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A Grand memorial fair is to be held at Washington, beginning next Saturday and continuing through next week, for the purpose of raising funds to erect a suitable monument to the memory of President Garfield. The fair will be held in the Capitol, the main exhibit being in the Capitol rotunda. A large number of articles from different portions of the Union are expected, and no doubt a large sum will be realized. And just here we would remark that it is a national disgrace that Garfield's doctors' bills and funeral expenses should still be unpaid.

The Baptist State Convention held its fifty-second session last week with the church at Warrenton, and all its proceedings were conducted with much harmony and interest. Hon. J. C. Scarborough, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was elected president, and Mr. N. B. Broughton, secretary. From the reports made by the several committees we learn that during the past year 6,[illegible] persons have been added to the Church by baptism. The sum of $72,535.55 was expended in State Mission work. Forty four churches have been organized during the year, and there was spent in church erection the sum of $8,[illegible]. The next session of the Convention will be held with the church at Edenton.

Thanksgiving Day is set. Thursday is that day having been appointed by the President of the United States and the Governor of this State. All persons are urged to lay aside their ordinary business on this day and resort to their houses of worship for the purpose of returning thanks to Almighty God for his beneficent mercies and blessings during the past year. If there ever was a year when our people have cause for thankfulness it is the present year. This may be termed the year of plenty, for hardly within the memory of any man have there been such abundant crops as have this year rewarded the husbandman's labors. Peace prevails throughout our happy land. While the shadow of Death has darkened many thresholds and saddened many hearts, yet no wide spread pestilence or dreaded disease has afflicted our people. Truly have we great cause for thankfulness. Let us all cordially

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below."

And let the sincerity of our praise be proved by our charity to the poor and unfortunate.

The influence of newspapers in political campaigns was forcibly illustrated in the late campaign and the result of the election proved the power of the Press. Suppose there had not been any democratic papers published in North Carolina during the late campaign, does any person think the election would have gone off as it did? In those counties and in those portions of the State where well edited democratic papers were published there were not few (if any) Greenbacks and republicans elected. Which important elections are to be carried the politicians and office seekers appeal most piteously to the newspapers for help, and, when through their aid success is attained and the victory won, their services are soon forgotten. Some of the best political speeches ever made were made during the late campaign, and an active canvass was made by our ablest men—by such as Vance, Ransom, and Bowen—and yet all the speeches of all our canvassers did not have as much effect and influence as was exercised by the Press of the State. It is well enough for certain persons to ponder on this.

The Cotton Exposition, that was held last year at Atlanta, was so great a success that it is now proposed to hold, in some city yet to be named, a "World's Cotton Centennial Exposition" sometime during the year 1884. It will probably be the grandest exhibition of American and foreign products and industries that the world has ever witnessed. In this connection we copy from the New York Herald the following, which shows the important events connected with the manufacture of cotton:

"Hargreaves invented the spinning jenny in 1764; Awkwright patented his method of spinning by rollers and erected his first spinning frame in 1769; Wood patented his carding plan in 1776; Compton invented the mule jenny in 1779; Watt adapted the steam engine to spinning cotton in 1783; Bell invented cylinder printing and Cartwright invented his power loom in 1785; Arkwright's patents were set aside and his inventions made free to the public in the same year; the first cotton factory in the United States was built at Beverly, in Massachusetts, in 1787 and was visited by Washington in 1789; and Eli Whitney, of Massachusetts, while a teacher in General Nathanael Greene's family in Georgia, invented the saw-gin in 1793."

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER.

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I wrote last while at the Hotel St. Romain. On that afternoon we walked through the Gardens of the Tuileries, where every sort of Side show ever were exhibiting their wonders to the assembled crowd. There is no Sunday here, it is a holiday for all except the waiters in cafes and restaurants. All the stores are open and all the smaller traffic goes on. The Gardens are tastefully laid out in grass and flower plats, dotted by statues and fountains. They lie immediately in front of the palace of the Tuileries, an extensive palatial structure which is closed to the public. It must have been magnificent. It front paved from the square of the famous Champs Elysees and is separated from it by the Place de la Concorde—the finest one in the world—flanked on all sides by handsome statues representing the cities of France and Fortunes. The Place [illegible] in the square Rameses XVI [illegible] nearly 3,000 years old. It was [illegible] on the spot. Instead of a guillotine there now stands on the same spot the beautiful Luxor obelisk from Egypt. This Place is magnificent at night lighted by hundreds of gas lamps which extend on and 4 rows up in Champs Elysees—each 40 intervals. At the opposite end of the Champs rises the Arc de Triomphe 164 feet high and 150 feet wide, the large—in existence—over 100 feet high and colossal sculpture representing various historical scenes. The Boulevards are broad, handsome streets occupying the site of the old walls, but leading and twining all around they are shaded by trees and lined by hotels, some splendid. Lined with handsome offices at a corresponding [illegible] price. On Lincoln [illegible] are [illegible] Louisiana [illegible] are [illegible] to be per[illegible] [illegible] and hotel [illegible] [illegible] selling and selling paintings. The Apollo [illegible] is particular [illegible] [illegible] and also contains models of famous statues. The ground floor of the whole Palace is filled with sculptures of all ages and countries [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]