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nia, which is short of laborers since she has shut John Chinaman out. Senator Stanford and other monied men are at the bottom of this and it is said are offering great inducements in the way of homesteads, and steady work at good wages, etc., to those who go. This is an opening that promises well, for California is a good State, with a climate which the negro will find congenial and where he will be among people who will give him work, and he will have the little ballot to amuse him at election times. There appears to be more in this than in any scheme of the kind yet suggested.

MINOR MENTION. The States and Territories of the Pacific slope have produced up to 1889 of precious metals—gold to the amount of \$1,373,473,468, silver \$241,143,624; total, \$1,614,617,092. But this is a very small part of their production, the grain, fruit, timber, fisheries, &c., amounting to many times as much. When it is remembered that this was all purchased territory, costing less than forty million dollars, it was not such a bad bargain. But the possibilities of that vast region, embracing 625,000,000 acres, 369,000,000 of which are in Alaska, cannot yet be estimated, for not one-half of the territory outside of Alaska has been surveyed, and not more than 40,000,000 acres can be called improved land. They contain yet but 2,368,958 people, half of whom have come in within the past ten years, and yet the annual crop of cereals is worth over \$80,000,000, salmon nearly \$2,000,000, lumber \$5,000,000, with a wool clip of 80,000,000 pounds and farm animals valued at over \$104,000,000. The fruit trade is immense. The railroad mileage amounts to 11,494 miles representing an investment of \$542,793,321, while the tax-paying property assessed at \$1,652,075,850 is estimated to be worth \$3,000,000,000. When we remember that most of this country has been opened up for development within the past thirty years we can realize the mighty strides that progress has made.

When charged with having too much mouth Corporal Tanner replied that although he might be pretty liberally supplied in that respect he had no fault to find with his mouth, for it was his best friend. Perhaps he was right, for while his mouth got him bounced out of the office of Commissioner of Pensions it landed him into a business as pension agent in which he is rapidly making a fortune. Ex-Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, has a mouth too, but instead of being his friend it is constantly getting in his way. He turned his mouth loose when in the Senate, on the Chinese, and that blocked his way to China as Minister, and when his name was mentioned as Minister to Russia, the New York Sun raked out this on him, which appears in some of his temperance speeches: "The tax on brandy is the most important item of Russian revenue, and we people are encouraged to consume it in order that the Government may get the tax. The result may be imagined. Here is the most numerous if not the most powerful nation in Europe, with 80,000,000 of people. In 1847 the revenues were \$100,000,000 in round numbers, of which \$40,000,000 were derived from brandy. William Hewitt is authorized to sell brandy, and observes that temperance societies have never been able to take root in Russia." In December, 1853, a correspondent of the London Times wrote that temperance is growing so fast as to occasion grave anxiety among public men of all classes. The evil affects all classes, and is even rife among the other sex.

Senator Quay undertook to start the Blaine boom in the Pennsylvania convention by a resolution committing the party to Blaine as a candidate for the Presidency, but the friends of Harrison were on the alert, and kicked so hard that the resolution was withdrawn. They finally compromised on resolutions one of which endorsed the "broad and statesmanlike administration of President Harrison." The other got in the following boost for "one of Pennsylvania's native sons": "It has been with especial gratification that the Republicans of this Commonwealth have observed the brilliant administration of the State Department by one of Pennsylvania's native sons, whose superb diplomacy has electrified the hearts of all Americans, exacted from foreign peoples a degree of respect and admiration for the United States flag hitherto unequalled and opened wide to us in other lands commercial gates heretofore barred. These magnificent achievements justify the confidence and furnish new occasion for us now to reaffirm the loyalty and devotion of the Republicans of Pennsylvania to her most distinguished son, the Hon. James G. Blaine."

This will do pretty well for a starter. Notwithstanding the midsummer dullness, and the stringency in money matters, which has had a tendency to check some contemplated investments in the South, the Baltimore Manufacturer's Record notes in addition to the increased development of the Florida phosphate beds and large purchases of Southern timber and mining lands, investments in industrial and other enterprises, within the past week, in the respective States, aggregating about \$5,435,000, which gives conclusive proof that capitalists look upon the South as a good place to invest their money.

