

RALEIGH, Aug. 27, 1873.—Cotton 17; market steady. Sales 25 bales.

NEW YORK, August 27, 1873.—Cotton quiet and nominal. Sales 2,084 bales. Upland 20; Orleans 20.

GOLD 154.

EDUCATIONAL.—To-day, (the 28th inst.), an educational meeting is being held at Warren. Messrs. Daniel R. Goodloe, Jno. E. Dugger and Superintendent McIver are present.

ASHE COUNTY POLITICS.—From our good friend S. Trivett, we have the information that Ashe county ratified the Amendments by a vote of 550 to 30 against ratification. But Ashe county also elected 13 Republican Magistrates and seven Republican Constables while the Democrats elected but 10 Magistrates and 1 Constable of their stripe. Yet the democratic press in that section copying after their city teachers, proclaim that the Amendment vote was a democratic victory. Republican votes evidently sent them through in Ashe county.

CHROMOS.—There has been received at this office two Chromos, "The Strawberry Girl" and "Mischief Brewing." These two Chromos are given to subscribers to the *Health and Home* and the *American Agriculturist*, published by Orange Judd & Co., of New York. Of the newspapers it is unnecessary to speak, and the Chromos are worthy of the review, pen of an art critic. They are of the modern French school of bijective in painting, having all of its sparkle and softness with a chastening effect which in all instances pictures of that order do not have.

ELECTIC MAGAZINE ENGRAVINGS.—The *Electric Magazine*, a New York Monthly, issues a series of Engravings of a very superior order of merit. Many of them are the work of foreign artists of note and an examination of the proofs shows to an extreme nicety the delicacy of the manipulation. There are very few line engravers in this country, and scarcely one, save Marshall, who could transfer to paper the light, shade, and texture effects seen in the imported engravings of the *Electric Magazine*. They as well as the *Magazine* are worthy the attention of art Connoisseurs.

DURHAM SMOKING TOBACCO.—A correspondent of the *Danville Times* has been through Durham, and speaking of the large tobacco factories there, says: "W. S. Blackwell & Co. work some five hundred pounds into smoking tobacco, as much or more into plug." Not only do Blackwell & Co. do this, but they manufacture an article of smoking tobacco for which there is a constant demand from Texas to Canada and from Maine to California, and for aught we know, beyond too. This success has been achieved merely by making a good article and always keeping tobacco of the name up to the primary standard of excellence.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, opens in Philadelphia, Oct. 2nd. This institution is one that cannot be too warmly lauded. It has already given to the world a hundred ladies well versed in their professions and sent them out to do good to their sex. The training they have received has been one of rare thoroughness and the success of the College has rewarded the faculty for the perseverance. There are many salient features in this exclusively Woman's Medical College which might be dwelt upon at length. Suffice it to say that the institution stands at the head of those in which an opportunity is given woman to widen her field of labor.

THE INFANTICIDE.—An investigation into the facts attending the finding of the body of the colored infant, on the premises of Robert Wyche, colored boarding house keeper, developed without much doubt that the mother was a stylish colored woman from Wilmington, who came home some time ago after she killed the child some age after it was born. The following verdict was rendered by the Coroner's Jury:—

"That the said unknown female infant was the child of Betsy Merritt, and that the said female Merritt, on the 24th day of August, 1873, did strangle and crush the head and neck of the said Betsy Merritt, guilty of infanticide, and that Catherine Merritt is an accomplice, being present, aiding and abetting."

But considerably enough the Coroner although the jury found the women guilty, deferred handing them until they have had a trial before a Court of competent jurisdiction. The two women were arrested and confined in jail.

KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.—THE HOME OF HENRY CLAY.—We take pleasure in calling attention to this institution, located at Ashland, the home of Henry Clay, near Lexington, Kentucky. With its splendid location in such a beautiful and healthy place, and among such genial and hospitable people; with its large endowment and real estate, amounting to nearly a million dollars; with its six distinct and regularly organized colleges, in which young men can pursue a course of study adapted to almost any business of life; with its thirty professors and instructors, and six hundred students from all parts of the continent; and especially with its cheap board and tuition, and the compensated labor department of its Agricultural and Mechanical College in which young men may defray a portion of their expenses by labor on the farm or in the shops, this institution offers peculiar advantages, and we cheerfully recommend that all who are seeking the best and cheapest advantages of education should send for a catalogue to J. B. Bowman, Agent, Lexington, Ky.

