

AUTUMN WHISPERS.

Tell It Not That Our Southland Is Prosy.

We Will Tell You About Many Important Happenings That Have Occurred During a Week.

VIRGINIA.

The Virginia Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal church, met in Petersburg last week.

Statement of Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for September, 1891, shows an increase of \$18,251 in gross and \$10,677 in net earnings.

Henry Fairfax, of Loudoun and Fauquier counties will probably be the successful candidate in the late Gen. W. J. P. Lee. Mr. Fairfax is a planter and a man of culture.

A special from Martinsville says two men were killed and three wounded near the town Friday morning by a cave-in on the Roanoke and Southern Railroad.

F. H. Fries, president of the Roanoke and Southern Railroad, expects the road to be in full operation, with regular trains between Roanoke and Winston, by January 1st.

The Hunt Ordnance Co. has been incorporated at Alexandria. Authorized capital stock, \$1,000,000.

The Berkeley Arms Hotel at Buchanan, which was totally destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock in the morning, was the largest in the State. Loss, \$150,000; insurance, only \$20,000. The fire is believed to be the work of an incendiary, as the hotel was unoccupied.

Thirty-five thousand people attended the State Fair, Thursday. It was one of the largest crowds in the history of the society. The managers are well pleased with the excellent financial result. They are glad over the patronage from citizens of all parts of Virginia.

The Virginia Board of Pharmacy began its meetings at Staunton, Wednesday. The number of applicants for certificates in Pharmacy present is twenty-four, one of whom is a lady.

At a special meeting of the city council a plan was formulated by which the University of Virginia is to have a water main of its own from the Charlottesville reservoir.

The steamer City of Augusta, from Savannah, picked up the steamer Chatfield, from Galveston for Liverpool, sixty miles south of Cape Henry, with her propeller gone, and towed her in to Fortress Monroe.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The area in wheat in the section between Greensboro and Raleigh is the largest on record.

The revenue officers have news of the capture of a moonshine still owned by three brothers named Stanley, in Guilford county.

W. H. Gibson, of Charleston, W. Va., jumped from a train near We don and was killed.

Three thousand people saw the bicycle race between Fitzsimmons and Wynne Thursday at the Raleigh Exposition. In the first mile Wynne fell and broke his pedal. Fitzsimmons won, time 19 minutes and 4 seconds Wynne's time being 16 seconds slower.

Mrs. George James, of Burlington met death from a peculiar accident Wednesday night. She went to the yard to get a stick of wood and stumbled and fell over a wheelbarrow. Death resulted in a few hours.

Rev. Peschau of Wilmington and Rev. Moser of Monroe are attempting to stir up an anti-Son Jones movement in this State. The former has challenged the Rev. Sam Jones to a public debate. This meeting will take place in Charlotte if Mr. Jones is willing.

The report that the Winston and Salem postoffices were to be consolidated has caused considerable indignation among the citizens of Salem and they passed resolutions against it, which with similar resolutions by the Winston-Salem chamber of commerce were sent on to Washington.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

A charter was issued to the Safety Catch Gun Company, Rock Hill.

Minnesota and Wisconsin parties have purchased the Cash property near Cheraw for \$75,000, and will improve same.

It is proposed to build a courthouse and jail at St. Matthews, which is to be the courthouse of a new county to be known as Calhoun county.

Greenville and Butler townships have voted \$30,000 and \$12,000 of bonds, respectively, to the projected Cape Fear & Cincinnati Railroad.

P. C. Hodges, of Atlanta, has received from the Governor the \$109 reward offered by Governor Richardson for the capture of Manassas Barnwell, who has been wanted ever since 1887 for murder in Aiken.

A very large and cultured audience greeted Dr. Joseph LeConte Wednesday night at the South Carolina College, Columbia, to hear him discuss "Organic Evolution." He was introduced by President Woodrow.

Gen. John B. Kershaw, now a circuit judge, presented to the Richmond Survivors' Association Friday night at Columbia several tattered old Confederate flags. The presentation speech was made by Gen. Leroy F. Youmans.

Representatives from the colleges of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee met at Charleston for the purpose of organizing a Southern monument for Jefferson Davis.

James Barnes, cashier of the Bank of Marlboro, at Bennettville, suicided Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. He was about forty. He leaves a wife and several children. He was a pillar of the Baptist church. His accounts are believed to be all right. He told his wife that he was going to kill himself. She went for his pastor. Before he shot back he had gone out to the back yard and shot himself. Death was instantaneous.

OTHER STATES.

A Doo's County, Ala., man is experimenting with wine making from the juice of the watermelon. He claims that it makes a most delicious wine, and he is storing away quantities of it.

