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Take the item of coal, for instance. The people of nearly all our large cities are now dependent upon coal for fuel, as there is but little wood consumed in them.

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RANSOM AT ASHEVILLE.

A Thrilling Speech by the Senator. The Opera House Crowded.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., September 13.—Senator Ransom spoke to-day at Asheville. He commenced by a most touching and tender allusion to Senator Vance and proceeded to discuss the political issues.

He spoke of the perfect success with which the Democratic party had managed State affairs of the great wisdom and justice with which the Southern people had treated the colored people, and declared that humanity owed the Southern Democrats a debt of gratitude for the way they had managed this difficult question.

He paid a grand tribute to the ability, courage and patriotism of the National Democratic administration. He poured light all through the Republican and Populist parties. He spoke of their wild and desperate attempts at legislation by which they proposed to appropriate more money than the whole world possessed.

At the conclusion of the speech crowds of old soldiers, citizens and lovely women surrounded and greeted the speaker.

The Civil Service Commission at Washington has ordered that an examination be held in Wilmington, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1894, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Gant family in Bad Luck—And the Floods Were In—Hammered With Pistols.

A special to the State from Spartanburg, the 11th, gives these particulars of a political row at that place:

Half an hour later Gant's two grown sons accented Floyd at Windsor Hotel and demanded satisfaction. Floyd told them they could get it. Thereupon the elder Gant, Jesse, struck him, and the other Gant, drew a pistol and demanded fair play.

THE COTTON OUTLOOK.

Estimates of the Crop—It May Be 10,000,000 Bales, but Is More Likely to Be Much Less.

The factors expect to do a larger business this year than formerly, says the Augusta Chronicle, and are sanguine that last year's receipts will be over-reached if the present crop prospects hold out.

These are the figures of conservative cotton men who have studied the situation, and who, for years, have made a business of studying the crop. They believe the outlook is a great deal better than at this time last year, but disagreed with the somewhat exaggerated reports that have been sent out from various points in the South.

One report which gained currency through the press—it was given out by some cotton firm—placed the estimate of this year's yield at 10,000,000 bales. This conservative cotton men believe to be extravagant. Last year's yield reached seven and a half million bales, and it was not such a bad crop.

Of course there is a great deal of uncertainty attached to any estimate of this kind, but it is generally believed that the present outlook, the future will be good. I expect a crop of between eight and nine million bales.

SENATOR JARVIS Addressed the Democratic Voters of Pender at Bureau Yesterday—Was in the City Last Night—Will Leave for Raleigh This Morning.

Senator Thos. J. Jarvis reached the city last night from Andrews, where he spoke last night before a large gathering of the city's faithful Democrats.

He spoke yesterday for about two hours and a quarter. His address was able and was listened to attentively throughout. The meeting was very enthusiastic.

Many old Democrats called to see Senator Jarvis last night at the Orton and gave him a hearty hand-shake. He will leave this morning for Raleigh.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

Of the Late Will Graham at Wallace—The Attendance—Floral Offerings, Etc.

The funeral of the late Mr. Will Graham took place from the home of his father, Dr. D. McL. Graham, near Wallace, yesterday afternoon.

The funeral was attended by a number of friends of the deceased from this city, among them being Messrs. Wm. C. Reasby, B. J. Jacobs, H. H. Merritt, Geo. N. Harris, W. D. McMillan, W. B. Thorpe, Guy A. Cardwell, A. D. Myers, R. B. Davis, Jr., E. Borden, Samuel Wm. Flanagan, W. H. Bernard, James W. C. Yarborough, S. P. McNair, Geo. J. Bonner, Warren, S. Elliott, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