THE STATE FAIR.—PROGRESS ON THE GROUNDS.—A TALK WITH SECRETARY FULGHUM.—WHAT WILL BE SEEN AND WHERE IT WILL COME FROM.—A FRENCH INSPECTOR OF NORTH CAROLINA WINES.—Could a farmer of the old time, one of the bluff and hearty stripe of agriculturists, who were muscular of body, blunt of intellect, and obstinately wedded to the homestead and manners of their fathers, could such an one be translated from the grim repose of his quiet grave beneath the sturdy trees that were centuries of their kind when he was still but a youth, and be dropped into the middle of one of the bustling Agricultural Fairs of to-day, he might well deplore the degeneracy of the age as he saw the general run of the people, and a realization of the gloomy forebodings of his race in his time. His calling was sacred to him as he found it, and as he revered all that age had made holy so he revered the newness and saw its approach with abhorrence of itself and sad fears for the future. The moss on his shaggy head he loved better than new shingles, and though his plough came from the smithy of Tubal Cain it was good enough for him; and moreover it had been guided along the furrows by his father's hands, and what was good enough for the sire was good enough for the son. Steam was his evil genius, and superphosphate would have given more offense to his mind than to his nose. His ways were those of his forefathers, and well indeed might he fly from progressors who have torn down the altars on which he sacrificed, and would if they dared, grind up his very bones to fertilize his farm withal.

Progression has in good sooth placed its mark on the farmer and between the mechanic and the chemist he has been dragged from his retirement and placed with his pursuit in the foremost rank of the professions. Political Economists and Scientists saw that Mother Earth must be relied upon primarily for all that man needed, and they set to work to make the most of the soil and the tillers of the soil. With the lessons thus received, and a native industry and clear-sighted perseverance, our Agriculturists neglected nothing that was necessary to secure to them their proper standing in the world, though for the sake of the products year by year became of general interest and of State and National importance. As they do into all important matters, so objectionable features have crept into Agricultural Fairs, but many of them have been unconsciously bundled out of the good society into which they had intruded, and those that remain—aware of their character and the unwholesome estimation in which they are held—do not thrust their exhibition of fruit into temptation. But with or without these drawbacks, the Annual Fair is the surest indication of a State's wealth, and the labor and money expended in fostering it is so much capital and force well invested. The farmer has already recognized in the Annual Exposition a means of asserting himself in the world, and, better than this, a fair means of comparing the results of his efforts with those of his brethren and so making for himself a guide for the regulation of his future conduct. It also brings into more intimate relations the producer and the consumer, and meeting on the common ground of the State Fair they are inclined to know more of each other's ways, an exchange of knowledge that, judiciously applied, cannot be otherwise than beneficial to both.

Giving North Carolina credit for all that she has had to contend against, her farmers are in no wise behind the age, and in hazzarding the prophecy that her Agricultural Fair of this year will bring together an intelligent class of farmers, an array of agricultural implements, and a display of natural products, which any Southern State might be proud to take credit to itself, is hazzarding nothing.

The ground of the Agricultural Society was selected with an evidence of taste not often evinced in such matters, and though the devotees of the race course may fancy they see in an unnecessary outlay, the mass of people who will have to do with it will readily coincide with the views of the Society in choosing so charming a site. The ground is just the character that a professional animal exhibitor has chosen for a park, offering for improvement every feature which an ornamental landscape needs, save trees alone, a deficiency easily to be remedied.

It has been chosen in short with a view of making it a permanent pleasure ground for the citizens of Raleigh, and a right pretty little park it will prove in time. The buildings are not of the ordinary tumble-up concern, so many sheds built to last a few days and then to be sold for lumber, but good, solid, well-built edifices that will last for many a year and do good duty. Especially may we say of the grand stand, a solid building, with every timber sound, and calculated to bear three or four times as much weight as it will ever be called upon to sustain. In this structure has been minded the proverb, "handsome is as handsome does," and though it will be elegant of facade and redolent with paint it is a building with a purpose.

