

ALL KINDS.

The Pasquotank Lumber Company of this town made the largest cut in a week of any single band mill in this section of North Carolina in one day. It disposed of 443 logs. This would seem to be chawing up our forest at a rapid rate, and yet we hear of no diminution of the timber supply. In fact nature is a second mother and rapidly supplies the ravages of the woodman.

The Legislature of Texas has authorized Governor Culbertson to call a cotton growers' convention at Galveston on August 2nd, and he asks each Governor of the cotton growing States to appoint two delegates at large and one from each congressional district. The Governor assures the delegates a hearty welcome and entertainment. The purpose of the convention is to devise and regulate concurrent legislation in the cotton growing States, to relieve cotton from speculation and gambling in futures.

The Annual Council of the Episcopal church was convened in Goldsboro with St. Stephen's church on Thursday, May 20th. It was largely attended and a session of unusual interest was anticipated. Among the proceedings of the first day resolutions of sympathy with Dr. A. J. DeRossett, who has been a conspicuous figure for many years in the councils of the Diocese of North Carolina and East Carolina, and who is now disabled by the infirmities of age from active work in the vineyard of the church, were unanimously adopted.

A rich man in St. Louis who evidently considers the spiritual as well as the physical welfare of bicyclists, has built a church for the benefit of bicycle riders. It is so arranged that a rider on a "bike" can wheel in to the church and into a pew with ease and comfort and each pew has a place for the bicycles and the owner, so that the fear of loss of his property may not disturb his devotions. In some respects it is a good purpose but it may make a break in family devotions. But as the tendency among preachers is to preach to classes it may be well.

There is a spiritual contest going on over the collectorship of Internal Revenue for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The contestants are George W. Cobb, of this town, and E. C. Duncan of Carteret county. We have thought it was a sure thing for Mr. Cobb, but the correspondence from Raleigh of this week says that Mr. Duncan is in Raleigh and has a "winch" on the place. We do not exactly know what a "winch" means, but we believe, in the vernacular of politics it means a strong hold, a clinch. If Duncan has a "winch" on the collectorship he had better be quick, for Cobb has strong claims and strong influence.

John Wannamaker, the rich Philadelphia merchant is just now the sensation "ball in the china shop" in the Republican party, so to speak. The other day at a "Business Men's Banquet" in Philadelphia, he made a speech and gave a piece of his mind about the Republican party, in which he harangued with violence about its promises unfulfilled, its pledges unredempted, and its general cussedness, and predicts its failure and ultimate destruction, and intimates that it deserves its doom. Just a little while back Mr. Wannamaker was a "high cockalorum" in the Republican party, gave liberally and teaped liberally and now he kicks like a mule's hind foot.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, President McKinley's cabinet, seems to have a soft side in his character for the Southern people and proposes to visit the South at an early date to become better acquainted with its agricultural needs and capabilities. Meanwhile he calls attention to several agricultural products adapted to the South that are largely imported from abroad, viz: Eggs, of which we import one million dozen. Of goat skins we import \$10,000,000. Of beans and peas, \$658,320. Of cabbage, \$559,634. Of potatoes, \$127,595. Of hay, \$2,773,335. Of hops, \$600,000. Of rice nearly \$2,200,000. Of sugar we pay to foreign countries \$100,000,000, each year.

A large number of manufacturers of North Carolina have recently taken up the matter of freight rates from points in that State to the Northern and other markets with a view of obtaining a modification from the present bases. At a recent meeting in Charlotte, representatives of sixty cotton mills, tobacco factories and lumber mills were present. Figures were quoted, which, it is stated, show the average freight rate on cotton goods to New York to be much more from North Carolina than from points as far south as Georgia. The same discrimination, it is claimed, is shown to the Western market. It was determined to form an organization, with C. Cone, of Greensboro, N. C., president, and an executive committee of seven, to bring the grievances of the manufacturers to the attention of the railroad authorities, with a view of readjusting freight rates.—Manufacturers Record.

"Right you are" as the other glove said to its mate when Moses Wessel open his stock-come here for gloves.

THE HALL OF SUICIDES.

Precautions Taken at Bloomingdale With Patients Who Have Suicidal Mania. In the Bloomingdale asylum at White Plains there is a ward, or hall, as it is called, in both the male and the female divisions set apart especially for the safe keeping of patients afflicted with suicidal mania. Not a movement of the patients confined there goes unobserved.

