

# The Chatham Record

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The price of farm products, like the price of everything else, is regulated by the old and familiar law of supply and demand. When there is a bountiful supply of any article the price is always lower than when there is a scarcity, if the demand be the same. This is so natural and so common sense, that it is surprising anybody doubts it. The truth of it is now very plainly demonstrated in the relative prices of corn and wheat.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has just published the returns made to its statistical division for this month, giving the average price of the various agricultural products on the first day of December. By farm prices meant the price of products on the farm or in the nearest local town or railway market. From these official returns we learn that the price of wheat is the lowest that it has been in 27 years, but that corn is higher than it has been since 1880. The present average price of corn throughout the United States is over 6 cents a bushel higher than it was from 1880 to 1889, and 4 cents higher than it was from 1889 to 1893. The price of oats is 4 cents a bushel higher now than it was this time last year. Of course in some sections corn is lower now than it has been some other years since 1880, for instance in North Carolina because of our bountiful crop this year, but on the average throughout the United States it is now higher than during any year since 1880, because of the shortcrop in the West.

The Legislature of South Carolina, now in session, seems to be a "reform" body sure enough and is determined to reform the morals of the people of that unfortunate State. A bill has passed the House and been reported favorably by the Senate committee, making drunkenness and intoxication and the use of obscene or profane language a misdemeanor. If such a law is enacted and enforced we may expect to hear of lively times down in South Carolina!

While we condemn drunkenness and profligacy, yet we cannot approve a law making either a misdemeanor, punishable with fine and imprisonment. Of course when a man's drunkenness or profligacy is such as to make him a public nuisance he ought to be arrested and punished, but it is going rather too far to jail a man every time he gets drunk or curses. It resembles too closely the old "blue laws" of the New England Puritans, one of which actually forbade a man kissing his wife on Sunday.

The Baptist State Convention met on last Thursday, with the Tryon Street Baptist church at Charlotte, and was called to order by the president, Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D., who was unanimously re-elected president for the fourth time, a compliment unusual as well as deserved. He is a native of this county and is a Chathamite of whom his county men are justly proud.

The attendance of delegates and visitors was unusually large, and all were entertained most delightfully by the hospitable citizens of Charlotte. Several matters of importance and much interest were ably discussed. One important resolution adopted, was pledging the Convention to aid in securing the necessary funds for educating 45 young preachers at Wake Forest College. The convention will meet next year at Greensboro.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference held its annual session this year, at Durham, beginning on last Wednesday and adjourning on Monday. Bishop Wilson presided and made a most favorable impression. There was quite a large attendance and the proceedings were very harmonious. The reports showed the following statistics: local preachers, 143; members 62,538; infants baptized, 1,049; adults baptized, 1,919; Sunday schools, 649; teachers, 4,805; scholars, 40,303; churches, 625, valued at \$816,834.25, and parsons 104 valued at \$122,729.25.

The Conference will meet next year at Elizabeth City, in the territory recently attached to this Conference.

The death of Ferdinand De Lesseps, last week, removes one of the most conspicuous characters of this century. He was a most checkered career. He attained a world wide fame as the successful constructor of the Suez canal, one of the most stupendous and marvellous under-

takings ever accomplished by man's skill and capacity. And yet after receiving the plaudits of the civilized world and the most distinguished decorations and honors that Kings and Emperors could bestow, he died in the ninetieth year of his age a convicted criminal!

## Baptist Foreign Missions.

We copy from the Charlotte *Observer* the following extract from the report of the board of foreign missions made to the Baptist state convention at its recent session at Charlotte:

"Just 70 years ago last May was organized the first Baptist foreign mission society in America, and employed their first missionaries, Adoniram Judson and wife, to carry the gospel to the heathen of India. That society, the American Baptist Missionary Union, now has 141 missions, 380 churches and 31,572 church members in Burmese; 32 missions, 28 churches, 2,971 church members in Assam; 87 missionaries, 77 churches, 48,815 members in the Telegu country; 58 missionaries, 19 churches, 1,755 members in China; 50 missionaries, 60 stations, 15 churches, 1,337 members in Japan; 50 missionaries, 11 churches, 902 members in Africa and is also sustaining missions in France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Russia and Spain. They reported last year over 1,000 preachers, 861 churches, 5,795 baptisms and 82,794 church members in nominally Christian countries of Europe."