The syndicate that was formed in Germany last summer for the purpose of establishing colonies of German farmers in Alabama has procured a tract of land in that State. The work of enrolling the colonists is in progress in Germany, and it is reported that a body of them will be ready to take their departure for Alabama next month. If the first colony, which is to be in Washington county, is successful other colonies will be rapidly organized, so that within a few years the State may have a large German population.

SOLID SOUTHERN GROWTH.

New Movements That Tend for Southern Advancement.

The Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, of October 31, in reviewing the industrial progress of the South, says:

"The business situation throughout the South continues to improve, and the outlook for the future is very promising. Speculative operations are not in much favor, but the work of solid business development is commanding increased attention. Shrewd capitalists, realizing the intrinsic value of good mineral and timber properties, are making a number of purchases, and mainly for immediate development. In West Virginia some large sales of coal lands have been made, and in other States ore and timber lands have changed hands. The phosphate interests in Florida show increased activity in the sale of lands and in the organization of mining companies, seven new companies having been reported during the week with capital stock of from \$50,000 to \$100,000. In Alabama a very important contract was closed, securing the building of a railroad from the Warrior coal fields to deep water river navigation at Tuscaloosa, which will open a water transportation route for Alabama coal to the Gulf; this contract also calls for coal-mining and coke making operations at Tuscaloosa. At Galveston the contract has been closed for building a 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator at a cost of \$200,000, and large engagements have been made for grain shipments from New Orleans this winter, while at Baltimore the grain trade is so active that on two days of this week alone charters were made for the export of 2,500,000 bushels to Europe. The cotton movement continues very heavy, due in large part to the perfect weather for gathering the crop, and the Southern ports are crowded with vessels loading for Europe. In general industry matters there is steady progress, and among the new enterprises reported for the week are \$100,000 water works company at Helena Ark.; acid and chemical works at Portsmouth, Va.; \$250,000 development, mining and manufacturing company in Florida; a \$250,000 and a \$1,000,000 manufacturing company in West Virginia; a \$200,000 knitting mill company, Norfolk, Va.; a \$30,000 compress company, Americus, Ga.; a \$500,000 cartridge and powder company, Covington, Ky.; a rolling mill and a sash and door factory at Tyler, Texas; a 200-barrel mill, Baltimore; a \$102,000 development company at Chester, S. C.; a large lumber mill at Irvine, Ky.; a \$200,000 general manufacturing company at New Orleans; a \$100,000 ordinance company, Alexandria, Va.; a \$50,000 automatic sprinkler company, Columbus, Ga.; \$100,000 development company, Richmond, Va.; a 50-ton ice factory, Mobile, Ala.; and one of same size at Ft. Smith, Ark.; refrigerator works, Hot Springs, Ark.; water works, La Grange, Ga.; tobacco factory, Greenville, N. C.; a \$25,000 cottonseed-oil mill company, Corsicana, Texas; a \$100,000 electric light manufacturing company, Cumberland, Md., etc.

"This summary shows a steady, solid growth all along the line, and indicates a very healthy development activity that promises well for the rapid increase in the progress and prosperity of the South."

INTER-STATE COLLEGE CONTEST.

Representatives from Southern Colleges Orate in Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., [Special].—In response to a call from the College of Charleston for the Southern Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest, representatives from the following institutions convened here.

W. C. James, Richmond College, Va.; Thos. Pinckney, University of Virginia; J. B. Whaley and Geo. N. Cornelison, Jr., Davidson College, N. C.; Fred Opp, University of Texas; J. Talbot Jackson, Central University, Ky.; E. L. Moulner, University of Mississippi; E. Mac Davis and John Randolph Neal, Tennessee; C. Blazngame and Greeno F. Johnson, University of Georgia; B. W. Andrews and A. S. Thomas, South Carolina Military Academy; Jas. C. Blasingame, of the University of Georgia; Isaac B. Brown, F. Eetwood Gruver, H. Swinton McGilvray and J. W. Cauty Johnson, of the College of Charleston.

After very spirited and creditable efforts from each representative, a gold medal costing one hundred dollars was awarded to J. Talbot Jackson, of the University of Kentucky. His subject, "Freedom, our heritage; its consecration, our trust."

The principal subject of orations was Confederate memorials and an association for a monument to Confederate soldiers was organized.

SUCCESSFUL TEST.

Of the Willis Lipscomb Cotton Picker Near Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., [Special].—Quite a sensation was created over the work of the Willis Lipscomb cotton picker. In a large cotton field near the picker was put to work under the direction of Lipscomb, the inventor, and performed its work to the satisfaction of hundreds of planters who had come to Atlanta to witness its test. Everybody was unanimous in pronouncing the machine a success. A bale of cotton was picked in a few minutes.

ALLIANCE TOPICS.

The Illinois Convention Decides Against Monopoly.

