

"Now, then, can the black man force himself upon the whites in schools, colleges, trades, hotels, and so on?"

The Louisville convention meant to obtain equality with the whites by a plan much more potential and abating than mere wordy declarations. If the trades unions and the colleges and hotels and schools are all thrown open to the negroes they very well know that the leveling process will be extended in other directions and with more serious and degrading results. They do not propose to lift themselves up to the whites, but to drag the whites down to their own level, and their bluest and most truth telling preachers, like Dr. Cromwell, declare that the condition is "deplorably degraded."

So much for the Louisville convention and its false accusations against the South. Whenever the white people are satisfied that the education of the negroes means their own degradation, there will be no more taxes paid by the whites for educating the negroes.

We are not unfriendly to the colored people. We are always pleased when we see improvement in their condition. We note with satisfaction always any signs of elevation and progress among them. But we have no idea of admitting for one minute any claims that must result in serious detriment to society and in the final degradation of the white people of the South. If the Northern people shall take the negroes to their homes and bosoms and intermarry with them it is their lookout. The whites of the South will remain separate forever, maintaining their ancestral pride and elevation.

MORE FIGURES ABOUT THE SPEAKERSHIP.

An examination of the Louisville Courier-Journal's long report about the tariff and the Speakership reveals a point or so which alters the numbers and increases the significance of the figures. Of the one hundred and twenty-three members heard from 85 are outspoken in favor of a division of the tariff. There are but 9 against, and 29 non-committal. For Speaker there are 34 for Carlisle, 13 for Cox, 11 for Randall, 2 for Springer and 65 non-committal. For Carlisle second choice 13. The person having charge of the correspondence writes:

"It is also proper here to state that many of the best and warmest friends of Mr. Carlisle in the next House did not answer your correspondent's letter. Take for example the Democratic delegation from Kentucky, which is, of course, solid for Carlisle, only three of which replied to my letter of inquiry. Indeed, I can count on my fingers from a personal knowledge at least forty Carlisle members of the next House who are included among my correspondents."

So as there are 101 Democratic members the above figuring leaves the matter in doubt with the chances decidedly in favor of Carlisle and decidedly against Randall.

"Now for Mr. Carlisle's chances. I have been engaged all summer in making a canvass of his strength. I write from good and reliable information. I predict that he will receive the following vote on the second or third ballot from the States named: Alabama, 5; Georgia, 3; California, 3; Indiana, 3; Illinois, 3; Kentucky, 3; Iowa, 3; Massachusetts, 2; Louisiana, 3; Mississippi, 2; Michigan, 2; Nevada, 1; Missouri, 2; New Jersey, 1; New York (Cox out), 12; Ohio, 3; North Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 3; South Carolina, 4; Virginia, 4; Texas, 2; Wisconsin, 4; Arkansas, 2; Total, 116.

"In my opinion Mr. Cox will receive more votes on the first ballot than Mr. Randall. He will not get less than forty-five. It may rise to fifty. Mr. Springer will receive seven or eight, and there will perhaps be ten or twelve scattering votes."

It is certainly highly important that some honest, earnest Tariff reformer should be elected Speaker. Either Cox or Carlisle would make a good officer, for both are men of superior talents. Mr. Randall has no claims upon the party. He has been amply rewarded already. He may be a Democrat in some particulars, but he is a very poor friend of the people, for he stands by the monopolists always. His packing the Ways and Means Committee with pronounced Protectionists is enough to excite in the mind of every true tax reformer the gravest fears. The following from the Louisville Courier-Journal will assist the reader in estimating Randall according to his deserts. It repeats what we have many times presented in some form.

"The Republican party fixed upon the country, as a war measure, a confessedly burdensome system of taxation. In the last Congress it transferred its responsibility for that system by the act continuing the system. It was assisted in doing this by

Mr. Randall and twelve Democrats in the House and one Democrat in the Senate, in opposition to the earnest protest and united effort of the mass and body of the Democratic party in and out of Congress. To elect Mr. Randall Speaker in the face of this is to pass a vote of confidence in the last Republican Congress, to endorse an infamous Republican war measure and to set the Democratic clock back thirty years. Such an act of suicide is inconceivable.

