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The Standard.

RALEIGH, SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 1855.

THE STATE FAIR. The Third Annual Fair of the Agricultural Society of North-Carolina, commenced in this City on Tuesday last, and will close to-day, Friday.

The number of persons in attendance was considerably greater than heretofore; and in some departments of the exhibition the exhibitions of previous years have been surpassed. We present below a list of articles, which though not complete, is as perfect as it could be made amid the pressure of the crowd and the difficulty of reporting on such an occasion.

MARSHALS. Chief Marshal, Gen. Littlejohn, Franklin. 1st Assistant, G. Hayes, Greenville. 2d " J. H. Yarbrough, Franklin. 3d " W. B. Foster, Franklinton. 4th " G. W. Watson, Johnston.

[The three latter appointed by the Chief Marshal, in place of the original assistants who could not act.]

FLORAL HALL. Daguerreotypes in oil, and ambratypes, by Mr. Havens, of Raleigh—very life-like and handsome.—Some fine daguerreotypes, by J. D. Nott, Fayetteville.

Leather work frame and bird cage, Mrs. J. C. Partridge, Raleigh. Also, by the same lady, fine fur tippets and muff. Also, several pieces crocheted work, &c., all excellently done.

Very handsome knit counterpane, Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Raleigh.

Specimens of gold ore, from Gold Hill, Rowan. Hearth-rug, by Miss A. McRae.

Knit counterpane—very fine—by Mrs. E. Cuthbert, Newbern. Handsome knit counterpane, Mrs. Henry Clark, Pitt Co.

Samples of jeans and cassimeres from the factory of Carson, Young & Grier, Charlotte, N. C. These samples reflect much credit upon the skill of the manufacturers. No one ought to wish a handsomer suit of clothes than they would make.

Knit counterpane, by Mrs. E. Munday, Person.—Fine coverlid, by Miss Ann Munday, Person; also one by Miss Martha Munday, Person.

Felt bed blanket, W. D. Andrews, Chatham Co. Knit counterpane, by Mrs. Southernland, Warren. Bed quilts by Mrs. Sadler, Raleigh—Miss Steele, Alameda—Miss Holt, Johnston—Mrs. Jones, Franklin—Mrs. Brasswell, Pitt, a quilt, the "North Carolina Rose Vine"—and a counterpane, the "Rose of the Rio Grande," by Mrs. Collett, Newbern.

Very handsome curtains, knit by Mrs. Kreth, Raleigh. Also, bureau cover, by Mrs. Kreth.

Some very fine architectural drawings or designs, by Mr. H. Harbaugh, Wilmington.

Counterpane, by Mrs. Harris, Franklin. Bed quilt, Miss M. A. Davis, Lenoir; nice bed spread, Mrs. Williams, Martin. Two counterpanes, Miss M. Johnson, Wayne.

One beautiful chair, silk and velvet patch-work, by Mrs. William Hill, Halifax.

One case of fine paper-mache work-boxes, fruit baskets, writing desks, &c., exhibited by Henry D. Turner, Raleigh.

Very handsome silk bed quilt, by Mrs. Geo. W. Mordecai, Raleigh.

Medicine chest, by A. O. Bradley, Wilmington. One case of mineral teeth, Dr. Benbow, Fayetteville. Fine gun and gun case, by C. H. Thompson, Raleigh. Also, a case of rich and elegant silver ware and jewelry.

One dressed buckskin, W. Moore, Snow Camp; one pair dressed buckskin gents' gloves, Mrs. Susan Beard, Davidson.

One child's hat, by Miss Mary Gupton, Franklin. Two winter screens, Mrs. R. A. Lewis, Oxford. Two pair silk half hose, by Mrs. Lucy Savage, Raleigh, aged 74 years—very well executed.

Four boy's straw hats, S. Breedlove, Franklin.—Straw hat, Mrs. Newton, Granville.

Case of fine shoes, by Henry Porter, Raleigh. Very fine crocheted collar, Miss M. E. Cooke, Raleigh.

Fine crocheted work, Mrs. E. Hall, Raleigh. One box wax flowers, by Miss Lydia Salmon, Iredell; one box artificial, by Miss Nichols, Goldsboro—female College. Both very finely done.

