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California has 4,000 wine growers and at least 100,000 acres are planted in vines. This represents an investment of $\$ 60,000,000$ and gives employment or support to 150,000 persons.
New Berne came near having a big fire, on the first inst. Some one had thrown the fag end of a cigar into a wooden box filled with saw dust and used as a spittoon. The fire department was called out but as there was much smoke and no flame, the chief was able to put it out without the aid of the engine. There is too much carelessness on the part of smokers.

The United States exported 910,049 tons of iron in 1886 against 453,959 tons for 1885 . In 1870 the United States produced $1,865,000$ tons, and in $1886,6,366,688$ tonsan increase of nearly 250 per cent. In the South there has been a - steady increase. In 1880 the production of pig iron was 397,301 tons. In 1886 it was 876,589 tons. tons. In 1886 it was 876,589 tons.
Of this amount North CaroOf this amount North Caro-
lina produced but 2,200 tons, yet there are large deposits in our mountains. Pennsylvania produces $3,283,289$ tons, or more than four times as much as the entire South produced.
A Jones county correspondent of the New Berne Fournal says that "there is a real timber boom in that county ; every man wants a timber carriage ; can see lots of money in timber. I cannot see any money there, but I suppose it never was intended for all of us to see alike. All may cut saw logs that wish, but me and my house will try to raise all the corn pork we possibly can, for a barrel of corn in your own crib is worth two in another man's." There is real good sense displayed in the above. The writer has calculated the chances, sees that
men are rushing into a business which is sure to be overdone. He sees that farmers are neglecting their farms for a present compensation which may not prove really remunerative, and when another winter comes on they will be without corn in the crib and have ample pockets which are moneyless.

## A Remarkable Well.

A remarkable well is now in use on a farm near New Madrid,
Mo. The well is remarkable in Mo. The well is remarkable in
the respect that its curbing is the respect that its curbing is
simply that of an old hollow tree simply that of an old hollow tree tree had sunk into the ground
and when found and cut in two and when found and cut in two now being used by the family. It
now afforded water for some time has afforded water for some time
and bids fair to hold out its wa-ter-giving capacity as well if not ed well by the hands of the skillful architect.-Cincinnati TimesStar.

The question is, how came the tree to be imbedded 25 feet in the ground? The only explanation we can conceive is, that in the earthquake which occurred near New Madrid, in 1812, the earth
opened and the tree sunk down,
and the water has preserved it
for three-fourths of a century.

## IRON AGAIN.

This is said to be an age of iron. Iron, since the advent of railroads and the erection of
buildings, in whole or in part, composed of it, and the increase in its use in consequence of the many inventions of machinery and implements in the manufacture of which iron enters as a principal part, has become a metal of first importance. And, on account of its weight, the nearer it can be made to its place of use the cheaper it is to the consumer.
North Carolina has entered upon a growth which is destined to increase as time wears on, and iron-cheap iron-is one of the elements, if not the principal element, of that growth
Now, as the ore is to be found in plenty here in Guilford county, it should be the object of capitalists, business men and all wellwishers of her prosperity to bend every energy to the production of iron; not only for our own use, but for sale to those who cannot manufacture it.
Three things enter into the manufrcture of pig iron, first, the iron ore; second, coal; and third, lime. In some portions of our country where there is abundance of iron ore there is neither coal nor lime in its immediate vicinity. In other sections either coal or lime is absent. But here, in this county, we have in close proximity all these ingredients, with plenty of wood and everything which enters into the making of pig iron.
We now have, or soon will have, in the extension of the rail road to Walnut Cove, facilities for reaching an ample lime sup-
ply. So what we need is an organization and capital to enable us to go to work for the enrich ment of our section.
We trust that some of our capitalists will take this matter under immediate consideration, and act with that promptness which the importance of the matter seems to require, remembering what iron has done for Birmingham, Ala.

