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THURSDAY, NOV. 13, 1873.

LOCAL AND STATE.

OUR INSANE.—The Legislature at its approaching session should take some steps to provide for the many cases of Insane persons in the State who on account of the crowded condition of the Asylum near this city are without proper attention. It is due to this unfortunate class that they should be cared for at the expense of the State, and in order to do this it will be necessary either to enlarge the present Institution or erect another at some suitable point West of Raleigh. It is three hundred miles or more from Raleigh to the Tennessee line and the travel from the country West of the Ridge to Raleigh is at best a tedious one. If an Institution for the Insane were established at either Morganton or Asheville it would not only be a great advantage to this unfortunate class, but would really be of advantage to the people of the State in the way of expense. As the case now stands the different counties are compelled to take care of their Insane when the condition of the State Institution is such as not to admit of their being received; and as the counties only take charge of the patients and make no provision for actual care the consequence is that the patients linger out a miserable existence without any chance of recovery. If such an Institution should be established west of the ridge with an officer in charge such as we have in the person of Dr. Grissom, many cases now considered hopeless might be restored to reason and to society, and the present Institution might be relieved to such an extent as would allow the reception of all cases in the Eastern part of the State. The Western section of our State is as healthy as any portion of the globe and the prices of provisions are far less than in and around Raleigh. If we mistake not some such course has heretofore been suggested by the present accomplished Superintendent of the State Institution (Dr. Eugene Grissom) and we think that his experience should entitle his suggestions to the most favorable consideration. We trust that inasmuch as the coming General Assembly will be the last we shall have until the winter of 1875-'76, they will not overlook this matter but will make such arrangements for the care of the Insane of our State as christianity and humanity demand.

UNFOUNDED.—A rumor was current on the streets a few days since that J. H. Separk Esq., had suspended operations at his foundry in this city. We are informed by Mr. Separk that he has not suspended and that he does not intend to do so. He says he intends to work as long as he can, and will not discharge any of his hands if possible to avoid it. If his work should fall off, it will be shared by all of his workmen alike, at such rates, and for such time as he can afford. Mr. Separk is himself a hard working

man, and no one in this community, is a more sincere friend of the working classes than he. Let all employers pursue his course, and things will work right in a short time.

IMPORTANT SUIT.—A very important suit was argued at chambers before Judge Russell in Wilmington on Friday last. At June term of the Superior Court a decree was obtained by the Carolina Central Company directing the Receiver of the late Wilmington Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company to turn over a fund of about \$36,000 left in his hands, upon the Carolina Central Company giving a bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the forthcoming of the money. The decree was obtained on the ground that the bond Holders of the Wilmington Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad were entitled to this fund and the Carolina Central acceded to all their rights. In the foreclosure of the mortgage a large amount of detached coupons were unprovided for, which amounted to \$200,000.

The attorneys of the coupon Holder moved to strike out of the decree so much as directed the money to be turned over, claiming that holders of coupons were entitled to the funds in the hands of the Receivers and that it should be retained subject to order of the court in their hands.

His Honor sustained the motion on behalf of the holders of the coupons, but gave his decision in the alternative, at the option of the Carolina Central Railway Company, that the motion might be continued until the special term in December for final decision; or he would reform the decree as asked for by the petitioners. Messrs. Adam Empe and Wright & Stedman appeared on behalf of the holders of the coupons and Col. R. Strange for the Carolina Central Railway Company.

We are indebted to the Wilmington Star of Saturday last for most of the facts in the case.

RELIEVED.—George P. Peck, Revenue Collector of the 2nd N. C. District has been relieved and R. B. Keogh has been appointed temporary collector.

An examination discloses the fact that Peck's accounts are short between six and seven thousand dollars. We are informed by Col. P. W. Perry Supervisor of Internal Revenue that the Government will lose nothing as Peck's bond will be good for the amount.

Too much credit cannot be given to Col. Perry for his prompt action in this matter. He watches with a keen eye over the interests of the government and wherever any malfeasance is found in his department the offenders are promptly removed and steps taken to protect the public interest.

MULES.—We learn that many horse and mule dealers are returning from the South with their stocks on hand. It seems that the panic has had a bad effect on the horse market as on everything else. The following from the Statesville *Intelligencer* notices one of the many trades who have passed through that section:—

A BAD SIGN.—We notice many horses and mules returning from the South for the want of purchasers. L. H. Bryant, of Grayson county, Va., passed through Statesville on Wednesday, homeward bound with forty-five head of horses and mules. He had been South for five weeks and only sold six head. Two droves at this time are being sold at a little loss and expense in the country to their owners who went South some weeks since, but failed to effect sales, and had to drive back all their stock. The panic has driven horse and mule dealers to despair. The South Carolina market is flat, and we hear of whole droves of fine mules at \$75 per head.