Specimen of penmanship, by E. P. Raillard, Greensboro Female College.

A lot of hats, by G. W. & D. Gee, Fayetteville—the only ones exhibited. A good article, and well finished.

Some very handsome paintings in oil, by Prof. French, of Greensborough Female College; also, by Prof. J. J. Eyers, of Edgeworth, Greensborough.—The paintings of both are pronounced by competent judges to be superior, and we shall not attempt to decide between them.

Some very rich and handsome velvet cloaks and capes, exhibited by W. H. & R. S. Tucker, Raleigh. Specimens of spun cotton, J. Newlin & Sons. One child's coat, made by Rebecca Feuler, perfectly blind, pupil of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institute, Raleigh.

New Map of North Carolina, by W. D. Cooke,

now ready for the engraver; a valuable work. Glass stand of native fibbers, by Mrs. L. M. Tucker, Raleigh. Also, basket of fine pomgranates. Basket of large pears, Mrs. Roulhac, Raleigh.—Basket of apples, Mrs. McKimmon, Raleigh.

One box fine fruit, Jno. Stafford, Snow Camp. Cherokee indian stone, sword shape, found in Mecklenburg, by J. F. Taylor, Raleigh. Also, a lot of chestnuts and figs, by J. F. Taylor.

Large fine pippins, by T. M. Garrett, Windsor. Three dozen October yellow peaches, by Mrs. W. A. Eaton, Granville—certainly the largest and finest peaches we have ever seen at this season of the year.

Some large lunge apples, by Mrs. Chas. Phillips, Chapel Hill. Basket pound apples, by Master Henry Turner Coley, Raleigh. Lot of fresh grapes, O. Sexton, Barkleysville.

Two vest shirts, by Miss Bettie F. White, Henderson. Crocheted doyle, Miss Sherwood, Wilmington. Fine shirtbosom, Miss McBride, Statesville.—Very fine chemise, by Mrs. S. B. Wynne, Raleigh, aged 62 years.

Beautiful talma or infant's mantle, by Isabella G. Scales, Rockingham Co. Handsome worked basque, by Miss Fanny Roulhac, Raleigh. Worked collar, by Miss Anne Stronach, Raleigh. Two handsome cambric collars, Miss V. C. Royster, Raleigh. Pretty infant's shirt, by Mrs. R. W. Alloy, Raleigh, and a worked child's dress, by Miss Carmal, Raleigh.

Some beautiful and very finely executed embroidery, by Miss Altona Dupree, Wilmington.

The exhibitors of fruits, with the exception of the small samples mentioned, were Messrs. J. & O. Lindley, of New Garden; Mr. S. W. Westbrooks, of Guilford; and Mr. T. W. Aiken, of Eastern New York. Mr. Lindley exhibited about seventy-five varieties of apples, and Messrs. Westbrooks and Aiken nearly as many. All these fruits—apples, pears and quinces—were very superior, the native being evidently the best. Mr. Westbrooks complimented us with a basket of his apples of all varieties, and we never tasted finer or better. The latter gentleman also exhibited some excellent dried apples and peaches.

MECHANIC'S HALL. Two cotton gins were exhibited, one by J. H. Carlisle, of Ringwood, and one by Wm. Miles, of Northampton.

There were three fine carriages—one by Dibble & Co., of Kinston, one by A. McKethan, of Fayetteville, and one by Gorman, Sparks & Co., of Raleigh. A fine two-horse buggy, by Nelson & Daughtry, of Greenville, N. C.

One-horse buggies, very fine ones, by Potts & Phelps, of White Hall, and by Dibble & Co. We saw several other buggies, but could find no label on them except "Hands off," and we kept off.

J. M. Towles, of Raleigh, exhibited an apple-peeler, a lot of garden tools, and a sausage and pie meat cutter. Jacob Ramsour, of Lincoln, exhibited leather and shoes.

Model of a mill dam, by T. A. Hart, of Boon Hill. Rifles by A. C. Ledbetter, and by J. Ozment, of Greensboro.

Leather, by W. F. Hilliard, of Franklinton. Edge tools, by J. Woltering, of Raleigh. Hair bristles, by J. J. B. Hilliard, of Halifax.

