

CENTRAL EXPRESS

WE ARE going to have 2,000 Subscribers - BY - Christmas.

HASTY GRAPHS. HASTY GRAPHS will endeavor to make his column interesting...

RALEIGH, Goldboro, Monroe and Durham, all went wet at the local option elections on Monday...

THE greatest obstacle to progress in American communities is the discord and jar of disengagement...

CAESAR generally gets his dues. When the Wilmington Star lost its big editor Kingsbury...

THE STATE press has greatly improved in appearance, in diction and in ability...

A FRIEND tells us that the best oratory he has ever heard was at the University last week...

THE JOHNSTOWN horror enforces many lessons. Here are some of them—the vanity of earthly riches...

DR LYMAN thinks a poor sinner can repent after death. We suppose some of them postpone the matter until after that date...

JEFFERSON DAVIS is a very remarkable man. His life since the war is a justification of the Southern cause...

DAVIS earnestness, zeal, high intelligence and scholarship, and his fixed determination to stand firm to the end...

THE DUNN Courier is a paper that the Express likes. It is much improved this week...

THE Sanford Express is regarded by us as one among the best weeklies in the State, and its editorials generally contain sound counsel...

Chips From Dr. Kingsbury's Work-bench.

A gentleman of the city thinks that "Oft in the Stilly Night"—A charming song that in our boyhood all the pretty girls sang...

It was Humphrey Gilford, (1880) who wrote a war song that occurs in his "Poem of Gilliflowers" and said this, "faint heart fair lady never won."

It was Crasshaw (about A. D. 16-14) who wrote the famous line concerning the miracle of Christ's Camb: "Vidit arborum nupha pudae Deum."

This has been translated—"The conscious water saw its God and blushed." It was George Herbert, the quaint and pious poet of the latter Elizabethan time who said this good and true thing—"A handful of good life is worth a bushel of learning."

It was gruff and powerful Dr. Sam Johnson who wisely and acutely said, when a certain man's oratory was praised in his presence in high terms: "You can not know as yet; the pump works well, but how are we to know whether it is supplied from a spring or reservoir?" We heard a politician tell him he knew and exhausted himself in one speech...

It was Rufus Choate who wrote to Charles Sumner—"No Englishman or countryman of ours has the least appreciation of Burke." It was Carlyle who said: "Great men taken any way are profitable company."

It was Rufus Choate who first wrote the common newspaper language—"glittering generalities." He applied it to the Declaration of Independence. A Magic Transformation. Not a vestige of war can now be seen either in the vicinity of Washington or the vicinity of Chattanooga...

A still greater wonder is the kind of agriculture that is now witnessed in these old slave States. Fortunately, under the system of slavery, many of the farms had a dilapidated, desultory, and often a lazy, shiftless look; but this is no longer a broken, neglected, poor fence is not to be seen between Washington and Chattanooga...

There are nine great reservoirs in the mountains about Honesdale, Pa. The transformation in the land and its culture has gone on simultaneously with another change, a new inspiration of unity and patriotism in the minds and hearts of men...

ROSSER'S BITTER SPEECH.

Monuments, North and South.

STANTON, Va., June 8—General Rosser delivered a characteristic and bitter speech before the Confederate Memorial Association to-day. He spoke of nations erecting monuments to their heroic dead. He said the difference between the Northern and Southern monuments was that in the South they were erected over graves to virtue and patriotism, and in the North in cities by pharisaical Yankees to enhance real estate and over the graves of bounty jumpers, and hirelings and embezzlers...

"No! No!" cry out husbands and wives, fathers and mothers and children. "Let the engines play upon the flames, and the fires be put out, and we get back the forms of our loved ones for one more look before they go out of sight forever. Let our white hands of grief-bury them, and not the red hands of conflagration." If I were a physician in the stricken city, I would say "Let cremation go on." If I had one of my household in the ruin, I would say, "Pat out the fire."

Southern Cotton Mill Trade.