The men from the South who shall be found voting for Randall in face of his known record ought never to expect the confidence and favor of voters who sincerely believe that the tax question is paramount and that tax reform is a commanding necessity.

AMERICAN COMMONWEALTHS. Houghton, Mifflin, and Company, of Boston, got up a series of biographies of American statesmen and placed Northern writers in charge of the men of the South. The series has a certain value, but it is not eminently readable or fair or exhaustive. They have begun another series. It is called "American Commonwealths," and a writer from each State is to be selected to do the work for his people. The first of the series published is "Virginia," and the novelist, John Estlin Cooke, is the writer. We have not seen it, but the able critic of the New York Times discusses it at length. His critique would make three or four columns of the STAR. He does not think much of the volume. It is interesting but fanciful and unreliable. Mr. Cooke has carried into the province of grave history the spirit of the romancer. The reviewer is very sharp and his article abounds in ridicule. He is also caustic in his references to Virginia and its tendency to boastfulness. He says Cooke is full of this. With him Virginia is always heroic and grand and unrivalled. The critic says Cooke is so wrapped up in Virginia's glory that he surrounds every event in her history with a halo, and thinks that of all the States engaged in the civil war that she was "the only part of the country that went into the war or came out of it with any credit."

Such stuff as this has no claims to the name of history. Of the Peabody and Capt. John Smith myth the reviewer makes short work. He says, and it is worth copying: "But of his romantic adventure with that beautiful Indian Princess nothing was ever heard till long after she had become famous. It found no place in Smith's 'True Relation,' published in 1608, but appears 16 years later in his 'General History.' True or false it must needs arouse great interest, then, in the hero of such a tale, whose life was saved by the devotion of the Indian woman whose coming to England as the Christian wife of an English gentleman had made so much 'bruit' at the Court and throughout the kingdom. Was it true? That it has remained so long untried is in itself a suspicious circumstance. Was it false? Powhatan was dead, and Pocahontas was dead, and no white man, except Smith himself, was present at that remarkable incident, and there was none but he who could either affirm or contradict it. It was a good story to tell, and must needs add to the fame of Capt. Smith. But it is not a little remarkable that precisely such an incident had happened nearly 75 years before to another adventurer among American Indians, and that Smith had never heard of it—if he had not. In an early Spanish expedition to Florida one Juan Ortiz had been taken prisoner by the Indians, and when bound hand and foot upon a scaffolding, with his kindled torch beneath him, he was saved from torture and death by the prayers of the daughter of the chief who had captured him and by whose orders he was about to perish. Had Smith never read the 'Relation' of Fernando de Soto, published in 1577, in which this story is told, he would have been one of the Commonwealths to be treated we hope a competent pen will be found.

We would like to see the literary workmanship of our State compare well with the best of other States in the series. The truth should be told. Historical romance is pleasant reading, but history should be written without too much romance blended with it. A concise, carefully written work, with due reference to proportion and accuracy, and bringing out all the important facts in our early history, will be a desideratum. We would be much pleased if the work were assigned to Mrs. C. P. Spencer. She would write an excellent history.

CURIOUS RESULTS OF FIRE. We met recently with some instructive facts that show the renovating power of fire. It is a known fact that in Vermont hickory comes up where a fire had prevailed, and where it had never been known before to grow. It is also stated as a fact that at the headquarters of the Delaware, Allegheny and Tennessee rivers there were originally oak forests. They have disappeared and now hemlock, birch and sugar maple grow. In the South—especially in North Carolina—we all know that

pines usually grow where the original forests have been destroyed. There was a great fire in 1871, about Green Bay, Wisconsin, which destroyed the fir and other deciduous trees. Now poplars and beeches only grow there and in great numbers. It is said that when fire destroys a pine forest in Alabama that it is succeeded by the oak, a reversal of the rule in our own State. In Florida the black-jack oak follows the destruction of the pine. The seeds of the second growth are evidently in the soil but dormant and the fires warm them into life. So even fire in its destruction does not always come without benefit. It burns up one growth but stimulates into activity seeds that produce trees after their kind. In Nebraska when the cotton wood is destroyed by fire, it is followed by ash, elm and elder.