While devout people in Treves were paying their respects to the Holy Coat last Thursday, the bustling pickpockets were paying their respects to the coat pockets of the unsuspecting worshippers, from which we take it that the average German pickpocket does not carry around with him an over stock of veneration for relics or holy places. A Georgia contemporary asks "What kind of money do we want?" We ain't particular. We will take almost any kind that will fill the "long felt want," and by the things that the average pencil-wielder must have while he meanders through this vale of lights and shadows. D. A. McDUGALD.

The Alleged Murderer of Simeon Conoley—His Arrival Last Night in Charge of the Sheriff of Robeson County. Mr. R. C. Pittman, sheriff of Robeson county, and Mr. E. D. McCrae, of that county, arrived here last night with D. A. McDougald, charged with the murder of Simeon Conoley in Robeson county last April. They arrived on the 9:50 train on the Wilmington & Weldon railroad. The prisoner was taken from the depot in an omnibus to the Parcell House and was at once placed in the cells of the hotel. McDougald was arrested by Sheriff Scott at Lynn county, Oregon, June 1, 1889, on the day of August. When arrested, he was working as a section hand on the Southern Pacific railroad, under the assumed name of D. H. Laurin. He denied positively that he was McDougald, but when letters were found in his valise he weakened and said he supposed he was the man needed. Sheriff Pittman was notified of the arrest and on the 6th of August left Robeson county in company with Mr. E. F. McCrae, for Albany, Oregon. Upon their arrival, on the 14th inst., they visited the jail where McDougald was confined and identified the prisoner. McDougald was cordial in his greeting, and told Mr. McCrae he was glad to see him. He expressed his readiness to return at once, and the necessary steps being taken they left Albany with the prisoner last Saturday. McDougald gave them no trouble on the trip. He refused to have any conversation in regard to the crime that he is charged with. Sheriff Pittman and his prisoner will leave this morning on the 8 o'clock train on the Carolina Central for Lumberton, where his trial for murder will take place before the Superior Court the first week in October.

A rewerker for the STAR went into the room where McDougald was confined. He was in bed and the gaslight was turned down, and refused to hold any conversation with his visitor. PECAN TREES. Information of Value to Persons Interested in the Culture. ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Aug. 23, '91. Editor Morning Star: DEAR SIR:—I notice a good deal being said about pecan culture and would like to have my "say" too, and at the same time get all the information I can. I got seed from Arkansas and planted about twelve years ago and the trees now are from twenty to twenty-five feet high, and from six to fifteen inches in diameter and have been bearing for four years. I can say little about the profit of the crop, as I have only a few trees bearing and have not fruit on the market; but the nuts are fine and well flavored. I send you by this mail an average sample of the nut at this stage of growth; there are clusters on the trees having eight nuts in a bunch. The trees are planted in ordinary soil with barely ordinary cultivation. About four years ago I planted a nursery, the seed also from Arkansas. The trees are about a foot apart in the row and the rows four feet apart. They are now an inch to two inches in diameter and from ten to twelve feet high. I transplanted fifty last spring without the loss of a single tree. In every excavation from which I took the trees to be transplanted, have sprung up three, four and sometimes half a dozen young trees from the roots of the adjacent trees left exposed. The young trees are now two feet high, vigorous and perfect in shape as if from seed. My bearing trees and nursery are in the town of Rockingham, and worth a visit of inspection to those interested. I expect to plant a grove of about one hundred trees, which will begin this fall. I have seen a pecan called "paper shell," about twice the size of the ordinary nut with thinner shell. I would like to know if any one is familiar with the nut and where to get the seed. I saw the nut at the Exposition in Ocala, Florida. I expect to have on exhibition at the fair in Raleigh this fall a specimen of the nuts grown on my trees. I can sit under pecan trees of my own planting and eat nuts of my own production and do not "mumble them without the teeth, etc."

