

In last week's issue of the Progressive Farmer is a communication from Maj. William A. Guthrie on the disfranchisement of the free negroes by the convention of 1835.

When the constitutional convention met in 1835 many amendments were made to our State constitution, and among them was this one to disfranchise all free negroes.

There is certainly much more reason and necessity now for disfranchising only the illiterate negroes than there was in 1835 for disfranchising all the free negroes.

And it is certainly much more needed. There was much less danger from the free negroes voting in 1835 than there is now from illiterate negroes voting.

THE National Export Exposition was formally opened at Philadelphia, on last Thursday, and will be open until November 30th.

A Bold Highwayman. Napa, Cal., Sept. 14.—The Callitoga & Lakeport stage was held up today by a solitary highwayman, who made off with the express box.

The highwayman then turned his attention to the row of eight frightened passengers whom he commanded to deposit on the ground their money and valuables.

Newton Stiff, an old resident of Middletown, had a considerable sum in his purse, but slipped the wallet inside his long boot, giving the robber only the loose silver in his pocket.

University Opens Propitiously. Chapel Hill, Sept. 16.—The University will open Monday with an attendance that breaks all records before or since the war.

That was a notable array of distinguished lawyers at Asheville, last week, arguing the railroad injunction case, and their speeches (on both sides) were unusually able and learned.

This important case is an action brought by the railroad companies in this State to restrain the Corporation Commission from assessing their property for taxation at what they allege is an unjust and unequal valuation.

Two Significant Facts. During the first two months of the present fiscal year the government has expended \$102,969,090.33 of which \$21,066,489.81 has gone for the support of the civil government and all the rest—\$79,159,846.64—has gone to the support of the army and the payment of pensions.

The Buffalo Express calls attention to the fact that our taxes are taking on a new form. Formerly most of the tax was raised from custom duties.

A Costly Joke. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 15.—Schem, a Hebrew cross roads merchant on St. Helena Island, sued ex-Senator Don Cameron for \$10,000 damages for a horsewhipping inflicted in November, 1896, and the Beaufort county grand jury returned a verdict for \$850 in favor of the plaintiff.

A company has been organized at Durham for the erection of a \$400,000 cotton mill. The mill will be located in the eastern suburbs of the city and work will begin at once.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Sept. 15, 1899. The capitalists who were trying to get Mr. McKinley to mix this government up in the affairs of Santo Domingo have withdrawn the pressure, because they now believe that their man, Jimenez, who is already at the head of the provisional government, will be peaceably elected President by the people of Santo Domingo, and their business interests over there will be taken care of by him, without the direct assistance of this government.

The sudden discovery, by the administration, that Porto Rico needs a civil government and the announcement that it is to be given one in advance of Congressional action, is intended more to delay the establishment of a permanent government on the island by Congress than for the benefit of the Porto Ricans.

Free, but with the ever-present memory of her terror, Mrs. Cox went home. There was no chance for Bryan heartily, and being a far-seeing politician, he recognizes that Bryan as a Presidential candidate is by no means a forlorn hope.

Always Doing Good. The good deeds of General J. S. Carr are not circumscribed by race or color. His works of charity, benevolence and humanity are ever in evidence whenever the occasion arises for their exercise.

A Fatal Quarrel. Shelby, N. C., Sept. 15.—Today a homicide occurred six miles from here. Bert Beam, a farmer, killed Dan Grigg, another farmer.

A Joke On Freshmen. Some of the old students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College played a practical joke on sixty of the freshmen last Sunday, by telling them they were under orders to go to the Baptist Tabernacle to attend the morning service.

Child Labor in Cotton Mills. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 15.—State Labor Commissioner Lacy today made a very interesting report on labor in cotton factories. This shows that while in 1896 there were employed 6,822 men, 10,567 women and 6,046 children, there are now employed 14,950 men, an increase of 100 per cent; 15,887 women, an increase of 50 per cent, and only 3,470 children, a decrease of 50 per cent.

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ALL friends of higher education in North Carolina will be pleased and gratified to hear of the University opening so very propitiously. The present attendance far exceeds that at any previous opening in the long existence of that venerable and most excellent institution of learning.

A Sad and Strange Tragedy.

Greensboro, Sept. 15.—Mrs. O. F. Cox died at Hill Top, this county, last night. Her death may be said to record the last chapter of a very sad tragedy.

The road is owned by the State—at least nearly all of it is—and the suit could not have been brought except with the sanction and under the control of Governor Russell, representing the State.

The idea evidently is that each county having to fight the suit will feel that they can't afford it for the difference of tax coming to that county.