A very fine set of carriage harness, by Houston & Overby, of Fayetteville. Other harness, without labels.

Barrels made by machinery at Franklinton, N. C., exhibited by W. M. Clark. Saddles, by C. W. D. Hutchings, of Raleigh. Lounge and mattresses, by Watson & Booth, Raleigh.

Wire for fences, by Col. W. Gwynn, of Raleigh. Hubs, by Cobb, Hilton & Co., of Kinston. Fine bedstead, by Parker Rand, of Wake, made by his servant Madison.

Model of a water wheel and a smut machine, by Lester & Ferguson, of Boon Hill. Also an improved mill peck.

Loom, by A. Dickson, Hillsboro. **FARMER'S HALL.** A lot of fine white onions, by S. B. Ireland, of Faison's Depot.

Fine Irish potatoes, by Sol. Allen, of Snow Camp. There were other potatoes on exhibition, but we saw no label on them.

Mrs. J. C. Partridge exhibited jars of pickled grapes, onions, peaches, Figs, Tomatoes, &c. Catawba wine, several bottles, by D. M. Lewis, of Louisburg.

Texas cotton, by Peter R. Hines, of Raleigh. Turnips and squashes, by T. S. Hoskins, of Edenton.

Twelve white sugar beets, by J. Kirkpatrick, of Raleigh. Beets, carrots and parsnips, by Dr. Mason, of Raleigh.

Jars of cider, by Sylvester Smith, of Raleigh. Large pumpkins, by J. M. Towles. Honey in glass cases, by Sylvester Smith. Barrels of flour, by S. R. Hunt, of Granville; A. Dickson, of Hillsboro; S. W. Cotton, of Pittsboro; N. Price, of Wake; W. F. Collins and J. H. Rogers, of Raleigh.

A lot of wheat, by N. Price, of Wake. Grass seed, by Jno. Stafford, of Snow Camp. Jar of butter, by Mrs. G. S. Hoskins, near Edenton.

Lot of butter, by Wm. Russell, of Caswell. Box of tallow candles, by Miss Sarah Stronach, of Raleigh.

Cigars, by Lash & Bro., of Forsythe. Laage cake of soap, by Wm. Stronach, of Raleigh. Superior chewing tobacco, by E. P. J. & Co., of Yanceyville.

MACHINERY &c., ON THE GROUND. Threshing machines and fan mills were exhibited by J. M. Barnes, of Henderson; Rev. J. A. McMannen, of Orange; J. H. Gooch, of Granville; J. M. Towles, of Raleigh; and R. Sinclair, of Baltimore.

A wheat fan, by J. Montgomery, & Bro. A small engine, by S. Burns & Co., Raleigh. Horse power for propelling all kinds of machinery, by J. H. Gooch, of Granville, and by Jno. Simpson, of Atlanta, Ga.

Smut machines by Rev. J. A. McMannen, of Orange. Plows of various kinds, by J. H. Gooch, of Granville; W. B. Williams & Co., of Warrenton; Wainright & Vanhook, of Oxford; Dr. W. R. Holt, of Davidson; and J. M. Towles, of Raleigh. The most of these had harrows also, of various kinds.

Clod Rollers, by J. M. Towles, of Raleigh. Corn and seed drills, by R. Sinclair, of Baltimore. C. Burnett, of Henderson, exhibited a fodder cutter and wheat drill.

Corn Shellers were exhibited by J. H. Gooch, of Granville; and by R. Sinclair, of Baltimore. Straw cutters, by J. Womble, of Raleigh; Stafford, Clark & Dixon, of Fairmount; and R. Sinclair, of Baltimore.

[Note.—The associate editor of the Standard has reported on the three preceding branches, and he doubts not has made many omissions. He was on the Fair Grounds but a short time, and in the crowd of persons it was almost impossible to take notes. He would have visited the Grounds again, and made a more thorough examination, but he objected to the principle of paying 25 cents for each time he entered the gate for the purpose of laboring for the good of the Fair, and not for the purpose of his own enjoyment. He, and he alone, is responsible for his report, as well as for this note.]

