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Richmond, Virginia, is a handsome and growing city. It now has over 70,000 inhabitants. During the past year there were 179 brick buildings erected in the city...

The Wilmington Star raises its pretensions in behalf of the overburdened tax payers in the State. The Star says: It is an outrage that some of the officials should receive the pay they do...

SENATOR MERRIMON may not be the dramatic orator as pictured by the San Francisco Call. His eloquence may lack that inspiration that thrill the veins and awakens strange thoughts...

The Negro Again. A prominent colored citizen writes to thank the News for the publication in its yesterday's issue of an article from Fitzback's Louisianaian...

The News finds a strong ally in the Wilson Advance. That sterling journal says: The Legislature will meet next week and the session promises to be one of unusual importance to the people...

The News is not burdened with a very voluminous correspondence, but of the sort it has the following is a sample: As a taxpayer and one of the people, believe me a hearty supporter of the News in its highly commendable efforts to reduce official salaries...

The Wilmington Sun thus gracefully salutes the Legislature of '79-'80: The session, thanks to the wisdom of our late Constitutional Convention and the ratifying judgment of the people, will be one of only sixty days' duration...

There must be something "crooked" among the revenue officers of this State. Congressman Brogden says that he is corrupted and behind in their accounts, but that the President and his advisers will not listen to any statement detrimental to them...

Printers, like doctors, differ. The venerable editor of the Milton Chronicle thinks that the News cannot do the public printing at 80 per cent under the present contract rates and do the State good work...

An esteemed correspondent asks space to submit the following suggestions touching the liquidation of the State debt. "As is well known, the high United States tax on State bonds issue is so oppressive that it would be suicidal to attempt to organize and run them."

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup gives far the best satisfaction and takes far less of all cough preparations on ure shelves, —Carpenter & Palmer, Jamestown, N. Y.

necessity and push enterprises to success. "To circumvent this oppressive tax and, at the same time, give our people a home circulation which will be good and accessible to them as greenbacks, we suggest that when the Legislature settles the bonded debt of the State it do so by issuing four per cent bonds a fraction larger in size than the greenback dollar and in denominations of one hundred, fifty, twenty-five, twenty, and five dollars, with six coupons, (three at each end) payable annually and receivable in payment of taxes and other dues to the State...

The express train due here this morning was behind time 5 hours. The northern mail, due at 11:35 a. m., was delayed nearly three hours. Reports from other points in the western portion of the State show similar effects of the cold snap. The river from this city to its mouth, is blocked with ice, and navigation is completely suspended. The canal is also blocked with ice along its whole length. The Tredgore Iron Works, flouring mill and other industries, dependent upon the water supply, have been forced to suspend operations. The Governor to-day issued a writ for an election, to be held on the twenty-third instant, in the First Congressional District, to elect a successor to Hon. B. B. Douglass, deceased.

The funeral of Judge Sherman was held at Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday. His brother, Gen. W. T. Sherman, was present. A heavy snow is falling at Oswego, N. Y., blocking the railways, and stopping all business. The Cornish Bank, at Truro, Cornwall, has closed. About 450,000 are on deposit. The Sub-Treasury at New York paid out yesterday only \$17,000 in gold legal tenders, and took in only \$1,255,000 in exchange for notes. All the trains on the Southern branch of the New York Central Railroad have been abandoned, and lie under mounds of snow. Great crowds are attending the exciting trial of Mrs. Cobb, at Norwich, Conn., for murder, and her criminality is being proved. A good deal of live oak timber, cut from Government reservations in Florida, is being captured by special agents. A fire at Hingham, Mass., last evening, destroyed the public library.

Receipts for week ending January 3d, 1879, 643 bal.- Receipts for same week last year, 756 "

Decrease in receipts for week this year, 113 "

Receipts for month of December, 1878, 6,763 Receipts for month of December, 1877, 8,125 "

Decrease in receipts for month in 1878, 1,362 "

Receipts for month of December, 1878, 6,763 Whole receipts since time Sept. 1st, 32,192 "

Receipts for same time last year, 32,082 "

Increase in receipts this year to date, 110 "

The Assassin's Doom. By Cable to the News. MADRID, Jan. 4.—Juan Monca, who attempted to assassinate the King of Spain, was executed at 8:55 o'clock this morning. At midnight the prisoner made a will, leaving his property to his wife; at 5 he attended mass; at 8 he was led from the prison and conducted to a cart, in which he was conveyed to the scaffold, which he mounted without support, listening meanwhile to the admonitions of the priests. Two battalions of troops were drawn up around the scaffold. An immense number of spectators were present.