At 7 o'clock in the morning they are obliged to vacate their rooms in a body, and the doors are locked behind them, while they dress in the corridor outside. They then repair to the washroom in companies of three or four, accompanied by an attendant, who keeps them under surveillance.

The meals are served in a light and airy dining room overlooking the asylum grounds. As the patients pass through the door and take their seats at the tables they are counted, and if one is found missing an immediate search is begun. They have the same food that is provided for every other hall in the asylum, but are deprived of many articles of table service. Knives and forks are never seen in this hall. The patients are obliged to eat with spoons. Glassware is also prohibited, and they drink from heavy china cups. While eating they are watched by attendants, whose duty it is to see that they do not take away anything from the table when the meals are over. In order to be doubly sure of this, every spoon and piece of crockery is counted before and after each meal. Between meals these articles are kept under lock and key.

About an hour after breakfast and dinner the patients are taken for their daily exercise in the asylum grounds, accompanied by attendants. During these walks they have to be most carefully watched, in order to prevent them from picking up any article which might be used to commit suicide after they have returned to the hall. On one occasion a man who was known to have made several attempts at self-destruction before being sent to the asylum came very near eluding the vigilance of his keepers. While walking with the other patients in the grounds his eye chanced to light upon a piece of broken glass lying near the path. He was cunning enough to know that if he stooped to pick it up he would be observed, so he feigned to stumble and fell in a heap on the ground, securing the coveted article and secreting it in his pocket. His actions on returning to the hall fortunately aroused the suspicions of an attendant. He was searched, and the glass was found.

The rooms are so arranged that an attendant sitting at one end of the hall can keep every bed in every room in a direct line of his vision. The patients are obliged to retire promptly at 9 o'clock. They strip off every article of clothing, night-shirts are given them and they go to bed in a body. Their clothing is left on chairs in the corridor outside of their rooms, and the doors are securely locked.

From the moment they lay their heads on the pillows until it is time to rise in the morning two attendants, one at each end of the hall, watch them. If one should move in bed in a manner to excite the suspicion of the watchers, they are at his bedside in a moment to see what he is about. The strain placed upon the attendants in the hall of suicides is so great that some of them are unable to stand it for more than a few weeks at a time. Then they ask for a transfer to another hall or else resign.

So carefully are the patients in this hall looked after that none has yet succeeded in committing suicide there. There have been suicides in Bloomingdale, but the patients have been inmates of other halls in whom the suicidal mania has suddenly developed.

It is a peculiarity of patients so afflicted that in a majority of cases they are to all outward appearance perfectly sane. They speak and act like rational beings, can carry on a conversation in a logical manner and, apart from the melancholy expression of their countenances, give no evidence of mental disturbance. Suicide seems remote from their thoughts, yet alienists know from experience that those patients who never refer to their designs are the ones who need the most careful watching. Indeed attendants are less apprehensive for the safety of the patients suffering from pronounced melancholia than they are of the apparently rational ones, for the reason that their suicidal propensities are not of such an active nature.—New York Sun.

The camel wanted horns, and they cut off his ears.—Talmud.

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Mer Hact. An American woman who crossed the ocean not long ago was much puzzled by the conduct of her "stable companion." Each day this individual, typical London cockney would approach the woman and ask if she would mind keeping out of the stateroom during a certain hour. Each day, too, the American woman consented to so absenting herself, though she wondered much what the stable companion could be up to with such regularity. At last curiosity was too much for the American, and she boldly asked the Londoner what she wanted with the stateroom for a whole hour every day. "Oh, it's my hact," that's all. You see, I'm a contortionist, an I'm comin' over here to perform in one of the music halls, an I 'as to do my hact every day for fear I'll get out of practice. It's just my hact, that's all."—New York Sun.

Harmony. Mr. Mann—For mercy's sake, what are the children quarreling about in the next room? Mrs. Mann—Their music teacher came in a few minutes ago, and I suppose they are now engaged in the study of harmony.—Boston Transcript.

A Promise. "It is customary to remember the waiter, sir," said the waiter, as the guest was about to take his leave without feeling him. "Oh, rest easy," said the guest. "I shall not forget you. Next time I come I shall have another waiter, or I lunch elsewhere."—Philadelphia Press.

Blood Poison.

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