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A WITNESS BEFORE THE EXODUS COMMITTEE.

A negro named Wall, President of the Emigrant Aid Society, in his testimony before the Senate Exodus Committee, spoke of North Carolina in just such terms as an emissary of wickedness would speak when he was attempting to justify his course, and the course of his backers.

There is no need of wasting words over the statements of an ignorant and corrupt scoundrel who undertakes to read the purposes of Deity and to pronounce for Him an anathema upon North Carolina.

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D. Appleton & Co. publish a novel entitled "Manoh," by Mrs. Mary E. Bryan, of Georgia.

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NEW YORK IN 1880.

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WILMINGTON AS A COTTON MARKET.

A writer in the Monroe Enquirer, signing himself "Equal Rates," avails himself of a brief paragraph in the STAR concerning the number of vessels in our port, to institute an unfavorable comparison between Wilmington, as a cotton market, and Monroe, Charlotte and Raleigh.

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Table with 4 columns: L. MID., MID., GOOD MID., and another column. Lists prices for different grades of cotton.

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We have before us the circular of the National Cotton Exchange of America giving the exact quotations for January 13th, the date referred to by "Equal Rates."

There are persons—good business men on the line of the Carolina Central—who know that cotton is graded differently in Charleston from what it is graded in Wilmington—that you may get a higher price in Charleston for what is graded "middling" than you would get in Wilmington, but after all the seller will be the loser.

whereas in point of fact Wilmington was quite as high, if not higher, by reason of the fact that the grading was higher.

COTTON AND THE CLEMENT ATTACHMENT.

The Salisbury Watchman copies a paragraph from the STAR relative to a certain machine that was used in the South more than forty years ago, and says:

Possibly this was the same machine referred to subsequently in the STAR as being in use in Mississippi twenty-five years ago or more. It is clear that at that time a very useful machine was in use in several States. It will be interesting to know wherein the Clement Attachment differs from the machine described above by the Watchman, or from the one referred to by the Louisville Courier-Journal to which we alluded some weeks ago in these columns.

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The opinion of Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, is that there ought to be from twenty-five to fifty of them in every cotton county.

One Clement mill will do the work of three gins and costs about one-third as much. It is believed that they will rapidly take the place of gins on the plantations, and that a thorough revolution will be effected.

The seed cotton cannot be carried away from the plantations. It must be spun there just as completely as it is now ginned there. The mills are very simple. It is simply the connection of a gin with a spindle by means of carding cylinders.

We have taken time and space to collate these testimonies because the STAR was one of the first papers to draw attention to the Clement, and because there is a disposition in North Carolina to pronounce an unfavorable judgment upon the invention.

By the new process seed cotton only can be used, and it will not bear long transportation. This cuts off all competition from the North and Europe. It is the "poor man's factory," for (as per enclosed report from a mill, of only one and second hand machinery, located at Westminster, S. C., costing only \$3,700, you will see that it has two outlets 40 per cent per annum for the next years it has been running.

The Late Cutting Affair in Brunswick—The Wounded Man Dies of His Injuries.

Henry Harrison, a colored special deputy, arrived here yesterday with Robert Everett, colored, in his custody, and turned him over to the Sheriff, to be held in the county jail until he can be removed to the prison at Smithville.

We find in our exchanges many other notices of the value of the Attachment. A correspondent of the Philadelphia Times, writing from Atlanta, Ga., says:

The Louisville Courier-Journal has no doubt of the importance of the Clement invention, and thinks it is destined to "bring about an industrial revolution in the South."

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Valuation of Property Owned by Colored People in New Hanover County.

The STAR has endeavored to show that there was no real cause for the exodus scheme in the South, and especially in North Carolina, and many of the prominent and leading colored men have taken a decided stand in opposition to it.

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Spirits Turbans.

Charlotte has secured the telephone. The "Honorable" are again cropping out thickly, especially "them Legislative fellows."

Rockingham Bee: Dr. C. F. Deems' son is a Presbyterian minister and fills his father's pulpit in his absence in Europe.

Alamance Glazier: The machinery for the new factory of L. B. & L. S. Holt, at Belmont, four miles from the village, has been put down at the building, and very soon will be put in place, and the factory started.

The Oxford Torchlight, in speaking of the Oxford and Rocky Mount, says the grading is now more than half done, and the work is being pushed vigorously. The prospects of the early completion of the road has increased the trade of Oxford over 100 per cent.

The Methodist Advance, the new religious paper published at Durham and edited by H. Frank H. Wood, is a handsomely printed paper, octavo shape, and furnished at \$1.50 a year. It gives its readers much good and instructive matter. It has our best wishes.

Winston Sentinel: Some of the citizens of Mount Airy have sued out a writ of mandamus against the president of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad to compel him to commence work on the western division of the road according to the terms of the consolidation.