Very respectfully yours, T. J. STEELE. ATTEMPT AT MURDER. In Cumberland County—Mr. Lucius Fisher Shot and Dangerously Wounded. ROSEBORO, N. C., August 20. On Wednesday night last, about 9 o'clock, some one came to the house of Mr. John Oldham, about three-quarters of a mile from this place on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, and called for Mr. Oldham, who, being sick in bed, asked Mr. Lucius Fisher, a neighbor of his who was with him that night, to go and see what was wanted. Mr. Fisher had got but a few steps from the door when he was fired on by some one in the bushes near the fence, putting seven shots in his left breast, and he turned around the second load was fired at him, putting three shots in his back. Mr. Fisher is now under the careful attention of Dr. F. J. Cooper, of this place. It is not known who did the shooting. A. R. H. P. S.—August 21st—Mr. Fisher seems to rest very easy to-day, and will probably, with good attention get over it.

NOTICE. This is intended only for subscribers whose subscriptions have expired. It is not a dun, but a simple request that all who are in arrears for the STAR will favor us with a prompt remittance. We are sending out bills now (a few each week), and if you receive one please give it your attention.

BALLOON ASCENSION. A Big Sensation at Carolina Beach—A Day's Involuntary Flight Heavensward. The crowd of people that assembled at Carolina Beach yesterday to witness the balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Jewell were treated to a surprise—a sensation that was startling in the extreme. Cass Hill and Charley Williams—the former black and the latter brown—were employed by Prof. Jewell, the aeronaut, to stand inside the balloon during the process of inflation and throw water on the stray sparks that might light against the walls of the balloon. Cass was cautious, and warned Williams to keep his weather-eye open while the balloon was filling. The process consumed about twelve minutes, and at last Professor Jewell cast off the stay-ropes, and called to Cass to cover the furnace, and then started the audience with the accustomed formula, "Well, good bye, ladies and gentlemen. Let go it!" Everybody looked to see the Professor jerked into the air in his parachute, but instead, saw the parachute tear loose from the balloon and a helpless tender-foot tangle in the ropes leading from the balloon to the parachute. Before a man could count ten the wretched man was swinging in the upper deep. Professor Jewell called out, "Hold on fast and be of good cheer and you will come down all right." "I'll do it," came back in faint tones, and away went the victim. Ladies screamed and some prayed for his safety. Everybody expected that he would faint and fall headlong, and all hoped that the balloon would soon descend. But higher and higher it sped, until Charley Williams—dangling in the rope—looked like a knot in a shoestring. From where he was he might see Fort Fisher and Camp Wyatt, and Sugar Loaf. At last, when hope had almost died away, the balloon was seen to turn downward, and now a danger threatened the man who had hung so desperately to the ropes, for the balloon came very near upsetting and enveloping him; but it righted and continued to descend with ever increasing speed. Surely, thought the people, even if he holds on, he will be dashed to death by the rapid descent, and a great crowd ran westward to witness the final catastrophe. Williams, however disengaged himself from the ropes when the balloon was a short distance from the ground and escaped unhurt. He was in a profuse perspiration, though the day was cool, and did not know whether he was a Blaine Republican or a Tammany heeler. The first words he uttered when assured of his safety were: "I ought to have the money, 'case I'm the one that went up." Scores of hands were stretched out to him and a moderate shower of nickels, dimes, quarters and halves made him glad.

Every day brings some new development in the balloon ascension business. First, the balloon went up alone; next, Prof. Jewell was cast into the sea; and now, colored citizen Williams makes an involuntary ascension. What will this afternoon bring forth? Death of Capt. Chinis. Died, yesterday, at his home near Phenix, Capt. Samuel R. Chinis, aged 63 years. He had been sick for several weeks, and his death was the result of an attack of malarial fever. Capt. Chinis was a man of excellent character, and was for many years one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Brunswick county. He was a captain in the 61st N. C. Regiment, and ranked with the bravest and best being held in high esteem both by his superior officers and the men under his command. For several years preceding his death he was superintendent of the Orton plantation, owned by Col. K. M. Murchison, who placed a high estimate on his services. Faithful to every trust in peace and war; kindhearted and generous to a fault; devoted and affectionate as husband and father; he passes away universally lamented by those who knew him. May he rest in peace. Obituary in Richmond. Capt. W. H. McLaurin, of Richmond county, was in the city yesterday. Speaking of the crop prospect, he said that in a radius of about twenty miles around Laurinburg, the cotton crop is the finest ever seen in that section. Cotton Receipts. Receipts of cotton for the week ending yesterday are 208 bales; the corresponding week last year 59 bales. Receipts for the crop year, to Aug. 31, are 128,961, against 133,936 bales to same date last year. Increase, 58,075 bales.

