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The people of North Carolina, and particularly of the mountain country, have a genuine interest in the proposed centennial celebration of the hotly contested and decisive battle that was fought on King's Mountain.

According to this paper, a factory on a large scale like the new one, pays out yearly to the operatives alone about \$175,000. It says: "But this is not the only advantage. A cotton manufactory of 24,000 spindles will consume yearly nearly 13,000 bales of cotton, and this is purchased directly at its doors.

It has been announced that Rev. Robert Latham, of Yorkville, S. C., is preparing a work on the men who fought and the incidents that marked the battle, one of the most decisive that ever occurred on this continent.

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The same remark is eminently true of Roman history. Gibbon, Arnold, Mommsen, Frode and other great writers have all, contributed to the better understanding of one of the greatest of earthly races, and yet in many particulars they differ widely

in their opinions and deductions. But all have aimed both in delighting and instructing the historical student. It is by diligently comparing the variant accounts and inferences that we arrive approximately at the truth.

We hope the celebration at King's Mountain in October will be a grand event—one to be memorable, like the victory it celebrates, in the annals of North Carolina.

WHAT A COTTON FACTORY DOES.

We regretted seeing the announcement of the destruction of the Augusta (Ga.) cotton factory. Only a day or two before we announced that it would soon pay a fair dividend to the stockholders, together with two other factories at the same place.

Augusta has grown in population very considerably and has prospered in many ways. Its leading paper says that this has been caused essentially by its cotton factories.

Augusta, by a recent census, showed nearly 29,000 inhabitants. With two such factories in Wilmington and in five years we could count on 25,000 inhabitants. If the Augusta mills can pay 8 and 12 per cent., and one three days ago declared a dividend of 12 per cent; and if others in Georgia and South Carolina can and do pay from 10 to 16 per cent.

THE NORTHERN RAID ON THE TREASURY.

There is no doubt about the heavy raids being made upon the U. S. Treasury by the tens of thousands of pensioners. We mentioned recently some facts connected with this constant drain upon the pockets of the people.

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1781 and 1880 the same appropriations aggregated \$87,080,184.51. In the last eight years we have paid \$254,189,532.42 for pensions, being more by \$167,099,000 than was paid in all the previous years in our history up to 1870.

Now here is a fair opportunity for honest statesmanship. Thousands of so-called Union men have been riding on the Treasury with what is known as "Southern Claims."

THE C. F. & Y. RAILROAD.

A gentleman connected with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Railroad, in a letter before us, asks how it is that Wilmington takes so little interest in this very important feeder to our growing city.

It is well known that when Grant was President he packed the Supreme Court Bench with partisans that the most reprehensible party measures might be carried out under the sanction and authority of servile and corrupt men who wore the ermine.

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Both parties in Washington are excited over the selection of census supervisors. The Republicans, as we stated yesterday, are much disgruntled over a fair deal, and are trying to change many of Mr. Walker's selections.

There is possibly a better showing for a peaceable settlement of the Maine difficulties than even twenty-four years ago. The country at large take a painful interest in the disgraceful scenes occurring in Maine, and it will be glad to know that law and order and justice and right at last prevail where now the war drum and ear-piercing fire are alone heard amid the angry dissonance.

SPORTS AND THE JUDICIARY.

It begins to look as if the Stalwarts of Maine will be victorious. They have the money, and they will probably triumph in Maine as they did in Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida, and even in Washington.

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NORTH CAROLINA FARMING.

The articles of the STAR which concern our industrial interests are appreciated at home and abroad to some extent.

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Daring Robbery at Monroe—Sudden Death.

Mr. W. J. Scroggs, writing us from Monroe, states that the store of Messrs. Thomas & Redfern, at that place, was broken open Thursday night, entrance being effected by boring out the lock of the front door with an auger, there being twenty-one holes counted the next morning, altogether forming a space of about half a foot in diameter.

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State Librarian

—Raleigh Visitor: A little boy named Conrad, and his sister, near Winston, N. C., went out to chop wood last Tuesday. The boy cut down a tree, which fell on his little sister and instantly killed her.

—Raleigh Observer: A Northern man, living on the line of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, is engaged in growing asparagus and tomatoes under glass for the Northern markets.

—Rockingham Bee: Rev S. D. Adams, of Carthage, N. C., is slowly recovering from injuries received by a fall, just about a year ago, from a tree, which fell on his head, and from which he has since recovered.

—Oxford Orphan's Friend: A prominent friend of education cannot sufficiently express his regret that the meeting of the Orphan Asylum to prepare for the year is not yet held.

—Charlotte Press: The Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line material train, with its force, is at King's Mountain for the purpose of erecting a liberty pole 180 feet high on the topmost pinnacle of the mountain.

—Raleigh Observer: Died, in Ridgeway, on the 12th inst., of consumption, G. S. H. Appleget, aged 49 years.

—Tarboro Southerner: Bread and meat is King and cotton is the King's assassin.

—Goldsboro Messenger: The meeting called to organize the Goldsboro & Hartnett Railway Company will be held in the Court House to-day, at 11 o'clock.