



THE FARMER AND MECHANIC

Index to New Advertisements.

LAW'S—Silver and China House, KINGSLEY & ASHLEY—Architects & Builders.

Raleigh and Round-About

—Pleased to have a call from Capt. Biggs of the *Free Lance* last week.

—The Miners Association of Wales will pay \$2 for every member desiring to emigrate to America.

—John A. Fagg has been ousted from the Asheville post office, and Geo. M. Roberts succeeds him.

—Mr. A. A. Banks wishes to sell his (half) interest in the Statesville *Landmark*, a good paper, in a fine location.

—The decision of Judge Kerr in the Trustee case, after thorough investigation, is favorable to Dr. Wilson's management.

—Five cases of horse-stealing are reported in our exchanges for the past fortnight. Animals recovered in all except one.

—The stables, cars and horses, of the Wilmington street railway, owned chiefly by W. P. Cannaday, were burned on Monday night.

—Raleigh is so magnificently scattered over the hills that the placing of letter boxes at six points in up-town localities has been already found a great convenience.

—Rev. Dr. Sutton, of Pittsboro, will remove this week to Greensboro. — Rev. Dr. C. R. Vaughan, formerly of Raleigh, has become stated supply of the Central church, Atlanta, recently vacated by Dr. Leftwich.

—General Johnstone Jones took an active and influential part in the National Militia Convention last week. General Beauregard and other Southern officers were present, and received most courteous consideration from the Northern officers.

—We earnestly urge our Brethren of the Press to agitate the Immigration subject. There is no use of talking of paying our State Debt; and very little likelihood of having good roads, good free schools, and real prosperity until our unlimited natural resources shall be developed by additional population.

—A letter from the University to the *Wilmington Star* says the College roll numbers 200. The following commencement officers were chosen: Chief Marshal, J. M. Leach, Jr.; DI. R. D. Reid, C. A. McNeil, C. D. McIver; Pitt; J. C. Dowd, J. H. Hill, E. P. Maynard. Representatives: A. L. Coble, J. W. Forbes, R. B. John, L. Craig, C. R. Thomas, N. C. S. Noble. Ball Managers: D. Gilliam, of Wake, D. N. Dalton, Jr., J. P. McRae; W. C. Phillips, R. W. Winborne. Senator Allan G. Thurman has been invited to deliver the address, and will accept.

—Speaking of reductions, there should be rather a considerable reduction of the salaries of the State Judges or they should be chosen in some other way. At present the pecuniary and political value of the office causes unseemly scrambling for it. We have seen two candidates for Judges, in high passion, shaking their fists, on the very "Bench" in the court house, where the successful candidate must sit, and before an assemblage whose cases he must try! Let the pay be \$1,000, and \$500 for expenses, or let the Judge be chosen differently. If Judges were prohibited from ever afterwards holding any political office it would be wise to double the present salary, and seek for only the best material; but—

—Dr. N. M. Roan, a man of high character and prominence, died at Yanceyville on Friday. He was one of the gentlemen arrested with Judge Kerr, and others, by Kirk's gang.

—Licenses issued for the ensuing season for the sale of fertilizers by the State Treasurer: Etiwan Phosphate Co., Charleston, S. C.; Etiwan Dissolved Bone; Jno. R. Long & Co., Baltimore, Md.; Long's prepared chemicals for composting; Navassa Guano Co., Wilmington, N. C.; Navassa Acid Phosphate.

—Gov. Vance was on Tuesday elected U. S. Senator by the following votes: SENATE—Vance 33, Judge Buxton, (Republican) 12, Judge Merrimon (not a candidate) 1, (Mr. Brown.) HOUSE—Vance 77, Buxton 39, Merrimon 1, (Harrison, of Caswell, Rep.) and Tom S. Ashe 1, cast by Josiah Turner. Half a dozen "explanations" of votes. The galleries were well filled with ladies; the lobbies with gentlemen; and there was a good deal of enthusiasm. It will be seen Senator Vance received more than two-thirds of the entire vote (161) cast, and all of the Democratic votes except J. T. From all parts of North Carolina and the South, there is manifestation of gratification, not that Merrimon is displaced, but that Vance will have an opportunity to work for his State and section. And assuredly a man who has been so highly and repeatedly honored by the people of North Carolina should dedicate the remainder of his life to zealous efforts for their welfare and advancement.