In the last great day—the Dies Irae—the earth, the globe, is to be changed by the renovating fires and made fit for the dwelling place of the regenerated, redeemed and glorified. Fire is the great purifier. The fervent heat shall destroy that the new heavens and the new earth may become more beautiful and more glorious than Eden was before sin had entered in and transgression had brought death into the world and all our woe.

Instead of the thorn and the thistle and the poisonous upas, there shall be flowers of heavenly beauty and fragrance and trees of eternal greenness affording perpetual shade. A new flora and a new variety of forests shall follow the fires of that day.

Death of a Wilmington Young Lady Abroad. The sad intelligence was received here yesterday morning of the death, at Shelby, of Miss Hattie Hardy, daughter of Mr. W. H. Hardy, of this city, of typhoid pneumonia. The parents of the young lady were notified on Wednesday of her dangerous illness and left on Wednesday night's train for the West, but it was not expected that they would reach Shelby before 12 M. yesterday, while the telegram received yesterday announced that she died at 2.40 A. M., so that the parents did not reach their daughter's side until some hours after her death. Miss Hardy had been in Shelby about three months, where she was visiting the family of Rev. B. R. Hall, formerly located here. The news of her death was received by the numerous friends of the family here with evidence of profoundest sorrow. She was an amiable young lady, and none knew her but to love her. Deceased was about twenty years of age. It was expected that the remains would leave Shelby at 1.40 P. M. yesterday, or about one hour and a half after the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy at Shelby, and reach here at 8.25 this morning.

Mexican War Veterans. We notice that preliminary arrangements are being made by resident members of the National Association of Mexican War Veterans, in Washington, for the approaching re-union, which is to take place in that city on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December, 1883. It is understood that the committee having the matter in charge will urge a large attendance of veterans, in order that they may avail themselves of the opportunity that will be afforded them with Congress in session to personally urge on the members of that body the pensioning of their companions in arms. Hon. T. J. Mackey, of South Carolina, has been chosen orator of the re-union and has accepted. A committee has been appointed to perfect arrangements for a successful re-union. The veterans in this city and elsewhere in this section, of whom there are quite a number, should be represented on the occasion.

A Sad Occasion. About forty persons were at the depot yesterday morning to meet the remains of Miss Hattie Hardy, in charge of her deeply grieving parents—and upon the arrival of the body at the residence of Mr. Hardy, corner of Fifth and Church streets, the house found to be filled with mourning friends who had assembled there in advance of the arrival of the solemn cortege. A pall of sadness seemed to have settled upon all, and there was scarcely a dry eye among those who had assembled at the depot or the waiting ones at the dwelling. The death of one so young is at all times apt to impress us with more than usual solemnity, but when the lovely disposition and character of the deceased is taken into consideration, and the fact that she died far away from her home and loved ones (though she had been visiting in this city), the sorrow is doubly distressing. The funeral took place at half-past 3 o'clock, the Rev. T. Page Ripard officiating.

Helpless and Destitute. Nancy Patrick is the name of a white woman, hailing from Onslow county, who seems to be running around loose, without friends or relatives to look after her and without sufficient intelligence to "paddle her own canoe." She was here some months ago in a helpless condition and was sent back at the expense of the county, and is doubly distressing, coming on the eastern outskirts of the city and taken to the station house. She will probably be again returned to Onslow, as it will never do to let her wander about helplessly, and in the meantime she is being provided for at the City Hall.

THE PEABODY FUND.

Report of the General Agent—Meeting of Trustees, &c. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

NEW YORK, October 4.—The report of Rev. Dr. Curry, general agent of the Peabody Fund, gives a statement of the condition of educational progress in the States among which the fund is divided. In West Virginia the Legislature made liberal appropriations to Peabody institutes, and the work in general is progressing favorably. In Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, Peabody institutes have all been well attended and the influence for good is clearly marked.

The following Frank H. Stockett, distributed in the several States in the past year for public schools, normal schools and colleges, teachers' institutes, Nashville scholarships, &c., viz: Alabama, \$5,776; Arkansas, \$4,100; Florida, \$2,325; Georgia, \$3,900; Illinois, \$2,375; Indiana, \$2,400; North Carolina, \$3,850; South Carolina, \$4,225; Tennessee, \$12,600; Texas, \$13,000; Virginia, \$4,125; West Virginia, \$3,100. The report was read and adopted.