The floral offerings were beautiful. Among those most noticeable were: From Misses Eliza McPherson, Mary Bolles, Edith Bolles, Maud McLeod, Annie Borden, Mabel Taylor, Fannie Taylor and Fannie Smallbones, a beautiful pillow with the inscription, "Neill"; a broken column, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas; harp, B. H. Marshall; bouquet with inscription from friends at home, Wm. C. Reasby, L. O. O. F., No. 189; a large harp and wreath from employees of A. C. L.; harp from Mrs. Graham Farmer; cross from Mrs. W. T. Bannerman; column, with dove, from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas and W. B. Thorpe; pillow, Mrs. H. A. Newberry; magpie pillow, Mrs. J. B. Moore; Burghard; Eyota Tribe Red Men, palms, lilies and flowers; others from Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mitchell, G. C. Swann, Mrs. A. J. Diener, Mr. Thos. R. Post, Mr. A. H. Brennan and several small bouquets.

NEILL GRAHAM. Death of an Estimable Young Man—He Passed Away Sunday Afternoon.

The critical illness of young Neill Graham, referred to in the last issue of the STAR, culminated in death at the home of his father, Dr. D. McL. Graham, near Wallace, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

With the feeling born of profound sorrow, the friends of Neill Graham sorrow to rest yesterday as the evening sun was slowly sinking beneath the distant West.

Mr. S. C. Parker placed Mr. S. G. Wooten in nomination. Mr. Wooten received the unanimous vote of the committee, and being notified came forward and accepted the nomination.

Further Proof of the Efficacy of the New Diphtheria Cure. In advance of other Southern papers, the STAR gave, a short time since, some interesting facts concerning the new diphtheria cure.

MR. J. M'REE COVAN.

Died at the Age of Thirty-Seven Years. Funeral Services Yesterday at St. James' Church.

Mr. Jas. M' Cree Covan died Sunday morning last at 6.45 o'clock at the residence of Mr. W. M. Hovey, corner Fourth and Ann streets, of malignant malarial fever complicated with jaundice.

The funeral of the deceased took place yesterday afternoon from St. James' Church, Rev. Mr. Strange, the pastor, conducting the services.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT. A Partial Programme For the Meeting of the Association in Charlotte, Wednesday and Thursday of This Week.

1. What the macadam road has done for my farm, by Mr. Wadsworth, of Charlotte.

2. What the Mecklenburg roads have done for the farmers of that county, by Capt. W. E. Ardrey, of Pineville, Mecklenburg county.

3. The demand for better public highways by our manufacturing enterprises; by Mr. Hal Worth, Mr. J. M. O'Dell and Mr. D. A. Thompkins.

4. The "ways and means" (or money problem) of the public road improvement, by Mr. J. A. Holmes, of Orange.

5. The necessity of engineering supervision in the improvement of North Carolina public roads, by Mr. T. R. Fourn.

BRASS AND IMPUDENCE.

ENGLISH MORALISTS SEEKING TO INVESTIGATE SOUTHERN LYNCHINGS. Gov. O'Ferrall Tells What He Thinks of English Intermeddling in Our Affairs.

RICHMOND, Sept. 10.—The following appears in the Star this afternoon: "Gov. O'Ferrall received last night the following telegram of the New York World:

THE WORLD. [TO GOVERNOR'S REPLY.] COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, GOV'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, Va., September 9.

What do they propose to do in case they find that the law is not administered here according to their ideas? Do they desire to keep gouging the victims of their wrath upon our heads?

What information do they seek? Do they want to know that the white people in the South are not the ignorant, whose miserable lynchings led them to the commission of the black crime of rape upon white women?

THE STAR'S BOOK COUPON. Numbers of the Books wanted—

LIST OF THE BOOKS. No. 41—A Dark Night's Work; by Mrs. Gaskell.

No. 42—The Duke's Daughter; by Mrs. Gaskell.

No. 43—The Duke's Daughter; by Mrs. Gaskell.

A CHOLERA SCARE.

But New York Health Officers Declare the Complaint to be Cholera. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Six persons who were ill on board the North German Lloyd steamship Verba, from Genoa, August 30, by Gibraltar, reached quarantine at 9 o'clock on Monday caused the health officers, the steamship authorities and the 167 first-class passengers much uneasiness.

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