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 and now has in China 13 churches, in Africa 5 in Italy 17, in Brazil 11, in Mexico 37, and in Japan 1 with a total membership of 3,328. Of these 622 were baptized last year.

## A Model Clerk Retired.

From the *Advertiser*.

Mr. John T. Gregory, who since 1868, has been Clerk of Halifax Superior court has retired from that office in favor of Mr. S. M. Gray, who was recently elected to that position.

In all North Carolina there was not his equal as a Superior Court clerk, and this fact has been recognized by judges, lawyers and solicitors who have attended our courts. During his long term of office he scarcely lost a day or an hour from his post of duty on account of sickness, and he has never lost as much as three weeks from business since he assumed the responsibilities of the trust. He was accurate, quick and thorough in the management of the great bulk of business which came into his hands, and there never was a time when he could not instantly place his hand upon any paper that was wanted.

He retires from his office with honors rich and rare, and there goes up for him a paean of praise from the people at large. He has rightly and truly administered the affairs of the county and now there remains for him that sweet consciousness of duty well performed.

## A Model Farmer.

From the *Advertiser*.

About the most independent man in the United States is Mr. E. J. Bishop, of this country. Mr. Bishop was in town the other day. He was neatly and warmly dressed and every blessed thing he had on from head to heel was made at home, except his hat. He raises his own cotton which his homefolks spin into yarn, then weave into cloth and from the cloth make the dresses and under-wear for the family. From his own sheep he shaves the wool, which his homefolks spin and weave into clothing and blankets. He raises his own bacon, corn and wheat. He makes the shoes for himself and family, and makes the shoes and puts them on his horses and mules, makes his own wagons, plows, etc. He buys only sugar and coffee.

Mr. Bishop is a Democrat straight and uncompromising as one would know from his record as a farmer.

## An Alabama Cyclone.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 10.—A special from Eufaula, Ala., to the *Age-Herald* says: A terrific cyclone, traveling in a northwesterly direction, passed about two miles east of here this morning at 7 o'clock. Its path was about half a mile wide and through the sections heard from great destruction was done. Eight large houses on the plantation of F. M. Cain were blown down and four persons buried under the debris, one was probably fatally injured, pieces of furniture, bed-clothing, etc., were found in the tops of trees half a mile away. Large trees were torn off at their trunks like broken straws, and telegraph poles and wires completely demolished.

Rutherfordton Democrat: A thirteen year old daughter of John Miller, colored, was burned to death on M. J. M. Toms place near Henrietta on Thursday of last week. The girl was picking cotton and had kindled a fire in the field. Her clothing ignited and she was soon enveloped in flames. She ran screaming through the field in the direction of a branch, but fell exhausted. She was literally roasted and died that night after horrible suffering. We have a pedestrian in this section that we will pit against any other in the country. His name is D. V. Telford and he walks and carries the mail from Columbus to Rutherfordton, via Colfaxville, a distance of twenty eight miles, which he walks six days in the week, leaving at seven o'clock in the morning and arriving regularly at five in the evening. In addition to this he goes possum or coon hunting about three nights in the week.

On last Tuesday Telford was elected United States Senator by the Legislature of South Carolina.