HORSES. The number of horses was not so great as might be wished; but was compensated for, in some measure, by the excellency of the stock on exhibition, amongst which we note the following:

"Morgan" stallion, F. M. Parker of Halifax. If we remember aright this stallion took the first premium at our Fair two years ago. He is now in fine condition and looks remarkably well. His pedigree is well known.

A fine 2 year old colt, S. S. Parish, Henderson. A fine 10 year old stallion, G. A. Swift, Lenox Castle, Rockingham.

A trotting horse, 7 years old, J. S. Jones, Washington. A brood mare, 4 years old, S. S. Parish, Henderson.

A thoroughbred stallion, W. S. Pitts, Tarboro'. Stallion "John Randolph," S. O'Bryan, Roxboro'. Stallion, 7 years old, Jno. Hayes, Wake.

A pretty stallion, 5 years old, P. C. Cameron, Orange. Fine grey stallion, P. Council, Grove, Chatham. Stallion, 3 years old, A. Scott, Wake.

Brood mare, P. C. Cameron, Orange. Sorrel horse and fine bay filly, each 5 years, J. K. Marriott, Raleigh.

Fine Sorrel stallion, 4 years, S. T. Culbertson, Mullies, Chatham. Trotting mare, J. D. Newsom, Raleigh.

Harness horse, 7 years, T. Bridgers, Raleigh. Pacing horse, 8 years, J. McAlister, Harnett. Fine pair harness horses, 7 years, M. M. Borford, Oxford.

Pair horses, C. C. Blackwell, Franklinton. Pairs sorrel horses, 6 and 7 years, Simon Hayes, Henderson.

Pacing horse "Major," J. B. Whitaker, Goldboro'. Fine bay stallion, "Fleet Streak," S. Fuller, Franklinton.

Fine 4 year old gelding, S. R. Ireland, Sampson. Fine pair bay horses, 5 years, W. H. Holderness, Yanceyville.

Fine pair horses, 4 years, J. A. Whitaker, Louisburg. Fine sorrel filly, 4 years, W. Russell, Caswell.

Grey stallion and bay stallion, with a large lot of thoroughbred horses, and a fine jennett, Gen. Hawkins, Warren.

Saddle horse, Y. & E. P. Jones, Yanceyville. Two year old jack, C. H. Moses, Halifax, Va.

LIVE STOCK. A very scanty supply of live stock is painfully apparent. Nor can much be said in praise of the little presented. Amongst the best specimens we observed

A Sow and 12 pigs, W. J. Hopkins, Raleigh. A Suffolk boar and a Suffolk sow and 7 pigs, Jno. C. Partridge, Raleigh.

Fine pair pigs, 10 months old, Jno. Hayes, Wake. A Guinea boar and 5 pigs, J. H. Pool, Auburn. Dr. Holt of Lexington exhibited a lot of very superior sheep.

CATTLE. The stock of cattle was also meagre, but included some fine specimens, amongst which were

A fine native bull, M. S. Hendley, Franklinton, Randolph. Durham bull, T. H. Solby, Raleigh.

A fine 3 year old Durham bull, S. Smith, Raleigh. A fine Durham bull, J. Hutchings, Raleigh. Two fine Devon heifers 12 and 18 months old, and a Durham yearling, E. Hall, Raleigh.

Dr. W. R. Holt, of Lexington, exhibited a splendid lot of young Devon bulls and heifers. Lot of young cattle, Derons and Durhams, very fine, W. Russell, of Caswell.

A Durham cow, Dr. Mason, Raleigh. Devon Heifer, C. Dewey, Raleigh. Very fine ox, E. A. Crudup, Raleigh.

Two Devon heifers, two years old, Maj. Walter Gwynn, Raleigh. Two bulls, Devon and Durham, W. Russell, Caswell.

Mr. Russell exhibited also, two heifers, of same stock; a fine Durham cow; a fine grade bull, 4 years old; Cow and calf, Devon and Durham, and a fine Devon bull.

