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### THE WEEK.

**INSANE ASYLUM.**—We are indebted to Dr. Eugene Grissom the accomplished Superintendent of the Insane Asylum for a copy of his report showing the condition of the Institution and its operations for the past fiscal year.

The whole number of admissions since 1859 has been 1043, of which 242 are now under treatment. Thirty-six per cent. of the number have been cured. The past year the Superintendent has been compelled to refuse 263 applications for admission for want of room. There are estimated to be in the State 537 insane persons unprovided for, except such attentions as they may receive in the various jails, poor houses, and private accommodations. Dr. Grissom again recommends early provision for this unfortunate class and we but reflect the sentiments of our entire people when we say that they expect and have a right to urge upon their representatives the importance of prompt action in the matter. His Excellency the Governor in his message endorses the views of Dr. Grissom and urges the importance of a branch institution in the Western portion of the State.

**WILMINGTON AND WELDON RAILROAD.**—A meeting of the Stockholders of the W. & W. R. R. was held in the city of Wilmington on Wednesday, the 19th inst., 9660 shares of stock being represented in person and by proxy. The President and Directors submitted their annual report for the year ending Sept. 30, 1873.

The estate and effects of the Road have much increased in value and the dividends declared by the lease have been promptly paid. Hon. R. R. Bridgers was unanimously elected President and Lieut. Gov. C. H. Brogden, W. A. Wright, A. J. Derosset, Geo. Harris, W. H. Willard, George Howard, B. F. Newcomer, W. T. Walters, S. M. Shoemaker and J. D. Cameron, elected Directors.

The next annual meeting will be held on the first Wednesday after the 3d Monday in November, 1874.

**SPIRIT OF THE AGE.**—This paper comes to us this week in the popular eight page form. Since its last issue it has passed into the hand of Mr. Saml. J. Fall, who assumes the position of Editor and proprietor. Mr. Fall is an educated gentleman and a good writer. The paper will be devoted as heretofore to the cause of Temperance as the organ of the Independent Order of Good Templars. Besides the Editor-in-chief, it will number among its contributors some of the ablest writers of our State and as a first class family paper it equals any in the South. We trust it may receive as it deserves the liberal support of our people. Terms only \$2 per year payable in advance.

The North Carolina Handle Works at Greensboro' has temporarily suspended.

**REVISED STATUTES.**—The entire statute law of North Carolina has been systematically arranged in book form by Hon. K. P. Battle, who was appointed by the Legislature for the purpose. The book contains, besides all the laws in the old Revised Code, such statutes as have been passed since, not in conflict with the State Constitution of 1868 or the Constitution of the United States. The different acts of Assembly are arranged in such manner that they can be easily referred to and by acts of the Legislature this will be the acknowledge code of the State. The Revisal contains the Constitution of the United States, Constitution of N. C. the Declaration of rights, the acts of congress May, 26th 1790, and the acts supplementary thereto of March 27th 1804. The appendix contains the amendments to the State Constitution adopted in August last. Every lawyer should have one or more of Judge Battle's Revisals as should also Sheriffs, Superior Court Clerks, Registers of Deeds, and in fact every citizen who desires to be acquainted with the civil and criminal laws of the State. The book was printed and bound by Messrs. Edwards & Froughton of Raleigh, and is gotten up in the best style.

**PREMIUMS.**—At the Clinton, Sampson County Fair, one bottle of quinine and half dozen boxes cathartic pills will be given to the man or woman who has had the greatest number of chills for the past six months, and half dozen bottles of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup to the mother of the greatest number of boy babies under five years of age. The agues must be "shook" and the babies born in Sampson.

Maj. J. W. Graham of Hillsboro' had his ankle sprained last week while walking through an unfinished building. His injuries are not serious.

**PENITENTIARY.**—Wake county has the greatest number of convicts. New Hanover next, and Edgecombe next.

It cost thirteen cents each to feed them. The total expenditures for the year ending Nov. 1, 1873, was \$74,968 22 of which \$30,947 32 was for building account.

**ACCIDENT.**—The northern bound freight train on the Wilmington & Weldon Road was thrown off the track near Mullins Depot, on Wednesday night 19th inst. It seems the switch had been unlocked and misplaced by some unknown person or persons. This is the third time or more that such attempts have been made lately. We trust the scoundrels may be caught and severely dealt with.

We regret to learn that a little daughter of Dr. W. H. Wheeler of Salem was badly burned by her dress taking fire one day last week.

**SPECIAL COURT.**—His Excellency Gov. Caldwell has called a special term of the Superior Court for Halifax county, to commence December 8th, and to continue two weeks, for trial of civil cases. Judge Moore will preside.

