphs. We have only endeavored to give our readers an idea of what they will gain by reading the work. An able critic on the volume says, "We recommend it especially to those who are inclined to distrust Mr. Darwin as a biologist, for scarcely any of his works illustrate so conspicuously the tireless industry with which he accumulates facts and the extreme care with which he guards his conclusions."

MISSISSIPPI'S THANKSGIVING.

The gallant State of Mississippi, newly emancipated, hath a right inalienable to rejoice and return thanks for her deliverance. Greatly has she been blessed in getting rid of the cormorants who were consuming her substance. Before the Union of the States she stands to-day the peer of all. Let her joy ring out on the autumn air, and let no ribald jest be made of her thanksgiving songs. So little has she sung of late her voice may not be in tune with the others, but her singing is hearty and free nevertheless.

The Chairman of the Mississippi Democratic State Committee has issued an address asking the people of that State to unite in the observance by appropriate religious ceremonies of the Thanksgiving Day appointed by the President, making the occasion one of special praise and thanksgiving for the deliverance of Mississippi from the rule of vice and ignorance, as well as one for invoking the Divine blessing upon their efforts to restore good government and material prosperity, and to promote the intellectual and moral advancement of that afflicted Commonwealth. The address advocates moderation and magnanimity toward the defeated party who have brought such disasters upon the State, deprecates the exhibition of any prejudice against race, urges an improvement of the common school system, and the adoption of such measures by the newly elected Legislature as shall place Mississippi, "by a just and wise policy, in her normal relations with the other States of the Union, and with the general Government, whereby she may contribute her full share to the common glory and prosperity of the nation."

With a New York contemporary, we may say, "the people of Mississippi, by their wise policy of conciliating the respectable blacks, while avoiding all entangling alliances with disreputable negro and carpet-bag politicians, have won a splendid victory, which they evidently intend to improve by a judicious and conservative use of its results."

THE SPANISH IMBROGLIO.

The advices printed yesterday are supplemented by more positive and tangible information through the mails.

It is stated that the naval preparations are more the result of contingencies likely to originate in Spain than inspired by any aggressive disposition at home. It is said that the popularity of an offensive movement against the United States would be such as to heal the bitter conflict which disturbt the internal peace of the kingdom, and that it has grown into a matter of state policy to foster a sentiment of hostility to the United States, which might at any moment eventuate in open war, a state of things which we should be ready to meet.

And that we suppose is all there is of it except the dream of a third term, which we are satisfied is all a dream and nothing else.

THE ORATION ON POE.

We very much regret our inability to reprint the splendid address of Prof. Henry E. Shepherd, delivered at the unveiling of the Poe monument in Baltimore last Wednesday. The committee were fortunate in securing the services of this scholarly and earnest young gentleman, of whose name and fame his own mother, North Carolina, is even more proud than Maryland, his adopted mother. The oration was a learned, luminous and powerful criticism upon the genius of the illustrious Southern poet, illustrated from the rich storehouse of Mr. Shepherd's English and classical reading, clothed in the purest and most graceful language and containing here and there passages of singular beauty and eloquence.

Still Growing.

The Raleigh *News*, remarking on the fact that last week two vessels with 2,214 bales of cotton cleared from this port direct for Europe, and that five large vessels are now loading at the Compress wharf with cotton for foreign countries, thinks this is encouraging to those who believe Wilmington has a destiny to fulfil as a port in the foreign trade. We are more encouraged in that belief by the fact that not for one week only but during the whole season we have been making these direct foreign shipments of cotton and naval stores, and are likewise receiving direct from foreign countries shiploads of merchandise, fertilizers, tropical fruits, &c., in exchange. We feel quite certain that our progress in this direction is not likely to turn backward while our merchants continue to give as good satisfaction to customers as at present and while our facilities for receiving, landing and shipping goods, floating the commerce and conducting the exchange continue daily to increase. Our cotton receipts for the year seem likely to be fully 50 per cent. greater than last year, and, so far as we can learn, old customers and new seem pleased with the treatment they receive and the way their business is transacted at our port, the accessibility of the harbor, the improvements in the channel, and the facilities offered here for obtaining charters are making Wilmington more and more a favorite with shipmasters and owners; and, in view of all the facts, we believe our present business is particularly healthy and likely to hold its own and increase.