Mr. D. J. Bryant, of Cronly, N. C., writes the STAR that he has the finest crop of potatoes and turnips in the county, and will be ready to ship them by October. VISITING MILITARY. ARRIVAL AND RECEPTION OF THE FAYETTEVILLE INDEPENDENT LIGHT INFANTRY. A Gala Occasion—The Streets Thronged with Spectators—Fayette-Burger at the Orton—Open-Air Concerts. The arrival of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry yesterday afternoon on their way to Carolina Beach, was a gala occasion for Wilmington. The whole town turned out to greet them, and their reception was something of an ovation. The Wilmington Light Infantry, the Second Regiment Band, the veteran members of the F. I. L. resident in Wilmington, and a large number of citizens were at the depot of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. to meet the visiting military, and the streets along the line of march thence to The Orton were lined with ladies and others who waited expectantly and patiently to see the parade.

The citizens' reception committee was also on hand, and at their invitation the companies stacked arms on Water street after moving out of the depot, and assembled in a building in the neighborhood, where refreshments were served and an informal reunion and hand-shaking took place, lasting about half an hour. The companies then formed in line and marched up Mulberry street to Third, from Third to Market, down Market to Front and up Front to The Orton, the bands playing and crowds cheering. BAND CONCERT. The Fayetteville band, in their handsome uniform, made a magnificent display, and shortly after the arrival of the military at The Orton gave a concert from a platform in front of the postoffice opposite The Orton, rendering the following selections: 1. "Gladiator," march. 2. Serenade. 3. Schottische, "Dream of Beauty." 4. Phantasio on "Auld Lang Syne." 5. "The National Fencibles." 6. "Dixie."

At 9:15 the doors of the spacious dining-room of "The Orton" were thrown open. Three tables extending the entire length of the room were soon filled by the citizens and the members of the two military organizations and the Fayetteville and Second Regiment bands. The banquet was served in the style that has made The Orton famous: the tables literally groaning under their weight of delicacies, that pleased the eye by their artistic arrangement and tickled the palate by the delicious manner in which they were prepared. That capable and pleasing Master of Ceremonies, Col. F. W. Kerchner, presided, blessing was asked by the Rev. Robert Strange, after which the guests attacked the viands after the manner of travellers at a railroad restaurant, where the rule is "90 minutes for supper." Col. Kerchner, anxious that none should have dyspepsia or a nightmare, reminded the guests that they had two hours in which to refresh the inner man; a sally appreciated with laughter. At the conclusion of the supper, Col. Kerchner in his usual terse and happy way, introduced Maj. T. D. Love, who had been selected to deliver the address of welcome. Maj. Love said, in substance: "It is with no ordinary emotions of pleasure and pride that we welcome you to our midst. Once more you have marched to the same drum beat with your old friend and ally the Wilmington Light Infantry, cementing still more closely the ties which have so long bound you together. Your hearts and your drums still beat in unison, and we will with delight your visit to our city. Approaching your centennial anniversary, your sense of glory is still upward and onward. There is no stain on your entire line of march with the military yesterday. Mr. W. H. Daniel, of Mullins, S. C., called at the STAR office yesterday to renew his subscription to the Daily. He reports a very good cotton crop, and an average crop of corn.

