DIAGNOSIS OF THEIR CASE.

This item appears in this week's Progressive Farmer:

"After all, the so called political fight in this State next year will simply be 'taking stock' by the Democrats. They will do that to find out whether or not they have enough material left to get up a dedecent funeral."

The very next item in the same column is as follows:

"England, France, Germany, India, China, Africa, Japan, Holland and several other countries are more densely populated than America, but this country contains more tarnation fools to the square mile than any other country, the heathen lands not excepted."

According to the Progressive Farmer the Democratic party in this country is about dead. Then these "tarnation fools" must belong to either the Republican or Populist parties, or both, if the above statements are true. Which does it mean? It affiliates with both these parties and ought to know. It can speak with authority, and we hope it will take the trouble to inform its readers whether it means Republicans or Populists.—Charlotte News.

AN INFAMOUS SLANDER.

Dr. Cy Thompson, the new president of the "Noble Order," declared in a speech at the State Alliance at Cary that "when the church fully comprehends its mission the men at the alter will crowd the Alliance. The church today stands where it has always stood on the side of human slavery, and not on the side of liberty. I thank God that even the pulpit is learning that we must live now as hereafter."

The character of the men that hold this big position has made a steady decline since the incumbency of Col. Polk. They carried the Alliance into politics, and in turn carried politics into nearly every thing else. But it was left to this Doctor, without patients, to carry politics into the church in a formal, positive slander upon this Christian organization. Too bad!

This reminds us of what a gentleof the county said recently: "Why they have actually run Cold Water creek into politics." The effects thus far have not been very perceptible.

Dr. Thompson got excited and he will, if the excitement dies out, be sorry for making himself appear so bad and mean in the sight of Christian, decent people.

Under a state of excitement, he would doubtless put up an awful prayer—but he can never hope to reach that proficiency as was recently exhibited by one who has put himself in training far a promotion like unto Dr. Thompson.

WOMAN AND WORK.

The Philadelphia Record says:

"The new woman is finding a fruitful field in journalism in the South. For several years a young woman has filled with success the position of city editor of the Charlotte Observer, while other women in the capacity of reporters have done acceptable service on the Salisbury Herald, the Hickory Press, the Durham Recorder and the Lincolnton Courier. This is, indeed, significant when one remembers that a few years ago it would have been considered disgraceful in many Southern communities for a woman to earn her own living."

The Charlotte Observer takes up the last sentence and resents it in a courteous but positive manner. Such a condition as the Record speaks of has never existed since the war, at least not since the two women (which Over Sea and Land told about) came "down South some years ago and taught our women how to keep house etc."

The Record doubtless meant well and wanted to be truthful, but it evidently has been reading some of the lying stories that are occassionally being sent up there for unreconstructed Yankee stomachs.

No woman fails to receive honor and respect in this section, if she feels called upon from necessity or desire to make her own living.

Joseph Chamberlain, of the present English Cabinet, is a great fancier of orchids. It is estimated that his collection of these exquisite flowers is worth at least $15,000.

A chestnut tree at Torworth, the residence of the Earl of Ducie, near Bristol, is probably the oldest tree in England. It is said to be 1,000 years old at least, and measures 50 feet in circumference. One of the limbs is over 10 feet in diameter.

Henry R Walter, or Walter R Henry, whichever it is, in joining the Radicals, has created quite a little fun and amusement. Not getting his talents recognized in the Democratic party he thinks it no trouble to have them appear conspicuous among the Radicals.

The accusation that the boys of today are a lazy set is a false one, says the Monroe Enquirer. They are not lazy. Their looks belie their real merit. Take a lot of boys loafing on the streets, who look like they would fall to pieces, if it required any energy to keep the body from falling apart, and put them on p base ball ground in a hot scorching August sun and they will spend enough hard work to grub, plow, plant and cultivate that ground and never make complaint of being tired But if you put those same boys in a field and try to get any work out of them you would see at once thas they were born tired and never got rested.

The town of Clinton votes school tax of 50 cents on the $100 valuation of property, ond $1 50 on each poll. This is the heaviest school tax ever voted in North Carolina. The town now applies for aid from the Peabody fund.

It is pretty tough when a fellow has only a vacation to spend. It's tuff!

So Walter R Henry goes to the Caucasian to publish his grievance, He wanted an appointment, got none, becomes soreheaded, and now jines the Radicals.