The Florida Farmers Held Their Annual Meeting at Dade City and Excluded Reporters.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The state assembly of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association adopted resolutions in substance as follows: The favoring an equal assessment of all classes of property, real, personal and corporate; granting income tax; increase of the circulating medium to a point that will admit of the business of the country being done on a cash basis; free and unlimited coinage of silver and declaring the present system of storing silver a fraud; demanding that all stocks and bonds of corporations be issued on such basis that when they call for \$1 they shall represent 100 cents legitimate; and that all watered stock shall be retired; opposition to fostering certain industries by government bonds; in favor of the co-operation and federation of all farmers and labor organizations; denouncing dealing in futures on all agricultural and mechanical products; favoring the enactment of laws to prevent the adulteration of food products; opposing alien ownership of land; favoring the uniform system of text books for public schools, to be furnished by the state at cost.

The resolutions also favor the election of president, vice-president, United States senators and postmasters by a direct vote of the people; advocate patronizing manufacturers who use home-grown fibres in the manufacture of binding twines, rope, bagging, etc.; favor the extension of the free postal delivery system to people outside of towns and the election of men of agricultural colleges to the halls of the legislature.

The following resolution led to a protracted debate, but was finally adopted by a large majority:

We are opposed to all monopolies, and want it distinctly understood that the organized liquor traffic is included. We oppose the unholy alliance of the government with the saloon business. As a remedy, we propose that the revenue and license laws, high or low, must be repealed, both state and national.

THE FLORIDA BRETHREN.

DADE CITY, FLA.—At the second day's session of the state alliance, President Rogers appointed a committee for the routine work of the convention and delivered his annual address. In this he referred sharply to the dissensions in the order, arising chiefly from admission of membership of persons who gained admittance for the purpose of office or political influence. The subcommittee was warmly endorsed. The president closed his address as follows:

It is a fact that a partisan press has distorted the truth in reference to the Ocala platform and subsidiary plan, and in our state the democratic press went to read every man out of the party who advocates the Ocala platform and subsidiary plan. The result of such an onslaught upon the alliance has caused many of our members to advocate a third party. This condition of affairs is to be deplored. My judgment is that the Ocala platform contains not a syllable which cannot readily be endorsed by every true democrat throughout the country.

The reports of the state secretary and other officers followed the delivery of the annual address. United States Senator Pasco was the delegate from the Jefferson County Alliance, and there was strong opposition to seating him, the opposition being based on the theory that he is a lawyer and not a farmer. He was duly accredited, however, and the president having declared in his favor, he was seated.

There was a fight over the passage of a resolution offered by Thomas Hind, of Putnam county, to exclude all press representatives from the hall.

Hind's motion, he said, was not aimed at the correspondents present, but chiefly at the Florida Times-Union, which he regarded as a great enemy of the alliance because of its opposition to the subsidiary bill, and its denunciation of Polk, Macane and Livingston.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMME.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The State Farmers' Alliance met in state session with eighty-one delegates present. The following programme for the meeting here of the National Alliance was adopted: On the first day, Tuesday, November 17, the addresses of welcome will be delivered at Tomlinson Hall by Major Sullivan and President Force, of the State Alliance, and response will be by J. F. Tiltman, national secretary, and J. F. Willets, treasurer of the Alliance. The forenoon will be devoted to a executive session and in the evening President L. L. Polk will deliver his address.

On Wednesday addresses will be made by the president of the F. M. B. A. National Lecturer J. F. Willets, and in the afternoon the executive session will be continued. In the evening C. W. Macane and others will speak. Thursday morning Jerry Simpson and Altonzo Ward will speak and in the evening John P. Steele and Mrs. Anna I. Driggs. Friday the forenoon addresses will be made by L. H. Turner and B. H. Oliver and in the evening by L. F. Livingstone, H. L. Loucks, Saturday J. H. McDowell and Senator Peffer will speak, and at night T. V. Powderly and Ben Terrell. Monday evening Ignatius Donnelly will address the council and on Tuesday, the last day, William Erwin, Mrs. Lease, R. M. Humphrey and J. W. Weaver will speak.

MAIL AT THE FARMER'S DOOR.

NEW YORK CITY.—An organized effort is being made among farmers to secure from Congress free mail delivery in

COUNTRY TOWNS.

The Farmers' Alliance, Patrons of Husbandry and other Orders are canvassing the matter. Letters are being written to Congressmen in favor of the project and petitions to Congress for free delivery are being circulated in many parts of the country. Farmers assert that a daily mail delivery at their door will add perceptibly to the money value of their farms and will be worth still more because it will keep them in touch with the markets and the outside world and rob farm life of its isolation and monotony. Farmers are writing to the agricultural press that this convenience would enable them generally to take daily papers as well as to subscribe for local papers more liberally.

