

Home Affairs.

Parham & Dunn, has an English clerk.

Mr. Bonner living near here, lost his smallest child on Monday last.

The people of Oxford, are turning out in large numbers to day, to go to the State Fair.

Cass Medling, living at Pacific, (R & G. R. R.) on yesterday in attempting to jump from the cars, fell and broke his neck.

The Ginhouse of Col. Harris, has so much cotton in it, that we saw the Col. going down to it, preparatory to working all night.

Every train is loaded with passengers for the State fair. Where will they all sleep? Is a question that naturally presents itself to our mind.

The Drug Store of Messrs. Young & Co., of this place, presents quite a beautiful spectacle. A good business in their line, no doubt awaits them.

A colt, two years old, from the county of Northampton, passed through here on Monday last for the State fair, which it is said can trot a mile in three minutes.

Mr. Alexander of Kentucky, passed through here for the State Fair on Tuesday last, having with him a heifer which he said cost twenty seven thousand dollars, so we are informed.

Do you want a nice watch, cane, specks, or anything else in the jewelry line? If you do, then call upon H. Mahler, Raleigh, who will sell to, or work for you upon reasonable terms. See his advertisement in another column.

Who is it buying so many goods? We have never seen the like! Wagon after wagon, load at the R. R. Warehouse daily and away they go for some point in the country. No panic strike where so many goods go, can't be.

Mr. Bobbitt, living near this place, has picked out fifteen hundred pounds of Cotton from one acre, at the first pickings. Mr. Lassiter of this place, picked out two thousand pounds from one acre, at two pickings, so we are informed.

It is folly to recommend Fairbanks Scales to any intelligent person. They can be found in the store house of most merchants, and tradesmen of any kind, E. H. Plummer & Co., of Petersburg, has these Scales for sale. See their advertisement in another column.

Mr. Editor.—You in your last issue did not say anything about the Great Eastern Circus which visited Henderson on the 2d. Allow me through your columns to say, it was the largest humbug that ever went through this country.

Yours &c.,  
E. L. PARRISH.

It was our pleasure to meet at the Henderson Fair, Miss Mary Pearl Pendleton, who has made quite an enviable reputation upon the stage. Miss Pendleton is a native of Granville county. May she continue to improve until she shall have become one of the most brilliant stars of her calling.

It was our pleasure to visit the Collegiate Institute, in Wilson N. C. Prof. Hassel is President, beside a full corps of teachers in every branch. His recitation room has many objects to attract ones attention, of which a more full description will be given hereafter.

The accomplished Miss Carrie Jenkins of Granville, has a department in music.

Rev. S. P. G. Harris, has commenced to add to his dwelling.

It has never been our disposition to say much either for or against a Circus, but in all things the devil should have his due, and we can say with truth, that the New York Circus, owner, L. B. Lent, is as good if not the best traveling Circus in existence. Ben. S. Potter, whom all in this section will remember as the fastest ticket seller, ever passed through this country, has severed his connection with the Great Eastern and is now with Lent's. Prof. Page, is one of the finest leaders of a band in America, while the whole band was of the finest musical talent. Billy Burke, Chas. Seely and Geo. Conrad were the Clowns, and well did they all act their part, frequently and repeatedly making thousands laugh with immoderation. Billy Batchelor performed the wonderful feat of turning two Summersets in the air at one time. Frank Aston, though young is one of the finest tumblers in the world, and he will no doubt improve as age comes on. We hope Mrs. Burke will excuse us when we say she is a very fine looking woman. We have forgotten the performers who built a pyramid of bottles and then with outstretched arms stood upon the same, also the name of the dog tamer.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE State Agricultural Society desire to present Dr. Blacknall with a watch and chain—He prizes the compliment but refuses the gift—At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society, it was voted to present Dr. G. W. Blacknall with a watch and chain as a recognition of his active and unwearied efforts in behalf of the State Agricultural Society and the Fair. In this action the Committee is endorsed by all our citizens. They appreciate his zealous labors in behalf of the Fair and heartily join in this manifestation of esteem and appreciation. The following is the correspondence which ensued:

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 5, 1873.  
DR. GEO. W. BLACKNALL:

Dear Sir:—As a token of the Society's appreciation of your valuable aid, rendered in various ways for months past, and for your zeal and great efforts in behalf of our approaching Fair, the Executive Committee at its last meeting unanimously voted to present you with a handsome watch and chain.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to purchase and present you with this gift, have fixed Thursday Oct. 15, at the fair Grounds immediately preceding the Grand Gift Concert as an appropriate time and place for presenting to you publicly the testimonial so properly conferred.