THE COLLEGES.—We are indebted to the Marshals, Messrs. J. P. Alderman, of Clinton; L. T. Carroll, Columbus; J. M. Davis, of Henderonville, W. T. Jones, of Wilmington, for a handsomely printed invitation to a Public Debate, celebrating the 44th Anniversary of the Philomathesian and Euzelian Societies of Wake Forest, Feb. 14th, 1879. Debaters: J. F. McMillan, E. F. Aydtlett, I. N. Holding, H. Montague. Anniversary Orators: PHIL. W. L. Wright, Troy, N. C.; E. W. N. Jones, Raleigh.

REVENUE.—The Fourth and Fifth Districts in North Carolina pay the United States Government some sixteen hundred thousand dollars annually on tobacco alone in the shape of revenue. This is enormous. Every chew of tobacco a man takes, every pipe of tobacco he smokes, costs him so much tax. Why then should not a man pay the State, that is so heavily burdened with debt, a tax too on every drink he takes? If one is right why is not the other right? If a few counties can pay nearly two millions of dollars tax on one product to the General Government, why cannot all of the counties pay a million of dollars to the State Government on another product? Both whiskey and tobacco are luxuries. Why not make both contribute their full share in support of the government?

The United States Government enforces its laws. There was never so distasteful a system in the world to our people as the revenue system, and yet it is enforced enough to raise sixteen hundred thousand dollars in one year in two Districts in this State. Why cannot North Carolina or Virginia enforce its own laws? If a State is to be greatly benefited by a law, there is no reason why it should not be faithfully carried out. There is no good reason why a law may not be enforced when the people are honest and law-abiding.

Ashe county correspondent: Rev. William Calloway, an aged Methodist minister, died at his residence, one mile from here, about ten days ago. Joshua Baker, a highly esteemed citizen of Ashe county, died here on the 8th inst., aged 77 years. He had been Sheriff of this county for many years before the war. John T. Peden, David Price, and some other citizens of the northwest corner of this county, killed a five hundred pound bear last Saturday after a battle that lasted two days, in which he received thirty one shots.

Interesting Conversation with General Colston, of Virginia, an Ex-Officer of the Egyptian Army.

During the past ten years a number of American officers have been engaged in the service of the Khedive of Egypt, where they have held various positions on the staff, and on the 30th of last June their services were dispensed with, as the Khedive came to the conclusion that it was necessary to retrench the general expenditure of the government and commenced operations by an immediate reduction of the army. The first batch of officers from the United States went to Egypt in 1869, and since then they arrived in that country by twos and threes until at one time the Khedive had about fifty American officers in his service. General R. E. Colston, of Virginia, who served with Lee, Jackson and Beauregard during the rebellion, joined the Khedive's service in 1873, and has recently returned to this city after five or six years' active service in Egypt. A reporter of the *Herald* called yesterday upon the General at his hotel and had a talk over the present condition of affairs in Egypt, as follows:

"How do you account, General, for the action of the Khedive in reducing the army?"

"It was mainly owing to financial difficulties that entailed a certain amount of retrenchment in expenditures, and the army was considered the most available branch of the government service in which to begin to economize."

"What does the present standing army amount to?"

"About six or seven thousand men. Quite sufficient for household and garrison duty. I do not see any necessity for Egypt maintaining an army, as they are themselves so feeble that all they could really do would amount to nothing without the assistance of some other Power."

"How would it be if they were to get in another war with Abyssinia?"

"They have had a great many men that have served in the army, and if necessary they could call out thirty or forty thousand men from the reserves that they could arm at very short notice. They are well supplied with Remington rifles and have a number of Krupp batteries in excellent working order."