A singer's range is like the kitchen range. If it is a good one it will draw well. The latter's product does more good than that of the former.

The Hickory Press and Carolinian is pleased with the release of the N. C. Railroad. Patriotism and not selfishness induces some papers, not on the main line, to cry out against it.

With a promised crop of 2,500,000,000 bushels of corn this year, the outlook for the distiller is not discouraging, and the courts of the land can grind on and the asylums can fill up.

An agricultural exchange asks "How to make hogs pay?" This is a hard question to answer. The best way to avoid the difficulty is not to sell him anything unless he pays for it in advance.

Burlington has passed an ordinance keeping bicycles off the payements. It is there as here, the many careful and cautious riders have to suffer for the faults of a very few careless riders.

The smartest thing the directors of the Atlanta Exposition have yet done is their detemination that the Mexican bull fiugts shall not be pulled off. An affair like that would have lowered the tone of the whole business.—Charlotte Observer.

White people lynched a white man down in Dixie, (Louisiana) the other day for burning the home of a negro. Ida Wells will hardly mention that to her English admirers. It may make some of her imitators think better of us.

In Greenland the word for love is savenvtavixuvilaravwomatakampy. Just think of a fellow, by the side of a Greenland beauty saying: "My dear, I savenvtavixuvilaravwomatakampy you!" It is terrible to contemplate

A Western editor, says newspaperdom, is said to have hit upon a plan to keep subscriptions paid up, that takes the cake. Every time a delinquent subscriber is mentioned in his paper his name is inverted. For example: "poqn pones and wife are spending a few days in New York." Every other subscriber understands what it means and there is a grand rush to get right side up again.

The Ohio democrats, in convention assembled, thrust the gubernatorial nomination upon ex-Gov. Campbell. While he was in the act of nominating one, the whole convention of 800 rose to their feet in nominating Campbell. The platform is for "sound money," as the boys call it. THE STANDARD lost on Campbell once, because Mr. C W Swink was a better political judge, and we are off now.

That Blackburn will receive the Democratic caucus nomination when the Kentucky Legislature meets is now conceded by the dear money people. He has already carried Legislative districts enough to insure success, and his enemies admit that he will succeed himself in the United States Senate unless the Kentucky Legislature is controlled by the Republicans. But the auriferous advocates still insist that Kentucky is sound on the "gold cure."

The Leasing of the N. C. Railroad was no "Snap." It was anticipated ever since the committee meeting in Raleigh, and on Wednesday before the meeting on Friday, the probable release was published in a number of North Carolina papers. Don't call it a "Snap" or a "Scoop." It was business.

If Stanly keeps on the ratio of silver to gold will be paralyzed. Gold is more plentiful than exported tin in Stauly county.

What's the matter? From the newspaper record of deaths one must conclude that typhoid fever is unusually prevalent this year. The old people say: "Much fruit, much sickness."

The A. & M. College, unlike the Normal, at Greensboro, goes out the State for its professors. In this respect it is not to be commended. North Carolinians, all things being equal, for North Carolina positions. It's time this suicide is stopped.

SHOT BY A TRAIN ROBBER.

A Grand Rapids Detective Wounded. Perhaps Fatally, By One of the Chicago & West Michigan Road Agent.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 22.—Detective Powers was perhaps fatally shot in the head while arresting two of the train robbers who held up the Chicago and West Michigan pasenger train Tuesday night near New Richmond, in a smokor of the north-bound Grand Rapids and Indiana train to-night.

Word was sent to police headquarters tonight that two strange men got aboard a Lake Shore train at Dorre station this morning and came to this city. They were spotted on the out-going train this evening, for all trains had been under surveillance for the suspects. As Detective Power was going through the train, he saw two men in the smoker who tallied with the description given. He grabbed one and at the same time blew his whistle for aid, as other officers were aboard going through the other cars. The moment he blew his whistle one of the men drew a revolver and shot him through the head and he fell to the car floor. As the other officers rushed in, in response to his whistle, the two men fled and jumped from the train, escaping in the darkness. The whole detective force was at once called out and every available policeman was detailed to search the country for the desperadoes. Detective Powers was removed to the hospital. The physicians cannot state whether he will live or not.

An Artist's Unique Bill.