Respectfully yours,  
[Signed] R. J. HAWKINS,  
J. M. HECK,  
R. F. HOKE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 7, 1873.  
GENTLEMEN:—Your polite and complimentary note has been received. It is very gratifying to my feelings to know that my efforts to aid the State Agricultural Society have called forth such a flattering recognition.

I assure you gentlemen that what I have done has been short of my wishes and I regret that I have not been able to do more. But what ever service I may have rendered, has been rendered freely, voluntarily and without any hope or desire for reward of any kind, other than to see our fair a grand and noble success; an honor to the city of Raleigh and an honor to the State of North Carolina.

Believing that I have only done my duty as a member of the Executive Committee and a citizen of the State, I do not feel at liberty to accept the handsome present offered me by the Society, but, while I decline the gift, I appreciate the high compliment conferred and shall ever cherish it with gratitude and pride.

I am gentlemen yours, &c.,  
G. W. BLACKNALL.  
To Messrs. Hawkins, Heck and Hoke.

STATE NEWS.

A new map of the city of Wilmington has been printed.

The Lunatic Asylum at Raleigh is over crowded.

The track of the North Carolina Central Railroad has been completed to Wadesboro.

A stone quarry is to be opened near Durham, by some Raleigh gentlemen.

Judge Henry will hold the special term of Guilford county Superior Court in December.

Henry Taft, of Pitt county, was killed on Tuesday by Eugene Holliday. Both parties drunk.

There are ninety four granges in the State in operation and five deputies in the field.

Edward Carswell, the Canada Temperance humorist, will visit North Carolina in December.

According to the Pioneer a lady in Asheville gave birth to triplets last week. That will do for Asheville.

B. S. Johnston, of Lincoln, has raised a second crop of apples from the same tree. The first came in June, the second in September. The apples are large and fine.

"Old Whitey," Gen. Zack. Taylor's celebrated war horse, was a native of Caldwell county, in this State. So claims the Piedmont Press.

The case of the Western North Carolina Railroad—to force it into bankruptcy—has been continued by the Federal Court now in session at Greensboro.

Hickory Press: The railroad tax in Buncombe was voted on last week and carried almost unanimously. The only fear is that a majority of the qualified votes have not been cast.

Private boarding houses in Raleigh are making preparations to accommodate visitors to the State Fair, as the numbers will undoubtedly be greater than the hotels have room for.

The Argus says a Presbyterian church will be established in Wadesboro Saturday by ordaining Dr. W. C. Ramsay and Captain J. C. McLaughlin to the work and office of ruling elders.

BIO INGIN.—There will be about thirty or more Cherokee Indians here this week, who appear before the Federal Court in the case of the United States vs. J. G. Blount, J. T. Dewese and others charged with conspiracy against the Cherokees.

From the Piedmont Press: The production of ingot copper from the works at Ducktown in 1872, was about 750 tons, or 1,500,000 pounds. This was extracted in great part from a single opening, known as the East Tennessee mine which has been wrought to a depth of over 400 feet.

The Winston Sentinel says: Mrs. Patterson, daughter of ex-President Johnson, the lady who presided over the White House during his administration, was at the Winston Hotel last week. She brought her daughter to the Salem Female Academy.

The North Carolina Tobacco Association met at Greensboro on the 7th, Dr. T. W. Keene presiding. There was a full representation.—Purpose declared to make it a medium for the transportation of information and a trade union. A committee was appointed to investigate freight rates. Several addresses on special subjects were made.

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12 " "	10.50
16 " "	14.00
20 " "	18.00
24 " "	22.00
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Two men can pack a bale of cotton weighing 550 lbs. To do it with ease, when nearly down, lay aside the short sticks and take two longer. I have seen a good many presses, but yours is the best.