The Southern cotton mill trade is in prosperous form. Old mills are making money, and their managers are not paying all their net earnings out in dividends. That reckless policy has been abandoned, and the one that prescribed the holding of liberal reserves for repairs and extension, and to tide the business over hard times, is substituted. No industry in the country is more prosperous than the Southern spinning trade...

Not Above Paper.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, of New York, is not above "paper," it seems, if the following story be true: Mr. Barnum one day entered his church and quietly took a back seat. But the preacher saw the great man, and said in a loud voice: "I see P. T. Barnum in a back pew in this church, and I invite him to come forward and take a seat in my family pew. Mr. Barnum always gives me a good seat in his circus, and I want to give him as good in my church."

Talmage on the Pennsylvania Flood.

The woes aggregate. The flames embrace the floods. The doomed valley becomes an uncovered sepulchre on which the filthy vultures swoop. The five hundred lives lost at Johnstown become the fire-thousand, and the five-thousand have become ten-thousand, and the ten-thousand have become fifteen-thousand, and the horror rises with every day and hour, until the nation is in an agony of sympathy...

"Come with me," it cried to the homes, the churches, the village, the cities; "come with me in my midnight revels and dance with death and darkness and woe!" The Johnstown disaster will be set down in history beside three or four greatest disasters of the nineteenth century. Since the chaotic flood that stood fifteen cubits above the highest mountains there have been very few deluges to equal it...

Neatness in Girls. Neatness is a good thing for a girl, and if she does not learn it when she is young, she never will. It takes a great deal more neatness to make a girl look well than it does to make a boy look passable...

Getting the Best of Greeley. Mr. Greeley, becoming disgusted with the blunders of one of his typewriters, sent a note up to the foreman requesting him to discharge the man at once, as he was too inefficient a workman to be any longer employed on the Tribune...

The Good Natured Man.

Happy is the man blessed with a good natured disposition. Ordinary troubles roll off his mind like water-off a duck's back. His presence is like a flood of sunshine, gladdening weary hearts and giving new life to those around him. He is like good luck, for all men hasten to welcome him and would detain him as long as possible...

Science and Fleas.

In answer to a correspondent who desired to know how to drive fleas out of a room, the Philadelphia Press says: Science has recently discovered that the muscles, or springs in a flea's legs, enable it to jump a distance equal to 200 times its length. If, therefore, you will place the fleas in a direct line at a distance equal to 200 times their length from an open door, and constrain them to make the jump all together in the right direction, you may perhaps be able to secure their absence. Failing in this, consult a druggist.

GENERAL NEWS.

Edward Hanlan says his rowing days are over and he is going back to Toronto to live. The New York Sun correspondent thinks the number of deaths from the recent flood will not exceed 5,000.

Kilrain has the privilege of naming the ground on which the forthcoming Sullivan-Kilrain fight will take place. The ground chosen will probably be Reno's grove, about 200 miles from New Orleans.

Sir Julian Paucotote, the British Minister, called on the President Saturday and delivered to him a message of sympathy from Queen Victoria for the losses sustained by the American people by the Johnstown disaster.

Counselor Kemmler, the man sentenced to be executed by electricity in New York State have taken an appeal on the ground that execution by electricity is a "cruel and unusual punishment," and therefore, unconstitutional.

Mr. Reicher, an attaché of the French Minister of War, has been arrested. It is believed that he is implicated in the plot alleged to have been discovered from the papers seized at the houses of two Boulangists.

It appears that Blaive is not entirely satisfied with the Samoan treaty after all. The work of the conference will last five weeks longer, as some paragraphs may be conferred back for consideration, or the conference may adjourn.

J. H. Benjamin, editor of the Deland, Fla., News, shot and instantly killed Captain J. W. Douglass, who was a prominent citizen of Daytona, and a well known Democratic politician. The shooting was the result of a feud.

