

**STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP.**

The Marion News says that the Vein Mountain Gold Works will put on a heavy force of hands shortly.

Mrs. Mary Miller Bobbitt, wife of Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, of Raleigh, died at her home in that city on the 24th, aged 53 years.

At an auction sale of stocks and bonds held in Charlotte Monday \$4,000 of W. N. C. R. R. bonds were sold at par. They were bought by Dr. J. H. McAden.

Gov. Fowle has reprieved the negro burglar, Bill Alexander, of Charlotte, who was sentenced to be hung to-day. The execution is postponed to January 10.

The advisory board of the N. C. Methodist Episcopal Conference has determined to locate Trinity College in Raleigh. The city offers to build at a cost of \$35,000 for the college.

Marion Free Lance: Capt. Butler's surveying corps have gone over to Yancey county, to find a new survey for the 3 C's road; they having decided to go through Yancey instead of Mitchell county.

The Baptists, embraced within the jurisdiction of the State Baptist Convention, propose to establish a Baptist Female College. A number of cities in the State, notably Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte are bidding for its location.

The last will and testament of the late Chief Justice Smith has been admitted to probate before C. D. Upchurch, Esq., Clerk of Wake County Superior Court. The estate is estimated to be worth \$150,000.

Dr. W. F. Tompkins' English greyhound, Dion, was placed on the track of a buck, in Cherokee county, a few days ago, which he caught and held until the hunters came up and cut his throat.—Webster Herald.

Mr. Ephraim Crofts and Miss Kizzie Glasco had such a load of affection that they could carry no longer in single harness, so merrily went they in a buggy in search of a magistrate. Seated in a buggy in the middle of the road at Ivister & Warlick's cotton gin, A. P. Ivister, J. P., pronounced them man and wife in the presence of a score of spectators.—Shelley Aurora.

It is rumored that Judge Gilmer, will resign the 1st of January. He has covered the State twice under the rotation system and has doubtless extracted all the sweets but of the position and desires to return to the lustrings. The people of the State will regret his retirement from the bench, but will be satisfied with a successor that comes up to his standard. If Judge Gilmer desires further public honors he must not be in saying so. He knows the make-up of North Carolinians.—Webster's Weekly.

We are informed that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has suspended his late order requiring distillers of whiskey to produce three gallons of distilled spirits from a bushel of grain, until an actual test can be made as to the feasibility of such requirement. Heretofore two and one half gallons per bushel have been required of whiskey distillers in North Carolina and under the government plan of fermentation operators of grain distilleries all agree that this should be the maximum.—North State.

Really life is too short for rational men to spend it in flying at each others' throats or in bearing resentments, one toward another. The Raleigh Call notes the fact that all the great lawyers who appeared in the impeachment trial of Gov. Holden, only eighteen years ago, but one survives to-day. Nathaniel Boyden, J. M. McCorkle, R. C. Badger, Edward Conigland and W. N. H. Smith appeared for the defence, and Wm. A. Graham, Thomas Bragg and Augustus S. Merrimon for the State. Of all these gentlemen only the one last named is living now.—Landmark.

A stock company with a capital of \$500,000 has recently been organized to mine and work iron ore at and near King's Mountain, in this State. The company have bought and leased together 30,000 acres of land around King's Mountain; and it will soon erect a furnace there. There are several millionaires in the company. Wm. Wharton, Jr., is President. The directors are Thos. White, A. P. White, E. M. White, and Jas. M. Cole. The last named is a North Carolinian who began life without future or favor and who has gradually worked himself into prominence and worthy success.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The State Auditor, Hon. G. W. Sanderling, has sent out warrants to State pensioners for the current year. This year each pensioner gets \$7.65. Last year the amount for each was \$8.25. The decrease is owing to the increased number of pensioners during the past year. The old law which appropriated \$30,000 for pro rata distribution is still operative and holds till January 1, 1890. At that time the new pension law will take effect and under its provisions, it is estimated that the pension fund will be increased to \$80,000. This will give the number of pensioners now on the list, nearly three times as much each as they now get; but possible further increase in the list will reduce the amount of each.

