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SUMAC.

The gathering of sumac leaves and drying them for market is becoming an important industry in Virginia, and in some sections of our own State.

"If the Virginia tobacco raisers could be induced to have the sumac leaves which grow all around them gathered at the proper season, haul them to their tobacco farms, most of which are supplied with fuel, and dry them along the hedgerows, instead of the sun as is now done, they would realize more clear money than they do by their tobacco crop."

It is said to be comparatively an easy crop to gather and cure. The crop is steadily increasing. The News says of the growth of production in that section:

"A few years ago only one ton per day was manufactured here. Now about eight or ten tons is the average daily output, and if the material, which grows spontaneously in the fields along the hedgerows, were gathered, cured and brought to market to be utilized, it could be increased very largely. The market for this article is almost limitless."

We note this for the benefit of North Carolina farmers. They might "diversify" in this direction to some extent. The sumac crop in some counties could be made important as is the case with the blackberry crop in some sections.

"BEEK."

The Mugwump organ in New York, the oracular Times, thinks that Mr. Carlisle and Senator Beck should "blush" because of the resolution in the Kentucky Convention denouncing "life tenure, &c." in office. This earnest advocate of the British system pronounces it "impudent and silly."

Who first used the phrase made memorable by Lincoln: "A Government of the people, for the people, and by the people?" A New England journal asserts that Wendell Phillips was the originator, and the Wilmington, N. C., Star—a good authority ascribes it to John O. Calhoun.—Philadelphia Record. Daniel Webster is the author of the sentiment. In one of his speeches he says: "The people's government is the building of King Solomon's Temple."

We are quite sure that Mr. Calhoun gave expression some where to a sentiment that embodied two of the three ideas in the famous phrase as given by Mr. Lincoln. We have not been able to lay our hand upon it as yet.

The last North Carolina Medical Association passed a most affectionate and sympathetic resolution concerning our afflicted townsman, Dr. Thomas F. Wood. Dr. O'Hagan, a man of most remarkable gifts and an orator and debater of his profession in North Carolina, spoke touchingly on the resolution. He concluded by saying it was a matter of most profound interest to him and the Society to know that Dr. Wood was improving. He wished it were in the power of the Society to appoint a committee to wait upon Dr. Wood and express to him the kindly feelings of the Society."

GRACE CHURCH.

Laying the Corner-Stone of the New House of Worship—Masonic Ceremonies—Address by Eugene S. Martin, Esq.

The corner-stone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church building, on Fourth and Mulberry streets, was laid yesterday afternoon by Grand Master C. H. Robinson of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The Masonic fraternity—St. John's and Orient Lodges—marched in procession to the place, headed by Germania Cornet Band. Although it was raining when the ceremonies began, there was a gathering of at least one thousand persons present, including a great many ladies.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Godwin. The choir sang "Make Joyful Noise Unto the Lord," with organ and vocal accompaniment, and after a piece played by the band, Mr. Wm. M. Polson read a list of the articles deposited in the corner-stone, which included copies of daily papers and various other publications, a historical account of the Church in Wilmington, synopsis of Wilmington's 1878-1894, names of the present city and county officials, names of the members of the Germania Cornet Band, and the names of the contributors to the erection of the church, names of children who contributed towards building the church, Masonic Cods of N. C., proceedings of the Grand Lodge, names of persons who bought memorial bricks of the old church, list of members of Germania Cornet Band, small coin of the United States, Confederate currency, etc. The articles were placed in a metal box which fitted into a cavity in the stone; the same corner-stone, by the way, that was used in the Front Street Church.

After the conclusion of the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone, Mr. Eugene S. Martin delivered the following address:—The day is a day of gladness and joy to the whole city. It is a day of gladness and joy to the whole city. It is a day of gladness and joy to the whole city. It is a day of gladness and joy to the whole city.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Ladies and Gentlemen.—By invitation of the proper authorities of Grace Methodist Church, the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina has laid the corner-stone of a building to be used as a temple of the living God. Standing here and gazing upon that work and adorning which the masons of the world have so rapidly the mind travels back to that remote time when our ancient forefathers reared the building of King Solomon's Temple.