The Colored Fair.

From Chas. E. Cleapor, Secretary of the Industrial Fair Association, we have the following in reference to the progress of preparations for the approaching fair:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held last night, Jos. C. Hill, Wm. Kellogg and Elijah Lane were appointed a committee to raise subscriptions for premiums to be awarded. A meeting of private boarding-house keepers and citizens who may be able to entertain some of the crowd of visitors who are expected to be present from all parts of the State will shortly be called by the Board.

The Board have secured the services of the Fayetteville Brass Band to attend during the fair. There will also be a tournament on the third day of the fair, after the races.

The carpenters are now busily at work at Giblem Lodge, preparing stalls, sheds and coops for the animals to be exhibited. Most of the entries thus far, in all the departments, came from the Western part of the State.

Many little school children are known to be at work preparing mathematical problems, compositions, etc., to compete for the gold premiums offered, and numerous letters are daily received inquiring in reference to premiums and making entries of articles for exhibition.

Hanged.

Lawyer Bryan, col., the particulars of whose crime and trial we have heretofore given, was hung at Beaufort on Friday last for the murder of Mr. Michael Langley, of Onslow, in May, 1874. Upon the gallows Bryan made a full confession of his guilt. He was a mere youth of 17 at the time the murder was committed, and the evidence against him was purely circumstantial. The case was removed from Onslow county to Carteret, in which latter he was convicted and sentenced to death, but from one cause or another has been three times respited. The Governor, however, refusing to interfere further, Bryan on Friday expiated his crime on the gallows.

Wilmington and the West.

In copying an article from our paper on this subject, which it calls "Business-like Chat," the Greensboro' *Patriot* says: "Wilmington never had a better opportunity presented her of securing railroad connection with the West, and we believe her people will respond promptly when the subject is laid before them. Wilmington ought to be the shipping port for all this section, and the only reason why it is not is the want of direct railroad communication."

A Sad Case.

The alleged lunatic, said to have made her escape from Laurinburg, and whose sister telegraphed here to have her arrested, mention of which was made in yesterday's paper, was found in a house in the suburbs of the city yesterday morning, and taken to the Guard House. She gives very confused statements, which are to the effect that she came from Laurinburg to this place on business, has no sister there, but only a distant relative, and that her home is in Lynchburg, Va., where she owns property, and that she has written there for money. The name of the unfortunate woman, who, from what we can learn, is evidently not in her right mind, is Laura Knight.

The Carolina Central Railroad.

Great injustice has been done the Carolina Central Railway Company in some of the State papers by the publication of a paragraph which is calculated to create the impression that the Company has defaulted in paying its interest.

As we understand it, and our information is from a reliable source, Mr. H. G. Onderdonk holds a few bonds on which there is $4,200 past due, which the Treasurer of the corporation refuses to pay, for the reason that the Company has a large claim against Mr. Onderdonk and considers it an offset as far as the above amount of interest will go toward liquidating it.

The Cumberland Fair.

Our intelligence from the Cumberland Fair, which has been in progress at Fayetteville during the past week, is to the effect that it has in all respects been a very successful one. The display of articles on exhibition was a very creditable one, while the number of persons in attendance has been quite large, especially on Thursday, which, as with us, was the principal day.

THE FAIR.

Conclusion of the Premium List.

The following is the conclusion of the list of premiums awarded at the late Fair, as revised by the Executive Committee:

DEPARTMENT D—CLASS 1.

Eli Smith, Shoe Heel, for barrel fine resin, diploma.

CLASS 2.

Johnson & Elwell, Wilmington, for ottoman and barrel chair, certificate.

Giles & Murchison, Wilmington, fine display of hardware, certificate.

John Dawson, Wilmington, best and largest display of hardware, diploma.