Mr. R. L. Harris, formerly of this city but who has been residing in Laurinburg for some time past, is in the city, where he will open a cabinet makers' establishment in a few weeks. COTTON GROWERS. A Movement to Withhold From Market One-Half the Cotton Produced This Year. By Telegram to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., August 29.—Captain Richard O'Neal, of this city, in an open letter urges farmers of the South to entirely withhold half this year's cotton crop from market, and give notice to the world that no cotton will be produced next year. The subject is attracting attention in sub-Alliances and it is now under consideration to form a trust in county Alliances in which one-half the present crop will be placed, so as to assure its entire retirement from market. It is pretty certain that something tending to overcome the inordinately bearish tone of the cotton market will be consummated by means of the Alliance. Richland county Alliance to-day unanimously adopted resolutions calling upon cotton growers of South Carolina to withhold one-third of the yield of the present crop from market. CONFEDERATE VETERANS. Announcement of the Organization of Three Additional Camps. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW ORLEANS, August 29.—General orders number 17. In conformity with the amendment to article 6 of the constitution, the General commanding hereby announces the fellowship of the following named camps in the organization of United Confederate Veterans; also, their respective numbers, to-wit: Jos. E. Johnston Confederate Camp, Dalton, Ga., No. 24; Frank Cheatham Camp, Nashville, Tenn., No. 35; Hillsboro Camp, Tampa, Fla., No. 36. By order of General Commanding, GEO. MOORMAN, Adj't. Gen. and Chief of Staff.

A MURDERER AT BAY. A Sensational Affair at Hanover, New Hampshire. HANOVER, N. H., Aug. 30.—Frank C. Almy, the murderer of Christine Warden, was discovered in Warden's barn this morning. Almy fired fifteen shots at his pursuers and killed Ezra Turner, of Norwich, Vermont. The barn has been burned, but whether Almy was shot or is in the ruins is not known at this writing.

LATEST.—The first report that Warden's barn was burned was erroneous. Smoke from Almy's revolver gave the impression that the barn was on fire. Chas. E. Stewart, a student at the State College, located Almy in the hay by probing with a long-handled shovel. When he punched the hidden man a bullet was fired up his hinder through the hay on which he stood. The concealed man continued firing, at the same time digging himself out of the hay, and fired at least fifteen shots at the searchers, driving them from the barn. Turner was not killed, as before reported, but only slightly injured. A council of war is now being held as to the best means of quelling the murmur, which he had no safe to say will not cost the county a cent, as Almy will be shot at sight. Hanover is again wild with excitement.

LATEST.—Frank Almy has been taken Almy after his capture. The most exciting days that can be conceived of. He is confined in the upper story of the Wheelock House. Half a dozen officers with drawn revolvers stand in foot of the stairs, holding back the crowd. Notwithstanding that little has been said publicly a vigilant search has been constantly going on for Almy since Monday evening. HANOVER, N. H., Aug. 31.—Judge Cobb of the Police Court, with Attorney General Barnard and Solicitor Mitchell, accompanied by citizens, went to Almy's room in the Wheelock house this morning to conduct the preliminary examination of the murderer, Almy, in reply to Attorney General Barnard's quelling the murmur, which he had not any sleep and was in pain all night. The complaint against the murderer, which was in the customary form, was signed by N. A. Frost, and was read Almy as he lay on his cot. When asked to plead, he hesitated and said, "I don't know what to do." Turning to Sheriff Foster, a near neighbor of the Warden family with whom he is acquainted, he inquired: "What would you do, Henry?" Foster replied: "I don't know, Frank." Attorney General Barnard then suggested that it was always safe to plead "not guilty" and in that way his plea stands recorded. He waived examination and was committed without bail. It was learned from physicians that the pain of which Almy complained was more from apples of which he had so ravenously eaten and which tempted him from his hiding place. Warden's barn Wednesday night, than from his wound. Though he did not sleep, he was apparently much rested and he looks bright.

GEORGIA ALLIANCE. Livingston Re-elected President—President Polk—The Ocala Platform Endorsed. ATLANTA, Aug. 20.—The selection of officers of the Georgia State Alliance resulted in the re-election of L. F. Livingston as President by a unanimous vote. The other officers chosen were: W. A. Wilson, Vice President; A. W. Ivey, Secretary; W. S. Copeland, State Lecturer. A speech was made at the open session by National President Polk, in which he stated that the Ocala platform was being unanimously endorsed by States. A resolution was adopted denouncing President Holt, of the Missouri Alliance.