An old church in Belgium decided to repair its properties, and employed an artist to touch up a large paiating. Upon presenting his bill the committee in charge refused payment unless the details were specified, whereupon he presented the items as follows:

To correct the ten commandments.	$5 12
Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet.	3 02
Putting new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb.	2 20
Replumbing and gilding left wing of Guardian Angel.	5 18
Washing the servant of the High Priest and putting carmine on his cheeks.	5 02
Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars, and cleaning up the moon.	7 14
Touching up Purgatory, and restoring lost souls.	3 06
Brightening up the flames of Hell, putting new tail on the Devil, mending his left hoof, and doing several odd jobs for the damned.	7 17
Rebordering the robes of Herod and adjusting his wig.	4 00
Taking the spots off the son of Tobias.	10 30
Cleaning Balaam's ass and putting one shoe on him.	5 70
Beautifying Adam's lost rib.	5 26
Putting a new stone in David's sling, enlarging the head of Goliah, and extending Saul's leg.	6 13
Decorating Noah's Ark, putting a head on Shem and curling Ham's hair.	4 31
Mending the shirt of the Prodigal Son, and cleaning his ear.	3 39
	$77 00

BENEDICT'S ULTIMATUM.

If the Democratic Party Doesen't Agree to Wipe Out the Greenbacks He Won't Play.

NEW YORK, August 23.—E C Benedict, well known in Wall street and for years identified with the Chicago Gas Company, is out with a statement in which he announces that unless the Democratic party comes out squarely in favor of the retirement of greenback currency, he will vote against it and in favor of the party which does. The greenback he declares to be valuless in time of need as a circulating medium and serves only as a pump to draw gold from the Treasury. He says: "Silver worth only 62¢ cents is bad enough, but bad as it is, it is worth more than greenbask because it has some intrinsic value. To provide a better currency it is necessary first to wipe out the worst forms in existence and then put most anything in their place."

Mr Benedict is a personal friend of Mr. Cleveland.

Fire at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 23.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon a serious fire broke out in the Union dock and warehouse on the Menominee river. The dock and warehouse are leased by the Chicago, Malwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. The wind was blowing almost a gale and the fire spead to the Anchor Warehouse and then to the freight house of the company. The wind spread it rapidly to freight cars, loaded and empty, many of which were moved away by engines as soon as they could be reached. All the warehouses for six blocks along the west side of the river which were mostly frame, were burned, with their contents, incuding much freight.

Before 2 o'clock the fire was under control. The loss will foot up probably $300,000 to $500,000. A boy named McManus was run over and killed by a coal supply wagon of the fire department during the progress of the fire.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A VALUABLE GOLD MINE AND A LARGE LOT OF MACHINERY.

By virtues of authority vested in me by a mortgage or deed in trust, executed on the 15th day of June, 1882, which Mortgage or deed in trust, is duly recorded in Register's office for Cabarrus county, book 36, page 68, we will sell at the court house in Concord to the highest bidder for cash on Monday, the 2nd day of September, 1895, all that tract of land, adjoining A W Bost, Morton Petrea and others, beginning at a stake, A W Bost's corner, runs thence south eighty two degrees west ninety-one perches to a stake in the hollow, M M Petrea's line; thence south three and one-half degrees west twenty perches to a pine stump; then north seventy degrees west, twenty perches to a white oak on the bank of Hamby branch; then south thirty degrees east one hundred perches to a stake on the bank of Hamby, formerly a sweet gum; then south eleven degrees east twenty-six perches to a walnut; thence north seventy-five degrees east forty-five perches to a stake, Bost's corner; thence north three degrees east one hundred and twenty-seven perches to the beginning, containing fifty-eight and one-half acres of land, more or less. Together with all the buildings now upon said tract of land and the steam engine and boiler, mills and machinery and appliances to the same belonging therein and thereon and generally everything now placed on said tract of land necessary for the development of the mineral resources of the same or for mining gold ore thereon, or for the reduction and treatment of the same and generally all the corporate rights and franchise of the said party or their successors or assigns. The said tract of land being the same which William H Orchard, trustee etc by indenture bearing date the twenty-third day of July A D 1881, duly registered at Concord, North Carolina in book No. 34 page 364 etc. granted and conveyed unto the said party of the first part in fee. The above property will be shown any one, prior to sale day, by application to parties on the premises. There is a large quantity of ore upon this property, which has already been mined, and the machinery is suitable for grinding the ore. This 18th day of June, 1895.