## A High Priced Jockey.

From the *New York World*:

A seventeen year-old boy leaves this city for San Francisco tomorrow whose actual earnings this year were more than the combined salaries of Senators Hill and Murphy, and whose earnings next year will be greater than the salaries of half of President Cleveland's Cabinet. He is a plump, smooth-faced well-behaved little boy, whose total height is only 5 feet 2 inches, of which three feet and half an inch are legs. His arms are 2 feet 5 inches long, while his weight is only ninety-six pounds. It is this liberality in legs and arms, with the accompanying absence of flesh, which enables the boy to make more money than all these political gentlemen. The long legged boy's name is Henry Griffin, and he is the greatest light-weight jockey in America.

Griffin will ride for Gideon & Daly next season, and this firm will pay \$16,500 for his services. In addition to this salary he will get from the firm \$25 for every winning mount and \$10 for every losing mount. He will probably be paid anywhere from \$6,000 to \$10,000 by some one of the big owners for second call on his services, and in addition can ride for any outsider when his employers have nothing in the race. As Griffin will average four mounts a day, and as he receives handsome presents from men who back their horses, it will readily be seen that his income next season will be more than \$30,000. This will be the largest salary ever made by a jockey in this country.

In this remarkable age, where every man is measured by his earning capacity, a boy who can make more money than several United States Supreme Court Judges put together is an object of respectful interest.

## Seven Drowned While Skating.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 10.—News reached here tonight of the drowning of seven persons on Saturday night at the town of Littleton, in Independence county. George and Hannah Cook went skating on the mill pond near the village, and on their failure to return home search was instituted. A crowd gathered around an air hole, through which it was supposed the children had fallen, when suddenly the ice gave way and twelve persons were precipitated into the water. Seven were rescued by bystanders but the other five were taken out dead. The remains of the Cook children were also found.

**Fatal Boiler Explosion.**

Special to the *Charlotte Observer*.

WASHINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10.—One of the four big boilers to Short's big steam saw mill, 40,000 feet capacity, exploded this morning. Mr. Short and four colored men were killed and two others injured. The damage is \$8,000, with no boiler insurance. Mr. Short had \$25,000 life insurance. One hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment. The explosion shook the entire town and wrecked much of the big mill.

The windows and plastering of residences were shattered. It is a great calamity to our town. The Delinquent.

## A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's *New Discovery* in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use: that he would not be without it if practicable. G. A. Dykeman, Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's *New Discovery* is undoubtedly the best cough remedy, that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at L. H. Merritt's Drug Store. Regular size fifty cents and one dollar.

Mr. J. P. Adams having failed to give his bond as sheriff of Wake, the county commissioners appointed sheriff in his place.

Daniel F. Beatty, a millionaire organ manufacturer of Washington, N. J., has been convicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes in promoting the sale of organs.

## Thomas & Maxwell.

Are now running the largest business of the kind in the State, or perhaps in the South.

They are now occupying six large well lighted show rooms, Nos. 9 and 12 East Martin street and 13 Exchange place, in which can be found everything in the furniture line, from a 25 cent chair to a \$300 set of furniture, besides a large and assorted line of carpets and seatings, rug rings, lace and chenille curtains, bed spreads, lace bed sets, curtain poles, window shades, lambrequins, fire and hall, and wash stand, screens, mantle mirrors, refrigerators, steel steamer boxes, ice cream freezers, wicker coolers, pictures and picture frames, and the largest line of monoliths in the city to select from. Also desks, book cases and all kind of office furniture.

We will positively sell at cost for the next thirty days, baby carriages, matting and odd chairs and rockers.

We have about \$30 more high back mis matched oak chairs and rockers which we have been selling from \$2.50 to \$6. But we are now closing them out from \$1.25 to 1.65. We also have about 12 dinner and tea sets, which will be sold regardless of price, and remember we bought 65 baby carriages at auction. Prices ranging from \$3 up. The best and cheapest ever offered for sale in this city.

Parties desiring any of the above named goods on weekly or monthly payments, can have them at small per cent above cash price. Kind and polite attention to all. Call early and secure bargains.

Yours truly,

MIKE F. CRAWFORD,

With L. B. HORN & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Merchants,

GRAHAM, N. C.

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