The committee on cotton acreage recommended that a collection of cotton growers be called, looking to a reduction of cotton acreage. The Alliance reaffirmed its endorsement of the Ocala platform. A NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL. Antecedents of Almy, the New Hampshire Murderer. By Telegram to the Morning Star. HANOVER, N. H., Aug. 29.—It has been established beyond doubt that Frank C. Almy is none other than Geo. H. Abbott, who escaped from Windsor, Vermont, State prison about six years ago. Warden Oakes and two superintendents from Windsor this morning positively identified him as the man sentenced. This explains his anxiety to know when captured how much of his previous history had been learned and his assertion that he was a Southerner and connected with some of the best families in the South. He is a son of respectable parents who lived in Salem, Mass. When he escaped from prison he had served out six years of a sentence of fifteen years given him on nine indictments for burglary to which he had pleaded guilty. Over his head was hanging charges of attempted murder. He was a criminal of an abandoned type. When formerly captured he had fought as desperately as in this last case, and in his career of crime he has received about twenty wounds. Almy, who was arrested by a constable to prison was an escape from the sheriff who had him in charge and robbing the sheriff of his rifle and \$800 in cash. He ran a mile and a half with nothing on but a shirt, to escape capture.

ANOTHER FAILURE. Caused by Local Money Stringency at Montgomery, Alabama. By Telegram to the Morning Star. MONTGOMERY, ALA., Aug. 29.—At noon to-day the Chandler Bros. made an assignment to W. T. Hatchett and Hartwell Douglass, for the benefit of their creditors. The firm does a real estate and savings bank business. Their assets are \$70,000; liabilities about \$50,000. In this amount of liabilities there are about \$25,000 of deposits. The most of the assets are in real estate. The failure was caused by the local money stringency. They had a slight run since yesterday when the early National bank suspended, but this run did not cause the assignment. They needed some accommodation from other banks to continue business, which could ordinarily have been obtained. It is believed that their assets are of such solid character that no one will lose by the assignment. Washington Gazette: Sheriff Hodges tells us that the present prospects for a full crop are very good, but favorable season. The corn, peas and rice are very fine; the July crop of cotton is not much, but there are many forms making now, and a good crop is expected.

ASHEVILLE MURDERER INTELLIGENT. The army worm made its appearance in Maj. Ingram's lot in town. The first bale of new crop North Carolina cotton sold in the State was in Morven, Anson county, yesterday, 30th inst. The cotton was raised on the plantation of Mr. C. C. Moore and was bought by Mr. G. A. Martin at 9.01.

While hands were cutting out a new road near David Huntley's in Guilford township yesterday, Tom Phillips was accidentally cut on the thigh with an axe in the hands of a colored man. Our informant says the wound is considered dangerous. RALEIGH VISITOR. At the reunion of "Co. K," 11th N. C. State Troops, to be held at Patton's Mill, on Swannanoa, on Saturday, the 8th of September next, Gov. Chas. M. Stedman, Maj. G. F. Ransom and other officers will deliver the address. A slick looking stranger passed off several checks in Asheville a few days ago, on Messrs. Williams and Co., and Messrs. Stikeler for a horse and buggy, and then proceeded to pass himself out of the country. Neither the checks or the stranger were traced yesterday. RALEIGH VISITOR. We are sorry to learn that our grape growers have realized very low prices on their fruit this year, and from what we hear will not make expenses on their crop. This was caused by being two weeks late in shipment, owing to the long season of cool weather and the fact that four car loads of peaches to arrive ready for the market it was overstocked with peaches, pears, etc. We noticed by a trade circular that there arrived in New York in one day last week a slightly over 400 car loads of peaches, and the large quantities of other fruits. A great deal of the grapes shipped from here this season barely paid the expense of packing, shipping, and commissions, and leaves nothing for collection. Carriage Blade: The jail was pretty well filled by the opening of court yesterday morning, there being twelve prisoners behind the bars. Two of these, colored, were being held in jail here Friday night, to await the result of a wound inflicted on the head of Bob Hoover, white, while road working between here and the Fort. It seems that Hoover was drinking and provoked a difficulty with Dunlap, who struck him over the head with an axe. Hoover's head was cut rather severely and he died. The doctors say he will certainly die. Last night at about 10:30 o'clock Mr. T. W. Ritter retired as usual, and was fast asleep in a few minutes in about 30 minutes Mr. Ritter noticed that his breathing was labored and attempted to wake him. Heart trouble is thought to be the cause of his death. Mr. Ritter was 62 years of age. Rockingham Rocket: The people of Anson county have been making a strong fight against whiskey and they conquered last Friday when the Commissioners of that county, Messrs. W. D. Dockery and Will McNeill, both colored, were committed to jail here yesterday by Esg. G. W. Wright, of Lynch, on the charge of burning a barn belonging to Mr. J. J. V. Caudle, late of Lynch, last Sunday night. Last Saturday night about 11 o'clock fire broke out in the building formerly occupied by J. A. Broach as a saloon, and spreading, took in its course the entire building. J. F. Caudle, the photographer gallery of J. F. Caudle. The only building insured was that occupied by Broach and was insured by the Merchants and Marine Insurance Co. for two hundred dollars. The origin of the fire is unknown but supposed to have been incendiary. Asheville Mountain Journal: An attempt at highway robbery was made on the perch on Friday, Martine, about 9 o'clock Saturday night, on Haystack street, while on his way home. He had just started to cross the street when suddenly he was accosted by two men, one of whom was armed with a pistol. The other man pointed a pistol at his breast and exclaimed, "Your money or your life; if you don't turn over your cash I will let your brains fly." Mr. Martin called for help and at the same time ran into Squire Sumner's house, although the would-be robbers fired two or three shots after him, none, fortunately, hitting. Mr. Martin's clothing was the noise of firing took to their heels and made good their escape. Mr. Martin said that on account of the darkness he was unable to see the faces of the assailants, but thinks they are white men. Ernest Chunn and Robert Owen, Jr., were arrested by policemen Palmer and Leonard. They confessed that they had assaulted and robbed Mr. Martin but stated they were drunk at the time.

