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We want to give all the news of importance and would thank our subscribers to let us know whenever anything of interest occurs.

If you are interested in the license cases that are to come up before the commissioners you should subscribe to THE PATRON AND GLEANER which will give fair and impartial accounts of the proceedings.

BULLETIN No. 85, of the North Carolina Agricultural and Experimental Station, is a valuable treatise on the culture of late crop of Irish potatoes in the South.

Now that some of the schools are opening for the summer, teachers should remember that they are required to teach themselves and not leave their schools in charge of some one who has no certificate.

HUNDREDS of farmers of Northampton are buying all the corn they use and raising cotton to sell at five or six cents a pound.

PEOPLE are taking more interest in governmental affairs than ever before. In the rural districts it has been the custom heretofore to vote the ticket nominated without taking any interest in the nominating conventions.

ventions except those who are in favor of reform measures and good men that, when elected, will carry out the known wishes of those who elected them.

As the school-law now is, each county retains the money raised therein for the support of its own schools which causes the more wealthy counties to have longer terms than the poorer counties.

We note that steps have been taken in Duplin county to test the legality of this law, and if the courts decide it unconstitutional the school fund of the small counties will be considerably increased.

STATE NEWS.

The State Prohibition convention will be held at Greensboro Aug. 3.

Winston shipped over two hundred thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco last week.

There will be a grand Masonic and Odd Fellows Picnic at Wake Forest on Friday the 23d, at which addresses will be made by distinguished Masons and Odd Fellows.

The Third party has fully organized in Person county and will put a full county ticket in the field. The county convention has been called to meet at Roxboro September 10, for that purpose.

Chas. Blackman, colored, was privately executed at Greensboro, July 14, for the murder of his wife. The colored people in large numbers signed a petition for him to be executed publicly, but he begged the commissioners to have the execution private and his request was granted.

The Winston special to the State Chronicle of the 16th inst. says that Mike Easter, 70-years old, of Davie county, was thrown from his wagon and killed instantly.

A special to the State Chronicle from Lenoir says that Col. Jas. M. Isbell, a prominent Republican politician of Caldwell county, stabbed and probably fatally wounded Louis F. Shuford, a prominent citizen of the Yadkin valley.

A train, consisting of engine, mail, baggage and express cars, two coaches and the Pullman sleeping cars run into a washout on the Northeastern railroad near Wilmington last Sunday.

WELLINGTON'S FAMOUS BALL.

Belles and Beaux Who Really Danced the Dance of Death.

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond were living in a fine hotel on the Rue de la Blanchisserie, which stood on its own grounds and had a fruit and flower garden extending to the city ramparts.

Nevertheless, many English families were frightened away from Brussels, and post horses were kept harnessed in the Duke of Richmond's stable, in case bad news from the scene of the conflict should make it advisable for his children to be sent to Antwerp.

So it was that the Duke of Wellington and many of his officers went to the ball after the business of the day had been attended to. While the merry couples were flying around a dispatch from the front was handed to Wellington.

The miners of Colorado who have built cabins on the mountain sides know what a pest the small, brown wood spider proves to be. They throw their webs over your best clothes, cooking utensils and in every corner where you can get them in your eyes and mouth.

The national Malay weapon, the kris, is said to have been invented by a Javanese monarch of the Fourteenth century.

Old specimens are so eaten away by this practice that the blade seems formed from a bunch of wires roughly welded up.

A certain prelate had among his subordinates an honest and simple minded clergyman, who was in the habit of prefixing to nearly all his replies the Latin word "distinguo."

Thomas Settle, son of the late Judge Settle, was nominated on the 14th inst. for Congress in the 5th district. There was a split in the convention and much dissatisfaction prevailed.

Garysburg Gleanings.

Jno. B. McKee, of Jackson, is in town stopping at the hotel for a few days.

L. L. Joyner, son of W. T. Joyner, is quite sick at his home with typhoid fever.

H. Powell is bustling things at the saw mill. He has already shipped about thirty cars of lumber and has many more on the rocks.

Mrs. W. B. Arrington, of Portsmouth, Va., and Miss Maggie Hardy, of Lewiston, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

W. H. Summerville and family, of Winston, N. C., are in town on a visit to their sister, Mrs. Dr. Ellis.

The Rev. Mr. Duran, of the Warren circuit, filled the pulpit at this place on Sunday. He delivered a good sermon and we hope to have him with us again soon.

The choir practices every Wednesday; all should attend.

The game of baseball that was to have been played between our boys and the Halifax club on last Thursday, has been postponed until next Thursday.

Rain! Rain! Crops are greatly damaged in this portion of the county from excessive rains.

It soon will be time for protracted meetings to commence. Then we will all have a good time eating fried chicken and barbecue.

We hear little or no talk around here about politics, but thank God we have no Third party up here now.

Send a few more sample copies of your paper around; think it will do lots of good.

