

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—T. D. Carter, Esq., has retired from the editorial charge of the Western Examiner, and is succeeded by W. H. Malone, Esq. The Examiner will continue to advocate the principles of the Democratic party.

CAPE FEAR AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—The fifth annual exhibition of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association which commences in Wilmington on the 9th of December, promises to be a grand affair. The President and members of the Executive committee have secured some of the finest stock on exhibition at our late State fair, and propose to have some of the fastest horses in the country for trial of speed on each day. On Wednesday the fair week there will be a shooting match for a breech loading double barreled gun and on Friday a Tournament is announced to come off. A grand gift concert will take place during the fair, the particulars of which will be announced in due time. We do trust our Cape Fear region will turn out in large numbers, and thus crown the efforts of the Society with success.

TURNERS' OLD CALMANC.—Nearly every old farmer in North Carolina has heard of Turners' Old Calmanc. It has become one of the settled institutions of the State and all should have it about them. We are indebted to J. H. Ennis publisher for a copy for the year 1873. This number is in many respects a great improvement on those of former years. It contains a record of many of the most important events that have transpired in North Carolina during the year 1872, and although not as full as desired on account of space, it will be found of great convenience for reference.

IT will in the future contain a full statement of such important occurrences as transpire during the year previous to its publication. The number before us contains departments for the Farmer, Gardener, Housewife &c., besides the usual names of State officers, Postal and Revenue rates of meeting of Courts, and other matters of general interest. The calculations are made by Dr. Craven of Trinity College, and the book contains fifty-six pages. The charge is only ten cents per copy.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—THE COLLINS STEEL PLOW.—An elegant column in this paper will be found an advertisement of this truly valuable implement of the farm. It is not our custom to recommend articles to the use or attention of our readers simply because they are advertised in our columns—but the journalist may render his readers a timely service by inviting their attention to the advertisement of an article of such necessity, unexcelled in its line, and we speak advisedly when we say that no more valuable gift was offered for the inspection of our cultivators of the soil than the Collins steel plow.

The use of plows cut deep into the virgin soil, to mellow the earth and give root and sustenance to the lateral and tap roots of plants, to prevent destructive washing of soil by absorption of the heavy rains until it can filter through the earth—to resist the heavy drought of summer and prevent the destruction of the crop by intense heat, and to preserve moisture in the soil is no experiment among the improved agricultural districts.

If there is any plow calculated to so prepare the land for the annual crop it is par excellence the Collins steel plow. That they are expensive—costing nearly double that of the cast iron plow—is true, but their use is an economy to the farmer—for the same reason, and to the same extent—their steel resists friction without any wear better than cast iron, so that nothing of the increased value of the land and crops is lost by their use. They are composed of parts cast in moulds of finest sand and afterwards polished by machinery. Consequently all cutting surfaces and angles are sharp, clear cut and well turned. They lay a clean oil well turned furrow, the just pride of every true farmer who can boast it.

It is claimed that no plow with or without a drag chain, knife-cut or wheel will turn under a well grown crop of cow peas. The writer of this article witnessed the Collins plow with knife cutter allow a crop of peas—sown broadcast, and completely that which it takes what it is difficult to tell us what, if any variation the land contained, while the Dixie and Watt plows in the same field choked, and threw the furrow on edge in such a lunging manner that the result resembled a field of cow peas planted in six inch drills.

For turning heavy swarded meadow land of heavy soil, this plow stands alone; it has no competitor, and to be fairly appreciated—it must be seen in operation.

Shaffer and Harris sent one of these plows from their fields near this city to the State Fair—where it attracted considerable attention and inquiry, but as the committee in Department "B" failed to take any action, no trial or premium were awarded.

We recommend our agricultural friends to examine these plows carefully; if they do nothing, and you will keep a sort of running account of the product of the land where these plows are used, Col. C. L. Harris' for instance, will at the end of the year, having compared notes with the products of your cheap plows and shallow, half turned fields, if you don't say you have uncovered a very small "mine" in a Meesey hole, you may take out silk hat and our wife's new bonnet and we'll give it up.

Why, that you are not an incorrigible old Foggy, and do not deserve to be chained to poverty and an old bull-tongue for life!

About nine hundred barrels of cement for the new postoffice building have already arrived, and we understand about three thousand more will shortly be received. This looks like business.

CONVALESCENT.—We are pleased to learn that Dr. John Hines, agent of the Memphis and Charleston Texas short line of railway who has been for some days confined to his room with sickness is convalescing and hopes to regain his usual health in a short time.