The first floor is devoted to meat and drink; the second, to seeing the sights of the course, and the third to officers rooms and ante-rooms. Most of a monster concert was an addition to the plan, grand as the window seat of a house, built up the front for two stories and designed to accommodate on the second story the musicians and the tools of their trade. Thus they will face the audience, and be seen and heard. Von Meyerhoff took a look at the plan the other day and was pleased with it and that settled the whole business. Of the other buildings "Floral Hall," "Mechanic Hall," &c., all that need be said is that they are on the way skyward, and give promise of being good and useful, fair to the eye and agreeable to contemplate.

To look at everything in its unfinished state a first-class croaker would inveigh against delay and predict an opening day with nothing ready. Not so say the authorities; though from the draughtsman and Superintendent to Secretary and the visiting public, all are confident, and a good augury is that they who have the work in charge are young men with dash and energy, who laugh at wet skies and make double time on dry days. In fact Mr. Fulghum is confident that if the Fair was wanted in the middle of September it could be had as far as having the grounds in readiness is concerned. So much for that part of the concern.

People who have a matter near their hearts are apt to boast, and those who have the Fair at heart are making big promises, but they have been half fulfilled already. The book of entries opens on September 1st, says the *Agricultural Journal*, and it is a matter which should be taken note of by intending exhibitors. In conversation with Mr. Fulghum a few days ago, it was learned by a reporter of the *Era* that the stock exhibition will be a full one and that with the horses from Edgecombe, horned cattle from Sampson, sheep from the Western part of the State, and from Duplin, Beaufort, Wake, Warren, Columbus and New Hanover, it will be a marked feature. Of course farmers learned in the "points" of cattle will find in the stock exhibition fund for meditation for another year, but there is a "nigger in the woodpile," and a moral for countless sermons too, for they are going to make an equitable division of some of the stock by chance, and that isn't keeping with the tenets of the Church. But the managers will sin and be sorry for it afterwards. The trials of speed too haven't gone down well with the Church folk, and some may look on the goddess Jesus and think their physical flights over the course typical of their downward moral flight, and set down the money they win as from the same mint, as the three pieces of silver; but the peccadilloes will be pardoned and Agriculture and Theology will walk on in hand along the flowery paths of righteousness until the next State Fair drags the sinner off to drive a trotter and leaves the saint to mourn his loss.

The exhibition of fruit Mr. Fulghum fears will not be as good as it should, and this is to be regretted especially in view of the fact that Prof. Planchon, a distinguished French botanist has been despatched to this country by the French Minister of Agriculture to study the cultivation of vines and grapes in the South, and will be present during the State Fair. The principal exhibition of fruit will be furnished by growers in Warren, Duplin, Guilford, Surry, Watauga and Halifax. A wheel within a wheel, or a feature within a feature of this department will be the cultivation on the grounds of a miniature vineyard of a quarter of an acre in extent by M. Labiau. This is one redeeming point and will serve to let Mr. Planchon see that we are not altogether ignorant of grape growing, while the wines from Halifax, Beaufort, Wake, Warren, Columbus and New Hanover will, it is to be hoped, relieve us in some degree from the unfair reputation American enjoy abroad of having an unconquerable love for stronger drink. Although M. Planchon will not see as good an exhibition in this department as he ought to, care will be taken, it is to be trusted, that he is not allowed to depart until he has been fully enlightened as to the capacity of the State for fruit and grape growing especially.

For garden products, Juneombe, Madison and McDowell will take the palm and a good show in this line is expected. Granville, Person, Forsythe and Grimes will send in enough to make a very fine show of tobacco. The centre and eastern portion of the State will make a praiseworthy exhibition of cotton. The array of Agricultural implements will be principally from Baltimore, Richmond, Petersburg and Zanesville, Ohio, and will include a combined mower and reaper in operation during the Fair.

The labor of the management in trying to please every one is a hard one for some people are naturally of a crusty temperament, and others amend nature and cultivate crustiness and want be pleased with any body or anything, so there were grumblers that some premiums were too large and others too small. To cover this, and leave no room for complaint a supplemental list of premiums was issued which has placed the matter of prizes on a basis satisfactory to the most fastidious.