DUTIES OF THE AMERICANS.

"What were the duties of American officers in the Khedive's service?"

"They were almost all on staff duty. There have been about fifty American officers on the staff since 1868. I was, like most of the others, a Colonel on the general staff. My services were generally devoted to explorations. I started in May, 1873, up the east side of the Nile, between the Nile and the Red Sea, through the Arabian desert of Egypt. I went there in search of the ancient gold mines of Derhib. My second expedition started in December, 1874. We went up the Nile about two thousand miles to a place called Debbe. We went by water as far as the second cataract, and then used camels for the balance of the journey to Debbe. At the latter place we got a fresh supply of camels and started in a southwest direction to El Oberyad, the capital of Korlofan, a point about four hundred miles from Debbe. I then received a severe sunstroke and was very ill, and was carried back on a camel's litter 1,200 miles through the desert to Suakin, on the Red Sea, where I found a steamer waiting, which the Khedive had sent from Cairo."

"How many people did you have with you?"

"About one hundred soldiers and the necessary amount of camel drivers, cooks and camp followers."

"Are there no American officers in the service of the Khedive at present?"

"General Stone still retains the nominal position of chief of the general staff. I call it a nominal position, as there is at present no staff."

"How did you manage to give your orders to the troops?"

"Being on staff duty we gave our orders to the Arabian officers, graduates of the Military College. These orders were given in French."

after his return to this country, and Colonel Keith, of South Carolina, another ex-Egyptian officer, died recently in Paris.

General Colston has had an experience of about five years with the Bedouin tribes of the desert, and is also thoroughly familiar with desert life and caravan travelling. During his service in Egypt he has travelled some five or six thousand miles on camels. He has brought back a number of interesting sketches and photographs, and intends to give a series of lectures through the country, illustrating the scenes that he has visited with the most improved apparatus.

O'BRIEN AGAIN.—P. S. O'Brien, who gave San Francisco such a big sensation the other day by registering at the Baldwin and letting people know that he was after the dead millionaire's money, has disappeared as mysteriously as he presented himself. The millionaire's sister and the San Jose heirs were in consultation with the new claimant—the alleged brother—on Wednesday of last week. Soon after the end of the conference P. S. was hurried into a carriage, his face being covered with a broad scarf, and driven rapidly away. Floods, the millionaire's partner, was present at the consultation, and the fact that on Wednesday morning he drew \$5000, 000 from bank leads to the belief that the mysterious stranger from North Carolina compromised his case.—*Philadelphia Times*.

THE VIEWS OF A LEVEL-HEADED PAPER.—The *Baltimore Sun*, an able and in all respects first-class newspaper, presents in its editorial columns a half column summary of the proceedings of the Northern settlers' convention, recently held in this city, and copying from the findings of the body adds: "Nothing could well be more explicit than these declarations, and, coming from the source they do, they ought to set at rest the question as to whether Northern men who do not by their conduct cast discredit on the Northern name are well received in the South. The remainder of the address sets forth in strong terms the advantages presented by the South to Northern emigrants."

ATTEND TO IT.—The great success of the Convention of Northern men recently held in Charlotte, and the now generally conceded importance of the movement, induces us to insist that Northern men in Wilmington—who represent both intelligence and wealth—should take an interest in the call for the County Conventions to be held on the 15th of February, for State Conventions to be held some time during the month of March, and for the general convention to be held in Charlotte on the 4th of July next. Let New Hanover hold a County Convention.—*Star*.

BURNED TO DEATH.—We understand a man by the name of Jeffries was burnt to death in this county near Goodson and Payne's store last Thursday night. The accident occurred in this way: Several young men, in company with the deceased, were coon hunting, and all of them took on too much whiskey. The sober part of the crowd seeing that Jeffries was past walking, laid him on the ground and built a fire around him while they continued their sport. When they went back to Jeffries he was found to be burnt so badly that death claimed him in a few hours.