POULTRY. A tolerably good supply of poultry was on hand, including, however, few specimens of our native stock. Amongst the best were

A fine pair of Brahmas, A. N. McKimmon, Raleigh; two Japan Chickens 24 months old, S. K. Vaughn, Raleigh; 3 pairs Shanghai, 6 months old, (fine) P. Hines, Jr., Raleigh; 3 Brahmas, and a coop of Brahmas, Poutras and Silver Hamburgs, of the choicest kinds, Mrs. Jno. C. Partridge, Raleigh; fine hens, E. G. Hunter; fine specimens, by W. H. Jones, C. McKimmon, and W. Stronach, Raleigh. A coop of pigeons by F. M. Ironmonger, Raleigh; coop of genuine Muscovy ducks, Mrs. Lawrence, Raleigh; three fine Brahmas and Poutras, J. G. Williams, Raleigh; fine coop of cross between Japan and Stag, 6 months old, Jackson Moss, Raleigh; fine pair Turkeys and 3 Muscovy Ducks, Mrs. E. Hall, Raleigh; Game Chickens, Geo. Bryan, Raleigh; Wild Indian game, 6 months old, Geo. Miller, Raleigh; Cross between Wild Indian game and Duke of Leeds shakabag, T. G. Grier, Raleigh; two game Stags, Maj. W. F. Collins, Raleigh; splendid pair of Turkeys, 6 and 12 months old, Dr. Mason, Raleigh.

THURSDAY'S TROTTING, &c. Hon. A. W. Venable, of Granville; J. A. Whitaker, Esq., Granville; W. Hoskins, Esq., —; W. H. Holderness, Esq., Caswell, and T. D. Meares, of Brunswick—Judges.

Great confusion was occasioned by the refusal of persons to leave the centre of the track. After the most energetic exertions and repeated appeals to the refractory, and a decided avowal from the judges that if the rules were not complied with no race should take place, the track was cleared and the races proceeded.

Trotting Match—mile heats.—Five horses were entered for this match, viz: Bay horse, "Jim," W. H. Harford; grey horse, "Ole Bull," J. S. Ives; sorrel horse, "Ben," E. H. Rhodes; sorrel horse, "George," W. C. Williams, and sorrel horse, "John," Norman Alston. This was a well contested race and was cleverly won in two straight heats, by J. S. Ives' "Ole Bull."

The celebrated pacer "Jerry" who carried off the prize last year, came upon the track now, and made his time, for the benefit of the audience.

Pacing Match—mile heats.—H. Lassell, of Rowan, entered his grey horse "Sleepy David," and Junius B. Whitaker, of Goldsboro', his bay horse "Major." The "Major" won two straight heats without an effort. Time each heat 8.10. It was evident that the "Major" can "do" his mile in 2.40—without a "plank."

HARNESS HORSES. A trial of the relative qualities of trained horses now followed. The entries were as follows: Monroe Oliver, of Caswell, pair of grays, 6 years old; P. Hudson, of Randolph, pair of grays, 4 and 5 years old; W. H. Holderness, of Caswell, pair of bays, 5 years old; J. H. Yarbrough, of Franklin, pair of bays, 6 and 7 years old; J. L. Dunn, of Halifax, pair of claybanks, 5 years old; J. K. Marriott, of Raleigh, pair dark chestnuts, 5 years old; H. Lassell, of Rowan, pair of grays, 7 and 8 years old.

In this competition D. W. Courts, Esq., was substituted as judge, for W. H. Holderness, Esq., one of the competitors. We do not feel qualified to state an opinion of the performances of these horses. The judges award was in favor of W. H. Holderness's horses.

The trial of the various qualities of horses on this day was highly satisfactory to the spectators, and very creditable to the State.

In closing this report, it is due to ourselves to state, that if any inaccuracies exist, they are due to the great want of facilities afforded the press. It is somewhat strange that the managers of this Fair should be so blind to the importance of the press as one of the chief ingredients of success. The pitiable business of charging the reporters 25 cents every time they passed in, is bad enough. But the most glaring oversight, is the total want of facilities when on the ground. We should not have been able to present to our readers even the slight sketch of the performances of the horses, but for our friend, Jas. F. Taylor, Esq., through whose exertions we were enabled to occupy a place on the stand, after having made several futile attempts to get there. The judges are exempted from all censure, as they certainly did all in their power to aid us. Chief-Marshal, Gen. Littlejohn, is entitled to the thanks of the public generally, as well as our own. The press may justly complain of not merely a want of facility on this occasion, but also of an amount of disrespect. It may afford, as it certainly does, to perform a large amount of profitless labor, but it cannot afford to lose its self-respect.—REPORTER.