The Raleigh and Gaston Railroad people have also lent their aid to the success of the Fair in making arrangements to establish a depot at Williamson's old Foundry within a few minutes walk of the entrance gates. This convenience will be appreciated by the public. Independently of this a branch track will run from the road into the grounds for the purpose of facilitating the unloading of stock and machinery. In fact all the railroad companies of the State have done their utmost to contribute to the success of the fair.

There are many other matters of interest in connection with the fair already made known to the public and these with the speeches of Voohees of Indiana and Dickson of Georgia and the concert for the intellectually and morally inclined and the mile heats and dashes, and Weston's walk, for the devotees of the World the Flesh and the Devil there is no room for wishing that more were done. A look at the grounds and half an hour with the Secretary will convince any one that the Fair is to be a good, generous, wholesome exhibition, free from all petty jealousies or annoyances, and if this cannot convince them the opening day will. Success to it.

HAIGHT & CO., GREAT EASTERN.—The *Era* is advised that some time during the month of October, Haight and Co's., Great Eastern Managerie and Hippodrome will visit Raleigh. It will come with full brass, reed and string bands and all the paraphernalia of a first class concern. The visit of Haight and Co., should be during the Fair week, both for their own sake and the better opportunity it gives the out-of-town public for visiting it. Perhaps one of the large canvass tents of the circus could be obtained for the monster concert. It could thus be given at night rainy weather or fine, and it would be more enjoyable than to be seen or heard from the grand stand.

JOURNALISTIC.—It is especially pleasing to note the growing inclination of Journalists in this State to observe the amenities which lighten labor and serve to imbue the members of the press with a kindly feeling for their fellows. Thus the *Wilmington Evening Post* speaking of Raleigh, says, "Among the many publications there is a handsome printed nine column weekly called the *Era*," and as a personal tribute adds "the editor of that paper has done more good for the State than all the other editors of the State put together." There are compliments which cannot but be acknowledged gratefully.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—THE *Era* acknowledges the courtesy of the Managers of the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition in sending invitation to the members of the lower States to the exhibition of the United States is especially commendable, and should interest all newspaper men in the success of their enterprise.

UNITED STATES COURTS.—The United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina will be held at Greensboro, commencing the first Monday in October, at Stateville on the third Monday in October, and at Asheville commencing on the first Monday in November.

The Virginia Campaign.

The Richmond *State Journal* enumerates the following offices to be filled at the ensuing election in that State:— At the next election we are to choose not only governor, lieutenant-governor and attorney general and all the members of the lower courts, but also a clerk of courts, treasurer, surveyor and commonwealth's attorney. The next general assembly will elect a treasurer of the state, first and second auditors, secretary of state, superintendent of public education, register of the land office and a clerk of the Senate, in place of Senator John F. Lewis.

The Petersburg Senatorial District will nominate a candidate, Sept. 18th. The Convention meets at Petersburg.

Letter from Sheriff of Bertie.

To the Editor of the *Era*:— In the daily *News* of the 14th I saw a statement that a colored military company in Bertie county has applied to the Governor for arms, and that the Company is intended to put down a band of desperadoes in said county, &c. Now, sir, I wish you to state in your truthful paper that it is all false; the colored people are not getting up a company at all, and it is an impudent and wicked lie of the citizens of the county.

Yours very truly,

F. W. BELL, Sheriff, Bertie County, N. C.

Windsor, Bertie Co., Aug. 18, '73.

Educational Meeting.

To the Editor of the *Era*:— The school fund of Raleigh Township, the present year will be more than three thousand dollars. This fund may be supplemented by assistance from the Peabody fund and other sources, and by individual subscriptions and contributions, so that it will be sufficient to maintain two graded schools ten months—one for white, and the other for colored children. To the end that those schools may be established, it is the request of many citizens of Raleigh including the Mayor of the City and the Chairman of the school Committee, that all persons who are interested in establishing a school in the City for white children will meet in Metropolitan Hall Monday evening, Sept. 1st at 8 o'clock; and that all who are interested in establishing a school for colored children will meet at the same place on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 8 p. m.