## A Spirit's Good Advice.

I am not unfamiliar with spiritual seances, and have recorded some of my experiences with al leged disembodied spirits in this column. It was not until last week, however, that I ever heard of a celestial message of any value reaching the earth. There is no lack of ghostly communications at any well-regulated seance,
but they are generally just such but they are generally just such tributed to would not be likely to make. On the occasion reit was a fortune to talk to that Wisconsin railroad official can testify. This gentleman speculates now and then in stocks, and being present when the communications were given, he asked for advice in making investments. He was told to bay stock in a certain Gogebic Iron mine. He made the investment, and has since sold out at a profit of $\$ 40,000$. If mediums could oftener make connections with this kind of ghosts their calling would soon become popular.
A Cranke-A new and extraordinary reformer has risen in the west. Mr. Edwin Reeves, formerly Mayor of the city of Elgin,
III., has made an extensive trip II., has made an extensive trip with a profound conviction that the most degraded people in the
world are those who are forbidden or who scorn the use of alcoholic beverages, and the most enlightned and powerful people those who are given to wine. He puts
this discovery side by side with the example of Christ in permitting the use of wine, and even of ting the use of wine, and even of
miraculously turning water into wine, and deduces a great moral lesson in opposition to the restriction of liquor.- $E x$.

## STATE NEWS.

Cotton is looking up. It always does about planting time. Let the farmers beware.- Be-
ware of chattel mortgages and ware of chattel mortgages and
crop liens. You have to pay crop liens. You have to pay about one hundred per cent. for the privilege.- Remember that
it is the good tobacco that pays. it is the good tobacco that pays.
Who wants to buy sorry tobacco, and who wants to make sorry to-bacco?-Warrenton Gazette.
People outside of Charlotte a not in a position to fully realize what has been accomplished by the series of meetings being held in this city under the auspices of
the Rev. Mr. Pearson. It has been stated that near 600 people have made a public profession of faith in Christ since the begin-
ning of these meetings. This ning of these meetings. This Charlotte Observer.
The Sheriff is about to down the Blue Ridge for taxes, and the famous Blowing Rock will be under the hammer for the same rea-
son. Elsewhere will be found the son. Elsewhere will be found the sheriff's advertisement, in which he states that on Monday of Caldwell court, being the 2 sst of March, he will offer for sale 42,
183 acres of mountain 183 acres of mountain land belonging to the Western North
Carolina Land Company, the same being levied on for taxes. Lenoir Topic.
We heard a prominent railroad president recently say that Stokes
county would have in the near
future a second future a second Birmingham. Take a peep at Danbury and its surrounding, with one end of mountain and the other on the beautiful Dan, a stream with horse shoe bend and tunnel already open, giving a fall of fifteen to twenty-five, which will furnish water power for any purpose, located in the very midst of the finest iron ore, manganese, lime, fire clay and timber, and distant
but ten miles from the coal beds but ten miles from the coal beds
on Town Fork where veins of good coal twelve inches to two feet thick are found withim fifteen feet of the surface.-Danbury Reporter.

A Delightrul New Dainty,
-"Haven't you heard of heavenly - "Haven't you heard of heavenly
h ash " asked a pretty little matron down at the cooking school -a matron so young, so pretty. petite and dainty, with such dimpled cheeks and waving hair, such bud mouth as to make one think of Dora Copperfield. "Why, heavenly hash is just too delicious, and the name suits it to a dot, This is what it seems to be, and i believe it is: Oranges, bananas, lemons, apples, raisins and pineapples are cyt up into little bitshashed, you know, and worked just enough to thicken the juices, with a little grated nutmeg. But the serving is the pretty part It is after this wise: Cut a hole just large enough to admit a
spoon in the stem end of an orspoon in the stem end of an or-
ange and through that hole take ange and through that hole take out all the inside of the or ange, which you then fill with the heayenly hash, and serve on a pretty little glass fruit dish with lemon or orange leayes decorating the dish. You can imagine this heaventy hash to be a delightrul new
dainty, which at some recent luncheon parties has taken the place of ice-cream.
Convict-Can't I hatve better
meals?" Warden:-No, you are
getting the best we can afford."
Convict:- Well, if there isn't a
change soon I'll leave, that's all.

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