Warren News: The amount of \$200,000 realized from Col. Green's lecture for the Lee and Lee counties, was divided into three or four Greenville county men in our midst, preparing to go into fluted-tobacco. They say this is the very land for it, as good as they could wish.

New Bern Democrat: It is with pleasure that we learn that Capt. R. A. Shotwell, who is well known to our people, and who has been engaged for some months past in writing an interesting historical sketch of the events just prior to and during the war, together with an autobiography of a very thrilling nature during the same period, thinks of extending his narrative into the days of reconstruction.

Washington Press: A movement is on foot for the establishment of a cotton factory in our town. Messrs. Shaw and Everman were in town last week, and we learn that everything resulted with perfect satisfaction, and soon we hope to hear the busy hum of the spindles in our midst. The Clement Attachment is to be used, and we learn that they can be had at a cost of about \$10,000 to \$15,000. A stock company will be formed within a few days.

Weldon News: Our citizens were right much humbugged last Thursday night in the way of an entertainment given by a wagan, pretending to be travelling to raise funds for the colored people of our county. Our people are very generous, always willing and ready to extend the helping hand to the afflicted, and it really seems too bad that they should be taken in that way. The yellow fever epidemic will not be benefited much by their hands. Pass her around.

Raleigh Visitor: Professor A. R. Ledoux, Chemist to the Board of Agriculture, tendered his resignation of that office yesterday, which was accepted. The wheel factory, just south of the Governor's palace, is in the hands of Duke's son-in-law, Fred. A. Olds becomes the city editor of the Observer to fill the place recently held by P. M. Wilson, Esq. John Hill Keith was released from jail and also divorced from his wife, Charlotte Keith, on Friday, and ordered to leave the county in thirty days.

Oxford Free Lance: In the matter of developing the hidden resources of our State by directing public attention to them, as was done in the case of the Raleigh newspaper enterprise, the Wilmington Star is far ahead of most of its contemporaries and is richly deserving of much credit for the interest it has shown in this important matter. Our countryman, Capt. Messrs. R. L. Hunt, T. L. Williams, W. A. Barnett, Sim Tippet, Elijah Montague, A. M. Clay and others, had some 60 or 75 sheep killed by dogs. Farmers, look out for them, and dispatch the canines as soon as possible.

Raleigh Observer: A number of the alumni of the University met at the Executive office last evening. The meeting was addressed by P. B. Cameron, Kemp P. Battle, Richard H. Battle, Jr., and P. H. Baskin. Several resolutions were adopted, among them one providing for a meeting of the alumni at the same time as the trustees of the University each year. There was a slight fall of snow about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Wednesday was as hot as Sunday, but about 10 o'clock the weather turned cold. The new chapel in Memorial Hall, at Wake Forest, will be done before Commencement in June. It is ninety-two feet long and sixty wide, and is in the second story of the building.

Goldsboro Messenger: We learn that Mr. Nobis Rouse, of Lenoir county, is about to issue proceedings against the New York Times for having aided in circulating the infamous falsehood of the notorious negro, Sam Perry, that he (Mr. Rouse) had offered \$1,000 to have Perry killed, and that he had given the money. We learn that the criminal docket numbers seventy-eight cases, and most of the week will be consumed in disposing of them. Twenty adult exodusters left here for Indiana Monday night. Fifteen more, hailing from Johnston county, left Tuesday night, and another small crowd is now collecting here to leave to-night (Wednesday).

Troy correspondent of Raleigh Observer writes on the 20th: To night at 8 o'clock our city was in a state of commotion, alarmed over the cry of "fire" and firing of pistols in the jail. The jailor had started up the stairs to close the outside doors of the different cells, when, upon opening the stair door, six prisoners, who had repeatedly contrived to open the doors of their respective cells, stood ready and jumped upon the jailor, throwing him down, and rushed over his wife, who stood holding the door below. But, in the meanwhile, Charles Warner, the plucky little jailor, fired five pistol shots among them. One fell as though dead, but he was not wounded seriously. Two concluded to retreat and went back up the steps, while the others made good their escape. Two of these were in for larceny and one for murder.

Charlotte Observer: The Episcopal congregation are raising funds to furnish the factory. It is stated that a party of capitalists speak of putting up a cotton factory at Lyon's Mills, on Tar river, where the water is abundant. Mr. A. M. McGehee and others are thinking of putting up one at Franklinton. It now appears that the stock law was adopted in several of the townships of the three counties—Lenoir, Jones and Wayne—which voted on it recently, and the act under which the election was held allows these townships to put the stock law in operation as soon as it is desired to do so.

Mr. Robinson, of the reduction works, has recently closed a contract with the Rudisill Mining Company for two thousand tons of tallings, with which to begin operations as soon as his machinery is ready. These tallings consist of sand, iron and gold, which have been washed out of the mill during the years it has been operated, and are known to be very rich in gold. They will be gathered all along the branch to the creek, and the supply is almost inexhaustible.

The late Rev. Samuel S. Bryant was a native of Norfolk, Va.