The trustees met today at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, R. G. Winthrop, president, and the only trustee not present at the meeting was Hamilton Fish, Ex-Gov. Jas. D. Porter, of Tennessee, was chosen to succeed the late Gen. Barnes. The Executive Committee consists of Wm. Aiken, Wm. M. Everts, A. H. Stewart, H. R. Jackson and Jas. D. Porter. The Finance Committee consists of Wm. M. Everts, Hamilton Fish, Theo. Lyman, A. J. Drexel and Judge R. W. Wells.

The meeting adjourned to the first Wednesday in October, 1884, in this city.

MARYLAND.

The Democratic Nominee for Mayor of Baltimore—Republican Nominations for State Offices. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BALTIMORE, Oct. 4.—The Democrats today renominated Mayor Latrobe for a fourth term.

The Executive Committee of the Republican State Central Committee, met today and nominated a suit for \$100,000 damages in the District Court, against the Postmaster General, on account of the latter's order of September 19th, regarding the delivery to the Bank of registered letters, by reason of its relations with the Lottery Company. The Bank's bill of complaint sets forth that the order contained defamatory and libellous matter, and was intended to injure the Bank's credit and to transgress its banking business, and to have its customers believe that it was procuring money by fraudulent practices.

THE FIRST DISTRICT.

Thos. G. Skinner the Democratic Nominee for Congress. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BALTIMORE, Oct. 4.—The Democrats of the First District have nominated Thos. G. Skinner to fill the vacancy in Congress caused by the death of W. F. Poole.

MARYLAND.

A Negro Murderer's Escape from Jail. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BALTIMORE, October 5.—A special from Oakland, Md., says: Jno. Smith, colored, the man who murdered Josiah Horden, at Elkins, in Garrett county, last spring, escaped from jail Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He called the jailer into his cell and the jailer very foolishly went when Smith knocked him down, took a hatchet and broke the chain which held him to the floor, locked the jailer up and escaped with his shackles on. Every effort is being made to recapture him. Smith is a desperate fellow. He was only a short while since convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. Gov. Brown was expected to sign his death warrant at Annapolis to-day, and fix the date of execution.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The North Carolina Press Gang at Boston. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) BOSTON, Oct. 5.—The North Carolina Press Association, now visiting Boston, made an excursion down the harbor this evening, by invitation of the American Anti-Slavery Committee. Deer Island and public institutions were visited. This evening the visitors attended the theatres. They have received and accepted an invitation from the proprietors of the Commercial Bulletin to dine at the Parker House Saturday afternoon.

COTTON STATEMENT.

Total Receipts at All American Ports Since September. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all the ports since September 1st:—Total, Baltimore, 14,953 bales; New Orleans, 88,610; Mobile, 18,348; Savannah, 113,877; Charleston, 85,632; Wilmington, 11,951; Norfolk, 24,516; Baltimore, 1,886; New York, 622; Boston, 769; Philadelphia, 3,718; West Point, 11,741; Brunswick, 1,054; Royal, 1,894; Panama, 1,189; Indianapolis, 4,050. Total, 483,363.

ARIZONA.

Two Stage Robbers Killed. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5.—A dispatch from Tucson, Arizona, says: Jacob Elmer and Charles Hinesley, two stage robbers, belonging to the gang that killed Messenger Collins, on Aug. 10th, were overtaken by Sheriff Paul and posse, ten miles from Tucson on Wednesday. Elmer was killed and Hinesley wounded. The latter escaped into the mountains but was pursued, and yesterday was found and killed.

WASHINGTON.

The Franchise Bill Heard From—He Will Not Obey Order. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Major Nicholson, U. S. A., who was recently found by the courts to have obtained fraudulently a divorce from his wife, and who subsequently disappeared, has written to the War Department from Toronto, Canada, but declines to obey the order to return to Washington. The Acting Secretary of the Navy to-day received a telegram from Commandant Welch, of Pensacola Navy Yard, stating that there have been no new cases of yellow fever and no deaths at that yard since the last report.

KANSAS.