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50,000 Troops Needed. San Francisco, Sept. 18. Major S. R. Jones, United States army, who has been quartermaster at Manila ever since that city was captured by the Americans, was a passenger on the Coptic, which arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, via Honolulu, today. He will report to Washington.

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THE Oceanic is the name of a steamship that arrived at New York last week from England, and it is the largest vessel ever built, being larger than the "Great Eastern," which was launched in 1860 and was too unwieldy for practical use.

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The State Sues Herself.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 16.—By all odds the funniest suit I have ever known brought in North Carolina is the temporary injunction granted here this week by Judge Simonton, to the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, restraining all State, county, city, town and township officers from collecting the tax on the assessment of 1899.

The first is that it is an attempt to cheat the counties and towns through which the road runs out of the difference in the tax levied in 1899 and that of 1898. And this for the purpose of making a good financial showing for the outgoing Fusion administration of the road.

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Mr. Jefferson Post, of Mecklenburg county, was gored to death by a bull on last Thursday.

Arrest disease by the timely use of Tott's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures SICK HEADACHE, sour stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases. TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

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B. NOOE JR., Pittsboro, N. C. Feb. 2, 1899.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Have a quantity of accounts due the last will and testament of Jesse H. Roberts, deceased, this is to notify all creditors of his estate to present their claims to the undersigned or his attorney on or before the 15th day of August, 1899, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and settle.

DURHAM AND CHARLOTTE Railroad Company. Time Table No. 1 to take effect Monday, May 1st, 1899, at 10:00 a. m.

SOUTHERN Railway. THE... STANDARD RAILWAY OF THE SOUTH—THE DIRECT LINE TO ALL PORTS TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

Strictly First-Class Equipment on all Through and Local Trains; Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars on all Night Trains; Fast and safe Schedules.

SEABOARD AIR LINE VESTIBULE LIMITED TRAINS. TO ALL PORTS NORTH, SOUTH and SOUTH-WEST. Schedule in Effect Dec. 11, 1898.

Table with columns: Southbound, No. 202, No. 41, No. 40, No. 39, No. 38, No. 37, No. 36, No. 35, No. 34, No. 33, No. 32, No. 31, No. 30, No. 29, No. 28, No. 27, No. 26, No. 25, No. 24, No. 23, No. 22, No. 21, No. 20, No. 19, No. 18, No. 17, No. 16, No. 15, No. 14, No. 13, No. 12, No. 11, No. 10, No. 9, No. 8, No. 7, No. 6, No. 5, No. 4, No. 3, No. 2, No. 1.

Table with columns: Northbound, No. 402, No. 39, No. 38, No. 37, No. 36, No. 35, No. 34, No. 33, No. 32, No. 31, No. 30, No. 29, No. 28, No. 27, No. 26, No. 25, No. 24, No. 23, No. 22, No. 21, No. 20, No. 19, No. 18, No. 17, No. 16, No. 15, No. 14, No. 13, No. 12, No. 11, No. 10, No. 9, No. 8, No. 7, No. 6, No. 5, No. 4, No. 3, No. 2, No. 1.

Trains Leave Pittsboro 3:20 p. m. 9:30 a. m. Trains Arrive at Pittsboro 11:25 a. m. 5:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

WILMINGTON & WELDON Railroad and Branches. And Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of South Carolina. Condensed Schedule.

Table with columns: TRAINS GOING SOUTH, DATED June 4, 1899, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23, No. 24, No. 25, No. 26, No. 27, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31, No. 32, No. 33, No. 34, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42, No. 43, No. 44, No. 45, No. 46, No. 47, No. 48, No. 49, No. 50, No. 51, No. 52, No. 53, No. 54, No. 55, No. 56, No. 57, No. 58, No. 59, No. 60, No. 61, No. 62, No. 63, No. 64, No. 65, No. 66, No. 67, No. 68, No. 69, No. 70, No. 71, No. 72, No. 73, No. 74, No. 75, No. 76, No. 77, No. 78, No. 79, No. 80, No. 81, No. 82, No. 83, No. 84, No. 85, No. 86, No. 87, No. 88, No. 89, No. 90, No. 91, No. 92, No. 93, No. 94, No. 95, No. 96, No. 97, No. 98, No. 99, No. 100.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Atlantic and Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington on 9:00 a. m. arrives Fayetteville 12:45 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives at Sanford 1:45 p. m., returning leaves Sanford 2:30 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:45 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 3:30 p. m., arrives at Wilmington 6:45 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78 to Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gair with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.