The lecture of Col. Waddell in Wilmington for the benefit of the Memphis sufferers netted \$48.

NORTH CAROLINA AHEAD.—We are pleased to learn that the "Diamond Cotton Chopper and Cultivator" invented by J. B. Underwood, Esq., of Fayetteville, N. C., took the gold medal at the late Fair held at Macon, Georgia, although it had to compete with many other implements of the same class. We understand that Mr. Underwood will have his improved machine on exhibition at the approaching Fair in Wilmington on the 9th of December.

EN ROUTE FOR ALBANY.—J. B. Hill Esq., U. S. Deputy marshal brought to this City on Saturday evening last, Wm. Woodbury a colored man convicted of robbing the mail of a money order at Wilmington about eight months ago.

He will be sent to the Albany State Prison for the term of five years.

FORTY Counterfeiters in the Asheville jail attempted to escape last week by removing some of the gratings with a case knife.—They were discovered in time.

DR. BLACKNALL and Lady, are in New York purchasing Furniture for the Yarboro House.

DELEGATES.—P. A. Wiley, N. S. Harp and W. G. Upchurch, have been appointed Delegates to the Cumberland County Fair which commenced Tuesday November, 11th at Fayetteville.

NEW CARPET.—The ladies of Hickman Lodge I. O. G. T. had a feast last week. The proceeds are to go towards purchasing a carpet for their Lodge room.

FIRE AT LOCKVILLE.—A destructive fire occurred at Lockville Chatham County on Thursday evening last, destroying the cotton gin and stables of Capt Isaac N. Clegg. Several bales of cotton, a quantity of loose cotton and about two hundred bushels of wheat were destroyed. We understand Capt. Clegg's loss will amount to nearly \$4000. No insurance.

CONFERENCE.—The North Carolina and Virginia Conference will convene on the 14th of this month at Graham N. C. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. T. Walker of Monticello N. C. The President of the general Convention will be present.

Wilmington has a perfect curiosity Duck. It has four wings, two of them where wings ought to grow, and two where they ought not to grow. It eats and drinks like other ducks and fans itself very complacently. We can beat Wilmington all to pieces. We have a thousand ducks in Raleigh who are so pretty they ought to have wings. They can eat as well as any ducks and as to fanning, just go to one of our Churches on a hot August day, and you would find that the Wilmington duck was nowhere.

The barn of Dennis Tarlton in Anson county was destroyed by fire on last Friday.

We regret to learn that up to Saturday last there was no improvement in the health of Judge Boyden.

Hartly, the elocutionist, lectures in Fayetteville on the 2nd inst.

A new hotel has been opened in Goldsboro by Wm. R. Barringer. It is called the Weil House.

Messrs. McGuire & Camp of Nash received the premium for best bale of cotton at the Weldon Fair.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—John Armstrong, Esq., of this city, received a telegram a few days since stating that a brother of his Mr. Thomas Armstrong, of Brooklyn, New York, had mysteriously disappeared and had not been heard from since the 4th inst. The particulars of the case as far as we have been able to gather them to this writing are as follows: On Tuesday morning November 4th, Mr. Armstrong left his home in the city of Brooklyn for the supposed purpose of crossing over to New York where he is engaged in business as a member of the firm of Campbell & Armstrong, Merchants No. 164 William Street. For a few days previous and at the time of leaving home Mr. Armstrong was laboring under an attack of mental aberration. He was about forty years of age, a gentleman of considerable wealth and is represented as having fine qualities of heart. We are informed that he was to have been married on the 5th inst., the day after his disappearance. Mr. John Armstrong left Raleigh on Sunday evening last for New York for the purpose of ferreting out if possible the fate of his only brother. It is said that the warmest affection existed between them and we sincerely hope that the wanderer may turn up unharmed. Mr. Armstrong we are informed did not draw any money from the Banking House in Brooklyn as reported. He was however finely dressed and had upon his person a splendid gold watch and chain and wore in his shirt bosom valuable diamond studs. It is feared that his appearance attracted the attention of some miscreant who for the sake of gain dealt foully with him.

BIDS FOR STATIONERY, &c.—The bids for stationery for the use of the approaching General Assembly and State officers were opened last week in presence of the Auditor and Treasurer of State as the law requires. About fifty proposals were received from New York, Baltimore, Richmond, Washington, Petersburg and Raleigh.

