

WEEKLY ERA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Old Age.

It is a prevalent error of the young to look upon old age as one of the unavoidable evils besetting our pathway in life...

When heaven itself is the goal for which we are striving, how dare we shorten the time allotted to us for perfection...

Not only should the young regard old age "honorable," as Solomon declared it; not only should the ready hand or eye lend themselves...

It is true that a disregard of physical laws may bring an old age of suffering, or a neglected intellect be wasted into worse than childish imbecility...

Let us turn from this sad picture to the last years of one who all his life obeyed nature's sovereign laws...

Can we point the young to any goal of a merely selfish ambition, to any crown of worldly fame, so worthy of their noblest efforts, as an old age, like this—crowned with the honors of a well-spent life...

In a Convict's Cell.

William M. Tweed arose early the morning after his committal to the Penitentiary, says the New York Sun. He had passed a sleepless night, and his cleanly shaved face was very pale...

most live as the others do. Much difficulty was found in obtaining a uniform large enough for the prisoner. The rough pantaloons were pieced and made to fit, but the jacket is too small, and a new one was cut out and made.

In the morning the fallen chieftain breakfasted on coarse bread and coffee, with convicts of all classes and colors. His fellow prisoners stared at his large, burly form, and seemed to pity him in his misery...

The Day of Doom.

A certain wild and pathetic chapter of history is repeating itself just now on a little island in the Connecticut River, a little way above Windsor Locks.

Their abandonment of business, and their patient, serious watch upon that island abundantly prove this. "They do not lay in coal or winter supplies of any sort to last longer than the end of next month."

Henry Ward Beecher on Interest.

No blister draws sharper than does the interest. Of all industries, none is comparable to that of interest. It works all day and night; in fair weather and foul...

Sensible.

A gentleman of great wealth in New York, but who has never cared to mingle much in fashionable society, recently settled \$15,000 a year on a daughter who had married to his satisfaction.

Quaker Innovations.

Innovations are stealing in even among so conservative a portion of the community as that of the Friends. Year after year we have been accustomed to see the Quakers in their drab bonnets and sad-colored suits...

Winter Feed.

My bill of fare for winter, says the gentleman who took the first prize for butter at the New York State Fair, is twenty pounds clover hay, one peck roots, and four quarts fine corn meal.

The Shortest Day.

The daylight portion of Sunday the 21st, was the "shortest day" in the year, the sun at 33 minutes after 12 P. M., reaching his furthest Southern limit, the winter solstice.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RALEIGH FEMALE SEMINARY. RALEIGH, N. C. Mrs. P. H. Good, A. M., Principal. H. W. Reinhart, (U. Va.) Associate Principal.

FOR SALE. The undersigned offers for sale, on reasonable terms, a very desirable and valuable tract of land, within a mile and a quarter of the Southern limits of the city of Raleigh...

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situated in Greene county, 8 miles from Snow Hill, and 3 miles from Marlboro, Pitt county. A Railroad line recently established within 3 miles of this Farm, leading from Wilson to Greenville, which is designed going into operation this Fall.

The Magic Comb

any colored hair to a permanent black or brown and contains no poison. Trade supplied at low rates. Ad., MAGIC COMB CO., Springfield, Mass. 20:4w

Greensboro Female College.

Rev. T. M. Jones, D. D. President. The Spring Session of 1874 will begin on the 15th January. Charges per session of 20 weeks, board and tuition in regular course, \$125.00.

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This new and elegant Hotel is kept in a style far superior to any house in Raleigh. Terms moderate.

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