D. A. Smith & Co., Wilmington, best display of furniture, diploma.

Mrs. Rodgers, Norfolk, toy furniture made of tin fruit cans, certificate.

CLASS 3.

Giles & Murchison, Wilmington, for handsome English breechloading gun, certificate.

C. W. Davis, Wilmington, for toy chamberset, certificate.

A. Wrenn, Norfolk, for fine display of buggies and carriages, diploma.

Wm. Bethel, for fine target rifle, certificate.

John Walker, Wilmington, for best spirit barrel, $1.

Seawell & Alderman, Duplin, for best pair brogans (hand-made), certificate.

R. E. Jones & Co., Goldsboro, for fine display of buggies, diploma.

CLASS 4.

P. Heinsberger, Wilmington, for largest and handsomest display of books and stationery.

Johnson & Elwell, Wilmington, for handsome display of wall-papering, diploma.

Evans & VonGlahn, Wilmington, for fine display of boots and shoes, certificate.

W. J. Cooley, Lumberton, for best set buggy harness (hand-made), diploma.

Carpenter & Mallard, Wilmington, for fine display of harness, diploma.

Hayden & Gerhardt, Wilmington, for handsome set of buggy harness, certificate.

G. R. French & Son, Wilmington, for home-tanned leather, diploma.

The same, for fine display of boots and shoes, certificate.

DEPARTMENT E—CLASS 1.

Giles & Murchison, Wilmington, best hillside plow, "Farquhar's," diploma.

The same, for Southern plow and Dixon plow sweep, diploma.

The same, for guano distributor, "Cobb's," diploma.

The same, for Watt plow, double cider mill and corn sheller, diploma.

The same, for Smith's feed cutter, diploma.

The same, for Myers' Excelsior plow, John Myers', diploma.

The same, for plantation bell, certificate.

The same, for the largest and best display of agricultural implements, diploma.

H. M. Smith & Co., well fixture, certificate.

T. J. Lee, Pender, triple cultivator, certificate.

Farmer & Wainwright, Wilson, cotton planter, diploma.

The same, No. 10 single plow, certificate.

The same, cotton scraper, diploma.

J. C. McMillan, Teachey's, cotton planter, certificate.

Elliott & Forshee, Wilmington, best cotton tie, diploma.

Geo. Allen & Co., Newbern, best plows, Atlas, diploma.

The same, hay rake, certificate.

CLASS 2.

Giles & Murchison, Wilmington, for boring machine, certificate.

The same, for Howe's platform scales, certificate.

Erie City Iron Works, Charlotte, for best portable engine and saw mill, $50 and medal.

The same, for best cotton gin, Winship's, diploma.

Frank & Co., Buffalo, for economist planer and matcher, diploma.

The same, for round and scroll saw combined, diploma.

Kornegay & Co., for best steam engine for agricultural purposes, $50 and medal.

The same, for condenser cotton gin, diploma.

N. Gillican, Wilmington, for miniature steam tug, diploma.

Nichols & Bro., Atlanta, for force-steam pump, diploma.

Bigelow & Co., New Haven, Conn., for portable steam engine, diploma.

H. M. Watson, Wilmington, for miniature schooner, full-rigged, certificate.

DEPARTMENT E.—CLASS 3.

Parker & Taylor, Wilmington, for fine display of cooking stoves and heaters, diploma.

The same, for fine display of housefurnishing goods, certificate.

The same, for fine display of britania and plated ware, certificate.

W. P. Granger, Warren county, for rat trap, certificate.

Howe Sewing Machine Company, Raleigh, (2nd best machine) certificate.

J. & J. Johnson, Wilmington, Agents for Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., for best machine, diploma.

Samuel S. Brook, Fredericksburg, Va., for model baker, certificate.

DEPARTMENT F.

The Committee of Award on Painting and Fine Arts, department F, respectfully report:

1st. The painting exhibited by a citizen of Wilmington entitled "Light in Darkness," painted by the Rev. J. A. Oertel, of Lenoir county, N. C., is one of the finest pieces of art ever produced in this country and fully worthy of the distinguished reputation of the artist. But your Committee have not thought it just to the amateur painters whose specimens were exhibited in Floral Hall to bring them into competition with the work of this master, and hence, recommending a certificate of excellence for this painting, do further award as follows:

2d—Mrs. Cicero W. Harris, best oil painting, No. 6, premium $1.