**HUGE EAGLE.**—On Tuesday the 19th inst. W. R. Stephenson Esq. residing about seven miles southwest of Raleigh, killed a bald Eagle on his farm measuring 6 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of wing, 7 inches from point to point of claw when feet were open, and the claw was two and a half inches long. The Eagle had killed one of Mr. Stephenson's geese the day before.

McAdoo's large hotel in Greensboro is progressing. It will cost \$20,000 when completed.

**THE CHAPMAN SISTERS.**—It is with great pleasure that we announce to the people of Raleigh that they will on Monday and Tuesday evening Dec. 1st and 2nd have the opportunity of witnessing the chaste and elegant performances of the Chapman Sisters, Blanche, Ella and Belle, supported by a powerful Burlesque, and Comic Opera Company. This Company in every respect equals and many think surpasses, the far famed Lydia Thompson troupe which for years has drawn such large audiences in New York and other large cities.

For unaffected gaiety, heartiness and fun, the Chapman Sisters, have no equal on the American stage. Their performances are all characterized by the strictest regard to morality, and unlike some companies, nothing that smacks of vulgarity is introduced in their representations. Their songs, dances, trios, duets, and bell ringing are all of the most choice selections. An elegant Comedy will precede their Burlesques on each evening. Taken altogether our people will have a rare opportunity afforded them in this case for innocent amusement and we cannot but doubt that they will give the Chapman Sisters a "rousing" reception.

**APPOINTMENT.**—We learn that Col. W. P. Bynum, of Charlotte has been appointed by his Excellency Gov. Caldwell, associate Justice of the Supreme Court in place of Judge Boyden.

**SERVICE.**—We are authorized to state that service will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday the 27th inst. (Thanksgiving day) at the usual hour, Rev. J. M. Atkinson officiating. The public are invited to attend.

**FEDERAL COURT.**—The United States circuit court commenced its session in this city on Monday last. Judge Brooks presiding. It promises to be a long term as we learn the docket is unusually heavy. Judge Bond was expected to reach the city on Tuesday and will take up the injunction case vs the State Treasurer on Wednesday. We regret that the crowded condition of our columns prevents us from inserting Judge Brooks charge to the grand jury. It is as usual an able one.

**LITERARY TREAT.**—J. W. Hartley, Esq., the distinguished Elocutionist will give two of his readings in Tucker Hall, on Thursday and Friday evenings next. Mr. Hartley will read selections from Shakespeare, Dickens Artemus Ward, Tennyson and other distinguished authors. This is a rare treat and we trust our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him. Tickets for sale at the Book-stores.

**ROUTE AGENT.**—We are gratified to learn that Col. John A. McDonald, of Chatham county, has been appointed agent on the mail route between Raleigh and Fayetteville. Mac is a glorious fellow in every respect, good natured, polite, and above all a real gentleman. We think the government has secured in this case the services of a good officer.

**SHERIFFS.**—A bill has passed the Legislature extending leniency to Sheriffs, requiring them to pay in three fourths of the taxes collected by the first of January, 1874.

Bill Arp dedicates his "Peace Papers" "to the unmar'd, unleg'd, unpunish'd, unwept, unshonor'd, and unsung solgers of the Confederate States, so-called."

The "hard labor" of the genteel Stokes consists in clerking in the prison cigar factory.

**CIVIL RIGHTS CONVENTION.**—Delegates of the colored people to the number of one hundred and thirty six, representing forty eight counties, and every congressional district, met in Raleigh on Thursday to consider of Civil Rights.

Their resolutions demanded of Congress all and the fullest rights contained in the civil rights bill of Senator Sumner, including all the privileges now accorded white people on railways, steam boats, in hotels, theatres and every place of public congregation and accommodation.

**CUBA.**—The convention passed resolutions strongly condemnatory of the late Spanish butchery and of sympathy and support to struggling Cuba, declaring that even the Spaniards must give way to the march of progress and civilization. The Cuba resolutions were by Mr. Geo. L. Mabson, Jas. H. Harris presided; John Randolph of Craven, and Chas. N. Hunter of Wake the Secretaries.

**CHARLOTTE FAIR.**—The following is a copy of the admirable letter from Lieut. Gov. Brogden to the President and Secretary of the Fair of the Carolinas, in response to an invitation for the Senators to attend:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
 Nov. 22, 1873.

To Dr. C. Mills, President, M. L. Wriston, Secretary, and T. L. Vail, Treasurer of the "Fair of the Carolinas," Charlotte, N. C.

**GENTLEMEN:**—As President of the Senate of North Carolina, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your polite communication of the 19th inst., by which "the Senators of the General Assembly are cordially invited to attend the Third Annual Exposition of the Fair of the Carolinas, on Thursday, the 27th inst."