An Array on the Fair Grounds at Fort Scott—One Man Killed and Another Fatally Injured. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 6.—In a difficulty yesterday between J. W. May, a colored stable boy, and Wesley McDaniels, an arm hand at the fair grounds at Fort Scott, Kas., McDaniels shot May twice, wounding him slightly. May then closed with McDaniels, got possession of his pistol and shot and killed him. One of the boys fired through one of May's hands, splintered the back of Judge Brinkerhoff, a prominent lawyer of Fort Scott, who was standing a few yards away, inflicting probably a fatal wound. May was arrested, but his act was clearly in self-defense.

NORTHERN PACIFIC R. R.

Mortgage Bonds for \$20,000,000 to be Issued. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The Northern Pacific directors at their meeting to-day, received the old board of officers and authorized the issue of \$20,000,000 of second mortgage bonds, subject to the approval of the preferred stockholders. It will require the consent of three-fourths of these shareholders, and it is thought that no serious objection will be made to this issue. The proceeds will wipe out floating debts, and will also be applied to the completion of the equipment of the line.

Greenboro Workmen. We are glad to hear from the ditchmen of that town, that there are no new cases, and that the disease has pretty generally died out.

PHILADELPHIA.

A Street Car Run Into by Railroad Train—Two of the Passengers Killed, and the Rest More or Less Injured. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—The inbound train on the North Pennsylvania branch of the P. D. & H. & B. Railroad ran into a street car of the Union line at Susquehanna avenue and Amorans street, this morning. The car was demolished and all of the passengers were more or less injured. Two persons, who were most severely injured, were taken to the Episcopal Hospital, and two of them have since died. The driver of the car was inside the car at the time of the accident.

Particulars of the Street Car Accident at Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—The victims of the street car accident to-day, were horribly mangled, several having limbs cut and torn off. One woman had a leg cut off and both arms broken. She is still alive, but can live but a short time. There was no conductor on the car and the driver's duty required him to guide his team, so that the cars were deposited in the box, and at the same time, the crossing, although they had not been closed, was open. The driver had not stopped the car while the north-bound train passed, but had not noticed the approach of a train on the other track. He thought the horses and before the passengers had a moment to get out, the south-bound train, running at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, struck the car, tearing it to splinters and hurling the passengers, bruised and bleeding, into a promiscuous heap. It is said by a man who witnessed the accident that a boy was acting as driver, while the regular driver was inside the car.

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TEXAS. Destructive Fire Raging in Dallas—A Grain Elevator, Cotton Compress and Other Valuable Property Destroyed—Loss Over \$1,000,000. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) DALLAS, Oct. 6.—A special from Dallas, says: Probably the largest and most destructive fire that has ever occurred here is now raging. At 11 o'clock a fire broke out in the engine room of W. C. Howard & Co.'s elevator, and soon after it leaped rapidly to the amount of 30,000 bushels; all of which was destroyed. There are also probably 4,000 bales of cotton consumed. Thus far prominent insurance men estimate the loss at \$1,000,000, and the amount of \$750,000 Business is almost suspended and the whole town is excited. The fire department responded promptly, but it was nearly an hour before the engines got regularly to work, and then the water supply was inadequate. The fire engines seemed to be nearly worthless. Where the fire broke out there were some twenty-five or thirty box and flat cars lying around on the railroad tracks, and as the hose failed to cross the firemen were obliged to try a switch, and it was not until a switch was made that the fire was extinguished. The fire department responded promptly, but it was nearly an hour before the engines got regularly to work, and then the water supply was inadequate. The fire engines seemed to be nearly worthless. Where the fire broke out there were some twenty-five or thirty box and flat cars lying around on the railroad tracks, and as the hose failed to cross the firemen were obliged to try a switch, and it was not until a switch was made that the fire was extinguished.

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There will be a meeting of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. Synodical at Grand Rapids, this week. The road is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The work on the river is finished and they are now hard at work removing the steel rails from the river wharf to military green. The track is laid and the engines, run about a mile and a half from town. It seems to be hard to get crosses between here and Rockfish.

The North Carolina Mill Stone Company, at Parkwood, are constantly increasing their facilities for the manufacture of cast mills, and their mills, having a national reputation are shipped to all parts of the Union, and orders have been received from Brazil, S. A. Harvest dots: The hog cholera is very prevalent and fatal in this section; many persons losing all the hogs they had. The crop on the road to Hickwood bears evidence of our calamities, and are the poorest I ever saw on the same road.