MANY CITIZENS.

That Indignation Meeting at Chapel Hill.

To the Editor of the *Era*:— The *Sentinel* of the 19th inst., contains an account of a meeting which was held in this place on Saturday, the 16th. It is said to have been a meeting of "the Citizens of Chapel Hill and vicinity." Resolutions bitterly denouncing Mr. Pool were adopted. It is proper that there should be a clear representation of the number and names of the persons who composed the meeting. As we are credibly informed there were in all ten persons present, viz: Andrew Mickle, at present and for sometime past, a clerk in the store of W. C. Stronach, Esq., Raleigh; Col. W. L. Saunders, editor of the *Wilmington Journal*; Benton Utley, J. M. Alexander, Jno. Ward and Jno. Hutchins, of the village; Wm. Strain, Mathew McCauley Sr., H. E. Clayton, and H. C. Andrews of the country. Mr. Mickle was Chairman; and Mr. Andrews, Secretary. The relations which existed between Mr. Pool and the Chairman as well as several others of these gentlemen, have long been known here to be of anything else than a personal friendly character. It is known that Mr. Pool's mother-in-law, a quiet, unassuming and elderly widow lady had been grossly libelled and slandered in the columns of the *Raleigh Sentinel* in June 1869—without provocation; and he believed the Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Mickle, to have

had some connection with the publication, and that it was probably sent by him to the press. The article referred to was headed "An Appeal." Although efforts were made for more than a week to secure the attendance of the citizens; and although Secretary of the fair was a public day here, the occasion of an educational meeting which had been widely published by printed posters, yet only this small number were present. The meeting seems to have been held more from a feeling of malignity towards Mr. Pool than of consideration for the lady whose friends they claim to be. While the citizens here generally regret the controversy, yet they deemed it a private matter between the parties concerned, and they were not called upon to meddle.

The citizens of Chapel Hill are referred to. ENOUGH. Chapel Hill, Aug. 22, 1873.

State News.

POLE.—Judge Logan announces that the term of the Superior Court for Polk county will commence on the 15th of September.

MOORE.—Work on the Carolina Central Railroad between Buffalo and Shelby, Cleveland county, is progressing and the road between the two points will be finished at an early day.

FOURTY.—Mr. Ray of Kernersville, has discovered an idea by one third more corn to the acre can be raised than by the ordinary method. His plan of cultivation is a most successful one. Patent applied for.

MECKLENBURG.—The Charlotte *Post* has discovered an idea by one third more corn to the acre can be raised than by the ordinary method. His plan of cultivation is a most successful one. Patent applied for.

PASQUOTANK.—A. H. Hershey of Pennsylvania and Dr. Underwood of this State are erecting a saw mill and shingle factory at the mouth of the Roanoke River, near the mouth of the Pamlico River. The mill will be completed in the fall of 1873.

McDOWELL.—A detachment of U. S. Cavalry has been hunting through the mountains of the State for a short time, and has succeeded in raising a tomato weighing nineteen ounces. The people of the county are proud of the feat, and are offering a reward of \$100 for the man who will catch the thief who stole the tomato.

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Illinois Railroads have reduced their fare to three cents per mile. So much for Grange influence.

The necessary expenditure for quarter ending June 30th amounts to \$77,500,000.

Mr. Michael Bradwick, carman of New York City, beat his mother and killed his son for interfering.

The Richmond *State Journal* says that two-thirds of Fluviana county has been washed away by rains.

A riot at Ishpenning, Michigan, on the 16th resulted in the killing of a respectable citizen and the lynching of one of his murderers.

A fire at Eaton, Ohio, on August 24th destroyed a building belonging to the Odd Fellows, and occupied by the National Bank, Post Office and *Eaton Register*.

Mr. Keller killed his wife, his wife's sister, and his two children near Spring, Kansas, a week ago. Mr. Keller was chased caught and hanged by the citizens.

General Custer has had a fight with Indians on the Big Horn river. He killed forty and drove the rest off. Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Custer and four privates were killed.

