

BLACKBERRIES may seem a strange subject for an editorial, and yet it is a subject of much practical importance...

But it was not about dried blackberries that we now propose to write. We wish now to impress upon our readers the importance of cultivating blackberries and shipping them...

Secretary Rank assumed control of the Washington Letter Bureau last Wednesday, and Mr. Harrison appointed Prof. M. W. Harrington, of the University of Michigan, chief of the bureau...

Mr. Hamilton Hamilton recalls to mind quite a remarkable character in the history of the United States. While he was not a man of great ability, yet he occupied all the highest offices, except the Presidency, that any man in this country can occupy...

Mr. Hamilton was one of the very last landowners of our early history, and died very suddenly last Friday, in the eighty-second year of his age.

ELECTROCUTION is the new fashionable way of putting to death criminals in the State of New York. On last Tuesday four condemned murderers in that State were executed in that way...

It will be a long time before this new fashion will prevail in North Carolina. Our people are old-fashioned enough to think that hanging with a rope is good enough for murderers!

Probably the next improvement will be to gently lull them to sleep before being executed, so that they may not know when the execution occurs!

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 3, 1891. Mr. Harrison's enjoyment of his vacation will not be enhanced by the knowledge of the fact that he has made a big mistake in bargaining with Senator Quay for the Pennsylvania delegation to the next republican national convention...

It is a very difficult matter to keep anything secret after it has been discussed with a Government official, but that official the President or one of the heads of departments. Therefore it is not surprising that the principal object of the mysterious visit of Col. Ingersoll and John W. Mackay to the White House last week should have leaked out...

Another box has been thoughtfully provided for by the appointment of ex-Congressman Simmons of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Patents, in place of Charles E. Mitchell of the same State, whose resignation was handed in some time ago...

Mr. Harrison left today for Cape May Point, where he goes to hear what the wild waves are saying about his re-nomination and other things in which he is interested.

The administration is in a pickle with the labor organizations. Just as Secretary Foster was about to capitulate to the Knights of Labor by giving employment in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the seven knights, who were discharged by Chief Meredith, the Federation of labor steps up and warns him to do so...

People are leaving town by the score because of the bad sanitary condition of the streets and houses. They fear a general outbreak and are moving their families and taking everything with them for a prolonged stay.

Porter's census shows that the Roman Catholics number 6,259,000 in this country.

Business, Ga., July 6.—The discovery of yellow fever in this city has caused much alarm. Two unmistakable cases of the dread disease were reported on Friday last, but the victims had been suffering for fully a week.

A foreign brig was sighted off the bar last Saturday and was boarded by Pilot Charles Arnold, and, in spite of the strict quarantine regulations regarding infected vessels, he brought this one into the harbor. On Friday he was stricken with the fever and is very sick.

Recently at Mt. Vesuvius, two Brazilian travellers were looking into the crater, when they were overcome by the sulphurous vapor, and one fell into the crater and perished.

A New Bank at Raleigh.

From the State Chronicle of 6th Inst.

Raleigh has another bank. It starts out with two millionaires on its directory and three other millionaires amongst its stockholders.

Its authorized capital is half a million dollars, but it was decided to begin on \$100,000 paid up capital, and to increase the capital whenever it is deemed necessary.

It will open about September 1st in the handsome Adams building, on the corner of Wilmington and Martin streets, which will be refitted and thoroughly renovated, and the corner store, now occupied by Swindell, arranged as one of the most convenient and beautiful banking houses in the State.

The stockholders of the bank are solid business men, and represent at least a million dollars. This bank will probably start out with the richest stockholders of any single corporation ever organized in the State.

It is not the best feature of the bank. Among its stockholders are a number of solid farmers in this and adjoining counties. One of the beauties of this bank is, that it enables even those of very small savings to become stockholders, shares being in denominations of \$5 and \$10.

In pursuance to an advertisement in the Chronicle, a meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank was held in the Cotton Exchange yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The following Directors were elected: Geo. J. J. Thomas, President of Raleigh; J. H. Phillips, ex-Judge of Superior Court.

Mr. Geo. W. Watts, of W. Duke Sons & Co., and President of the Fidelity Bank, Durham.

Mr. Benj. N. Duke, of W. Duke Sons & Co.

H. A. London, Esq., Editor Chatham Record.

Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, Secretary and Treasurer of the Atlantic Hotel Company.

Mr. A. A. Thompson, ex-Mayor of Raleigh.

Mr. R. B. Roney, Proprietor of Yachborough House.

Dr. H. B. Riggs, Director State Department Station.

J. N. Harding, Esq., City Attorney of Raleigh.

Dr. H. B. Riggs, of H. H. Briggs & Sons.

Mr. Geo. W. Watts, of W. H. & R. S. Foster & Co.

Mr. F. B. Daney, Chemist and Assayer.

Mr. J. B. Hill, U. S. Marshal and member of the firm of J. R. Ferrell & Co.

This makes a directory of success, for we and well known business men. Their names inspire confidence.

Upon the adjournment of the stockholders meeting, a meeting of the directors was held and the following officers of the bank were elected: President, Capt. J. J. Thomas; Vice-President, Mr. A. A. Thompson; Cashier, Dr. W. Jackson.