ABOLITIONISM—PUTNAM'S MAGAZINE. The insidious introduction into the South of inflammatory abolition sentiments, through the professedly neutral and literary journals of the North, is growing to be an evil of no small magnitude, and one that the Southern people should remedy by saving the money spent on such periodicals. It is too much to ask of us to bear the expenses of our own injuries—to contribute money to be used in our own overthrow.

About a year ago some very offensive articles appeared in Putnam's Magazine, and it was denounced throughout the South. It then changed hands, or pretended to do so, and by a course of hypocritical conservatism soon regained its losses and won its way again into the favor of our people. Having obtained a circulation among us that presented an opportunity for sowing the seeds of mischief in our midst, it again, in its number for the present month opens its batteries upon the South and upon President Pierce and his administration.

This article, headed "The Kansas Question," is the very quintessence of abolition rascality. The writer wilfully belies the facts of history. Every sentence sends forth the foul stench of abolition corruption. No truly Southern man can read it without a feeling of indignation for its author, and of scorn for the hypocritical and unprincipled publishers of the Magazine. We shall make no extracts from it, simply because we do not wish to defile our paper or offend our readers with such vile, truthless and disgusting stuff.

We trust the Southern people will mark this periodical and banish it. Its publishers have perpetrated a fraud and an outrage upon their Southern subscribers, that brand them as villains. It is only fit to be read by the putrid masses of Northern fanatics, traitors and political desperadoes. We hope the Democratic press throughout the Union will apply the lash to it; for as it condemns the President and his administration, we cannot entertain very strong hopes that the K. N. papers, either North or South, will condemn it—this one virtue, in their estimation, covering the whole multitude of its sins.

JUDGE RUFFIN'S ADDRESS. The annual address by Judge Ruffin, delivered at the Fair Grounds on Thursday, was one of the ablest, and in some respects the best we have ever read or listened to. His subject was North-Carolina, her agricultural history and condition, her resources, and her great advantages of climate, seaboard and soil. He dwelt at some length on the character of slave labor, tracing in a masterly manner the nature of the institution of slavery itself, and its benefits to both races.

We shall have the pleasure of laying the address before our readers in our next. Its publication will be of much service to the cause of agriculture, and will be the means of magnifying North-Carolina wherever it is read.

The venerable orator spoke with much emphasis and earnestness. His heart was in his words, and they were deeply felt by the immense audience.

The Oak City Guards, Capt. Harrison—the Independent Guards, Capt. DeCarteret—and the Cadets of Mr. Lovejoy's School, were on parade and on the Fair Grounds, on Thursday, adding much to the interest and impressiveness of the occasion.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA. The steamer Northern Light, from San Juan, arrived at New York on Saturday afternoon, bringing dates from San Francisco to the 20th ult., being two weeks later.

The Northern Light brings over 400 passengers and \$400,000 in treasure. **FROM CALIFORNIA.** **THE STATE ELECTION.** The State election in California has resulted in the success of the Know-Nothings. Hon. J. Neely Johnson is chosen Governor over Bigler by about 4,500 majority. In San Francisco there was a Whig, Know Nothing and Democratic ticket for all but State officers. The Democratic ticket was successful by a large majority. Bigler's majority in the city was 1,925, and the whole Democratic legislative and county ticket was elected by a majority equally large.

The city gave a majority of 2,185 against the Maine law.

El Dorado county gave Johnson 884 majority; and Calaveras county 30, but elected the Democratic county ticket.

John Hogan, the City Marshal of Oakland, an alleged defaulter for \$18,000, had returned to San Francisco and been arrested.

Parker H. French has returned to San Francisco from Central America.

On the 24th ult., the fifth anniversary of the Society of California Pioneers, and the fourth anniversary of the admission of California as a State into the Union, was celebrated in San Francisco by a procession and oration.

Large quantities of grapes are being shipped from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

The United States sloop of war Decatur has sailed from San Francisco for Columbia river, it is believed, with instructions to inquire into the existing difficulties between the Indians of Washington Territory and those of the northern part of Vancouver Island.

