

STATE PRESS.

The canning industry, it appears to us, should be materially enlarged within our state. We grow in abundance many of the articles which enter into this industry and it surely seems to be the part of business wisdom to put up these things on the spot, or near by, rather than ship them hundreds of miles away to canning establishments and then have them shipped back to us for consumption, thus giving far away communities the benefits of the labor employed, while the freight for all this traveling must be added to the cost.—Winston Sentinel.

On Friday of this week the Southern Baptist convention will meet in the First Baptist church in Wilmington. It is one of the largest religious bodies in the world and its sessions will be largely attended by the leading divines and laymen of that great and growing body of religious workers. These earnest men, coming from Texas to Maryland, some of them among the biggest brains and heart in the American pulpit, will find a warm reception from their North Carolina brethren. It is fitting that the convention should be held in North Carolina; for in no state is that church stronger in numbers, in usefulness, in zeal and in all those elements that go to make a church a powerful agency for the uplifting and conversion of the people.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Having scraped the platter clean in order to furnish relief to many of those oppressed and down-trodden in the Old North State, we again turn our attention to our long, ah, yes, alas, too long, neglected duties as patron of the arts, sciences and industry, whipsnandy, sheep raising, clover culture, North Pole hunts, trachotomy, air ships and X-rays. We are a little behind in this role, at the present writing, because of our sad recent enforced neglect of this duty of ours, but are still in the ring to announce that the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otolological society has just finished up a convention in Washington city, while in New York Dr. McCoy has performed the operation of oesophagotomy on a small boy who has swallowed a tin whistle.—Charlotte Observer.

The latest act of the new management of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is the appointment of Needham Stern, a colored man, to the responsible position of baggage master on the regular passenger train to succeed Mr. C. E. Davis, a general's son, who has so acceptably filled that position for years. This is two appointments where colored men have been preferred to the new administration to the well qualified white gentlemen filling the positions and against whom no charge could be brought save their political faith. The appointment of Slover Bryant, a colored magistrate, to succeed Mr. Henry Perkins as watchman at the freight depot in this city, has just been made a few days ago. Both of these appointments are in direct violation of the will of the public, on which the road has to depend for its support.—Goldsboro Argus.

From the Seven Days' battles to the close at Appomattox, North Carolina troops made up more than half of Lee's army; the splendid victory of Beams' station was won by her troops alone (Lane's, Cook's and MacRae's brigades); and three-fourths of the small arms surrendered at Appomattox were borne by her sons. At South Mountain, D. H. Hill's division, mostly North Carolinians, held the whole of McClellan's army in check until the rest of Lee's army could be gotten up; at Gettysburg dead bodies of North Carolinians were found further in the enemy's lines, according to the enemy's testimony, than those of any other state; and at Spotsylvania it was Lane's brigade which, on the right, stayed the victorious rush of Hancock after he had run over Ed. Johnson's division and saved the right wing of Lee's army. Last, but not least in importance, the so-called Rebellion Records, published by the United States government, admitted by all to be unimpeachable authority, reveal what old soldiers knew during the war, and what the files of the Observer show that it was demonstrating in its editorials, day by day—that North Carolina stood pre-eminent among all the states in the number of troops supplied, and in the number of killed and wounded in battle.—Fayetteville Observer.

SOUTHERN JOTTINGS.

The Garrison Enterprise says of the good roads movement: "If Texas ever secures good roads, convict labor will have to be utilized."

Thomas Nelson Page, accompanied by his wife and daughter, has gone to Europe for the summer. He will spend most of the time in Italy.

Greenville, N. C., May 3.—United States Senator Earle is pronounced tonight by his physician a very sick man, but immediate danger is not apprehended.

Uri Wright, one of the wealthiest tobacco buyers in Kentucky, committed suicide by shooting himself. He was standing in front of his fiancée's house, when he pulled out his pistol and put a ball into his brain. He was very popular all through western Kentucky, and no reason for his rash act is known.

The consulate at Stuttgart, Germany, has never before been asked for by a colored man. The applicant for this position now is Professor Buckley, of Claflin university, of South Carolina. The university is one of the leading institutions of the South for the negro race, and is largely endowed by Northern people. Professor Buckley is one of the best educated men of his race. He graduated in French at Paris and in German at Heidelberg. He speaks both languages fluently.—News and Courier.

INDUSTRIAL AND STATISTICAL.

Electricity will sooner or later produce a horseless horse market.

The Engineering News is authority for the statement that there are 3,196 water works in the union, and that of these fully 1,700 are owned by the different towns and cities.

A divorce granted August 25th, 1896, has been declared valid by the Pergipnan courts. Suit to set it aside was brought by the descendants of the divorced wife.—Washington Post.

It is estimated that over 26,000 applications for office have been filed in the treasury department at Washington since March 4th. Eight clerks are constantly employed classifying and indexing them.

A novel device for advertising purposes consists of two captive balloons attached to a frame work and supporting a lettered sign board, which can be fitted with electric lights for use at night.

The colored Baptists of this country gave last year \$41,897 for education, \$35,320 for missions, and \$216,794 for miscellaneous purposes. They have church property to the value of \$9,794,242, and school property to the value of \$2,028,650. They publish thirty-two periodicals.

WHERE IDOLS ARE MADE

Birmingham, England, has a factory for Making Heathen Gods.

It has recently been discovered that there is in Birmingham, in the very center of Christian England, a factory where idols are made for heathen nations, says the Pottery Gazette, London. Many attempts have been made to obtain admission to the factory, but a strict watch is kept upon outsiders anxious to pry into the secret chambers where the heathen gods are made, and journalists, especially, are prevented from entering the works.

