

THE CUMBERLAND FAIR.

We had the pleasure of attending on Thursday and Friday of last week, the seventeenth annual Fair of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, a brief account of which may not be uninteresting to many of our readers.

Arriving at Fayetteville about the dawn of day Thursday morning after a stormy ride up and down the innumerable hills on the road to that place, we found quite a number of our countrymen and fair countrywomen already arrived and impatiently awaiting, at an unseasonable hour, the approach of the train that would soon carry us all to "Town," as Fayetteville is still called by many of our older citizens, for years ago this ancient place was the only town ever visited by them. Soon the shrill whistle of the locomotive was heard and in a few moments the rattling, rumbling noise of the cars nearer and nearer came, and then the train dashed up and the excursionists began pouring in, each seeming determined to get the first seat, until all were seated and away we went towards South, where large numbers were made to our number, and at various other stations crowds poured in until all the coaches were filled to overflowing.

We met many of our fellow-Chathamites, who had boarded the train at the Gulf, from the northern and western portions of the county, among them some of our best farmers and most substantial citizens. Thanks to the good management of that most efficient Conductor, Capt. David Jones, we arrived "en time" without any mishap at our journey's end, and in a moment hundreds of happy excursionists were thronging the streets of "old Fayette" on a day of pleasure. There was the steady old farmer, near him was some rollicking youth, and there again might be seen the timid maiden and her happy beau in all the trim of the same of a day of pleasure—to be enjoyed however in different ways.

The first sounds to greet the ear were the stirring notes of a brass band playing in front of the Fayetteville Hotel. Of course this was an attraction not to be resisted, and soon a large crowd was collected, and then the procession took up its line of march to the Fair Grounds, escorted in a carriage the distinguished visitors, Gov. Jarvis, Col. Polk, and Col. Johnson, of Charlotte, who had been invited to deliver the Annual Address. Soon after their arrival upon the grounds Col. Johnson delivered his address, which was heard with close attention by the large crowd and reflected great credit upon that accomplished gentleman, and abounded in much valuable information and sensible advice to our farmers. Upon the conclusion of his remarks loud calls were made in turn for Gov. Jarvis and Col. Polk, both of whom responded in short, stirring speeches that were greatly applauded. Speech-making being over, the crowd dispersed over the grounds and in the buildings to see the articles on exhibition. Of course our first object was to inspect the handiwork of the ladies, and so we went through

Floral Hall, where was exhibited in great profusion and endless variety the contributions of their skill and taste. There were beautiful specimens of crocheted work, embroidery, lace, and bead-work. We shall not attempt to make invidious distinctions, where all were so creditable. There were nice, warm, home-made blankets, bolts of home-spun jeans, quilts and counterpanes of beautiful design and excellent workmanship, delicately made fish-scale jewelry, and exquisite artificial flowers. There were some remarkable specimens of penmanship by a boy only fifteen years old, and the map of the State executed by a son of that eminent Divine, Rev. N. B. Cobb, is an extraordinary production, containing a vast amount of information about the history, geography and resources of North Carolina.

As we approached the State Fair, we were well filled with the products of the farm, and showed what a good system of husbandry could produce. The exhibit of corn, wheat, oats, cotton, peas, meal, flour, potatoes (both Irish and sweet), cabbages, turnips &c was remarkably good, and was well superior to the exhibit of similar articles at the State Fair. There were several stalks of

collards so large that we gravely asked if they were planted out for single trees! We really did not know that the people of Cumberland were such excellent farmers, or that her sandy soil could produce such cereal or root crops. The exhibits made by the ladies and farmers of Cumberland in the Floral and Agricultural Halls were exceedingly creditable to them, and would do us no harm made any fair success. But outside of these two halls the exhibit was not very good. In the

**A Narrow Escape.**  
The steamer, Arizona, left New York on the 14th for Liverpool, with 300 passengers, and when near the New England banks, on the night of the 17th, suddenly ran aground on a ledge which she was coming at the rate of fifteen miles an hour—and yet not a life was lost. Here are the particulars.

Without a moment's warning, and before any vessel could realize what had occurred, a terrible crash was heard. The hull of the steamer shook as though every rivet had burst, and the ship and her passengers were hurled from their seats and sent sprawling on the floor. A cry of terror arose on every side, and the passengers, who were not fastened to their seats, were hurled about in all directions. The captain, who was seated in the forward part of the ship, was hurled back and forth, and several of his passengers were hurled overboard. The ship, however, did not sink, and the passengers were saved.

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