

THE 51st annual fair of the North Carolina Agricultural Society (commonly called the "State Fair") was held last week and was a success in every particular. The exhibits were more numerous and better than ever before.

Besides all this, that which was most gratifying to those attending the fair and most creditable to those in authority, was the absence of the gambling devices and indecent side-shows that had disgraced the previous fairs.

The main attraction at this fair were the wonderful flying feats of the "bird-man," who made several flights which were watched with intense interest by the many thousands who had never before seen such exhibitions of man's capacity to fly.

The crowds were treated every day to free exhibitions (in front of the grandstand) of wonderful acrobatic feats, that were greatly enjoyed. The contortionists, who performed, seemed made of india rubber and could twist and turn themselves into all sorts of shapes, and perform all kinds of stunts, almost "turning themselves inside out."

The great drawback to a full enjoyment of the fair is the want of adequate transportation to and from the grounds, which are about a mile and a half from the centre of Raleigh. Of course the authorities of the fair are not responsible for this and have done their utmost to remedy it and have adequate transportation provided, but thus far in vain.

Our fairs are great occasions as social gatherings, when old friends meet together and renew their old friendships and exchange pleasant greetings; and also when new acquaintances are made and new friendships are formed. Persons attend from all parts of the State and by meeting each other they learn more of their State and broaden their views, and thus stimulate and encourage a greater degree of State pride.

THERE was a mutiny last Saturday among the students of the Negro Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro, resulting in the expulsion of thirty-six of their number. The cause of the trouble was the dissatisfaction of the students to work hard of Saturday.

RALEIGH has much cause to be proud not only of her magnificent auditorium but also of the grand success of its dedicatory exercises, which will ever be remembered with much pleasure by those who were so fortunate as to be present on that occasion.

Notwithstanding the heavy downpour of rain, that would have kept away nine-tenths of the audience from any church services, there was a vast audience present, larger of course than had ever before assembled in any building in Raleigh.

Although many speeches were made, yet the audience did not become wearied, for all of them were very appropriate and much enjoyed. Indeed so appreciated were they, and all the speakers acquitted themselves so creditably, that we concluded that Raleigh must be a nursery for orators.

A MEETING of cotton farmers was held last Wednesday (during the fair) at Raleigh, that was attended by many from different parts of the State. Several resolutions were adopted, the purport of them being in favor of holding cotton until the price is higher and also in favor of planting less cotton next season.

The resolutions adopted at this meeting were all right, and if their object could be carried out would result in great good not only to the cotton growers themselves but also to our people generally. The trouble, however, is in carrying into effect these resolutions and similar ones usually adopted at the meetings of cotton growers. Every time any meeting of cotton growers resolves to hold cotton for a higher price, many of them are compelled to sell their cotton to pay for fertilizers and supplies, and every time such meeting resolves to decrease the acreage for the next crop, too many plant more than usual with the hope of getting a high price because others may not plant so much.

GOVERNOR Harmon made a most pleasant and favorable impression upon all who had the pleasure of meeting him during his visit to Raleigh last week. The fact that President Cleveland thought him worthy of being a member of his Cabinet was a sufficient proof of his ability and high character, and those who had the pleasure of meeting him last week were greatly impressed with his attractive and pleasing personality.

His address at the fair grounds was heard with close attention, for although he has not the graces of an orator yet he spoke forcibly and so practically as to capture his hearers. He laid special emphasis upon the necessity of every farmer "coming out at the end of every year so that he may have something next year and not sell his products until he gets ready." In his public

address and in his private conversations he showed that he was eminently practical and put himself in close touch with all whom he met.

THE revolution in China seems to be making considerable headway and the revolutionists seem to be winning victories over the government troops. It is probable that the Foreign Powers may yet have to intervene for the protection of the foreigners who are residing in China.

An experiment was made near Charlotte last Saturday with a newly invented cotton picker, called the Price-Campbell cotton picker, that was considered quite a success. Many persons went out from Charlotte to see the machine pick cotton out of a neighboring field and all were pleased with its operation.

A Faithful Old Servant. From the Wilmington Star, 21st.

Among the memorials in the Confederate museum at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory there is a military saddle and a pair of spurs bearing this card: "Belonged to Lieut. Col. William M. Parsley, and brought home after his death at Farmville, Va., along with his horse Deloraine, by his faithful body servant, Ben Halsey."

Yesterday Ben died. In the long stretch of years that lie between that journey from Virginia and that one upon which he set out yesterday, he has been as faithful to every trust as he was to the one entrusted to him then by his "old Marster," when he sent him forth with a son of the house—to follow him whithersoever he goeth. He was a boy then, of 15 or 16—he was old yesterday, there had been a long time in which to keep the faith. But Ben kept it. He never worked for any name but one—the family to which he belonged during slavery. In those days his mother had charge of the hospital or "sick house" as it was called, for the hands at the mill—Hilton Lumber Mill's, and his father was penman in the timber pen. But Ben took to the stables and to horses, doing his apprenticeship under "Uncle Titus." When so small he had to stand upon a barrel to do the carrying, he tended Marse Willie's horse. And when he came home leading that riderless horse, it was there he asked to be permitted to return—to the stables and the horses at the mill. And it was there he was as long as life lasted.

