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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1889.

The trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College met in Raleigh last Thursday and established the following chairs: Practical Mechanics and Mathematics; English; Agriculture; Horticulture; Arboriculture; Botany and Chemistry. It was decided not to have a military course of instruction. The professors and the president will not be chosen until the June meeting.

HERE IS WHAT THE GOLD LEAF has been preaching and endeavoring to impress upon our people a long time. The *La Grange Sentinel* says:

The development of our manifold State resources of wealth and profit will remain unenumerative until means and machinery are employed to work it up at home. The sending of our material North to be manufactured into farming implements, furniture, fabrics, and other goods, has been, is, and will be, if continued, our financial thralldom.

GENERAL William Rufus Cox, of Edgecomb, returns to his home today, having prolonged his visit after discharging the graceful duties of memorial orator on Friday. General Cox is a son of whom North Carolina is justly proud. He was a good and gallant soldier, and has been a most excellent citizen and public official. He was the best Chairman of the Democratic State Executive committee we ever had. He was an excellent Solicitor, and a good Judge. As a representative in Congress the State had no better. He is now plain farmer Cox, and just as graceful and gallant, patriotic and heroic, as when he led the last charge made at Appomattox.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

A CATHOLIC PRIEST ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Rev. J. J. Boyle, assistant pastor of the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart in Raleigh, was arrested and lodged in jail charged with the most heinous of crimes in the whole catalogue of crimes, last Saturday evening. The victim of his assault was a Miss Geneva Whitaker, aged 17 years, organist of the church, whom he enticed into his room by some means. What happened there, according to the unfortunate girl's statement, was horrible, the utmost brutality having been shown. She screamed, whereupon he put a pistol to her head, she claims. Two other persons were in the building at the time, and Miss Whitaker's female companion was out on the lawn, but no one heard the screams. After the girl was allowed to go, she went into an adjoining room, washed her face and combed her hair, it is stated, and made her way to her home some distance away and there told her pitiful story. Upon this her father had a warrant issued for Boyle's arrest. When the officer went to serve the warrant he found the priest asleep in his room. The most intense excitement prevails over this horrible affair and indignation, justly roused, high, but the people of Raleigh will deport themselves with becoming respect for the majesty and justice of the law. Being taken before the Mayor for a preliminary hearing, Boyle waived an examination and was lodged jail to await trial by the higher court.

This is indeed a shocking and sad affair. It is greatly to be deplored on account of the unfortunate girl, to whom death would have been far better, the wretched prisoner himself, the church he presumed to represent and the good of society. It is bad enough when the debased and depraved fall still lower, and more so when a high handed crime is perpetrated by one who by virtue of his position should stand out as a leader and teacher, an exemplar among men.

Caution to Mothers.
Every mother is cautioned against giving her child laudanum or paregoric; it creates an unnatural craving for stimulants which kills the mind or the child. Acker's Baby Sooter is specially prepared to benefit children and cure their pains. It is harmless and contains no Opium or Morphine. Sold by M. Dorsey.

Hot weather is coming, but it will be a very hot day when High can't stand up with all competitors.

GILL CITY.

Mr. Emory.—When you take an evening ride again, you should start out on the Louisville road. About five and half miles south of Henderson, you will find your self at Gill City, N. C. This is a new name for this place. The old name is Hawkins' X Roads. This will probably be the first depot on—leading from Henderson.

The people around Gill City can boast of its healthfulness and the best water in Vance county. Good springs can be found on every plantation; and if you can mention you can't stop their flow by dipping out with a two gallon bucket.

The vicinity around here is probably the thickest of Vance county. Among some of our best farmers are: R. S. Watkins, Willie Ellis, Robert Ellis, W. T. Will, H. S. Stankle, R. C. Coghill, Willie Kittrell and J. A. Gill who has a large plantation with a number of good renters. R. C. Coghill and W. T. Weir use no commercial fertilizers, and I can testify to the fact that they are more successful with their crops, especially cotton, than their neighbors who use fertilizers.

A good crop of wheat, no doubt, will be raised from the woods and pine fields, and to say the least of us—we are growing populus and prosperous.

To satisfy the demands and convenience of the people, S. G. Satterwhite will soon have completed a large store house, which he intends to rent to some good intelligent person who will supply all the needs of the community. A post office is certainly needed here, and no doubt we will have this convenience in the near future.

Victory for the Durham & Northern.
BALTIMORE, May 11.—Another victory for the Durham & Northern. The injunction for the Durham & Northern, granted by Judge Bond preventing the building of a railroad in Durham is dissolved and the bill dismissed without prejudice. Judge Bond has granted an injunction restraining the Richmond & Danville Road from interfering with the Durham & Northern track in Durham.