Miss Mary Meinrkens, best oil painting, flowers, No. 35, premium $1.

Mrs. Cicero W. Harris, best collection of paintings, No. 4 to 13, diploma.

Miss L. P. Henry, Pender, best drawing in crayon, No. 37, diploma.

Miss Ellie Gramlin, best drawing in pencil, No. 29, diploma.

P. Heinsberger, best display of photographs, &c., diploma.

JOHN WILDER ATKINSON,
W. H. JAMES,
Committee.

DEPARTMENT G—CLASS 3.

T. A. Granger, for best pumpkin, certificate.

M. Kordsander, Wilmington, for best Massey's air, certificate.

DEPARTMENT H.

P. Heinsberger, Wilmington, for parlor organs, diploma.

T. W. Brown & Sons, Wilmington, for display of jewelry, diploma.

Navassa Guano Company, Wilmington, for best specimen of guano, diploma.

T. W. Brown & Sons, Wilmington, for best collection of minerals, diploma.

G. R. French, Pender, best Southern lime, diploma.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Brown & Roddick, Wilmington, for fine display of linen shirts, &c., certificate.

M. M. Katz, Wilmington, for handsome display of shawls and table covers, certificate.

Sol. Bear & Bro., Wilmington, for display of clothing, certificate.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

To Mrs. Cynthia Hedrick, M. J. Dingelhoef's special premium of $15 worth of silver for best home-made quilt.

To Mrs. James A. Willard, Edwards & Hall's special premium of 1 barrel flour for largest display of bread, &c.

The same, Geo. Myers' special premium of $10 in gold for largest and best display of home-made articles.

Miss M. E. Cook, Wilmington, Grant & Hinton's special premium of 1 barrel Elm Grove flour.

Miss Lula Grant, J. H. Allen's special premium for best loaf of bread by an unmarried lady.

The same, George Honnet's special premium for best pound cake by girl under 16, silver valued at $10.

Miss Fannie Everett, Goldsboro, T. W. Brown & Son's special premium, silver valued at $10 for best specimen of needlework or embroidery.

Miss Lizzie Fowler, 1 copy of *Evening Review* 1 year, for best composition by boy or girl under 15 years.

The same, Ed. Mann's special premium of gold pen and holder for same.

Miss Lida J. Grafflin, 1 copy of *Evening Review* 1 year, for best specimen of handwriting by a girl under 15 years old.

Charles Bordon, 1 copy of *Evening Review* 1 year, for best specimen hand writing by a boy under 15 years.

J. T. Reilly, Dr. Winants' special premium for best specimen of wook-work made with pocket-knife.

Wilmington Retail Market.

The following prices ruled yesterday: Apples, (dried) 12½ cents per pound; dried peaches 25c per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per peck; pickles, 20 cents per dozen; lard, 18 cents per pound; butter, 40@55 cents per pound; cheese, 25 cents per pound; grown fowls 75@80 a pair; geese $1 50 per pair; beef 10@16½c. per pound; beef, (corned) 12½@15c. per pound; veal, 12½@16½c. per pound; mutton, 12½@16½ cts. per pound; ham, 18@20 cts. per pound; shoulders, 12½@14 cents per pound; tripe, 20 cts. per bunch; clams, 25 cents a peck; open clams, 20@25 cts a quart; soup bunch, 5 cts; eggs, 22@25 cents a doz; sturgeon, 25 cts. a chunk (5 lbs); potatoes, new Irish, 40c a peck; new sweet 20 cents a peck; fish—trout 25c. per bunch; mullets 10@25 cents per bunch; turnips, 10 cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peck; cabbages 10@25 cents a head; bologna, 20 cents a pound; wild ducks 50@75 cents a pair; parsley, 5 cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peck; carrots, 5 cents a pound; rice, 12½ cents a quart; crabs 15 cts dozen; green field peas 10c per quart; apples 50 to 60c per peck; liver pudding, 20 cents ℔ lb.; blood pudding, 25 cents ℔ lb.; oysters (New River) $1 25 per gallon or $1 a bushel; do. Sound, 20 cents a quart.