For this cordial and generous invitation to partake of the hospitalities of the patriotic people of the noble old county of Mecklenburg, on such an interesting and laudable occasion, permit me to tender you our grateful acknowledgments, and to say that as many as can conveniently do so will cheerfully attend your Grand Exposition on the 27th inst., in the historic county, which is so well-known throughout the whole country as "the Hornets nest" of the first great American revolution, and the birth-place of American Independence.

Let us hope that the "Fair of the Carolinas," in "the cradle of liberty," may operate as a useful incentive to industry, skill, science and enterprise, and thus promote all our agricultural, mechanical, manufacturing and commercial interests, and thereby increasing the wealth, prosperity and happiness of the people.

A favorable opportunity will be presented for a social and friendly meeting of the representatives of the people from different sections of the State. The representatives from the Cape Fear, the Tar, the Roanoke, the Neuse, the Pamlico, and the Albemarle regions, may there meet their brethren from the valleys of the Yadkin and Catawba, and see the evidences of thrift, prosperity and progress in the agricultural and mechanical industries of the country.

May the "Fair of the Carolinas" be productive of great good to the people, and continue to prosper and increase in utility and usefulness with each revolution of the seasons, until our noble rivers shall cease to flow onward to the sea, and until North Carolina shall indeed become

"The Queen of the world  
 And the child of the skies."

May the whole people continue to increase in happiness and prosperity "to the last syllable of recorded time," and when the roll of States shall be called no longer, may it be remembered beyond the stars that North Carolina survived them all.

I have the honor to be,  
 With very great respect,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 C. H. BROGDEN,  
 Lieutenant Governor,  
 President of the Senate.

On strike—prize-fighters and clocks.

### THE STATE.

Yadkin county is building a Lunatic Asylum on the Poor House grounds of that county.

The *Bright Mason* a paper in the interest of the Masonic Order will soon be started in Concord, N. C.

Carteret county has produced a sweet potato 25 1/2 inches long and 13 inches in circumference. Mr. David Gald raised it. They say that this county can boast of potatoes, seven of which fill a bushel measure.

A bonded warehouse containing 30 barrels of whisky has been destroyed by fire in Person county.

A heavy freshet prevailed in the Cape Fear River last week.

**DEAD AT 117.**—A correspondent from Surry county informs us that William Overby, of that county, died on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the age of 117 years and 10 months, in the full possession of his mental faculties. Our correspondent adds: He has had many troubles and affliction, but has been hopeful and of good courage all his life. He has had both legs and arms broken, and one leg broken the second time in his old age, and lost one eye while a boy, in consequence of which he kept out of the army during the revolutionary war. In all of his misfortunes and sickness he never despaired of life, and would tell his family not to do anything for him as he would get well. On the 5th inst., he became hoarse as with croup, he then told his family to send for the children, that he had lived out his days, and that he was now ready and willing to die, and that those who did not come to-morrow he would never see again, and according to his predictions he died the next day. — *Winston Sentinel.*

We have received a copy of the *Indiana Farmer*, containing a very able speech of James Buchanan, Esq., before the business men of Indianapolis, upon finance. The positions of his speech are sound, and its logic unanswerable. It was received with general approbation. The speaker maintained:

First. That the legal tender currency is sound, having appreciated four per cent. since the panic.

Second. That the panic is not caused by an unsound currency, but would have occurred all the same if our currency had been gold.

Third. That the panic is caused by a deficiency in the volume of the circulating medium.

Fourth. That the remedy is, to make the currency elastic by allowing every citizen to convert United States bonds into currency and reconvert into bonds at will.

This will enable business to control money instead of money controlling business. Mr. Buchanan's speech received the general endorsement of the meeting, and speaks the sentiments of the Western people upon the currency. It should be published in permanent form and read everywhere. — *Exchange paper.*

If a flute could speak it would no doubt say in slang phrase "I'm blown."

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE PUREST AND SWEETEST COD-LIVER OIL is Hazard & Caswell's, made on the sea shore, from fresh, selected livers, by CASWELL, HAZARD & Co., New York. It is absolutely pure and sweet. Patients who have once taken it to it all others. Physicians have decided it superior to any if the other oils in market.

### GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,  
 Raleigh, Nov. 5th, 1873.  
**THE** Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, will commence its 87th Annual Communication in this city on Monday, 1st December next at 7 o'clock, p. m.  
 Return tickets for one fare will be issued over the several railroads in this State and Dismal Swamp Canal, to officers and representatives attending the Grand Lodge, on application therefor at the points where they take the cars and boat, except on the following roads over which they can return on certificate of Grand Secretary: North Carolina, Piedmont, North Western North Carolina, Atlanta and Richmond Air-Line, Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio, Western or Coal Field and Western N. C. Railroad. Return tickets should be procured on all roads not mentioned above, to prevent the payment of full fare.  
 D. W. BAIN,  
 Grand Secretary;