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MR. EDITOR:

I have just returned from the Sampson County Agricultural Fair held at Clinton last week. This was, taken altogether, the best Fair in the State this year. There was more live stock, and better stock than I have ever seen at a Fair.

There was very large crowd Thursday and Friday and the attendance was good all the time. The whole occasion was one of unusual pleasantness. The management was excellent, and Col. A. A. McKay, Chief Marshal and his assistants were most attentive and accommodating in their duties.

In all the arts and industries, in enterprise, intelligence and successful farming, Sampson is equal to any county in this State. For several years the county has been much underrated. It can raise as much cotton and corn as Edgecombe. The cotton lands here are generally superior to any in Edgecombe, Pitt, or Anson, and this is saying a great deal.

CAPE FEAR.

NORTH CAROLINA M. P. CONFERENCE.—The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant church convened at Tabernacle church in Guilford county, N. C., November 27th, 1872, and made the following appointments for the year 1873:

- REV. R. H. WILLS, President. Albemarle Circuit, R. R. Richeaux, Sup't. Roanoke " T. H. Pegrum, " Tar River " G. A. T. Whitaker, " Halifax " J. L. Swain, " Granville " J. H. "ilbreth, " N. Granville " John Paris, " Tabernacle Mission, D. A. Highfill, Assistant. Orange Circuit, J. R. Ball, Sup't. Alamance " C. F. Harris, " Greensboro " J. H. Page and J. W. Heath, " Randolph " H. W. Peoples, " Davidson " H. LeWallen, " Asheboro " Joseph Causey, " Guilford " W. C. Kennett, " Haw River " A. W. Linsberry, " Winston " C. A. Pickens, " Yadkin " G. E. Hunt, " Baltimore " To be supplied. Mocksville " " Catawba " " Mecklenburg " J. S. Dinn, Sup't. Monroe " J. Ketchum, " Stanly " J. Laughlin, " Buncombe " T. J. Ogden, " West Tar River " S. P. J. Harris, " Pigeon River " Taylor Harrison, Ass't. Carraway " Jacob Geyer, Sup't. Rev. A. Gray, Conference Missionary.

The Conference adjourned Decem-

ber 3, 1872; to meet near Yadkin College, N. C., on Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1873.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Masons.

The grand Lodge of Masons closed its session on Thursday evening last. About 165 Lodges were represented. The delegates have returned to their homes with the impression that the legislation of this session of the Grand Lodge will be productive of good to the Order of the State.

The subjects of greater importance that received the attention of the Grand Lodge were non-affiliated Masons and St. John's College. The following resolutions were adopted in reference to non-affiliated Masons:

Resolved, That a wilful non-affiliation is a violation of Masonic law, and should be placed on the same footing with every other Masonic offense.

Resolved, That subordinate Lodges should punish every violation of Masonic law where the officer is duly convicted.

Resolved, That resolution No. 2, on page 30 of last Grand Lodge proceedings be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolutions were adopted converting St. John's College into an "Orphan Asylum," for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children. The Grand Lodge appropriated \$500 annually for the support of the Institution. Mr. J. H. Mills, of this city, was elected Superintendent of the Asylum, with authority to solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people.

The Board of Directors of "St. John's College" was discontinued, and a resolution was passed expressing the appreciation of the Grand Lodge of the zeal and earnestness with which the Board have labored to advance the interests of the institution.

Sixteen new lodges were chartered. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

- John Nichols, Raleigh, Grand Master. Thomas M. Gardner, Wilmington, Deputy Grand Master. Clinton, A. Cilley, Lenoir, Caldwell county, Senior Grand Warden. Robert W. Hardie, Fayetteville, Junior Grand Warden. William E. Anderson, Raleigh, Grand Treasurer. Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary. Rev. J. C. Marcom, Harnett county, Grand Chaplain. Samuel A. Williams, Oxford, Senior Grand Deacon. B. F. Rogers, Concord, Junior Grand Deacon. J. W. Gidney, Shelby, Grand Marshal. H. A. Gudger, Madison county, Grand Sword Bearer. J. W. Beasley, Bertie county, Grand Pursuivant. H. C. Prempert, Raleigh, Grand Tyler.

This session of the Grand Lodge will be remembered as one of the most harmonious that has ever been held. The intelligence of the body surpassed that of former sessions.—Raleigh News.

THE PENITENTIARY.—The popularity of this institution is still without abatement. Its inmates number from 350 to 400. On the first of November there 59 white males, 1 white female, 291 colored males, and 15 colored females. Much more attractive to men than to women. The Directors think the convicts can with a little help complete the great stone building, and save immense expense. Dr. Hill wants more hospital room. The reports of all the officers are lucid and instructive.—Biblical Recorder.

RALEIGH, Dec. 10. Wm. H. Porter, U. S. Commissioner at Fayetteville, was removed from his office for reasons satisfactory to the court, and which will appear in full with the remarks of Judge Brooks to-morrow.