A few facts were, however, to be gleaned concerning this extraordinary industry. Idols of all kinds are turned out, representing the gods of all heathen nations, from Tokyo to Timbuctoo. The export trade to heathen countries is a fairly large one, although more gods are sent out to foreign dealers in curios in the bazaars of Cairo, Damascus, Colombo, etc., for sale to unsuspecting travelers anxious to take home some mementos of their stay abroad.

The price of gods varies greatly. You may get a Birmingham made one in a London curiosity shop for half a crown or you may run up the pretty bill of \$20 for an especially ugly one, "stolen," according to the dealer, "by a sailor during the Chinese war." In the Cairo bazaar, however, the price of a first-class god of this kind may run from \$20 to \$100. A traveler informed the writer that there was little difficulty in detecting a god of native make from one of Birmingham manufacture. The first generally displayed some slight irregularity or change of design due to the native working by hand, while the Birmingham god was as superlatively correct in form as the most immaculate dandy is in dress.

The trade in idols is kept such a close secret that it is difficult to estimate the output, for in the board of trade returns the gods would doubtless be classed under the humiliating title of "works of art or curios." But there is no doubt the trade is a fairly large one, and that some cute Birmingham men do very well in the business.

FUN.

Robert—Is Harry fond of female society?

Richard—Immoderately. I've known him to play whist with three women.—Boston Transcript.

Cynicus—I heard of a man today who buried a wife and child in the afternoon and went to the theater that night.

Manly—Was he a brute?

No; undertaker.—Collier's Weekly.

"The defendant acts like one possessed."

"Possession is nine points of the law, you know."

And in the inscrutable process of fate there followed a verdict of acquittal upon the ground of emotional insanity.—Detroit Journal.

Alice—That handsome Charley Tradley that calls on me belongs to the board of trade. I wonder what he is, a bull or a bear?

Edith—From his disposition to hug when he went with me, I feel safe in telling you that he is a bear.—Detroit Free Press.

"One of the greatest objections to whiskey," said the man of abstemious habits, "is the fact that in this era of adulteration it contains so many foreign substances."

"You have just given utterance to one of the most impressive truths that I know of. Why, suh, last night I saw a man pouring watah into it."—Washington Star.

Nellie Chaffie—Why, Mr. Canesucker, what has caused the change in your appearance?

Dudley Canesucker—I pwesume it's my glasses, doncher know; I've begun to weah them.

Nellie—Well, you should always wear them. You've no idea how intelligent they make you look. I scarcely knew you.—Tammany Times.

No Room for Doubt.—"I used to think," said the man with the melancholy mien, "that many of these gibes at messenger boys were unjust. But I'm afraid that isn't the case."

"What has caused you to change your mind?"

"I've seen one of them practicing for hours every day this month to learn to stand still without getting off his bicycle."—Washington Star.

PEOPLE ALL ABOUT.

George Laskaris, a native of Greece, and for some years a prosperous fruit merchant in Elmira, N. Y., is said now to be an officer of high rank in the Greek army.—New York Tribune.

Peter C. Burke, who committed suicide Saturday night at the Hotel Barboldi by inhaling illuminating gas, was professor of philosophy in Georgetown college and a former member of the Pennsylvania legislature.

Professor E. A. Grosvenor, of Amherst college, who has spent many years in Greece, says that the English language has changed more in a few generations than the Greek in thirty centuries.—New York Tribune.

President Eliot, of Harvard, President Dwight, of Yale, and Professor Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia, and other well known educators, have been appointed a committee to raise funds in this country for a memorial to Thomas Hughes, the author of "Tom Brown's School Days."

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Flattery and adulation have seized with great avidity upon the sensible and plain speech of President McKinley on the occasion of the Grant commemoration last week. One of the most persistent adulators of present power quotes the following from the speech: "A great life never dies. Great deeds are imperishable, great names immortal. The fletcher then exclaims: 'It is difficult to imagine anything finer than this.' It is fine; but the same thoughts in much the same words, making allowance for translation, have been expressed in nearly all languages. They are as familiar as household words, or copybook lessons.—Philadelphia Record.

Warrants for Dispensary Officers.

Columbia, S. C., May 6.—L. J. Williams, a member of the state board of control, swore out warrants tonight against S. W. Scroggs, chief clerk of the dispensary and Colonel John T. Gaston, ex-commissioner of the dispensary. This is the result of investigations by the attorney general, the testimony showing that Scroggs had taken from a trunk, which was seized by constables, four boxes of cigars and several cans of peaches. The trunk was the property of William Beckroge, of Savannah, who went to Charleston about a month ago to get married and who carried a trunk full of wine and whiskey, cigars, canned peaches, oranges, etc. United States Judge Simonton declared the seizure illegal and when Beckroge, defied his trunk and contents they were gone. The trunk was sold to Legislator Garriss. The board decided that was a perfectly legitimate transaction but could not stand the idea of employes appropriating the cigars and things to their own use. The warrants were not served tonight, but will be tomorrow morning. Scroggs was dismissed as chief clerk tonight and W. H. Lawrence, an expert book-keeper, was appointed in his place.

The Nashville to Have Her Trial.

Washington, May 6.—President Outcut, of the Newport News ship-building company, was at the navy department today and arranged to have the speed trial of the gunboat Nashville take place on the Long Island sound course Wednesday, the 12th. The vessel will make Bridgeport her headquarters. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt may be on the Nashville when she makes her trial run.

Now Japan is itching to go to war. She should pause and reflect that there are only a few Chinas on earth.—Chicago News.

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Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

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