Charlotte News: Mrs. Eliza Stewart, mother of Mr. John Stewart, died at her residence on North Smith street, in this city last night. Mrs. Stewart was 67 years old. The man with the cane and ring that was taken yesterday, you grasp a cane at each end with your hands and he flirts a ring on the cane between your hands. The trick looks puzzling, but he shows you how to do it, and you are sure to find you think you have paid a big price for the privilege of showing that you are a "sucker." The trick man yesterday disappeared from the streets of Asheville, \$18 among the boys about town. Mr. D. L. Todd, of Paw Creek township, was in the city to-day with a curiosity that could hardly be kept in the heart of an engender of wood. It is a dogwood walking cane, carved by worms. Mr. Todd found the stick on his farm and was amazed at the beauty of the carving. It was made by an accident. The stick has three raised places like joints in a cane. At regular spaces about two inches apart the worms cut a deep circular groove, and between these grooves is the most beautiful network of graving, some of the lines being as fine as needle points. The cane is engraved on one side its full length. A good many of these walking canes have been were astonished at its beauty. The News is trying to persuade Mr. Todd to present it to the Confederate museum.

NORFOLK LANDMARK: Nag's Head was thrown into intense excitement about midday yesterday by an accident which came near proving a terrible calamity. Quite a large party was in bathing, among the number Miss Katie Albertson, Miss Katie Grand, Miss Helen Martin, Miss Madie Badham, Mrs. Badham, Miss Margarette Hollowell and Miss Carrie Albertson, Mr. Charles Beltz, Mr. Thomas Old, Mr. Robert Whitehurst, Mr. William Murder, Mr. Joseph McCabe and Mr. Harlin Wheedbe. It was discovered that some of the gentlemen were too far and were in great danger of being drowned. The excitement and distress on shore was intense. The gentlemen who were in the bathing party acted with promptness and courage. With a clear mind, and finally succeeded in rescuing the ladies from what would have undoubtedly been a water grave but for their coolness and courage. When Miss Albertson and Miss Badham were taken from the ocean, it was feared they were beyond recovery, but by hard work and the assistance of Dr. Jack McNeill they were restored to consciousness and are now out of danger. Mr. Norflet Pruden was also quite ill after the accident, but is well again. Passengers from Edenton yesterday reported that R. E. Oatman, treasurer of the Back Lumber Company, is short in his accounts somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The telegraph operator at Edenton confirms and corroborates what says experts are now engaged in examining his books, and until this can be finished the matter is being kept quiet, so far as particulars are concerned.

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