Weldon News. We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. John O'Brien, which took place at the residence of her husband, Dr. O'Brien, at Halifax, on Tuesday morning. We regret to announce the death of our townsman, H. J. Evans, which took place on Saturday last, after a protracted illness, in one of his last years of age. Mr. Evans was an ex-council member of the Methodist Church and was beloved by all.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The brick work is all done on the new court house. The revival at the Methodist church is increasing in interest. There are about six new buildings being up in Henderson at this time. We have 70 that Mrs. Eppie Grison, who lives near Kirtrell, had the misfortune to fall and break her collarbone last Thursday. We very much regret to learn that Mr. Joe Edwards is very sad and painful account to befall him a few days ago. While driving a mill it fell up and struck him in one of his eyes, completely destroying the sight of that member. We are glad to learn that every day B. Johnson, of Gordonsville, Va., has accepted of the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Henderson.

Winston Pilot: The Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley syndicate met in Greensboro yesterday, and among other business transacted, a delegation from Danbury was allowed an address on the subject which resulted in making arrangements for a speedy completion of a branch road from Walnut Cove, in Stokes county, to Danbury, a distance of about ten miles. A circuit of engineers will be sent out here in the course of thirty days, in order to survey and locate the road between the points mentioned, after which grading will be commenced at once by hired labor, and the roadbed will be completed in a very early day. Danbury is to be congratulated upon this long hoped for outlet, as she has all the natural resources for a coming Pittsburg.

Tarboro Southerner: Several companies of the State Guard will attend the Tarboro Fair. Also the Davis Cadets. The circus, which was advertised to leave the county three or four thousand dollars. The money was needed at home. The authorities tell us that the survey of a line of the A. & R. Railroad from Rocky Mount to Newville was completed by Gen. W. G. Lewis will be the engineer in charge. The corps of engineers who are engaged in blazing the way for the Norfolk and Goldsboro Railroad, have located the crossing of Chesapeake and the Cape Fear, and are sounding the alarm at this point. We begin with this issue of the Southern contributions from some of our local ministers. By so doing we are doing good for doing good. Rev. J. N. H. Summerville, the new Presbyterian pastor, arrived yesterday.

Rockingham Rocket: Mr. E. D. Cameron, for a long time located here for the practice of law, and formerly connected with this paper, has left the scenes of his professional and literary life, and is going to seek fame and fortune in other lands. He left Monday night for Texas, where we trust his fondest hopes may be realized. The gin catastrophe season is open again, and Mr. Webster Davis is the first victim we have seen in this section. While clearing away the seed from Mr. H. C. Dockery's gin last Tuesday his hand was caught in the gin, which was running at a high speed, and badly mangled. Every finger on his right hand was either wholly or partly torn off. A fatal shooting affray occurred at Laurel Hill, this county, last Saturday, in which a negro boy, some 16 years of age, was killed. It seems to have originated between the boy and a negro man by the name of Arthur Bennett, in regard to some money which the boy had belonging to Bennett. After some words the boy broke and ran and was pursued by Bennett and another negro in the name of Williams, who is a desperate character. Bennett finally overtook the boy, and as Williams ran up Bennett told him to "shoot him," whereupon Williams pulled out a revolver and shot the boy in the chest, inflicting a wound which resulted in the boy's death on Monday evening. Bennett was brought here and lodged in jail Monday. Williams, who did the shooting, made his escape.

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Weldon News. We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. John O'Brien, which took place at the residence of her husband, Dr. O'Brien, at Halifax, on Tuesday morning. We regret to announce the death of our townsman, H. J. Evans, which took place on Saturday last, after a protracted illness, in one of his last years of age. Mr. Evans was an ex-council member of the Methodist Church and was beloved by all.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The brick work is all done on the new court house. The revival at the Methodist church is increasing in interest. There are about six new buildings being up in Henderson at this time. We have 70 that Mrs. Eppie Grison, who lives near Kirtrell, had the misfortune to fall and break her collarbone last Thursday. We very much regret to learn that Mr. Joe Edwards is very sad and painful account to befall him a few days ago. While driving a mill it fell up and struck him in one of his eyes, completely destroying the sight of that member. We are glad to learn that every day B. Johnson, of Gordonsville, Va., has accepted of the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Henderson.