Capturing Moonshiners. By telegraph to the News. CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—A squad of 50 Revenue men, under Captain Burnside, have returned from a raid upon the moonshiners in the border coast of Kentucky and Tennessee. They report the destruction of over fifty distilleries and the capture of a large number of stills. It is thought the business is pretty well broken up in that region.

The Cold Snap. By telegraph to the News. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The North river is full of ice this morning, but all the ferry boats are running, though the trips were irregular and delays frequent. The eastern mails are all on time. Southern mails, due at 6 and 7:30, reached here at 9:15, and the southwest mail due at 8, arrived at 8 o'clock.

The Scotch Labor Troubles. By Cable. LONDON, Jan. 4th.—There are indications of an intention on the part of employers in the west of Scotland to enforce return to aggregate of fifty-four hours, as the weekly quota of labor. Already paid notices to that effect. Men have as yet no action on the subject, but will hold a meeting for that purpose next week.

The Woman who Works. Washington Post. The coming woman is not born in the purple. She is a daughter of the people. It is necessary for her to earn her own living. She has no objection to that. Indeed, she rather likes the idea of taking care of herself. For genuine women have a prejudice in favor of independence, all the minor prophets to the contrary notwithstanding. But she will not work with her hands. On that she is fully resolved. So much has been said about the dignity of brain-work, that a strong prejudice has arisen against hand-work.

The American girl, eager, ambitious, intense, cherishes this prejudice in its full force. And when she comes to the point where it is necessary for her to choose her work, she sees many avenues of labor which are open to her and would lead to lucrative employment. The time was when the woman who was thrown upon her own resources was apt to do one of three things. She

sewed, or kept boarders, or gave music lessons. But we have changed all that. So many barriers have been burned away, the social lion has been so enlarged, that to-day the world is all before her where to choose. But as she stands at the entrance of these new avenues of work, there is a lion in the way. Its name is prejudice, and its terror is the ordinary woman are past all telling. She would go to the stake without flinching, but she cannot bear to be laughed at. She might be banished from Rome, and meet her fate with a smile, but at the faintest symptoms of social ostracism she falls in a faint. And so she turns into the faintest track.

What she would like is some light, pleasant employment, that shall be eminently respectable, and for which she shall at once receive equal wages with men who have spent years in acquiring the business habits and training. Failing to do this, she indulges in weakness because men and women are not paid equal wages. Let each woman learn to do some one thing well, let her make free choice, modified only by her individual fitness as to what that one thing shall be, and then let her work at it earnestly and continuously. Let her look on labor as something more than a poison bridge between the world and her person. Let her see it as a means of self-education. There is one field of work in this country which is comparatively new, and which offers good and lucrative employment, and that is the industrial and decorative art work to which the Centennial Exposition gave so strong an impulse. This work belongs by birthright to women. They have the taste, the facility of fancy, and they can readily acquire the technical and scientific details. And there is room in the work for just as much brain as they have to bestow upon it.

What we greatly need are schools of technical education, such as have long been in existence in Europe. Their object is to give to the young woman a work in the workshop for which we are willing to pay a high price. It raises the grade of manufactures, and so increases the National wealth. The open secret of the marvelous recuperative power of France after the late war is that she has worked with both hands.

The Convention of Northern Settlers—A Suggestion. Charlotte Observer. It is suggested that Northern men who have settled in the South since the war, who have seen the call for a convention of this class of citizens in Charlotte, N. C., and who are desirous of proposing to attend it or not, write to Mr. N. Dumont, of this city, to whom all correspondence in reference to the subject should be addressed, giving their views upon the matters which it is proposed that the convention shall touch at the same time furnishing such facts and statistics as bear upon the conditions of their several counties, socially, morally, politically, religiously or otherwise, having an eye mainly to agricultural statistics. It is only by such means that the facts of the case can be ascertained, and it is proposed that the substance thereof, will be given to the press of the country and thus cause general dissemination. We are desirous of seeing a convention which will apply to him, as early as practicable, for transportation; in order that he may make arrangements for them according to the rates given by the several railroads.