It is not strange that here in this Western land, so long ago, the masons of the world have so rapidly the mind travels back to that remote time when our ancient forefathers reared the building of King Solomon's Temple. It is not strange that here in this Western land, so long ago, the masons of the world have so rapidly the mind travels back to that remote time when our ancient forefathers reared the building of King Solomon's Temple.

It was said in Washington before the death of Judge Woods, that if a vacancy occurred on the Supreme Court Bench the President would appoint Attorney General Garland. Believing in that gentleman's integrity and capacity we would be glad to see Mr. Garland appointed. The South will be duly recognized thereby.

The master builders of Chicago have begun a great lock-out by which 56,000 workmen, it is said, will be without work. It is thought that the fight will be long, and that trouble and famine may follow.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has declared unconstitutional the State law which prohibits the registration of a naturalized citizen until thirty days have elapsed after naturalization.

The great and most interesting story of Ridgely, of Texas, killing the seven men in a lie. An ingenious drummer fabricated it on a wager. It was well got up.

There are now 10,000 foreign immigrants in New York awaiting transportation to some portions of this vast country.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1897.

ORDER.

Then and now, in the old countries and the new, the masons have been called upon by the foundation stone of public buildings with the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Order. It is a duty which falls to us because of our noble vocation and is also a mark of respect and veneration in which we are held among men.

But it is not the material works that have rendered so immortal this Order. In the earlier ages of our civilization Masonry was a purely operative character, and advanced and intelligence and civilization increased, it gradually lost its operative features, but upon that foundation was reared the improving structure of speculative masonry whose exalted principles, lessons of virtue and morality, with courtesy and charity, have been a pillar of comfort by day and fire by night to guide the children of the covenant in their journeyings through life.

The great object of the Masonic Order in the past as in the present, has been to elevate man by refining his mind and passions and make them comprehend the true principles of morality symbolical in its ceremonies and forms, it has taught the virtues of wisdom, courage and fortitude, which is surrounded by sorrow and fear and doubt. It teaches them that over this way to a glorious destiny—that through night to light must the earthly pilgrim work his way—that by struggle, toil and earnest endeavor, with courage and fortitude, and hope until free from every fetter and in the full light of virtue and knowledge he may reach the goal of his journey.

What true Mason is there who does not view with pride and exultation the universal brotherhood of man, which is the basis of wisdom and morality it teaches and the great good it has wrought? Who that is familiar with its secret work, its beautiful allegories, its sublime and perfect lessons, has sustained it more than the beauty of man has adorned it?

Its magnificent grade of instruction: our duty to God, to our fellow men, to ourselves, to the whole duty of man. The works of man—the level, the square and the plumb; the works of the Divine Architect—the square, the level, the plumb, the stars, are all made subservient for his instruction, and teach lessons that if properly regarded tend to make man wiser and better. The works of the Divine Architect—the square, the level, the plumb, the stars, are all made subservient for his instruction, and teach lessons that if properly regarded tend to make man wiser and better.

It is the duty of every Mason to be true to his trust. It throws down those who are not true to their trust. It throws down those who are not true to their trust. It throws down those who are not true to their trust.

The Lodge is a school of the heart, and in all its education performs so higher mission than when it makes man a coworker with God in the construction of the moral and physical condition of his fellow-man. It has cared for and protected the fatherless children and the widow; it has extended a helping hand to many a fallen and shipwrecked brother; it has soothed the cry of anguish and brought glad tidings of great joy to the hearts of the sorrowing.

The many institutions of learning it has erected; the many asylums it has established in every land; the many hospitals, orphan asylums and almshouses it has founded; the many and a happy home, are monuments and memorials of its noble work that plead like angels in triumph and praise on the throne of God, and will ever be remembered by the people of every land.

Our task is now done, and our work is accomplished, but to you, the completion of this edifice is committed. Lay it deep and the foundation thereof. How the shaft and lay the archstone—spread the roots about and frame the lofty vault together and swell back the sound of an anthem. Rear heavenward the stately spire that shall reach to the heights of the rising sun and at eve to feel his gentle rays like the soothing strains of some vesper hymn, bespeaking repose.