Unclaimed.

Some of the articles on exhibition at our late fair remain in the hands of Mr. Jas. A. Willard, the Superintendent, and may be obtained by the owners on application at his residence in this city. We have been cognizant of some cases in former years where articles were lost by not being promptly claimed. The improved arrangements this year have prevented such occurrences so far as we have heard, but it is desirable that all the articles should be claimed as soon as may be.

THE NEW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

List of the Offices to be Filled by the Democratic Majority.

The patronage of the House is so much the subject of discussion, that the following list is given of

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE WITH THE SALARIES ATTACHED.

The Speaker	$ 8,000
Clerk	4,904
Sergeant-at-Arms	4,320
Chief Clerk	*3,600
Journal Clerk	*3,700
Doorkeeper	2,592
Postmaster	2,592
Assistant Journal Clerk	3,000
Two Reading Clerks, each	3,000
Tally Clerk	3,000
Four Assistant Clerks, each	2,592
One Assistant Clerk	2,520
Six Assistant Clerks, each	2,160
Librarian of the House	2,160
Assistant Librarian of the House	2,160
Superintendent Document Room of House	2,160
Assistant Superintendent Document Room of House	2,160
Superintendent Folding Room	1,188
Superintendent Document Room	1,188
Clerk's Office	1,870
Doorkeeper in charge of Hall	2,592
Assistant Postmaster	2,088
File Clerk, Document Room	1,800
Clerk to Speaker	2,102
Private Secretary to Speaker	2,102
Five Official Reporters, each	5,000
Two Stenographers for Committees	4,200
Chaplain	900
Engineer and Ventilator	1,800
Three Assistant Engineers of Ventilator, each	1,440
Six Firemen of Ventilator, each	1,095
Chief Messenger of House	2,088
Three Assistant Messengers of House	1,440
Clerk to Sergeant-at-Arms	2,500
Paying Teller to Sergeant-at-Arms	1,800
Messenger to Sergeant-at-Arms	1,410
Seven Messengers for P. O.	1,800
Seven Messengers for P. O.	1,800
Five Messengers for D. K.	1,800
Six Messengers for D. K.	1,440
Twelve Messengers, (during session) for doorkeepers	1,440
One Telegraph Operator	1,200
Clerk for Appropriations Court	1,592
Clerk to Ways and Means	2,592
Clerk to Claims Court	2,160
Clerk to War Claims Court	2,160
Clerk to Public Lands Court	2,160
Messenger to Ways and Means	1,314
Messenger to Appropriations	1,315
Twenty-four Laborers	17,580
One Female Attendant, ladies' retiring room	600

*Only when filled by present officer.

— We learn from the Charlotte *Observer* that John Kirkpatrick, Z. T. Pearsall and George Evans, colored, of that city, have leased a train on the C. C. Railroad and will come to Wilmington on the 27th of December, to the proposed colored Fair to be held at that time.

Industrial Fair Association.

The following is a list of premiums for the approaching fair of the colored people, offered and handed in to the Board of Directors during the past week:

By Gen. S. H. Manning, Sheriff:

Five dollars in gold for the best spirit cask, hand-made, and produced at the Exposition.

Five dollars in gold for the best bale of cotton raised in this District.

Five dollars in gold for the best embroidery work by a young miss 16 years of age or under.

Five dollars in gold to the boy, 16 years of age or under, who produces the largest yield of corn from an acre of ground.

Five dollars in gold for the best home-made cloth by a woman; cloth to be hand-made.

Five dollars in gold for the best specimen of hogs raised.

By Aug. H. Morris, Chairman School Committee:

Two dollars and fifty cents in gold for the best essay on history, composed by boy or girl 16 years of age or under.