The United States Frigate Independence, Capt. Josiah Tatnall, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore William Mervine, has arrived at San Francisco from Callao, after a passage of fifty days, all well; and proceeded to Mare Island.

INCIDENTS OF THE ELECTION IN THE INTERIOR. The election passed off very quietly at Mosquemoine Hill and Sonora. At the Middle Ferry election precinct, in Yuba county, a dispute arose between Mr. R. M. Turner, Know Nothing candidate for the Assembly, and Mr. James Simpson, inspector of election. Shots were fired without inflicting any injury to either party, when the bystanders interfered and checked the affray. No arrests were made. A difficulty occurred on election day at Chippa Flat, between Geo. W. King and Pat. Moonsey. The latter struck the former, when King immediately shot Moonsey. Neither is expected to live. A fight occurred after the polls were closed at Iowa Hill, in the course of which one man was shot in the hand. A rush was made for the ballot-box by the defeated party, but it was successfully defended by a display of revolvers. At Orleans Flint, one man was killed at the polls. The Hon. James W. Coffroth was thrown from his horse on the day previous to the election, on his return from Jamestown, fracturing his left arm in a shocking manner. The wounded limb was bandaged, at it will, in all probability, be saved.

MORTALITY ON BOARD THE UNCLE SAM. One hundred and one cholera deaths occurred on board the steamer Uncle Sam during her late passage from San Juan to San Francisco. The ravages of the disease was confined almost entirely to the steerage passengers.

RIVER MINING. The water in many of the rivers and smaller streams throughout the mining regions is lower than ever before since the discovery of gold, and the miners are enabled to work the bars and river beds which they could never before approach. The El Dorado Argus thinks that with the substantial arrangement of the present season, in the way of solid dams and heavy flumes, many companies will be enabled to work most of the winter, thus doubling the ordinary season of river mining. The amount of gold taken out from the rivers this year will equal and probably exceed that of any former year.

FIRE AT WEAVERVILLE. About \$200,000 worth of property has been destroyed by fire at Weaverville. The Trinity Times office, Court street Hotel, Hall of the Sons of Temperance, the Democratic office, New Orleans Saloon, and various other buildings were consumed.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS. SEPT. 18.—During the last few days about 35,000 bbls. of flour have been taken for export, but the demand has fallen off and the market is now dull and heavy. Small sales of Gallego at \$14 and domestic at \$8 75. Wheat has also a downward tendency, with sales at \$2 50 a 2 75. Oats active at 1 1/2 a 2 1/2 cts; potatoes 2 1/2 a 3 cts.

THE ADVICES ARE TO THE 12TH ULT. There was a rumor that Gov. Stevens and party had been massacred by Indians, but it lacks confirmation. He had gone on an expedition to make a treaty with the Black Feet Indians, a hostile tribe, and had not been heard from for a long time.

The report of a terrible massacre of Indians at Devil's Gate, is unfounded.

The Oregon gold mines were yielding \$10 a day to the miners.

In Washington territory a general Indian war is anticipated.

We were glad to see present at the Fair so many persons from various parts of the State. The farmers, the mechanics, the professional men, the laboring men, the matrons, the lovely girls and the boys were here by thousands. There were present, too, more of the prominent and leading men of the State than on any former occasion. Every year will add, we trust, to the interest and usefulness of these exhibitions.

Fears were entertained by some that the present Fair would be a failure. These fears, we are highly gratified to state, have proved to be unfounded. The articles on exhibition, if not so numerous in some departments as they were last year, were certainly superior in many respects to those of any former exhibition; and the assemblage of persons on Thursday was certainly larger, by one or two thousand, than those on any day of the last Fair.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. The State Agricultural Society has held meetings every night during the week, in the Commons Hall. The attendance has been large, and able and instructive speeches have been delivered by a number of gentlemen.

The following Officers of the State Society have been elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. Thomas Ruffin, Alamance, unanimously re-elected President. Vice Presidents, John S. Dancy, of Edgecombe, R. H. Smith, of Halifax, Dr. W. R. Holt, of Davidson, and Gov. Graham, of Orange.