John Sykes, of Manchester, Va., spent yesterday in Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. Rebecca Southall spent several days here last week, and left for Weldon Friday.

Mr. Mellichamp's last appointment was filled by his assistant, Mr. Vanderborght.

Misses Ella Taylor and Rose Ferguson returned home last Wednesday after a pleasant visit to relatives in Emporia, Va.

Mrs. James Powell's infant is improving. Mr. Temanner Powell was at home Sunday a week ago.

Mrs. T. R. Johnson and little daughter left yesterday for a short visit.

A small crowd at Sunday school yesterday.

Mrs. Gordon left yesterday for home, after spending a few days with her son.

Lee Smith is visiting his sister. Charlie Gay was in Pleasant Hill yesterday. Guess there must be some attraction here for him.

I wish much success to THE PATRON AND GLEANER, also to its energetic editor and publisher, for he deserves success.

The New Assessment of the Railways.

The railway commission has made the following assessments for taxation of new lines, completed since June 1st of last year: Washington branch 26 miles, four thousand dollars per mile; Fayetteville short cut 48 miles, eight thousand per mile; North Carolina Midland 13 miles, twenty-five hundred per mile; Murfreesboro railway six miles, two thousand per mile; Vinton railway nine miles, fifteen hundred per mile; Murphy branch of Western North Carolina railway, six miles, three thousand per mile; Caraleigh branch of North Carolina railway three miles, eight thousand per mile.

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A Mistake Somewhere.

"Miss Gracie," he said, with an engaged smile, "did you ever try your hand at one of those progressive conundrums?"

"What is a progressive conundrum, Mr. Spoonamore?" inquired the young lady.

"Haven't you heard of them? Here is one: Why is a ball of yarn like the letter 't'?" "Because a ball of yarn is circular, a circular is a sheet, a sheet is flat, a flat is forty five dollars a month, forty five dollars a month is dear, a deer is swift, a swift is a swallow, a swallow is a taste, a taste is an inclination, an inclination is an angle, an angle is a point, a point is an object aimed at, an object aimed at is a target, a target is a mark, a mark is an impression, an impression is a stamp, a stamp is a thing stuck on, a thing stuck on is a young man in love, a young man in love is like the letter 't' because he stands before 'u'." "Miss Gracie."

"I don't think you have the answer quite right," said the young lady. "A ball of yarn is round, a round is a steak, a steak is a goodie thing, a goodie thing is a young man in love, and a young man in love is like the letter 't' because Mr. Spoonamore" and she spoke clearly and distinctly—"because he is often crossed!"

The young man understood. He took his hat and progressive conundrums and vanished from Miss Garlinghouse's alphabet forever.—Chicago Tribune.

GAVE HIM ROOM.

He Only Wanted to Get Into His Room, but He Was in Earnest About It.

On the steamer which came in from Florida there arrived a tall, lank citizen of the Cracker State. He was well equipped with baggage, and when he had collected his belongings and found an expressman he went up to a Broadway hotel, registered and took a room.

"Reckon you didn't see the baggage brought, did you?" he asked the clerk.

"Notice the two trunks?" "Yes."

"Three valises and a shawlstrap?" "Believe so."

"Umbrellas, canes, and all that?" "Yes."

"Then I reckon you made a mistake in the room."

"I put you in 309."

"So you did," admitted the new arrival, "but it's a closet; it ain't a room."

"Nothing of the kind," snapped the clerk. "Comfortable, airy room; we had no other."

"Is, hey? Well, the porter has just brought up my baggage, and it's all inside except the shawlstrap and me. We was last and couldn't get in."

"You asked for a dollar room," said the clerk.

"I know it."

"I can give you a suite on the fourth floor for five dollars a day."

"Don't want it," rejoined the Florida citizen emphatically. "Colonel," he added with a graceful wave of his hand, "I ain't come down to kick; I'm perfectly satisfied. I like your hotel. The rooms is all large and airy. Me and the shawlstrap is going to get into 309. It may take some noise and hammerin, but we'll get thar. I'm going to spit on my hands and begin pretty soon, and I thought I'd ask you to send some one around in about an hour to sweep up the splinters."

The clerk looked at the mild-mannered Florida man for a moment in silence. Then he said: "Front, show the gentleman to that suite on the south corner, fourth floor. No extra charge, sir," he added to the guest with a beaming smile; "you must be tired after the voyage. Anything else I can do?"—New York Tribune.

Muscular Exercise and Health.

As many diseases, prominent among which are those of the abdominal and pelvic organs, are the consequences of congestion, and as good circulation does much for the prevention of such congestion, muscular exercise, by improving the general circulation both by increasing the activity of the heart and aiding in the venous return, will do much to prevent a large class of diseases.—Dr. J. M. Rice in Popular Science Monthly.

How Watch Crystals Are Made.

Watch crystals are made by blowing a sphere of glass about one yard in diameter, after which the disks are cut from it by means of a pair of compasses having a diamond at the extremity of the leg.—New York Journal.

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