Winston Pilot: The Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley syndicate met in Greensboro yesterday, and among other business transacted, a delegation from Danbury was allowed an address on the subject which resulted in making arrangements for a speedy completion of a branch road from Walnut Cove, in Stokes county, to Danbury, a distance of about ten miles. A circuit of engineers will be sent out here in the course of thirty days, in order to survey and locate the road between the points mentioned, after which grading will be commenced at once by hired labor, and the roadbed will be completed in a very early day. Danbury is to be congratulated upon this long hoped for outlet, as she has all the natural resources for a coming Pittsburg.

Tarboro Southerner: Several companies of the State Guard will attend the Tarboro Fair. Also the Davis Cadets. The circus, which was advertised to leave the county three or four thousand dollars. The money was needed at home. The authorities tell us that the survey of a line of the A. & R. Railroad from Rocky Mount to Newville was completed by Gen. W. G. Lewis will be the engineer in charge. The corps of engineers who are engaged in blazing the way for the Norfolk and Goldsboro Railroad, have located the crossing of Chesapeake and the Cape Fear, and are sounding the alarm at this point. We begin with this issue of the Southern contributions from some of our local ministers. By so doing we are doing good for doing good. Rev. J. N. H. Summerville, the new Presbyterian pastor, arrived yesterday.

Rockingham Rocket: Mr. E. D. Cameron, for a long time located here for the practice of law, and formerly connected with this paper, has left the scenes of his professional and literary life, and is going to seek fame and fortune in other lands. He left Monday night for Texas, where we trust his fondest hopes may be realized. The gin catastrophe season is open again, and Mr. Webster Davis is the first victim we have seen in this section. While clearing away the seed from Mr. H. C. Dockery's gin last Tuesday his hand was caught in the gin, which was running at a high speed, and badly mangled. Every finger on his right hand was either wholly or partly torn off. A fatal shooting affray occurred at Laurel Hill, this county, last Saturday, in which a negro boy, some 16 years of age, was killed. It seems to have originated between the boy and a negro man by the name of Arthur Bennett, in regard to some money which the boy had belonging to Bennett. After some words the boy broke and ran and was pursued by Bennett and another negro in the name of Williams, who is a desperate character. Bennett finally overtook the boy, and as Williams ran up Bennett told him to "shoot him," whereupon Williams pulled out a revolver and shot the boy in the chest, inflicting a wound which resulted in the boy's death on Monday evening. Bennett was brought here and lodged in jail Monday. Williams, who did the shooting, made his escape.

Fayetteville Observer: Mr. Jesse W. Powers, one of Fayetteville's citizens, who has been in the city since last night. Judge Davis and wife left for their home this morning, via Wilmington. Our farmers seem to be taking much interest in the approaching Fair, and from the present outlook we think it will prove a grand success. In the pictures of the great Exposition in Harper's Weekly, referred to last week, one of the most prominent, as certainly the most characteristic, of them is the representation of the work of the two great cotton planters of the country, Messrs. McMillan Bros., and Mr. Walter Watson, whose turpentine still, tools and other apparatus are conspicuously shown.

On Wednesday, September 26th, a man appeared in this place, requesting a hearing to be a clerk and made many contracts for the show. A few minutes after the banks were closed he appeared at the side door of the People's National Bank and asked the favor to have a check cashed. The check was cashed on the City National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn., for \$170. The officers of the bank very cleverly gave him the money, and thought no more of it till the check was presented and they found it was bogus.

Last Saturday the fair grounds at Fort Scott, Mo., were closed for the day, and were paid seventy-five cents per day and were "paid off" every two weeks. They were dissatisfied with the arrangement and demanded either one dollar per day and be paid every two weeks, or seventy-five cents and be paid every Saturday evening. The railroad refused to comply with their demands, and they stopped work. The Star Branding Works of Mr. Isaac B. Rowland, about three miles north of Fayetteville, sent a specimen of their rinds to Boston, and as a result of their labors they inform us that on account of the superiority of the rinds their workmanship they already have many inquiries and more orders than they can fill, and they will be compelled to double their force.

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