LET US COMMIT IT, THEN, TO THE KEEPING OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OUR G. M. SOLIMON, PRAY HIM THAT THESE OYAS MAY BE OPENED TOWARDS THE HOUSE NIGHT AND DAY—EVER TOWARDS THE HOUSE OF GOD.

After an anthem had been sung by the choir, Rev. Dr. Yates, the pastor, read a brief outline history of the Church in Wilmington from its foundation, and spoke feelingly of old Front Street Church and his connection with it.

Capt. W. M. Parker, then, in behalf of the Official Board and the Building Committee, thanked the members of the Masonic fraternity for the part taken by them, and the exercises were closed with the doxology sung by the congregation and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Godwin.

The annual reports submitted at the meeting show the total revenues of the road for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1897, to be \$500,255.72; operating expenses, \$616,489.96; net earnings, \$183,765.76. The excess of revenues over operating expenses for the year is \$237,815.51; the decrease of expenditures, \$5,338.95.

The General Manager, in his report, feelingly bears testimony to the loss the company sustained in the death of Mr. W. N. Bowden.

The Atlantic Coast Line Fast Mail Train No. 27, made the quickest time ever recorded, on the run from Weldon to this city last Friday night. The train was made up of six cars, with engine No. 127, Engineer Thomas McMillan at the throttle and Capt. W. H. Harlow conductor. They made the run from Weldon to Wilmington, a distance of 183 miles, in 201 minutes, or three hours and sixteen minutes, which made the actual running time 185 minutes. The average speed was a little over fifty-two and a half miles per hour, or, to be more exact, 52.4-100 miles an hour. The best time previously made on the Wilmington and Weldon road was 182 miles—the same distance as above—in 200 minutes, actual running time, by Engineer Neimeyer.

The weekly statement of the cotton movement at this port, compiled at the Produce Exchange, gives the receipts for the crop year to May 14th, as 128,948 bales, against receipts of 100,770 bales for the same period last year—an increase of 28,178 bales. Receipts for the past week were 156 bales, against 64 bales the same week last year. The stock at this port is 1,889 bales, at the same time last year 6,287 bales.

Fatal Railroad Collision—Engineer Severely Injured and the Fireman Killed. By cable to the Morning Star. Monday, May 14.—The north-bound passenger train on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad collided yesterday afternoon late in the day with a freight train, with a white engine coming south, just above Waynesboro, Miss. Both engines were demolished, and the baggage and express cars badly damaged. Engineer Wm. Tew, of the passenger locomotive, was killed, and his fireman, Robert Shearall, was instantly killed.

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THE MEXICAN ARMY OFFICERS—POSITIONS TO THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Secretary of State has received a telegram from Minister Manning containing the report of the execution of Mexican army officers on account of the Nogales incident. The Inter-State Commerce Commission today received an appeal from the committee of merchants and business men in Minden, La., in favor of permanent suspension of the long and short haul clause of the Inter-State Commerce law, so far as traffic by rail with Minden is concerned. The petition predicts failure of merchants and disaster to people in that section of the country in case the objectionable sections is rigidly enforced. A petition was also received from the Board of Trade at Greenville, Ga., complaining of unjust discrimination of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company in favor of Elberton, a rival town.

The Commission has received a formal joint petition from the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co. and the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Co., asking for relief from operation of section four. A committee of citizens of Denver, Colo., has written to the Commission asking that railroads in that section of the State be permanently relieved from operation of the fourth section of the Interstate Commerce law. WASHINGTON, May 13.—It is said at the Treasury Department that there is no foundation for the report that the revenue steamer Rush was shortly to sail for San Francisco for Sitka, Alaska, for the purpose of taking a U. S. Marshal to Ounahkot, Alaska, to investigate the case of the seized July for violating the seal fishery laws. In the first place it is said that the vessel is not in Alaska at all, and in the second the British vessels mentioned were released by this Government some time ago. The revenue steamer Rush was on her usual summer cruise in Northern waters in about a month, but as yet her orders have not been prepared.