We copy from a recent special in the *Baltimore Gazette*: "I cannot save any of my salary," said Senator Lamar to-day to your correspondent. "It is impossible. I never paid a cent beyond livery hire and a few little kindred items of election expenses in my life, and I have been in politics a long time. I could save \$1,000 a year if I would do certain things, but I don't think my conscience would be satisfied if I did. For instance, I pay about \$300 a year for newspapers; I like to read them. I have passes over railroads; I could travel all over the United States free, but I pay my fare. It costs me \$57 for each member of my family every time I come and go between here and home. I have telegraph passes, but I never use them. I do not think it would be right. I can send anything I please over the express lines, yet I pay my express bills. I spend my salary, and never have any money. Some Senators use all these privileges of dead heading, and they say it is right. I think otherwise."

Mrs. Weatherly, of Shoe Heel, was found dead in bed last Friday morning.

A man in Yadkin froze to death on Christmas eve.

Dr. Robah Gray, of Winston, will move to Danville, Va., to live.

Reidsville promises to run an even dozen tobacco factories this year.

Good field hands hire for \$6 per month and board in Halifax county.

There is talk of converting the Salisbury fair grounds into a cemetery.

Mr. Merrimon Webster, of Alexandria county, was killed by a falling tree.

Judge Kerr lost a little daughter last Sunday from diphtheria. He himself is improving.

A jealous negro in Robeson county lodged a load of buckshot into another, killing him almost instantly.

The negroes of Graham, Alamance county, are excited over the report that a bear comes into the town every night.

A fire in Tallahassee, Fla., destroyed the Episcopal church, rectory and school house. Loss, eight thousand dollars.

Mr. Talma e, on Sunday last, defended in his lecture the sensational style of pulpit talk, and said sensationalism is life.

A little girl in Rowan county, daughter of a tenant on the farm of Dr. Chunn, was accidentally burned to death last week.

A negro went into Dr. Woodruff's room at Reidsville last Sunday night, says the *Times*, and stole \$38 from the drawer. They caught him.

Dr. E. Benbow, of Yadkin county, recently lost a house in which he kept whiskey, by fire: supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Harvey Farrow, colored, was drowned near Newbern. He was attempting to walk from a schooner to the shore on the ice, when he broke through.

Rev. Mr. Kearney, of the Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City, preached recently on the second coming of Christ upon earth. He pointed to 1882 as just the time.

We regret to learn that one of Milton's fair daughters, who recently removed to Danville, was struck with paralysis on one side of the face a few days ago.—*Chronicle*.

The Spartanburg (S. C.) *Spartan* says a daughter of Noah Mills, of Polk county, N. C., was killed by a falling tree a few days ago. She was cutting it down for firewood and was caught by it as it fell.

Wm. Lawson, colored, of this vicinity, was killed on Tuesday by the falling of a tree which he and two other men cut down. William ran as he thought a proper distance out of the way, but a limb struck and killed him.—*Chronicle*.

The Greensboro *New North State* is informed that a farmer residing in the upper part of Guilford county is compelled to get water every evening from his spring as the rabbits are numerous enough to drink the spring dry during the night.

Hillsboro *Recorder*: After the subsidence of the freshet in Eno River last week, the dead body of an infant was found on the bank near Faucett's Ford. A cord was drawn tightly around the neck, evidently for the purpose of causing death.

Mt. Airy *Visitor*: Mr. Thos. W. Bray, in company with several other persons, on Sunday last, were skating on Brower's mill pond, when Tom ventured a little too far, and went over the dam. We are glad to state, however, that he escaped without a scratch.

Concord *Register*: Our town was startled on Wednesday evening by the report that Geo. P. Wetter had shot himself, at his residence on East Depot street. George had been drinking heavily since Christmas, and was laboring severely with the "jim jams." Recently he had lost \$300 in money. He died at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Danbury *Reporter*: Everything is about frozen up in Danbury. Trade is one of the victims of the cold. Some stores are seldom opened. A sad accident occurred in the Dalton neighborhood of this county, on Monday of last week. Miss Westmoreland, daughter of Dr. Silas Westmoreland, while upon an ice pond, slipped and fell, her head striking the ice with such violence as to produce almost instant death.