REDUCTION OF WAGES.—We bear it rumored that the Richmond and Norfolk Rail Road Co., has determined to reduce the wages of its employees, on their North Carolina section ten per cent. We deeply regret that this step has been taken at this time, yet we hear that the Company are driven to it, on account of the great falling off in the way of transportation. We trust that the reduction may be temporary and that before the lapse of many months everything will regain its wanted activity.

OR.—Smith, Local of the *Milton Chronicle*, gets off the following:—An exchange says a young girl living near Burlington, Ill., has a pet rattlesnake, which she shelters in her bosom. We wouldn't like to be bruised by the heel of anybody, but it wouldn't be bad to be a serpent.

We want Evans to get back from Orange court immediately—Smith is in danger of turning snake sure. He talks like it.

We are indebted to a friend for the following description of a trip from Memphis Tenn., to Norfolk Va., over the Air Line Railway from the Mississippi River to the seaboard of Va. It will doubtless be read with interest by many of the travelling public:—

FROM MEMPHIS TO NORFOLK, VA.—One feels like writing anything but sad news after leaving the plague stricken city of Memphis. However, we will leave that for the present, and look for something better in the future. By leaving Memphis on the early train, you have a fine opportunity to see the country in the northern portion of Mississippi and Alabama. The first place of any notice is the Grand Junction in Tennessee where the Miss. Central Railway crosses the Memphis and Charleston Road. At this point, you are allowed twenty minutes for breakfast, at the Cumber House, and moderate price of one dollar is paid for the same class and quality of a meal that ought to be purchased for twenty five cents. After an excellent breakfast, and passengers seated, the alarm for departure is given by the engineer, and we soon find ourselves moving eastward at a rapid rate. The next town of interest is historic Corinth in Miss., where the Mobile and Ohio Railway crosses the M. & C. From the birds eye view, we got from the cars it seemed, as if we were passing through an immense business movements; several new buildings seemed to be in process of erection; Churches, schools, and were ankle deep in the soil than the Collins steel plow.

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STATE NEWS.

A telegraph line has been completed from Rocky Mount on Tarboro, says the *Weldon News*.

The Scotland Neck Brass Band distinguished themselves this week, furnishing music on the occasion of the Fair. We in behalf of the Society and the public, tender congratulations and thanks to Professor Fountain and his handsome young band. We'll have more of them soon.—*Roanoke News*.

SUSPENDED.—We learn that several of the Tobacco Factories at Durham and most of the Cotton Factories in the State have suspended operations, owing to the scarcity of currency.

P. S. Since the above was written we have learned that the Durham Factories have not suspended.

DULL.—We are informed by Geo. T. Jones, Esq., agent of the North Carolina Division of the Richmond and Norfolk Railroad in this city, that the shipments over the road for the past week have greatly fallen off. It is supposed that the present low prices of cotton and the dull times among our merchants is the cause.

CHURNING MACHINE.—J. L. Britt and son, of Raleigh, have a patent for a new double rotary and reciprocating churn. The invention consists of a peculiar arrangement of supports for the dashers, and operating mechanism combined, and unites the efforts of both to facilitate the process of churning. It is very simple and cheap.

RESIGNED.—A telegram received yesterday by Rev. Dr. Moran from Jos. H. McGowan, Secretary of the American Bible Society, New York, states that Rev. P. A. Strobel has resigned his position as Agent in charge of the Southern Division to take effect January 1, 1874. This action, we learn, is the result of a protest made by several ministers of this State against the retention of Mr. Strobel in the position. Reference was made to this matter in these columns some weeks since.—*News*.

The *Surry Visitor* says: On last Monday the Blue Ridge Mountain was covered with snow for inches deep, and remained white for several days. The mountain, as the inimitable John G. Pierson whose characteristic singing you for him great favor among our people. We promise before hand to give this troupe a rousing reception.

The following patents were issued from the United States Patent Office to citizens of North Carolina for the year ending October 31st 1873:

MITTING MACHINE.—James H. Van Ness, Charlotte. Application filed May 31, 1873.

MOTOR AND JOINTS are cut, and the table, moving on a hinge, admits of being jacked in connection with the other shafts, and separated together by a screw, held for these operations.

DUMPING WAGON.—Robert Groer and William J. Thompson, Raleigh. Application filed August 21, 1873.

CHURN.—Joseph L. Britt and Troy R. Britt, Raleigh. Application filed May 20, 1873.

Two rights secured to the lid support the operating mechanism and extend into the churn, forming a bearing for a crank shaft carrying two rotary dashers, which shaft is connected with and operated by a vertical revolving dasher, and the lower end of which extends below the rotary dashers, and is provided with a dasher.

POTATO CUTTING AND PLANTER.—Lemuel J. Mewborn, Kinston. Application filed July 9, 1873.

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