

STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The question of extending the Atlantic Railroad from Goldsboro to Fayetteville is being agitated.

The \$50,000 of seven per cent. first mortgage bonds of the Western North Carolina railroad, which fell due May 1st are being paid off this week at the Citizens' Bank.—News-Observer.

Yesterday Mr. B. L. Duke was married to Miss Minnie A. Woodward, at Birmingham, Alabama. They will spend two days at Asheville, and arrive here the last of the week.—Durham Globe.

Sheriff A. H. Ricks, of Nash county, who was here yesterday, expressed the belief that it will require one thousand new tobacco barns to care for the great increase of the crop in that county this year.—State Chronicle.

A banking company has been organized at Marion, this State, with a capital of \$50,000. The citizens took one-half of the stock, and Richard Mitchell, of the Farmer's Bank of Kentucky, took the other half. It will open July 1.

A correspondent of the Hickory Press and Carolinian trots out Col. M. L. McCorkle, of Newton, as a candidate for judge in the 11th district, and that paper endorses the suggestion. The Newton Enterprise is also out for the Colonel.

News comes of a strange and shocking crime near Pinckney, Wayne county. A negro boy, aged twelve years, threw another boy, aged eight, into a well. The elder boy was angry and his intent was murderous. His victim was drowned.

Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith, of Wofford College, S. C., has been offered a position of President of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, with a salary of \$2,500 per annum. He is well known in North Carolina and is a most worthy gentleman.

Avery Butler, the fourteen-year-old boy who shot and killed his father at Clinton recently, has been convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged on June 10. He said in his testimony in his own behalf that his mother urged him to assassinate his father.—Raleigh special to Atlanta Constitution.

The regiment of ex-Confederate veterans from Rowan county was the first organization to notify Governor Fowle that it would attend the ceremonies at Richmond, and the Governor will accordingly provide it with a flag containing the arms of the State, which it will bear in the great parade. The regiment will be a full one.

Mr. Abe W. Venable, a gentleman well known to many of the citizens of the Twin City, died in Oxford yesterday.—News reached the city this morning of the death of Mr. Joseph Kerner, which occurred at his home in Kernersville last night. The deceased has been in feeble health for about two months, and was in the 65th year of his age.—Twin City Daily.

The Salem Female Academy has established a new department called the Industrial Department, in which cooking and dress-making will be taught. Previous to this, in addition to the regular course of studies, a department was established where young ladies who desired and might be dependent upon their own efforts for support, were taught stenography, telegraphy and book-keeping.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association held a meeting in the Raleigh Chronicle office last Friday, and decided to hold the next meeting of the Association in the progressive and enterprising city of Durham. A later meeting of the executive committee will be held, and an excursion will be arranged for Morehead, Ocracoke or Wrightsville, after the session in Durham is ended.

It is not generally known that the father of Sydney Lanier, the great southern poet, was a resident of Rockingham and conducted a farm upon Jacob's Creek for many years. Such is the case, however. Some of the sweet singer's brothers and sisters were born here, he thinks, and there are many in this section who are related to him, among them our esteemed townsman, Dr. J. W. Smith.—Reidsville Review.

News has been received from Tarboro that letters received there state that Blount Eagles, Abraham Vines, Granite Vines, and seventy-five other negro migrants who left Edgecombe county last autumn for Louisiana, have all been drowned. These unfortunate negroes were taken South by Dr. Hall to work on farms. The news created a great sensation among the negroes in the Edgecombe section, and will do more than anything else to check the exodus of the blacks.

From the Raleigh Chronicle we clip the following marriages: In the Presbyterian church at Fayetteville, Capt. W. E. Walton, of Morganton, to Miss Minnie Moore, daughter of Mr. A. Moore, Rev. T. B. Barclay, officiating. A northern bridal tour followed.—Dr. Hamilton V. Horton, Winston's popular young dentist, was married in St. Paul's church, Wilkesboro, yesterday, to Miss Annie Laurie Cowles, daughter of Col. Calvin V. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, niece of Congressman W. H. H. Cowles, and granddaughter of ex-Governor Holden.—Winston Sentinel.

Statistics show that the Roanoke Valley furnished more corn for the Confederate army around Richmond for the last three years of the war than any other section of the country. The lands have greatly decreased in value since the war, because the owners have not been able to keep up the dikes they had built by slave labor. It is claimed by those who have had years of experience on these lands that they are as productive for grains and grasses as any lands in the United States. There will perhaps be an effort made to have an act passed by the next Legislature allowing the counties bounded by the river to put their convict labor on the dikes and so reclaim the lands.

There is a movement on foot to endow a chair of History at the University. Col. W. L. Saunders, chairman of the committee having the matter in hand, has called a meeting in Chapel Hill, on Wednesday, June 4. That such a chair is needed, goes without question. That it will do good for the State by preserving and collating many facts of value to our State history is without doubt. Therefore we hope that not only the alumni, but every public spirited man in North Carolina will take a lively interest in this, a subject that is of such great concern to our common wealth. Just here it may not be improper to state that it is a current rumor, usually accepted, that if this chair of History is established President Battle will resign the presidency of the University to take charge of it and that a new president will have to be elected.—Winston Sentinel.

Referring to the speech of Mr. Julian S. Carr at the banquet of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, the Elizabeth City Economist says: "This speech was the first flashing of his maiden sword in the elegant art of post prandial oratory and while it is an elegant, cultured literary effort that would do credit to any one; looked at as a first effort from one whose pursuits have not led him in the ways of Brutus, the orator, it is an extraordinary effort. We honor Jule Carr as a successful business man whose success has not narrowed his heart to the jingle of the money changes, but our honor borders on affection when we read his words that burn with patriotism. Mr. Carr, great as he is in the industrial department of manufacture, as a business man, he is greater as a patriotic Carolinian, imbued with the spirit of State love, and possessed with the spirit of prophetic divination."

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KING'S MOUNTAIN.

A Manufacturing Company's Meeting—The Tin Deposits.

KING'S MOUNTAIN, N. C., May 6.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the King's Mountain Manufacturing Company was held here to-day at 10 o'clock a. m., in the office of the company. The Secretary and Treasurer, Jno. M. Rhodes, made a report, showing receipts and disbursements of money, and goods for the last twelve months. The President, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as the present board of directors, were all re-elected by acclamation. John H. Craig, of Gastonia, was elected by a unanimous vote to fill the new office of Vice-President.

Maj. Lawton and Prof. Jno. H. Furman, of Georgia, the former a well-known banker, and the latter a mineral expert, left this place on the 1st of May, for New York city, whence they sail on the 7th inst. for Europe, in the interest of the deposits of tin ore in this section. They carry with them a lot of fine specimens of tin ore, and options on several thousand acres of tin-bearing lands.

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According to the petitions asking for the election, the bonds to be issued are to run for thirty years and are not to be issued until the road-bed is completed to the eastern terminus.—Greensboro Patriot.

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