In the American Agriculturist for November Postmaster General Wanamaker states definitely for the first time that experiments made by the postoffice department for free delivery in the farming districts show that the increase of revenue more than pays all the increased expenses. He believes that universal free delivery would therefore be self sustaining. Wanamaker's article also contains this statement: When a town grows to 10,000 population and puts down footwalks, and puts up the numbers of the houses, the postoffice department is authorized by Act of Congress to establish a carrier service to deliver mails at the doors of the houses and offices, as the town increases postal service are established, and the postoffice service keeps pace with the growth of the town. While all this postoffice work is going on at the thickly populated points, farmers, quarrymen, blacksmiths, millers and artisans, all paying regulation rates of postage, are left to get their mail as best they can from the postoffice in the village or at the railroad station. In a hamlet of one hundred houses perhaps sixty persons from the district and the vicinity make a daily pilgrimage of a distance of one block to two miles from home to the postoffice to find out whether there is any mail or not, and a hundred or more persons within the circle of the office district find it convenient to go to the postoffice oftener than once a week. One hundred or more persons each day, in all weathers, are making trips to the postoffice, often at great personal inconvenience and discomfort, when a single carrier could once or twice daily make the round of the village and deliver the mail and save the hundred unnecessary daily trips, collecting the same time from boxes located at the street corners the mail to be forwarded. A newspaper brought every day to the door of the farmer or workman who has no one to go to the postoffice would find a thankful subscriber and light a new lamp in the household. True enough the village or the crossroads inhabitant or dweller on the farm chooses his home for his family, and might live in the city where gas and water and mails are brought to his door; but when the people everywhere pay the same rate of postage, why should one portion have mail facilities denied to other portions? Is it fair to equal localities to refuse postal service equal to the convenience of the city? It is not a reflection on the intelligence and aspirations of the farmer and artisan to ignore his need of conveniences of correspondence and supplies of newspapers and magazines? Does it not retard the settlement of country districts to neglect to provide in some form the means of such intercourse with the rest of the world?

In Oklahoma the Alliance is doing fairly well. The condition of the country and other matters have largely retarded the growth of the Order, but by persistent work the brethren have placed it on a more sure footing and an increased membership may be expected in the immediate future. The territory has received no aid from national speakers, and has really made itself what it is. There is no division in the ranks and the brethren are encouraged at the prospect.

The reports from all over South Carolina disclose a continued healthy growth of the Order. The brethren of the State are firmly united and are making a gallant fight for the principles of the Alliance. South Carolina was the first State to hold its election this year, and every member of the Order remembers with pride how nobly it stood by the demands of the Alliance, and in spite of desperate opposition unanimously adopted the Ocala platform. This act set the example which all the other States have so far followed. Its State officers are conservative and fearless and able to defend the doctrines of the Order against all comers. The State organ is ably and intelligently managed, and is supplementing in its good work by the press. South Carolina can be trusted to take good care of itself.

National Lecturer Willets in pursuance to a proclamation of President Polk, organized the State Alliance of Washington at Colfax, October 28.

WHICH WILL SHE TAKE?

A Mississippi Girl Who is Hard to Please in the Choice of a Husband.

SHEBUTA, MISS., [Special].—This usually quiet little town is overflowing in sensational excitement the past twenty-four hours. The question in everybody's mouth is, "Which lover will she accept?" and the story runs in this wise: Miss Mamie Bass, one of our prettiest girls, has more strings to her bow than the average Mississippi girl. She has two devoted lovers, and has promised to marry both of them, first breaking with one and accepting the other, and soon, for several times, changing her mind within the past few months. Both young men are highly respectable. They are James Sha-man, of Shubuta, and Will Smith, of Alexandria, La. Wedding tickets were printed in favor of Sha-man, but withdrawn. Both rivals are hourly expected to arrive, each believing he will prove the winner of the fickle fair one's hand.

DEPOT BURNED.

The depot of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railroad at Rockwood, Tennessee, was totally destroyed by fire early Thursday morning. Estimated loss at \$20,000.

LADIES DRAW THE LINE.

Evangelist Fife Asks Too Much of Them.

The Christian Ladies of Danville Will Not Go Beyond the Saloons.

DANVILLE, VA., [Special].—The Fife meetings here have developed some features strange to Danville. The evangelist asked for a meeting of Christian ladies. The meeting was held and he then asked that committees be appointed to do certain work. He wanted a female committee to visit the saloons and ask the proprietors to close during service hours so that their employees and themselves could attend the meeting; also that committee of ladies be appointed to visit houses of ill-fame and request the inmates thereof to attend the meetings. The women drew the line at the last proposition, but agreed to send out a committee to close during service hours so that their employees and themselves could attend the meeting; also that committee of ladies be appointed to visit houses of ill-fame and request the inmates thereof to attend the meetings. 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