Intelligence and Advancement in Mecklenburg Farming. Charlotte Observer. We believe the farmers of Mecklenburg to be the most intelligent and most prosperous farmers in North Carolina. In everything calculated to advance agricultural interests they are always found in the lead, and a fresh evidence of this growing greatness among them is the fact that those of the Sugar Creek neighborhood have just organized themselves into a class for the study and practice of agricultural chemistry. Dr. Davis, of the lecture of the State Grange, a man of learning and a chemist of practical experience, has been engaged to instruct the Sugar Creek farmers in this branch of their business, and arrangements are on foot for the formation of similar classes in other parts of the county. Dr. Davis, in these also. We cannot express too warmly our sense of gratification in learning of this advanced step on the part of so large and respectable a portion of the farming community. To farm successfully requires intelligence and thought, as much so as any other business in life, and it will be a good day for agriculturists generally when they come to realize the fact and get out of the old grooves.

Some Notes about Stamps and Postal Cards. The entire number of stamps issued since June 30, 1847, amounts to 9,719,308, 527, "enough," the calculator informs us, "to reach six times around the earth if placed end to end." The average value of each stamp is \$29,373,363.09. During the fifteen years in which stamped envelopes have been issued, the Government has sold to the public 1,839,601,425, of which 570,289,300 have been "request" envelopes. The number issued in 1859 was 4,001,000. Postal cards were first issued in May, 1873, the design now in use having been adopted in 1875. The total number issued is 751,249,500 of which nearly one-third (200,650,000) were used last year.

Banks and Dividends. Banks and dividends, or the relation between the dividends of a bank and the amount of stock held by its president and directors, is the subject of an interesting letter to the News. The correspondent gives a list of the New York banks, their capital, surplus, dividends in 1876 and 1877, the price of the stock and the number of shares held by presidents and other directors. The argument is that banks that are managed by directors who own the controlling interest in them make the most money. But conspicuous in this is the Chemical, with its capital of \$300,000 and surplus of \$3,100,000, with 61-monthly dividends aggregating 100 per cent year.

ITEMS FROM GUILFORD. The Phonograph.—The Y. M. C. A.—Mrs. Moore, the Evangelist—Counterfeiter's Goods Captured—Ice and Cold. Correspondence of the News. GREENSBORO, Jan. 3. This wonderful invention, the Edison Phonograph, has been on exhibition here two days or more and will be here again Monday and Tuesday next, and will exhibit for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Good Tennessee is registered in such a way as to respect itself indelicately, and with almost natural distinctness of articulation, but such is the case, my own ears doubtless, it is even more wonderful than the telephone, for in that sound when gone, are gone forever, whereas in this, sounds are produced from the same sheet, after it has been removed from the cylinder, laid away, and replaced again.

In answer to the call for a Week of Prayer, by the Evangelical Alliance of the World, the Churches here suspended services to join in one Christian body, with the Young Men's Christian Association, who are holding regular meetings, and in the day also, on the which are attended with much interest and benefit to many, in a quiet and serious way, and which have been attended the past two nights by Mrs. Moon, who, in her holding meetings of a waking, at Light Point. If everybody could get over the idea that a woman should not preach (the scriptural idea of many sound denominations being against it), Mrs. Moon would do much more good. She certainly has a good and well-gifted in scriptural knowledge and information, and knows well how to interest an audience, who can get over this Bible idea, conscientiously. To use the saying of some one, she makes men's hearts glad, and she is a good woman. A few days ago a daisy spied a fire in the woods in the northern part of the county, and approaching it, was informed by a man setting by it, that his presence was not wanted there, for to find his man dead, leaving a counterfeiter's die, and a bag of \$4 in counterfeiter's five cent pieces.