The new U. S. Treasurer, Hyatt, has been officially notified of his appointment, and is expected to file his bond and take the oath of office in the near future. He is expected to take the oath of office in the near future. He is expected to take the oath of office in the near future.

EX-PRESIDENT DAVIS. A Public Reception and Banquet Tendered Him at Meridian, Miss. Grand Outpouring of the People.—Speech of the Distinguished Guest. NEW ORLEANS, May 13.—A special to the Progress from Meridian, Miss., says: At 11 o'clock yesterday morning a public reception was given to Hon. Jefferson Davis at the residence of Col. J. R. McIntosh, where he is stopping. For two hours a packed stream of people thronged the parlors and shook hands with the ex-chief and his beautiful daughter, Mr. Davis was in his usual health and spirits, and his words for each one that shook his hand.

At 6 o'clock last evening a banquet and reception were given to the ex-president at the residence of Col. J. R. McIntosh. The banquet was given at the residence of Col. J. R. McIntosh. The banquet was given at the residence of Col. J. R. McIntosh.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Goldboro Messenger: The Goldboro Rifles have decided not to attend the National Drill at Washington. This conclusion has been reached on the ground that the unfavorable conditions attached to the railroad companies reduced rates.—Mrs. Jos. A. Parker died in this city on Tuesday evening last. The body was taken to the morgue and the funeral was held on Wednesday. The body was taken to the morgue and the funeral was held on Wednesday.

Wadesboro Intelligence: An aggrieved man in the town of Kernersville has sued that town for 50 cents. This conclusion has been reached on the ground that the unfavorable conditions attached to the railroad companies reduced rates.—Mrs. Jos. A. Parker died in this city on Tuesday evening last. The body was taken to the morgue and the funeral was held on Wednesday.

The N. Y. World thus refers to the Bentonville battle and monument through a correspondent. The following is the inscription on the monument: "To the soldiers of the Southern Confederacy who sacrificed their lives in a cause, which, though lost, was for the preservation of their countrymen, this monument is erected by their admirers and fellow countrymen." The battle of Bentonville was really the last of the war, for although there was some conflict between Sherman's troops and those of Joseph E. Johnston, up to the very day of the battle of Bentonville, these did not rise above the dignity of skirmishes. It was also a Confederate victory. Both armies were composed of veterans, and that of the Confederates was more desperate as it with the hopelessness born of despair. In proportion to the number of Confederates who were killed, the loss was greater than in any other battle of the war. The battle began on April 10th, 1865, and continued several days. Sherman was in command of the Federal forces, and Johnston commanded the Confederate forces. Sherman lost 1,467 wounded and missing, Johnston commanded the Confederate forces. Sherman lost 1,467 wounded and missing, Johnston commanded the Confederate forces.

Raleigh News-Observer: The annual meeting of the Confederate Survivors Association was held at Raleigh, N. C., on Monday last. The meeting was held at Raleigh, N. C., on Monday last. The meeting was held at Raleigh, N. C., on Monday last.

Raleigh Visitor: Maj. C. D. Hays, chief of police, left for Weldon last evening in response to a telegram from the chief marshal of that city announcing that Mr. Le Roy G. Bagley, formerly of this city, had been drowned in the Wake-Cattle Club game. The report of the death of Mr. Bagley was a great loss to the Wake-Cattle Club game. The report of the death of Mr. Bagley was a great loss to the Wake-Cattle Club game.

SOUTH CAROLINA. A Split in the Episcopal Diocese Convention at Charleston. By Telegram to the Morning Star. CHARLESTON, May 14.—The South Carolina Episcopal Diocese Convention met this morning. A quorum was present. Seceding delegates organized an independent body for conference on the 15th. The representation at the meeting of the seceders embraced lay delegates from twenty parishes by the rail. The convention proper proposed resolutions of regret on the departure of the seceding members and invited their return. A resolution was passed by the seceders that they would not return unless the president of the convention agreed to entertain the appeal of the seceders. The convention proper rejected the proposition and communication between the two bodies ceased. The seceders will issue a manifesto to the parishes on the subject of existing differences.

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