Good, faithful, honest—a relic of that wonderful state of society which has passed away forever from the land—Ben Halsey has passed on respected by the family to whom he had been true, and mourned by his own people.

Fountain at Round Knob. From the Raleigh Times.

The beautiful fountain at Round Knob, N. C., which was the admiration of all tourists to Western North Carolina several years ago, is being reconstructed and within a short while will be sending a column of water 250 feet in the air.

Announcement was made several weeks ago that the fountain would be rebuilt, but it was not stated that the work would be in honor of Col. A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, first vice president of the Southern Railway. Mr. Geo. F. Baker, of New York, is having the work done at his own expense and when finished the fountain will be a very unique memorial to the man who has probably done more than any other railroad official toward the sound development of North Carolina.

Demented Woman's Horrible Act. Braddock, N. D., Oct. 23.—Apparently laboring under a mental strain, Mrs. Axel Johnson, wife of a farmer living near here, locked herself and her six little children in their home today and set the house on fire. All were burned. Mr. Johnson was working in a field some distance from the house when the tragedy occurred.

Neighbors believe Mrs. Johnson locked and barricaded the doors and nailed down the windows of the house. Then, saturating the room with oil, she applied a match. Neighbors rushed to the house but rescue was impossible.

The figures of the Canadian census, as announced by the Minister of Agriculture, show a total of 7,081,869, an increase of 1,610,554, or 30 per cent, over the figures of 1901.

Grit and Record Complimented. From the Siler City Grit.

Vanity is possibly the one besetting sin to which all the human race is heir that is excusable at times. And when a person is commended for his efforts he naturally is pleased. Therefore, we will be pardoned for quoting an extract from a letter which one of our subscribers recently was kind enough to write us. The encouragement which is expressed in this letter is what, figuratively speaking, gives a silver lining to our clouds. It causes all things to assume a rosier hue, and makes the grind of a weekly a pleasure.

"I very much enjoy reading your paper. Surely your father's editorial mantle has fallen upon his son. No county can claim two cleaner papers than The Grit and THE RECORD, and our people are fortunate in being thus represented by the two Londons—father and son. In particular do I enjoy the descriptions of your recent trip North, and it is a real regret to me that you ended them with your last issue. Wishing you every success and The Grit a long life, with you at the helm, sincerely yours."

President in Gold Mine. Rapid City, S. D., Oct. 21.—President Taft went down into the Home State mine, the largest gold mine in the world, at Lead today and emerged with a nugget of gold in his pocket.

The president descended twelve hundred feet through the main shaft and walked a quarter of a mile through the gut of the mine while members of his party held tiny lights to illuminate his way. It was the president's first dip into a mine and he declared when he got once more up into daylight that it was the most unique experience of his life.

Averts Awful Tragedy. Timely advice given Mrs. C. W. Loughby, of Marengo, Wis., (R. No. 1) prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. Doctors had said her frightful cough was a "consumption" cough and could do little to help her.

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Libel Suits Against Observer. From the Hendersonville Times.

We have been definitely informed that two libel suits will be brought against the Charlotte Observer in connection with statements published by that paper in its account of the Hawkins' case. One of the plaintiffs is Miss Margaret Estelle Grant, a young lady of the highest character, whose name was mentioned very unfavorably by the Observer in connection with the Hawkins' case, although she had absolutely no connection with the matter and was not here at the time of the tragedy. The other plaintiff is the coroner, Dr. William Redin Kirk.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill? For sale by all dealers.



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Sanford Express: Mr. Mathew Wicker fell dead at Dowd's saw mill near Tramway on Sept. 30. He was apparently enjoying good health when the end came. It is thought that he died of heart trouble. He was a Confederate veteran and about 70 years of age. Little Mildred, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. H. C. Booker, of Colon, came very near being burned to death Sunday morning. While kindling the fire her clothing became all aflame. Fortunately Mr. Booker was near by at the time and extinguished the flames. Mr. Booker is suffering from a very painful burned hand.

Is the World Growing Better? Many things go to prove that it is. The way thousands are trying to help others is proof. Among them is Mrs. W. W. Gould, of Pittsfield, N. H.

Apex Journal: Mr. Raymond Dixon met with an unfortunate accident Tuesday afternoon while operating a feed cutter at Mr. M. T. Yates'. Young Dixon was feeding the cutter when his glove became caught in the roller, drawing his right hand in and cutting it off just above the wrist. Surgeons were summoned and an operation was performed, removing the crushed portion of the arm.

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Eugene Ely, a noted aviator, was killed last Thursday at the Macon (Georgia) Fair, his airplane accidentally falling with him from a great height.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Madison, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For cough there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

In a violent wind storm of cyclonic proportions, which swept over a small area of Pender county one night last week, the residence of Mr Edwin Orrell was overturned and he received painful injuries when caught in the wreckage.

There is more Chatham in this section of the country than all other districts put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Since last proven in Chatham to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hale's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hale's Family Pills for constipation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as administrator of M. B. Johnson, deceased, this is to notify all creditors having claims against the said decedent to present the same to me on or before the 15th day of October, 1911. This 15th of October, 1911. W. F. JOHNSON, Admr.

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