The following bids were awarded being the lowest:
 Neuse Manufacturing Company the printing paper.
 John Armstrong Raleigh, binding.
 J. V. H. Nash, Petersburg, Va., blank books, stationery, pens, ink, &c.

Dulano & Co., Baltimore, stationery with printed headings, envelopes, &c.

NEW PAPER.—Capt. Jas. O. Robertson, of Asheville, will soon start a new paper at Murphy, Cherokee county, to be called the *Cherokee Herald*. The paper is to be neutral in politics, religion and temperance and will be devoted to agriculture, mining, manufacturing and such other matters as tend to develop the resources of the State.

ARRANGED.—The difficulty between the W. N. C. Railroad and the Southern Express Company has been arranged and the Express was resumed on the 1st inst.

DEAD.—Rev. John Early who for sixty-six years past has been one of the most prominent ministers of the Methodist Church in Va., died in Lynchburg a few days since, aged 87.

Hector McMillan of Richmond county is dead.

A band of expert pick-pockets are operating in Wilmington.

In Jones county, 30th of October, Mr. Joshua Scott to Miss Jane Andrews. Ceremony performed by the Rev. J. A. Saydam, of Newberne.

We copy the following useful article from the daily *News* of Raleigh for the information of our readers. It will do to cut out and file away.

STATISTICAL.—Edgecombe is the largest cotton producing county in the State having reached in 1872, 18,361 bales. Halifax is second on the list at 11,716. Pitt comes in third with 8,814, being five more bales than Craven made, which stands fourth rate. There are 29 counties in North Carolina that raised no cotton at all in 1872, viz: Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Clay, Dare, Forsythe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey. Caswell takes the lead as a tobacco county, producing in 1872, 2,262,055 lbs. Granville follows close upon Caswell with 2,134,228 pounds. Rockingham is third on the list at 1,441,971 pounds being just ahead of Person which foots up 1,237,150 pounds. Stokes and Warren are the next largest, the former raising 844,145 pounds and the latter 751,045. Warren though is divided between cotton and tobacco, showing a product of 1,818 bales of cotton to none for Stokes.

Chatham has the largest yield of wheat showing a product of 156,753 bushels to Davidson's 152,726. Randolph raised 134,727 bushels; Guilford 132,785; Rowan 126,753 and Granville 110,209. Onslow, New Hanover and Dare the only three counties that produced no wheat at all.

Lenoir produced 500,000 bushels of corn and stands at the head of the list. Pitt is second with a product of 448,662 bushels.

Guilford is the champion oat county having produced in 1872, 169,847 bushels. Chatham and Davidson follow in regular order after Guilford for oats.

Davidson produced 6,904 tons of hay, Guilford 5,761, Randolph 4,546, and Alleghany 3,078.

Wake is ahead on the productions of swine, having raised 23,467, head, leading Randolph by 81. Duplin had 20,767 and Johnson 20,530.

North Carolina produced 144,431 bales of cotton, 11,150,987 pounds of tobacco and 23,758,400 bushels of corn in 1872.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A stranger, said to be a native of Switzerland, made a narrow escape from being run over by a train of cars near the Poor House a day or two since. He was walking on the track when the cow-catcher struck him and knocked him off into the ditch giving him considerable of a jar, but resulting in no injury of a serious character. He was taken up by directions of Superintendent Scott and carried to the Poor House, where he still remains.—*Wilmington Star*.

Bro. Cameron, of the Hillsboro Recorder, who is always levelheaded on matters of public interest, complains of the lack of postal facilities in Orange county. That clever Republican, Col. Tom Long, can make the crooked places straight, if Bro. Cameron will make his petitions known. The Colonel ignores politics, when duty points the way, and has the good of the reading public at heart.—*Concord Sun*.

Fayetteville Gazette: Two negroes, Albert Smith and Charles Walton, living in the northeastern part of town, became engaged in an altercation Tuesday afternoon, when Smith seized an ax and struck Walton once in the side and twice on the head, inflicting very severe gashes. The physician thinks the wounded man will recover. The attack, we learn, was unprovoked, and was made in Walton's own house. Justice Baldwin committed Smith to jail.

MARRIED.—In Newberne at the residence of the bride, on Thursday morning November 6th, by the Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rector of Christ's Church, Capt. John A. Richardson (Senior Proprietor of the Gaston House) and Mrs. Mary Amyett. The bridal party left the city upon the early morning train, on an extended wedding tour.

At the residence of Col. A. M. Faison, near Warsaw in Duplin County, on Thursday the 30th October, by the Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D. of Wilmington, Mr. Edward B. Roberts, of Newberne, and Miss Elizabeth Ivey Smith, of Sampson County.