A New York, a Baltimore, a Philadelphia and a Richmond singing Society have combined for a grand concert at the latter city to day and to-morrow, 28th and 29th.

The late collision on the Chicago and Alton R. R. between a coal train and a passenger train resulted in a verdict of Criminal carelessness against the Conductor and Engineer of the coal train. The Conductor has since fled.

John Murray Ryan an ex-Roman Catholic Priest of Chicago, has conspired with a Jesuit priest against the Right Reverend Thos. Freely, Bishop of the Diocese for illegally suspending him from his sacerdotal functions.

The Sheriff of New York seized the furniture in the Controllers of the City of New York, and sold it to pay the city officers salaries for which judgment had been rendered. The Controller of the City is eternally in some legal squabble.

Another sad steamboat disaster occurred on the 17th inst. near Arkansas, the boilers of the George Wolf exploded, killing the second engineer, a passenger named Dawson, a Mr. Nelson, of Shreveport, and a lady and two children, names not known.

C. C. Stratton, a Methodist Minister at Salt Lake City has denied that he influenced Eliza Webb Young to ask a divorce from her husband, and that he was a party to a divorce suit which was pending in the courts of that city.

The building of Jones and Laughlin, iron smelters, Pittsburg, Pa., was blown to pieces on Monday by the explosion of a boiler. So many men were killed and injured that the men had not commenced work.

An attempt to assassinate General John Shelby, at Annville, Mo., was made on Wednesday night of last week. The miscreant who fired on the General from behind some bushes fled and has not been caught. General Shelby was wounded in the hip.

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A general State Convention of all parties and factions opposed to the Republican party is called for Sept. 10th, at Iowa, Sept. 10th.

It is said that if Butler fails as a gubernatorial candidate in Massachusetts, he will make a fight in Congress, to withdraw from the National banks the bonds which are the basis of their circulation, and to authorize the issue of an amount of legal tenders equivalent to the bonds withdrawn, thereby saving the interest of the bonds to the government.

Foreign Notes.

Prince Napoleon has been elected President of the Council General of Corsica.

Admiral Lobo, opened the bombardment at Cartagena, from the sea-side, on Friday.

Agitation is going on in England against supporting any more Royal "Scorpions."

The Carlists, at the instigation of the clergy are burning all records of civil marriages.

A difference between the operatives and capitalists of Manchester has been submitted to arbitration.

The Times of London, denounces a pretended branch in New York of an English betting firm as a clean swindle.

An order has issued from the German Minister of Public Instruction to close the Roman Catholic Seminary at Posen.

A Trans-Atlantic submarine telegraph cable is being laid from Lisbon, Portugal, to Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

The Tichborne trial is progressing in London with a fine chance of the pretender to a baronetcy going to jail for the balance of his natural life.

The Bank of England forgears atter tied to buy their way out of jail by bribing a guard. The plot was disclosed and the guard arrested.

A sharp tussle is going on in France between the Bourbons and the Napoleons. It is doubtful whether the young Prince Imperial will soon sit on the throne under the regency of Eugene de McMahon, possibly as an adviser.

Hymenial.

Miss Belle Whiteside, of Alabama, was married to Mr. A. G. Huffman of Rutherfordton, last week at Asheville.

The marriage of Miss Agnes M. Dale and Mr. J. P. Hyman, both of Rutherfordton, is announced as having been solemnized last week.

In Columbus County on the 5th inst. Miss Lucy J. Davis, of Smithville was married to Mr. J. E. Powell of Columbus.

Mr. Alexander Patterson of Bladen and Miss Barbara Simmons of Duplin County, were married on the 12th inst. at the residence of the bride's father.

Obituary.

Mr. Ann M. Harward died in this city on the morning of the 23rd inst., in the 63rd year of her age.

Mr. W. H. Grimmer of Scotland Neck, died on the 12th inst. He was a respected merchant.

Mrs. Margaret L. Arline, wife of D. W. Arline died at her residence on Bay River on the 12th inst. aged 27 years.

John C. Taylor of Granville, died on Thursday morning the 21st inst. He was a man seventy-seven years of age, well known and highly respected.

Mrs. Phoebe Clancy, relict of the late James Clancy of Orange County died at her husband's old home on the