Jos. R. Livezey,
Jno. Newman,
Wm. Keinath,
H. J. Fox,
Amos Burton, } Surviving Trustees.
B Fishmuth, executor of W D Fishmuth.
The Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Co. executor of Henry HReed.

By W. M. Smith, Attorney.

TRUSTEES SALE.

By virtue of authority vested in me by Deed in Trust or Mortgage executed on the 13th. of July 1885 by M. F. Barrier and wife, which Mortgage or Deed in Trust is duly recorded in the Register's office for Cabarrus County, in book 2 page 274, I will sell at the Court House in Concord Monday the 2nd. of Sept. 1895, for cash to the highest bidder, all that tract of land, lying in No. 9 Township said County on the waters of Dutch Buffalo reek on West side adjoining R. O. S. Miller, F. A. Klutts and others.

Beginning at a stone on East bank of the Creek, Barriers and Shinns corner; then S. 89¼ W. 17 poles and 12 links to the center of the Creek; thence with the Creek S 62¼ W. 12 poles; thence S. 72 W. 6 poles to a Sugar-berry sapling on West bank of Creek; then N. 11 E. 14 poles 24 links to a persimmon on the South side of Public Road; thence S. 2 8¼ W. 7 poles and 18 links to a stone; then N. 65¼ W in the center of road 46 poles and 3 links to a stone in center of road; then N. 62¼ W. 20 poles to a stone on North side of road; then N. 28 W. 40 poles to a P. O. Miller and Shinns corner; then N. 65 E. 60 poles to a stone by a White Oak; then S. 47¼ E. 23 poles and 8 links to a B. G near a house; then S. 52¼ W. 41 poles and 7 links to a stone, Biggers corner; then S. 53¼ E. 90 poles to the beginning, containing 23 acres 120 poles more or less.

MARTIN BOGER, Trustee.
By W. M. SMITH Attorney.
July the 13th, 1895.

SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of authority vested in me as commissioner by a decree of the Superior Court, made in the case of Lawson Blackwelder and others, plaintiffs, against N M Starns, defendant, I will sell at public auction in front of the court house door in Concord on Monday, Sept. 2, 1895, to the highest bidder, the following real estate of which John C Starns died seized.

1st. Tract known as the Rowland tract adjoining J F Furr lands, Martain Furr and others and on which Henry Crayton now lives, containing 114 acres, and known as the home place. This tract of land will be sold subject to the dower of Mrs. John C Starnes which has already been allotted, and consists of about 67 acres.

2nd. Tract known as the Adam Honeycutt tract adjoining Jackson Honeycutt, the tract above mentioned and others, and contains about 46 acres, and on which O V Mauney now resides.

3rd. Tract known as the Alexander Shoe tract adjoining Nathan Lambert, Mac Cox and others, and contains about 15 acres.

4th. Tract known as the Jonn M Shoe tract adjoins Jackson Honeycutt, Thomas Swinson and others, and contains about 33 acres.

TERMS:—One-third cash, one-third in twelve months and the remaining third in two years, the deferred payments to bear 6 per cent interest from day of sale until paid, but the purchaser will have the right to anticipate them by paying cash if he desires to do so JAS. C GIBSON, Commissioner.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having been duly appointed and qualified executor of the last will and testament of Mary C. Kluttz, deceased, all persons holding claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before the 17th of August 1896 or this notice will be plead as a bar to their recovery. Also all persons owing deceased are notified that prompt payment is expected.

C. D. BARRINGER, Executor.
Aug. 7 '95.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Having been duly appointed and qualified executrix of the last will and testament of Jno. W Fink, deceased, all persons holdig claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before the 9th day of August 1896 or this notice will be plead as a bar to their recovery. Also all persons owing deceased are notified that prompt payment is expected.

JOSIE L. FINK,
This Aug. 9th '95. Executrix.

The boot-blacks are terribly uneasy about not being allowed to sell a shoe-shine on Sunday.

"Land Posted" Notice.

I hereby forbid any parties from trespassing such as hunting, cutting timber, walking or driving, removing fruit or anything of any description—on my plantation, known as the Daniel Suther lands, in No. 4 township.

Anyone violating this notice will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. JNO. A KIMMONS