A Destructive Cyclone.

New Orleans, July 6.—A cyclone at Baton Rouge this morning brought death and destruction to this city.

The penitentiary walls were blown down and many convicts are reported killed. The steamboat Smokey City, was blown to pieces, there being nothing left of her but the hull.

Several of the crew were badly injured. Eight dead and twenty four wounded have been taken from the ruins at the penitentiary. Two squares on the east side of Baton Rouge were destroyed.

The fatalities are variously estimated at from thirty to forty. The cyclone passed over the lower portion of the town, mowing down trees, tearing up houses and carrying missiles along the air for many blocks.

The Governor's mansion was directly in the path of the hurricane, which made a clean sweep of every chimney and cleared the front lawn of its large trees. The roof of a handsome residence, belonging to Mr. Marsh, was carried away and other damage done to the place.

The boulevard is one mass of trees that have been torn up by the wind, and the street is filled with pieces of houses and other timbers of almost every description.

The penitentiary walls were blown down and ten persons killed and thirty wounded. The factory building was demolished and the hospital of the penitentiary. What houses hold goods have not been carried away by the wind have been damaged.

At the penitentiary the scene was a terrible one. Without any warning whatever, the walls of the factory in which 100 convicts were at work were crushed in as if they had been mere boards.

The work of rescue at the factory building, where the greatest number of lives were in danger, directed at that time from the unfortunate hospital, it was not until most of the working force had been rescued that the prison officials found time to turn their attention to the hospital.

Here work was even more difficult than at the factory, owing to the weakness of the inmates who were unable even to give the rescuers an indication of their presence in the debris by shouts.

Up to noon, however, it is believed that most of the patients had been rescued. There is still falling in torrents and there is still a risk of abating.

A Terrible Accident. Princeton, July 3.—A special from Alliance, O., gives the following account of the Ravenna wreck.

At 3 o'clock this morning a frightful railrood wreck occurred at Ravenna, on the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad. Train No. 8, the last express, bound for New York, was standing at the depot waiting for a freight train to pass from the rear by a freight train.

The day coach was completely telescoped, and nineteen passengers were killed and thirty-four badly injured. The day coach and two sleepers forward took fire and were burned up, burning many of the bodies so that they were at most unrecognizable.

The wreck was the most disastrous that ever occurred on the Erie road. Many passengers on the train were asleep when the awful crash came and a number were crushed to death in their berths.

Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin

Of the N. C. Experiment Station and State Weather Service, co-operating with the U. S. Weather Bureau, for the week ending Friday, July 3, 1891.

CENTRAL OFFICE, RALEIGH, N. C. The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin issued by the North Carolina Experiment Station and State Weather Service for the week ending Friday, July 3d, 1891, show that farmers have enjoyed another week of remarkably favorable weather.

The rainfall has been slightly deficient, and showers are beginning to be needed in portions of the Eastern and Western Districts, though copious rains fell in many portions of the State on the 1st. Temperature and sun-line have been very favorable, and crops show a decided improvement.

By hard work farmers have succeeded in clearing nearly all crops of grass, and putting them in a proper state of cultivation. Wheat and oats have been harvested, yield generally good. Tobacco is in good condition, though there are some complaints that it is "bottoming" low.

Cotton is still small but has improved much in many places, so that on the whole the prospects are more promising. The present average condition of crops for the entire State is as follows: Cotton, 75; corn, 82; tobacco, 80; wheat, 84; oats, 74; sugar, 80.

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Asleep For Sixteen Years.

St. Paul, July 5.—Herman Harms, the Minnesota sleeper, is probably awake. His case was probably the most peculiar known to the physicians, whose skill it has defied for the last dozen years.

He had slept almost necessarily for the past six or seven years. A few days ago he awoke and has taken an ordinary amount of sleep since. His recovery, however, is doubtful.

Mr. Harms is now living on a farm about midway between St. Charles and Quincy, Minn. About sixteen years ago he was attacked by a severe fever and had intense pains shooting through his head.

He was then in Illinois. His physician advised him to move to a colder climate. He accordingly came to this State. During his stay in Illinois he did not sleep all of the time, but since he came to this State he has never been awake, except for an interval of a year and a half beginning with 1881, and two months of 1889 and 1890.

While he is sleeping he can only be awakened by his wife touching him on the head. Crying has no effect on him. He takes no nourishment to speak of, and then only when he is aroused from his comatose condition.

Harms was born in Germany in 1838. He was married to Miss Durman in 1868. His faithful wife has zealously guarded him through all these years.

Revolution in Mexico.

San Francisco, July 6.—Letters from a prominent official of the city of Mexico to a friend in this city bring the startling intelligence that Mexico is on the verge of another revolution and that already large quantities of war materials are secretly leaving that country.

The revolution which promises to be a bloody one, has been hastened in its preparations by the recent death of Gen. Duhlan Secretary of the Mexican Treasury and a firm friend and supporter of President Diaz. The revolutionists who include the great mass of natives, are led by some of the ablest politicians of Mexico.

It is said that within a few months many arrests have been made no fewer than a dozen of the enemies of Diaz including two newspaper editors.

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