Polkton *Argus*: As an extra train turned the curve at Boggan's Cut, last Sunday, a man and woman were discovered on the trestle just ahead. The train hearing the train ran and succeeded in getting off, leaving the woman, who lay down on one of the "stringers," and thus saved her life. The parties were white.

Alamance *Gleaner*: Capt. A. A. Mitchell died suddenly of heart disease on the evening of the first of this month, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Capt. Mitchell was, we believe, a native of Caswell county, and lived in Yanceyville till some five or six years ago, when he went to the city where he died. He was sixty-two years old.

Landmark: A serious cutting affray was participated in Friday night, at a singing class, three miles east of Statesville, on the Western North Carolina railroad. The participants were respectively Hodge Krider, of Rowan, and Wm. E. Steep, of this county. The latter was badly lacerated by the former, but it is thought by physicians that he will recover.

James Turner died in Alamance on the 15th, having enjoyed his 85th birthday on Christmas. And John A. Mebane, of the Mebane family, died at New's Ferry, on the 27th ult., aged seventy. His remains were brought to Alamance and buried from Hawfields Church. \$1,200 in specie were stolen from the house of Daniel Foust, in Guilford, a few nights ago. All of which we glean from the *Gleaner*.

Greensboro *New North State*, 16th: An employe of the North Carolina Railroad, named Rowe, was yesterday killed a short distance this side of Haw river bridge, as we learn by a passenger who arrived here by last night's train. The man was on a hand car, passing on the road, and by some means a part of his clothing caught in the crank of the turning gear of the car, and drew his body to the machinery, causing him to fall off.

Concord *Sun*: A peculiar circumstance occurred with the late W. G. Fowler, the night before he was knocked down and robbed in Mooresville. He was robbed on Tuesday night, and on the Monday night previous he dreamed that some men met him at or near the very spot he was afterwards robbed, and that they threw a rope around his neck, and choking him, demanded money. He asked them how much they wanted, and they asked for \$5, which he gave them.

The cause of the failure of the Missouri Legislature to return Mr. Armstrong to the United States Senate the other day was the fact that as Senator he had voted to confirm the nomination of the notorious jayhawker and cut-throat, O'Neil, had been recommended by Hayes for the position of Indian Agent. O'Neil was a notorious cut-throat, who in cold blood murdered helpless, defenceless Confederates during the war in Missouri and the people of that State will ever execrate his memory.

One of the most important and interesting events which has taken place in this country for a long time occurred in Charlotte, N. C., on Wednesday last. On that day representatives of Northern settlers in the South from five States assembled in convention and passed resolutions declaring that they were entirely satisfied with their social treatment in their adopted homes, and that in no section of the Union were citizens more thoroughly protected in the enjoyment of all their rights.—*Savannah (Ga.) News*.

Greensboro *New North State*: Wednesday night of last week, about half-past 11 o'clock, some one knocked at the back door of the store of Balsey & Son. Young Jacob Balsey, who was there alone, got up and opened the door to admit him, when he was struck on the head with a stick and knocked senseless. Fortunately, Mr. Balsey saw the motion of the man's arm when he struck the blow, and he gave the door a violent push, which closed it and kept the robber from entering. Mr. Balsey lay in a senseless condition for some time and the back of his head is badly cut.

The Kentucky Troubles—A Wrecked Train.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 23.—Governor McGreevy has notice of the return of the cavalry company sent to Breathitt county. They accomplished the arrest of William Fletcher, who murdered Judge Burnett. A freight train on the Detroit, Lansing and Northern R. R., was derailed near Detroit, killing Chas. Reed, a brakeman, and breaking the ribs of conductor Richard Bare. A broken rail caused the accident.