**RAILROAD NEWS.**

If the Cincinnati Southern Railroad Company buys the Athens and Jellico Railroad, Cherokee county is certainly elected. We learn that there is strong probability of a trade being effected.—Murphy Bulletin.

It is stated that the Louisville and Nashville railroad company is now looking to Norfolk for a seaboard terminus and that as soon as the Atlantic and Danville road reaches Bristol the former company will control the new line and merge it into that system, making a great trunk line to the West.

From a gentleman who was recently at Westfield, we learn that Mr. L. Hankins, the civil engineer, made the remark that the Richmond and Danville intended at an early date to concentrate all of their convict labor on this end of the Western North Carolina road. We have from time to time given publicity to reports concerning this road and have been censured for so doing, but we give this report for what it is worth. We never state anything as facts unless we are absolutely sure of it.—Murphy Bulletin.

The West Point Terminal Company has not yet got control of the Rome and Decatur road. It was expected that the Terminal company would purchase the road for the E. T. V. and G. company at the sale which was to have been held this week. But the sale was postponed by unanimous consent of the committee of bondholders, until December 18, 1889.

The sale will positively take place at that time in the real estate exchange in New York. There is scarcely any doubt but what it will ultimately be under the control of the East Tennessee.—Knoxville Journal.

Dr. L. Harrill, who returned last week from a trip to Wilkes, reports the opening of a telegraph office at Elkin. The road from Winston toward Wilkesboro is finished to Ararat river, 17 miles to the east of Elkin, and graded 8 miles west of Elkin. Between Ararat river and Elkin the country is rough and there are several streams to be bridged, so that it will be some time before the road is finished to the latter place, but it is moving forward in that direction and will doubtless be upon those clever people by spring. It can be well understood that they are awaiting it with eagerness.—Statesville Landmark.

It is stated that Mr. E. B. Thomas, second Vice-President of the Erie road, is the coming man for President of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, to be chosen at the annual meeting on December 4. It will be remembered that Mr. Thomas was for some time General Manager of the Richmond and Danville, during which time he not only made many friends among the patrons of the road, but was very popular with the officers and employees, and they would be delighted to know he is likely to return to the road as its President.—Charlotte News.

RICHMOND, Va., November 28.—Gibson Patzell and G. E. Fisher, representing Mrs. Maurice B. Flynn in the electric and horse car railroad suit in this city, arrived here to-day and announced that the litigation between Mrs. Flynn and other parties interested in the road had been satisfactorily compromised.

This concludes an ugly legal dispute. The entire management and ownership of both roads has been left to Mrs. Flynn and her associates. Under this arrangement an electric motor company will equip the electric line with new and improved motors and will send here an expert electrician to supervise the work. Mrs. Flynn's counsel announce that Jay Gould has nothing to do with the city railroads, and that he has no interest in them whatever.

The Daily Citizen publishes the following letter:

"GAFFNEY CITY, S. C., Nov. 28.

"Natt Atkinson, President Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore railroad, Asheville, N. C.:

"My Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 27th in regard to Chester, Gaffney City and Polk County railroad received. We are pretty sure that we will build it, this town already having voted \$20,000 for it, and Chester county promises \$150,000, and Florence county, in this State, \$100,000. Polk county, North Carolina, has voted \$50,000. We are very anxious to go to your city, and by the proper aid of your city, I see no reason why this cannot be done. Henderson county proposes to vote a liberal subscription for this road. We have made the survey from Chester, S. C., to the Polk county line, in fact we went several miles into that county with the survey. The line is very practicable indeed, and develops a fine country as well as some of the finest water-powers in the South. We are certainly very proud of your promise of \$100,000 for any line that will cross the mountains, and we hope to be the successful party. I don't see now how I am to visit your city next Monday, but we are with you.

"Hoping to hear from you again soon, I am, yours truly, A. N. Wood, Financial Agent C., G. & P. R. R."

Thanksgiving day in Boston proved a serious one to many of the business men of that place. A fire occurred, beginning at the corner of Kingston and Bedford streets, destroying \$10,000,000 worth of property.

