

Politics will this year engage the attention of the people of North Carolina to some extent, but will probably not be very exciting. The elections will not be as important as those of two years ago, as no President or Governor will be elected.

Various conjectures and predictions are being made as to the changes in politics that will be made in this State during this year. Some persons are afraid that the prohibition party will concede with the republicans, or rather that the republicans will endeavor to use the prohibitionists as a means of defeating the democrats.

The benefits of democratic rule in North Carolina are too great and apparent for the voters of the State to consent or wish to change it. Our people are naturally conservative, and are not easily led astray by designing men.

The suspension of nearly all the newspapers in North Carolina during the Christmas holidays impressed us more than ever with their value and importance. To be deprived, even for a few days, of the pleasure of reading our exchanges, in a great measure marred our enjoyment of the Christmas festivities.

Caught in a Trap.

DES MOINES, Jan. 1.—The path of officers who attempt to enforce the prohibition law in Iowa is not always strewn with roses. Wednesday night deputy sheriff Pierce went to the saloon of Lorenzo Ellis, in Des Moines, with a search warrant.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The estimates of the statisticians of the Department of Agriculture for the principal crops of 1885 are completed, and the aggregate bushels are as follows in round millions: Corn 1936, wheat 357, oats 629. The area of corn is 73 million acres; of wheat, 34 million; of oats, 23 million.

At an auction sale of stock in the A. & N. C. R. at the court house yesterday five shares of stock were put up and started at \$18.00 per share, and the bid was not raised.

When one share of stock was sold on the 1st Monday in December at \$21.00 the record seized the opportunity to proclaim to the world the wisdom of Gov. Scales' policy.

We think farmers might correctly be divided into three classes: 1st, the shiftless and improvident, who have poor stock, sorry implements, work five days in the week, six hours a day, and go to the village Saturday.

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State News.

Smithfield Herald: On Sunday last, about noon, a colored man attempted to rob the store of Mr. Pugh, situated about five miles below Clinton. The planchee of a sawmingle one.

Wilmington Star: More colored laborers went South yesterday, to work in the turpentine woods. This, of course, if not checked, may prove a serious matter for farmers and planters.

Elizabeth City Express: Anthony Gardner, a young white man, met with an accident Sunday on Christmas that is feared will prove fatal. He was engaged in celebrating Christmas with a party of associates by the use of fireworks.

Asheville Citizen: We learn that a man named Lanier, from Powell, living three miles from Morganton, was home intoxicated last Saturday night and after driving the children from the house lay down before the fire and went to sleep.

Charlotte Observer: Thomas Jolly, a lad aged 13 years, shot and killed a young companion named David W. Seligman, in Cleveland county last Christmas morning at the house of a young South Carolina farmer, Mr. J. J. Seligman, who keeps a ferry near Stanley.

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Washington Gazette: Robert R. White, of Lake Lanier, writes that Messrs. William Williams and Mitchell Ross were out in a small heavily loaded boat, between Oyster Rock and the mouth of Douglas Canal, when a strong and sudden wind capsized the boat.

Goldboro Argus: Mrs. E. A. Jennings, whom we mentioned a few weeks ago as having been badly burned about the face by falling in the fire while under an attack of epilepsy, was again seized by a like attack on Sunday afternoon.

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