The past ten days have been cold mainly, and our ice men are all happy, every available space having been filled with ice. To-day is the coldest of the season, and skating is fine.

Christmas festivities have passed off rather quietly with less of the usual amusements and usipation in the social circles.

Going from the Funeral of Her Husband to that of Her Father. Charlotte Observer. All who saw them had the sympathies of their hearts go out toward a mother who reached this city from the South, accompanied by a young daughter, one of them an infant, during the bitter cold weather of the day after Christmas. The oldest of the children was hardly able to take care of the youngest. The lady was Mrs. John Boon, a daughter of Dr. Jas. Calloway, of Wilkes County. She had been living with her husband in Louisiana for a number of years, and on the 27th, at Christmas, her husband died. She had her little ones, left here for Statesville on the morning of the 27th, and was in the house, and the family was plunged in the deepest grief.

Dr. Calloway was one of the oldest and most generally esteemed citizens of Wilkes county. He had been a member of the convention of the Y. M. C. A. prominent as a physician and as a man.

The Dawn of Prosperity. New Orleans Dispatch. The condition of this country just now seems to be attracting a great deal of attention, not only here but in Europe as well. The leading journals of Great Britain have lately been gloomy over home prospects, and the dawn of prosperity for the United States, France and the United States, they declare, are the only two countries whose future just now is full of promise.

Our Immense Wheat Exports. During the months of July, August and September, 1878, there were exported from this country 42,030,240 bushels of wheat. This amount is twice as much as we ever before exported during the corresponding three months of the last quarter of the fiscal year. It is more, also, with the exception of four years, than was ever exported in any other year. The average price during the last quarter of 1878 was \$1.00 a bushel; in 1877 it was \$1.04. It is thought that the exports of wheat for the year ending with June 30, 1879, will exceed 100,000,000 bushels. The exports of wheat, exclusive of immense quantities in flour, bread and biscuit, from September 30, 1878, to October 1, 1878, was 409,347,445 bushels, valued at \$551,580,229, an average price of \$1.347 a bushel. From Sept. 30, 1873, to October 1, 1878, our exports of wheat, exclusive of flour, bread and biscuit, was 393,653,577 bushels, valued at \$393,799,119, an average price of \$1.2556 per bushel. In the past five years we exported 74.7 per cent of the quantity and 71.4 per cent of the value exported in the previous five-three years. The United States is fast becoming the greatest wheat-supplying nation of the world.

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Senatorial Election. POOL'S WILL BE SOLD on the Senatorial election at FIVE LEE'S CLUB HOUSE, commencing on Saturday evening, Jan. 4, at 7 o'clock, and will be continued each evening until the favorite is elected. The friends of Gov. Vance, Judge Merrimon and all the Black Horse are cordially invited to be present.

Sale and Board Stable. Having this day sold my Livery and Board Stable, and all the appurtenances, and all the stock, and a first class board stable, known as the Clayton House, I have furnished the same and am prepared to accommodate the public with good rooms, good fare and comfortable accommodations. Prices low. Transient Board \$1.00 per day. Apply early, Mrs. C. Waller.

Events in the State. SAMPSON.—Newborn Nat Shell, Wm. Richards, an aged colored man, dropped dead in the street, and was buried in a pauper's grave. Citizens are busily engaged at putting up new for the coming summer. The citizens of Clinch's Township in this county are building a new Methodist church.

CRAVEN.—Nut Shell: Our fish market is supplied with excellent fish, and prices are no longer scarce. An excellent quality is being brought to market daily. There will be a military tournament and ball on the 23rd, inst.

CARTER.—Newborn: A meeting of the citizens was held on the 28th, to prepare a memorial to Congress, representing the country, the improvement of the water courses of Carteret, Jones and Onslow counties.

EDGECOMBE.—N. C. Presbyterian: On the evening of the 9th ult., a Presbyterian Church was organized at Rocky Mount, N. C., by Rev. J. W. Primrose, evangelist of the eastern portion of Orange Presbytery. The lot on which the building will stand was given by Mr. George Allen, of Newborn.

Removal—W. R. Pepper, the Original Restaurateur. On January 1, 1879, will move to the Green Front Saloon, on Hargett street, his old place. The