From the middle of 1862 to the last of June, 1872, the United States paid Paris the sum of \$260,000,000. This amount was forwarded in gold, on account of jewelry, laces, silks, gloves, crapes, merinoes, hats, human hair and miscellaneous toilet articles.

HORACE GREELEY.—This distinguished editor, so rapidly known in connection with the New York Tribune, died on November 30, at the age of 61 years, at Chappaqua, N. Y. His demise has deprived the world of industry, progress and science, of one of its staunchest and most zealous friends. The son of a New Hampshire farmer, he was apprenticed to a newspaper printer in Vermont, and came to New York in 1831, with very little money, and no friends. He obtained work as an ordinary type setter in a printing office, and showed his intelligence and ability. In partnership with a friend, he undertook the printing of a one cent daily paper, which soon failed; and Mr. Greeley then found another partner, with whom he started the New Yorker, a journal which had for seven years and a half a high reputation for its literary and critical ability. Mr. Greeley was subsequently editor of The Jeffersonian, and then of the Log Cabin; but his great work was the establishment of the New York Tribune, the first number of which was issued April, 1841. In this work he was ably assisted by Thomas McElrath, his partner, without whose business abilities it is not likely that the Tribune would ever have attained its present success.

Although Mr. Greeley's talents were chiefly literary and controversial, he had a most enlightened sympathy for all the branches of science and the progressive spirit of the age in which he lived. He was notably the friend of the industrious, the ingenious, and the intelligent among the people; and his journal owes much popularity to this trait in the character of its principal editor. His influence as a journalist has been acknowledged by all parties, and although much of his life had been passed in weathering political storms, he has left a few personal enemies behind him. He was the recent candidate for the Presidency, of the Democratic party, and to over exertions made during the late campaign is due, it is believed, the illness which has so fatally resulted. Horace Greeley was a remarkable man, and his name will occupy an eminent place in the annals of American history.

NO GENERAL PARDONS TO BE GRANTED TO THE KUKLUX.—THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.—The following letter, addressed to Governor Scott, of South Carolina, indicates what policy the President intends to pursue in regard to pardoning indiscriminately persons now undergoing sentence for committing kuxlux outrages:

WASHINGTON, December 5, 1872. Robert Scott, Columbia, S. C.:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th ultimo, addressed to the President, and by him referred to me, enclosing the appeals of the grand jurors of York and Chester counties, in South Carolina, in behalf of the citizens of those counties who are now confined in the penitentiary at Albany and in the jails of the State of New York under sentences for violating the enforcement act of Congress, Senator Roberts, Judge McKay, the Governor, the Attorney-General, and the Secretary of State of South Carolina, with others, in whose concurrence upon the appeals.

"I have to say, in answer, that in my judgment it is not only impracticable but improper to grant an indiscriminate pardon to the citizens of York and Chester counties who have been convicted of violating the enforcement act, or to any person described only by the locality in which they reside, or designated as a class of offenders against the laws of the United States. I have no means of knowing the names, numbers, or degrees of guilt of the citizens of said counties now imprisoned as represented in said appeals.

"Separate applications for pardon ought to be made by or on the behalf of each of said persons, stating substantially the circumstances of crime and conviction. When such an application is made it will be considered without delay, and as favorably as the President's sense of justice will permit.

"Very respectfully, GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, Attorney-General."

HON. A. S. MERRIMON.—This gentleman was, on Tuesday of last week, elected by the Legislature of North Carolina, to be United States Senator, for six years, from and after the 4th of March next.

The contest between him and Gov. Vance—or rather between their friends—excited a little unpleasant feeling and peevish result called forth some imprudent remarks from a number of journals; but, the opinion is very rapidly gaining ground, that Judge Merrimon's election will not injure the party of which he is and has been an active and honored member, nor give any material advantage to the opposing party.

It is said that Judge Merrimon took no part in the contest—but, that what was done, was the work of his friends. The Republicans voted for him as against the caucus nominee, and not because they loved him better than they did Gov. Vance.

Judge Merrimon is a good man, and forgetting the little breeze we had over the election, all good men would do well to give him hearty congratulations. North Carolina has reason to be proud of her Senator.

Friend of Temperance.

The Insane Asylum has during the past year had under treatment, 289 patients. About one fourth of the whole number ever admitted have been cured; another fourth found discharge in death. The institution has been managed with remarkable skill and ability. In fact our only complaint is its extreme popularity. Another asylum for the insane is needed. Yes, if we had fifty asylums, all managed as this, they would be full. The temptation to go crazy is too strong to be resisted.—Biblical Recorder.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.