Two dollars and fifty cents in gold for the best mathematical problem, from boy or girl of 16 years or under.

By Mr. A. Robinson: Two dollars in gold for the best-made wheat bread by an unmarried female.

By Mr. James W. Telfair: Five dollars in gold to the female who produces the best home-made sponge and pound cake.

By Mr. Elijah Lane: Two dollars and fifty cents in gold to the mechanic who produces the best hand-made plow.

By Evander McBride: Five dollars in gold for best quilt.

By Mr. F. W. Foster:

Two dollars and fifty cents in gold to the girl under 12 years of age who produces the best specimen of penmanship.

Two dollars and fifty cents in gold to girl under 15 years of age for the solving of a mathematical problem in the shortest space of time from text-book.

Two dollars and fifty cents in gold for the girl under 10 years of age who has attended school the greatest number of days during the School Term of 1874 and 1875, the same to be verified by proper certificate.

Competitors for the three last premiums to live in New Hanover county.

Mr. Greenburg: Five dress pattern of calico for the best scrap quilt, made of his goods.

By Jas. P. Green: Two dollars and fifty cents in gold for best-made pants.

The premium list is still open at the office of the Board of Directors for special premiums to be entered.

Those who propose to take part in the Tournament are requested to hand in their names to Chas. C. Cleapor, the Secretary.

The Board is now busily preparing its programme for publication, and will hold a meeting Wednesday to make arrangements for the lodging of the visitors to the fair who are expected from abroad.

Wilmington Viewed by Others.

The Shelby *Banner* says: "It was our pleasure to visit this enterprising and thriving city by the seashore two weeks back and receive some of the kindnesses of its citizens. We were pleased to meet so many well-wishers of Shelby, and we assure all such persons that such wishes are highly appreciated by our citizens. Wilmington is now doing a vast amount of business and we hope that it may be increased ten fold. Produce, cotton and everything of this kind is flowing in and yet there is room for more. Her port is full. Her ships move off daily, heavily laden with the produce of the land. Improvements are going on, and all seemed to be enrobed with a spirit of perseverance.

Wilmington is certainly the town for our Western people. On her we should depend for all of our merchandise, as we now have a direct line running to that port."

The Salisbury *Watchman*, whose editor visited our city during the Fair, calls attention to Wilmington as the port of North Carolina. The *Watchman* expresses the sensible opinion that "Every North Carolinian should be proud of the fact that we have a port so well adapted to all our wants, and strive to enlarge and enhance its usefulness. Through Wilmington we can reach all parts of the world with as much ease and as expeditiously as from any other point on the Atlantic coast. Why, not then, give our trade and influence to our own seaport city and thus assist in building her up, instead of those in other States? The people of Salisbury ought to have direct communication with Wilmington."

And the Asheville *Citizen* is moved with commendable State pride to say: "Wilmington is our only chance to build a State seaport, and very much depends upon the West to secure its being done. We have State pride enough to insist that North Carolinians stand by North Carolina."

Still Pressing.

The cotton compress is now running regularly from 9 to 10 hours per day, turning out daily from 500 to 600 bales of compressed cotton, and still there is plenty of the staple ready and awaiting its turn to be "squeezed." Four large foreign vessels are now loading at the wharves of the company, and as many more will be expected to take their places when they have completed their cargoes.

— The Salisbury *Watchman* was very much pleased with the Fair recently held in this city. It says: "The big thing of the occasion was the reunion of the survivors of the terrible battle at Fort Fisher. This was a most pleasant and interesting affair, and will long be remembered by the brave and invincible men who are the proud survivors of one of the most terrible bombardments of modern times."

— Tarboro *Southerner*: Nick Haskins, old Nick, not the devil, but the celebrated colored town John and baggage man, fell from his wagon last Friday night, from the effects of which he died on Sunday.

— Two-thirds interest in Jenifer, the two-year old thoroughbred of Edgecombe, were sold on Wednesday, to the Tar River Jockey Club for $950. Jenifer is entered for the spring races at Saratoga, Long Branch and Jerome Park.