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A CONTENTED PHILOSOPHER.

I jes' don't want no office, though they planked the money down, They couldn't get me twenty miles in sight o' any town, With its schemin' an' its steamin', I'm a-takin' o' my ease, An' a-dreamin'—jest a dreamin' in the blossoms an' the breeze!

THE EDITOR'S DUTIES.

A newspaper man has no business to seek office. It is his business to try and get an office for the other fellow: to sound the praise of the candidate and keep quiet his own feeling, to whoop her up for his man, and let his man forget all about him when he is elected: to defend his candidate against the unjust attacks of the opposition, and see that whatever favors his candidate has to bestow go to the other fellow.

It is his business to boom the city for all it is worth, month after month, and then see \$100 worth of printing go out of the city because ten coats can be saved in doing so. It is the business of the newspaper to give every enterprise a frequent "send off" and then find that he has raised sheel because he had failed to record the fact that some prominent citizen had his delivery wagon painted. To subscribe liberally to every public, charitable and church entertainment, advertise them for nothing, pay his own way to everything and then be called prejudiced and mean spirited because a column is not devoted to that particular affair. Do you wonder that there are not more cranks in the newspaper business?—Ex

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"In short, it will be very easy for a rich visitor to spend \$25 or \$50 per day, and it will be quite as easy for an economist to find a room at the rate of \$2.50 per week, and to feed himself for 75 cents per day. The great exposition is for the delectation of the people of the world, but especially for those of the United States; therefore attendance upon it will be made to be within the reach of all. The rich can enjoy all the luxuries that money can buy; the person of slender means can live at slight cost. All are invited. Everyone will be welcome. Nobody shall be imposed upon. This is Chicago's pledge to the nation and to the whole world."

FIRE AT WILLIAMSTON.

Last Friday, the 14th, Williamston, N. C., was visited by a conflagration which broke out in a building occupied by G. Goddard, general merchant. It quickly spread, consuming the building occupied by B. B. Watts, general merchandise. The loss is about \$12,000, partly covered by insurance.

A Tennessee family recently purchased a barrel of molasses the peculiar taste of which led to an investigation, when a little darkey was found inside. The impression is that he was fooling with the bung-hole and got sucked in.—Ex.

An Indiana woman who sued a man for breach of promise, and got a verdict for one cent damages, is now racking her brains to determine whether this was a reflection on her or on the man.

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

[Progressive Farmer.]

People who know nothing about North Carolina except what they read in ancient geographies, which amounts to about this: "The chief products are cotton, rice, and peanuts," will be interested in a few facts about the State. * * * We have a good many undesirable things, but we have better health, more kinds of climate and soil, greater variety of minerals and farm products than any State in America. Added to this is a rapidly increasing number of good schools, and it is becoming a leading manufacturing State.

It is just 500 miles from Cherokee to Roanoke Island, and every portion from the fisheries of Albemarle to the land of the sky has something peculiar and desirable to boast of. Our farmers are not prosperous, but factories are doing well, and railroads are multiplying. There are nineteen cotton factories in Alamance county, seventeen in Gaston, twelve in Randolph, nine in Mecklenburg, eight in Guilford and 140 in the State, besides a number in construction. In these mills are nearly 10,000 looms and over 500,000 spindles, and the consumed last year 15,500 bales of cotton. Besides these there are thirteen woolen mills that are turning out the best quality of jeans, kerseys, cassimers and blankets, and there are eight knitting mills, some of them being operated day and night and all declaring good dividends. There are fifty-seven factories that make carriages and buggies, thirty-two that make wagons, thirty-five that make furniture, six that make hubs and spokes and twenty-four that make such doors and blinds. One of these works 125 bands. Then there are hundreds of sawmills and turpentine distilleries.

There are twenty-eight canning factories for vegetables and fourteen for oysters, there are fourteen cotton seed oil factories, fifty-four fertilizer factories and quite a number that make barrels and crates and baskets and brooms.

But on the high top of this pyramid are the tobacco factories that far exceed in number and capital those of any State in the Union.

There are 110 that make plug tobacco, nine that make smoking tobacco. Durham alone sold 110,000,000 pounds last year and paid to the government for stamps \$616,123; Winston paid more than that and Asheville sold over 5,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco. These are only the principal tobacco markets, and the aggregate of the production increases with every year. Then there are the rice fields and cranberry meadows and

the immense truck farms that extend all along the coast and find an early market in Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. At New Berne alone there were shipped in one day 23,000 barrels of Irish potatoes and 18,000 boxes of beans, and this is an every day business, and does not include the peas, tomatoes, asparagus and cabbage. Indeed, the production of this coast region seems incredible. Then there are fisheries that employ 6,000 persons and 3,000 boats and ship 30,000,000 pounds of fish in a season. Next comes the medicinal herbs, of which one firm in Statesville shipped in one month 118,000 pounds. They employ 300 agents to collect these herbs, and they do by far the largest business of any similar firm in the world. Added to all this we have millionaire Geo. W. Vanderbilt and his \$6,000,000 residence and Bill Nye, the peerless humorist.

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