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We would recommend your Ball Press to all persons who desire convenience and dispatch, and would not exchange them for any we have ever seen.

J. H. & JNO. ROBERTS, GATERSVILLE N. C.

STEAM AND WATER POWER PRESSES.—PRICE \$275.  
Messrs. Tappey, Lumsden & Co., Petersburg, Va.

GENTLEMEN: I am using one of your Power Presses and am very much pleased with it. I have no trouble in packing a bale weighing 500 lbs.; two hands packed all the cotton ginned by two large gins, without difficulty. I take pleasure in recommending it to all persons who use steam power.

Goldsboro, N. C. E. B. BURDEN.  
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Aug. 7, 1873.—3m

ADVERTISING RATES

SPACE.	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	6 Mo.	1 Yr.
1 Square	2 00	4 50	8 00	15 00
2 Squares	4 00	9 00	15 00	30 00
3 Squares	6 00	13 50	22 00	45 00
4 Squares	8 00	18 00	30 00	60 00
5 Squares	10 00	22 50	38 00	75 00
6 Squares	12 00	27 00	45 00	90 00
7 Squares	14 00	31 50	52 00	105 00
8 Squares	16 00	36 00	59 00	120 00
9 Squares	18 00	40 50	66 00	135 00
10 Squares	20 00	45 00	73 00	150 00

THE HABIT OF READING.

"I have no time to read," is the common complaint, and especially of women, whose occupations are such as to prevent continuous book perusal. They cannot devote as much attention to books as they are compelled to devote to their avocations, that they cannot read anything. But this is a great mistake. It isn't the books we finish at a sitting which always do us the most good. Those we devour in the odd moments, half-dozen pages at a time, often give us more satisfaction, and are more thoroughly digested than those we make a particular effort to read. The men who have made their mark in the world have generally been the men who have in boyhood formed the habit of reading at every available moment, for five minutes or five hours.

It is the habit of reading, rather than the time at our command, that helps us on the road to learning. Many of the most cultivated persons, whose names have been famous as students, have given only two or three hours a day to their books. If we make use of spare minutes in the midst of our work, and read a little, if but a page or a paragraph, we shall find our brains quickened and our toil lightened by just so much increased satisfaction as the book gives us. Nothing helps along the monotonous daily round so much as fresh and striking thoughts to be considered while our hands are busy. A new idea from a new volume is like oil which reduces the friction of the machinery of life. What we remember from brief glimpses into books often serves as a stimulus to action, and becomes one of the most precious deposits in the treasury of our recollection. All knowledge is made up of small parts, which would seem insignificant in themselves, but which, taken together, are valuable weapons for the mind and substantial armor for the soul. "Read anything continuously," says Dr. Johnson, "and you will be learned." The odd minutes which we are inclined to waste, if carefully availed of for instruction, will, in the long run, make golden hours and golden days that we shall be ever thankful for.

THE POLAR BEAR.—The bear of the Arctic regions does not hug like other bears, but bites at his opponent; and he declines to eat his captive until life is quite extinct. Like a cat he plays with his victim. Among the Esquimaux of Greenland he plays strange pranks, often creeping upon the hunter while busy fencing a seal, and tapping him on the shoulder with his powerful paw. It is then the unfortunate man's cue to "feign dead," so that when Brownie retreats a few paces to enjoy the prospect of his intended meal, the gun can be got ready before he returns again to the attack.

Once when Beau Hickman was down, writes a correspondent and really starving I gave him a dollar and seeing me about to buy a cigar, he stopped up and said—"Allow me sir, to serve you, and taking up two twenty-five cent cigars, he presented the one and took the other—actually paying half of the dollar I had just given him for the cigars. "Beau, I said you are extravagant. I can't afford to smoke twenty-five cent cigars." "One must live like a gentleman," he coolly replied.

The statement of the United States public debt shows a reduction during the month of September of \$1,901,467, which makes the total reduction since March 1, 1869, \$386,669,361. The amount of coin in the possession of the Treasury is given at \$80,246,737, while on September 1 the sum was \$7,190,846. The gold certificates outstanding against this coin amounted a month ago to \$33,935,400, and now it is reported at \$44,493,000.