**METEOROLOGICAL.**

**Comparative Tables Showing the Advantage of the Climate of Asheville for the Management and Care of Pulmonary Phthisis.**

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The following tables and explanations show the value of treatment with and without climatic aid, in private practice and special institutions. The cases comprise all that came under my care in the last ten years of which I have accurate records, and have been able to ascertain the final outcome.

**TABLE No. 1.**  
243 cases of Phthisis from private practice.

Per cent.	Number of cases.
Recovered.	101
Much improved and still alive.	117
Died.	25

The treatment of those who remained at home, in an extremely unfavorable climate where consumption is very prevalent, consisted in advice to live an out-door life as far as possible, to exercise short of fatigue when free of fever. Directions were given as to general hygiene, and especially of the sick room, the diet was ordered to be as nutritious as possible and adapted from time to time to existing states of the digestive organs, as far as circumstances would allow.

**TABLE No. 2.**  
55 cases of Phthisis treated in a special institution in the same locality and consequently without climatic advantages.

Stage of disease.	Number.	Recovered.	Much improved and still alive.	Died.
Early stage.	32	19	9	4
Advanced stages.	23	5	19	16
Totals.	55	24	28	31

In connection with these cases it is fair to state that with few exceptions very far advanced or hopeless cases were not admitted. The management was practically the same as pursued in the next class and will be described further on.

**TABLE No. 3.**  
29 cases of Phthisis treated in a special institution at Asheville, N. C., and consequently under a very favorable climatic conditions.

Stage of disease.	Number.	Recovered.	Much improved but home before permanent result could be obtained.	Moderately improved and gone home.	No improvement & returned home by our advice.	Died.
Early stage.	19	12	6	3	0	0
Advanced stage.	10	0	0	0	4	1
Totals.	29	12	6	3	4	1

**Summary of Meteorological Observations for the Winter of 1888-1889.**

THE U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE, WINYAH SANITARIUM, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Observation: 2390 feet above Sea Level. Latitude, 35° 38' N. Longitude, 82° 30' W. (Hours of observation: 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.)

Month.	Mean Temperature.	Mean Maximum Temp.	Mean Minimum Temp.	Absolute Maximum Temp.	Absolute Minimum Temp.	Mean Daily Range of Temperature.	Mean Relative Humidity.	Mean Absolute Humidity.	Number of Clear and Fair Days.	Number of Cloudy and Rain Days.	Number of Days Without Sunshine.	Number of Days on which 0.01 or more of rain fell.	Total Amount of Rain and Melted Snow in Inches.	Snowfall in Inches.	Number of Days on which 0.10 or more of snow fell.	Mean Barometer Corrected for Altitude and Temp.	Direction of Prevailing Winds.	Mean Force of Wind on Scale of 0 to 6.
November	48.00	60.12	40.98	60.50	28.00	19.16	64.20	2.14	1	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.18	NW	1.88	
December	41.20	54.10	30.00	62.50	22.10	17.44	62.90	2.01	5	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.20	NW	1.70	
January	38.50	48.00	28.00	58.00	20.00	15.00	60.00	1.80	10	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.20	NW	1.50	
February	37.00	46.75	26.00	56.00	18.00	14.50	58.00	1.70	12	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.20	NW	1.30	
March	45.00	55.44	35.72	62.00	21.50	19.72	66.00	2.10	5	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.18	NW	1.40	
April	50.38	61.74	41.12	68.00	28.00	25.00	72.00	2.50	5	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.18	NW	1.50	
May	56.38	68.25	43.50	74.00	34.00	30.00	78.00	3.00	4	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.18	NW	1.50	
Total	44.40	55.85	35.40	60.00	26.00	21.74	64.54	2.17	51	5	0	0.00	0.00	0	30.18	NW	1.50	

**TABLE No. 4.**  
22 cases of Phthisis still under treatment in the same institution.

Per cent.	Number.
Growing worse.	0
No material change for better or worse.	17
Moderately improved.	5
Much improved.	6
Recovered.	10
Totals.	38

Of the cases in Table No. 3 reported as recovered, of course, am aware that these figures may be changed by relapses in the future, but the disease in some of the much improved cases would have undoubtedly become permanently arrested if they had remained under treatment. I take for granted that the moderately improved cases and those returned home, will eventually die of phthisis. Regarding the cases from Table No. 4, so much may be said that at least half of all are doing very well, and there is every prospect that good results will eventually be obtained as in the discharged cases of Table No. 1.

