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SOUND VIEWS BY AN EASTERN MAN.

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It was at first intended to sell off the fruit at auction yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock; but finally it was decided to postpone the final sale until 10 o'clock this morning, and to continue the exhibition in the meantime.

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foreign goods is raised upon the commodities in universal use. Think of that.

If you blot out the \$145,000,000 upon whiskey, &c., you must retain the full tax on these heavily taxed necessities that are used by every household in the land.

Does not the tax come out of the consumer? Who will deny this? Then why not retain the tax? If it shall be found too much after putting the necessities upon the price list, then reduce the tax.

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Hisboro Observer. Judge Thomas Ruffin has gone to the Warm Springs.

Lincoln Progress. Some weeks ago a man calling himself Weaver passed through here on foot. It has since transpired that his real name is Cass, and that he escaped from the penitentiary, to which he had been sentenced for horse stealing.

Clinton Caucasian. Mr. Wm. T. Deamus, brother of our townsman, Mr. J. R. Deamus, died at his residence about eleven miles from town on the Raleigh road last Saturday morning of a congestive fever. He deceased was about 68 years of age.

Revolutions reported as follows in the Raleigh Advertiser: Bladen circuit, 10 professions; Craven circuit, 10 additions; Robeson circuit, 50 professions; Duplin circuit, 26 additions; Onslow circuit, 70 additions; Davidson circuit, 23 professions; Warren circuit, 32 professions; South Mountains Mission, 12 additions.

Lexington Dispatch. A month or so ago George Williamson, eldest one of the publishers of the Raleigh Banner Enterprise, canvassed Lexington for subscriptions and received several with the paper, but the subscribers received the paper only a few weeks, and now they do not receive it at all. They do not know whether the paper failed or they have been swindled out of their money.

In the Raleigh Recorder the following revivals are reported: Pine Level, 14 additions; Shady Grove, Gaston county, 30 professions, 13 additions; Bear Creek, Duplin, 18 additions; another church, not named, 30 professions, 19 additions; Corinth, Granville, 12 baptisms; Warlicks, near Hickory, 6 baptisms; Sandy Plains, Cleveland, 3 additions; White Plains, near "Ary," 10 professions, 80 additions; K. F. Stokes, 18 additions; Salem, near Lincoln, 18 baptisms; Rock Spring, 10 additions.

Goldsboro Bulletin. Work on the new Methodist church has been resumed, and we suppose will be pushed on to completion at an early day as possible. Mr. Ben Best, of Stony Creek township, killed a rattlesnake in his yard, measured four feet long and had fourteen rattles and a button. Don't talk to us about your home syndicates and cheap transportation; we are for taking up the track of the old railroads and making a turnpike of it. We don't know how Needham Kennedy has opened up the old Neuse river transportation line, and we presume we will be independent. Just let him have time to see the Clyde and form an associated transportation line to New York and other cities.

Rockingham Spirit. A gentleman of this town, nearly 70 years of age, who has traveled nearly around the world, having resided several years in the East Indies, recently declares that he never felt the bite of a mosquito. For some reason he had taken a dislike to the insect, and he had to plunge his bill into them. What a happy humanity! A double-barrel shot-gun, loaded with squirrel shot, was accidentally discharged in the hands of a young man named "Bub" Short, near Peking, last Tuesday, severely and fatally wounding two young men, Daniel McKay and Thomas Ewing, and slightly wounding a colored man. One of young McKay's eyes was shot out, and our informant states that there is only slight hopes of his recovery.

Fayetteville Observer. An enterprising firm has just shipped from their house here one of their turpentine stills of 15 bbls. capacity, designed for the Boston Exposition, which it would certainly be difficult to surpass for beauty of finish and excellence of workmanship. The county of Cumberland, the land term of the Superior Court of which generally comes after harvest, now has the last court of the district, which will be held in November. An extra term of the court will convene in January next. Mr. W. D. Smith has of late years expended much time, trouble and money in raising sheep. He has procured improved breeds and taken great care of them, but his recent losses are enough to fill him with grief. He has had fifty or sixty fine sheep destroyed by dogs, and the ravenous brutes are threatening to kill even his goats.

Last Tuesday morning Mr. John Minor, while standing on the scaffolding of the McKethan building, was struck by the loss of his footing and fell to the ground. Fortunately, his fall was broken by the lower scaffold, or the accident might have been fatal. Mr. Minor was taken into Sedberry's drug store, and his injuries examined, which we are glad to say, are not serious. Mr. Knight, of Chatham county, has been recently bereft of his whole family of six children by such a strange and fearful tragedy, or, rather, by a succession of tragedies, as makes "truth stranger than fiction." The children were taken with diphtheria and died shortly after, in quick succession. Just after their death two of the remaining three children were playing in the yard, the mother being seated on a bench, the youngest. A scream outside caused her to rush forth, to find that a rattlesnake had bitten both the children, who were even then in the agonies of death—and the crowing horror came upon the distracted mother, who, in her grief, struck the pot of boiling soap had fallen from the fire, and burned or scalded the baby beyond recovery!

Charlotte Journal-Observer. Yesterday another good rain came upon the city from the east and from appearances it soaked the parched earth for a considerable distance around us. A large religious meeting is in progress at the Baptist church near Garibaldi. Rev. A. L. Stough is conducting the meeting and is assisted by Rev. W. B. Barrett, of Mecklenburg. Frank Hallman, the negro who was arrested with Matthews Station, Tuesday morning with a young white girl from Moore county and who was captured that afternoon at Mr. C. H. Wolfe's, was carried back to Matthews by the crowd, and carefully guarded until yesterday morning, when he was taken from Moore county to the negro and the girl back to Mr. McLeod's home, at Keiser. It was feared that the negro, on being captured, would be lynched, but wiser counsel prevailed and it was decided to turn him over to the authorities of Moore county. About sixty people from Moore county came up towards Matthews Station. The arrival in the city yesterday morning of a young white girl, accompanied by a negro man who carried her bundles, put our people in mind of the Matthews Station case, reported in yesterday's paper, and as soon as the girl was arrested and an investigation was held, it was found to be in truth a parallel case. The two walked into the city at an early hour, but were not seen until about noon, when the girl was found to have taken temporary refuge in a house of ill repute, the owners of which, having seen her passing by in company with the negro, and with the Matthews Station case fresh in their minds, called her in and sent for the police. The negro taking alarm fled, and has not since been seen. The police arrested the girl and carried her to E. K. P. Osborne's office, where an investigation into the case was made. The girl was under the influence of liquor, and it was impossible to get an intelligible account from her. She stated, however, that her name was Lizzie Henderson, and she came from Union county. Her father, Thomas Henderson, was dead. The negro who was with her she states is named Bill Gregory, and she has known him all her life. She and the negro got together and came on to Charlotte, but with what object in view she would not state.

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