The Order of Railway Conductors has decided to build a national home some in Iowa, the prize going to the town offering the best inducements. Davenport, Burlington, Sioux City, Clinton, Council Bluffs and Creston are candidates. The edifice is to cost \$250,000.

It is reported that the Vatican authorities are alarmed at Russia's objection to the Catholic missions in the Balkans, and that the Emperor Francis Joseph is also alarmed. The latter, in reply to strong appeal to interfere, said he was bound not to swerve from the peace alliance.

The proposition to hold an exposition at Norfolk, Va., next year, is taking positive form. A largely attended meeting of those who have pledged themselves to take part in the affair was held Monday, at which a plan for the exposition was adopted.

Per diem employes of the Navy Department are agitated over the question of annual leaves of absence. These employes think they are entitled to 30 days leave, with pay. Secretary Tracy directed Judge Advocate General Reamy to issue a circular-order giving the men leave with pay. The latter, however, declines to do this. He holds that it is contrary to the law, and therefore he cannot approve the Secretary's action.

Painted It Red.

There was only one occurrence to mar the perfection of the commencement at the University. From those who came from Chapel Hill yesterday it was learned that during the night on Thursday night a crowd of mischievous boys painted the Caldwell monument red, not figuratively speaking, but with genuine vermilion paint. The monument was a beautiful one, and was erected in campus by the alumni years ago in honor of Dr. Joseph Caldwell, the first President.

A preliminary hearing yesterday morning it is learned that nothing could be proven against the party arrested and he was discharged.

The Evening of Life.

When the summer of youth is slowly wasting away on the nightfall of age, and the shadow of the path becomes deeper, and life wears to its close, it is pleasant to look through the vista of time upon the sorrows and felicities of our early years. If we have had a home to shelter, and hearts to rejoice with us, and friends have gathered round our firesides, the rough places of wayfaring will have been worn and smoothed away in the twilight of life, and many dark spots we have passed through will grow brighter and more beautiful.

Happy, indeed, are those whose intercourse with the world has not changed the tone of their holier feelings, or broken those musical chords of the heart whose vibrations are so melodious, so tender, and so touching in the evening of their lives.

We had a pleasant talk with one of our esteemed citizens and an alumnus of the University—who attended the recent centennial celebration. He was delighted. He says the speeches of the alumni were particularly fine especially Judge Dick's. The speeches of the boys were gems—far ahead of his time. So we said of those of last year. He says the utter absence of all dissipation was most marked. He did not see a student or any one under the influence of liquor; he was not asked to take a drink; he never saw the slightest indication that there was a drink to be had on the "Hill." This is very different from ante-bellum times. He also observed that the students look small as compared with those of his time.—Dr. Kingsbury in Wilmington Messenger.

Mr. Geo. C. Eaton, late of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a nephew of President Harrison, died in Asheville, N. C., Thursday, the 8th inst., of consumption. His remains were taken to Cincinnati for interment.

Sixty buildings were destroyed by fire in Jacksonville, Fla., last week. Loss, two hundred thousand dollars. It is reported that recently 10,000 lives were lost in a hurricane at Hong Kong in China. Great damage was done to property also.

A slight earthquake shock was felt at New Bedford, Mass., on the 7th inst. On the same day in Europe a violent shock was felt at Brest. An agreement has been made by the managers of a number of the railroads belonging to the Vanderbilt system, to discontinue, as far as practicable, the running of Sunday trains from the 9th inst. This action will be a boon to the men in the employ of these railroad companies.

The Secretary of State is informed by United States Consul at Ottawa that the Canadian government has placed on the free custom list cotton yarn, jute yarn, corrugated iron, cotton twine yarn, yarns of wool or worsted, blanketing, lapping and discs, plough plates, mould boards, land sides, certain ware and steel, galvanized, twined and coppered, veneers of wool-cut from logs, steel, from No. 12 to 30 gauge, molasses for making blacking, various articles for colors and dyes. Most of these articles are free only to manufacturers to be used in their respective factories.