Of the improved cases in the advanced stage, Table No. 4, a cure in the sense of permanent arrestment of the disease is very possible. The scarcity of early stage cases, only 9 out of 51, makes the total result of course less favorable, but on the whole it must appear evident to any observer that the results are much better than obtained without favorable climatic aid under the same management. The climatic influence is equally apparent in Table No. 1, and while I am fully aware of the fact that such small numbers do not justify absolute conclusions, they nevertheless are sufficient to endorse the method which I employ to give the best results, and which in the hope that others may adopt their experience in the future.

For climatic advantages, in my choice of places, I was somewhat governed by the results obtained in cases sent away from private practice which are recorded in Table No. 1. I selected Asheville, N. C., after full personal investigation of its climate, especially with reference to the immunity from phthisis of its native residents, which by the labors of Dr. Marcy, of Boston; Dr. Gleitsman, of New York; Dr. Chaille, of New Orleans; Drs. Lloyd and Segur, of Brooklyn, and others, was previously well established. Before the preparation of this paper I again examined the records of deaths for the city of Asheville during the year past, and with considerable expenditure of time, investigated the history and nativity of the 11 deaths from phthisis, which appear in these records; I find that of these cases 9 occurred in persons who came to Asheville for their health from a distance and only one, a negro, can be considered a resident. We have therefore, no deaths from phthisis among the white population at all, and only one out of a population of over 10,000 inhabitants. The death rate from all causes is very low, especially among the whites, the city is clean, and the recent completion of a thorough system of sewerage, the presence of good water works with filters, and the establishment of an efficient board of health with a competent medical man for its executive officer, leaves little to be desired from a sanitary point of view; now the city government will need to deal with the improvements needed in streets and side-walks, and the establishment of a public park to make Asheville one of the leading resorts for pulmonary diseases in the United States.

Older meteorological data, especially the observations made by Dr. Gleitsman, of New York, are recorded in medical literature, and have been confirmed by the observations made during the last year by the U. S. Signal Service station under my charge, as may be seen from the following table:

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EASTBOUND	No. 51 Daily	No. 53 Daily
Lv. Knoxville, (90th mer.)	1 25pm	8 10am
" Asheville	9 41pm	1 34pm
" Salisbury	4 23am	6 43pm
" Danville	9 23am	10 20pm
" Richmond	3 30pm	5 15am
" Raleigh	1 05pm	7 30am
" Goldsboro	3 10pm	12 30pm
" Wilmington	6 00pm	5 0a
" Lynchburg	12 30pm	12 25am
" Washington	7 10pm	6 53am
" Baltimore	8 50pm	8 25am
" Philadelphia	11 20pm	10 4am
" New York	6 23am	1 20pm

**WESTBOUND.**

No. 50 Daily	No. 52 Daily	
Lv. New York	12 15am	4 30pm
" Philadelphia	7 20am	6 57pm
" Baltimore	8 45am	9 30pm
" Washington	11 24am	11 00pm
" Lynchburg	5 40pm	5 07am
" Richmond	3 00pm	2 30am
" Danville	8 40pm	8 00am
" Wilmington	9 00am	8 20pm
" Goldsboro	2 20pm	5 00pm
" Raleigh	4 45pm	1 00am
" Salisbury	12 45am	11 25am
Ar. Asheville, (90th mer.)	7 23am	4 30pm
" Knoxville	2 10pm	8 50pm

**MURPHY BRANCH.**  
(Daily except Sunday.)

No. 18	No. 17
Lv. Asheville	Ar. 3 55pm
Lv. Waynesville	Ar. 1 55pm
Lv. 5 45pm	Ar. 7 00am

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