Warmouth has petitioned the 8th District court against Pinchback's assuming the Governorship. The petition denominates Pinchback as a wrong doer and trespasser. The court issued the injunction prayed for by Warmouth. The weather is cold and it is sleeting. The citizens' meeting to protest against the alleged invasion of their rights, was very large, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Gov's. Warmouth and McEary spoke. Warmouth suggests an appeal to Congress.

A memorial has been adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, which also adopted resolutions protesting against the usurpation of the State Government by unscrupulous adventurers, supported by Federal bayonets. A committee of one hundred was appointed to prepare a memorial to the President and Congress, who shall visit Washington and ask that the Federal soldiers be removed from the Capitol, in order that the duly elected officers may have access. The Kellogg Legislature elected a new Attorney-General, who telegraphed to Washington to stop proceedings before the Supreme Court instituted by Attorney-General Ogden. Pinchback in his message recommends prompt action.

LOUISIANA.—New Orleans Dec. 10.—The Custom House Legislature has passed a resolution impeaching Warmoth by a vote of 53 to 6, and appointed a committee to inform the Senate.

Pinchback has qualified and taken possession of the Governor's office.—Warmoth is suspended pending impeachment proceedings.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 10.—The Capitol Legislature has elected F. W. Sykes, of North Alabama, Senator. Sykes was a Greeley elector.

Resolutions looking to the impeachment of Gov. Lewis were offered and referred.

John J. Patterson was elected U. S. Senator yesterday by the South Carolina Legislature, but was subsequently arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of bribery.

THE GREELEY WILL.—New York, Dec. 10.—The contest is progressing before the Surrogate over the Greeley will. The last will was witnessed a few hours before his death, when, witness testifies, Greeley was conscious and rational. The former will gives bequests to Mr. Greeley's relatives and a share of Tribune stock to the Children's Aid Society.

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THE SNOW HILL, GREENVILLE AND GOLDSBORO RAILROAD.—We are glad to hear that great interest is manifested by the people of Greene and Pitt county, in the projected Railroad. We are now more confident than ever that the road will be built, and very probably ere another crop can be made the road will be completed from this place to Snow Hill, and beyond. Our Goldsboro people, too, are fully alive to their interests, and will be seen by reference to a notice in another column, a meeting of the Goldsboro citizens is to be held in the Court House, on Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of taking the initiatory step. We trust to see a full representation of all classes of our citizens, but especially of the property holders and tax payers. Let us go into this great enterprise, shoulder to shoulder, and regardless of politics. We must have this important railway and just now the prospects are fair and flattering of success. Come to the meeting and come prepared to subscribe to the capital stock. We learn that a grand mass meeting is to be held in the interest of the Snow Hill, Greenville and Goldsboro Railroad at Snow Hill Saturday before Christmas.—Gold'sboro Messenger.

BRAIN WORK.—One thing I would like to impress upon those who are exceptionally excitable. The very slightest stimulants, which others might use with impunity, are bad for them. I have known cases of chronic neuralgia, from which torture had been endured for years, cured by ceasing to drink tea and coffee regularly, or by leaving off smoking. The nerves are such delicate affairs that they often make us a great deal of trouble with very little cause, seemingly. Excessive brain work renders them much more susceptible. This susceptibility must be counteracted by the avoidance of those things which tend to excite. What a steady brain worker wants is to replace (not stimulate) his vitality as fast as he uses it up. To this end he wants everything that is nourishing and soothing. A stimulant crowds out some part of the requisite nourishment, since the system can only receive a certain portion of matter into it at a time and appropriate it harmoniously. If you set it to work on a stimulant, or set a stimulant to work on it, the action is mutual. It will not assimilate fully the nourishment which may come immediately afterward.

All the diseases to which we are constitutionally liable are aggravated by the use of stimulants. They assist the development of chronic complaints, and make all sickness harder to cure. It is not necessary to speak of their bad effects on ailment of the brain. But most of these, I believe, are to be traced originally to their use. A healthy brain naturally seeks relief in sleep when it is tired. But one that has been spurred and driven on by stimulants loses that inclination. From the inability to rest springs the whole train of nervous and cerebral diseases.

I believe that the one working the brain at proper hours and giving it the requisite rest, relaxation and nourishment, and never stimulating it into unhealthy action, might go on doing the very hardest mental work from youth to extreme old age and never suffer an atom from it.—on the contrary, be benefited.—Howard Glyndon.

THE HIGHEST BRIDGE.—The Baltimore Bridge Company have successfully bridged a mighty chasm in the Andes, of Peru, on the line of the Lima and Orange railroad. The viaduct across the Agua de Verrugas, a mountain torrent at the height of 12,000 feet above the sea, by four spans, three of which are 110 feet long, and the central one 125 feet, resting on piers built of wrought iron columns, which are respectively 145 feet, 252 feet, and 182 feet high.

NEW YORK, Dec.—The reported connection of Vice President Colfax with the Tribune and Oakley Hall with the Herald is authoritatively contradicted.