This has reference to the building of a track along Peabody street in Durham, the Richmond & Danville Company claiming that the Durham & Northern was trespassing when it took possession of said street and put its track down.

DANVILLE LETTER.
Railroad Accident—Unknown Man Found Dead—Suicide—Sam Jones, &c.

DANVILLE, VA., May 13, 1889.

EDITOR GOLD LEAF:—Last Thursday evening as the employees of the Atlantic & Danville Railroad were finishing up the day's work an accident occurred, resulting in the death of one man and the serious wounding of several others. The accident took place just within the city limits, near the old fair grounds.

The construction train of the A. & D. road, consisting of engine and two flat cars, one of which was loaded with railroad iron, was returning to the end of the line. On the car with the iron were many negroes, employed by the company. The train was moving at a low rate of speed, and while turning a curve and ascending a grade, from some cause or other, suddenly because of too much weight on one side, the loaded car left the track with tremendous crash, turning nearly over. The entire load of rails was thrown off, catching many of the men in the wreck. The engine, in its effort to extricate the train, was then begun. After the iron had been removed it was found that one of the men named Thomas was instantly killed, the body being terribly mangled. The man was broken, the body being in a sitting posture, just as it left the car. Two others had their legs broken between the knees and feet. One of them is thought to be fatally injured. Several sustained slight injuries. The wonder is more were not killed outright, considering their perilous conditions.

Physicians were soon on hand and the railroad company had the wounded men conveyed to their homes on stretchers and properly cared for.

The writer of this was an eye-witness to this distressing accident and it was a shocking and heart-rending scene that followed. A large crowd was soon on the ground and the negro women and children were highly excited, shrieking and mourning as they gazed upon the sickening spectacle.

By the way, work on this end of the A. & D. road is being rapidly pushed. Already the road has been extended to Milton, and work is going on along the entire route between this city and Clarksville. Three or four miles of rails have been laid on this end of the line and by next December it is expected trains will be running through from Danville to Norfolk. By this route it will be 200 miles between the two cities.

A few weeks ago some boys found the body of an unknown white man just below one of the banks on a fish trap. They attempted to float the body to shore, and went to the bottom of the river and was lost. Last week it was again seen four miles from here, near the North Carolina line. This time it was taken out and a coroner's inquest held. The verdict of the jury was that the man came to his death by drowning, and that he was an unknown party. Nothing was found on the body to identify it, and the presumption is that the man is an entire stranger in these parts and was murdered perhaps for his money. All sorts of theories have been advanced but at this writing the affair is all shrouded in mystery.

Mrs. George Peter, a widow lady about 40 years of age living in Caswell county, N. C., not far from this city, committed suicide last week by shooting herself through the temple. Her husband died a few months ago and since that time she had been unfortunate in the loss of much of her property by fire. Melancholy from these causes is the reason assigned for her act. She leaves two children aged about 10 and 12 years—both boys.

Rev. Samuel Jones, the great evangelist, arrived in Danville Sunday morning, and a large crowd was at the depot to see him. He is the guest of Mr. James E. Schoolfield, no. Main street, and preached his first sermon in Main Street Methodist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. He was not expected here until the following day, but he was so anxious to see the people that he would have gone to hear him. Farmers' warehouse, (or the Tabernacle, as it is called) is where the meetings are being held; and everything has been nicely arranged for the comfort of his attendants. Good benches are provided and the seating capacity of the house is 3,500. A platform for 100 singers, selected from the various churches of Danville and North Danville, has been erected, and this part of the service will be by Mr. Excel, who accompanies the noted evangelist at all of his appointments. Both piano and organ are used, and the music furnished is very good. The building is well ventilated and the sky-lights and windows so shaded as to keep out the sun. It is thoroughly fitted for the night service—about seventy-five gas jets being in use.

Excursion trains came in yesterday and many strangers attended the services. Fully 4,000 people attended in the afternoon and many more than that at night. The railroads have all reduced rates. The meeting will continue ten days—three sermons a day.

I have read many of the peculiar sayings and oddities of Sam Jones and since hearing him three times they are all fully verified. J. W. B.

A nice twin window shades at Sharpe & Peoples.

NOTICE!

Land Sale!
By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Vance county, in an action entitled Robert R. Barwell, plaintiff, against John Hargrove, defendant, notice is hereby given that I will, on **MONDAY THE 14th DAY OF JULY, 1889, at the court house door, in Henderson, sell to the highest bidder the following tract of land:**

1. A tract of land, situate in the county of Vance, in State of North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of Wm. A. Chatham, Leonard Stegal and others, and the boundary line between the States of North Carolina and Virginia, containing sixty acres or thereabouts.

2. A tract of land, situate in said county and State, and adjoining the lands of Wiley I. Newman deceased, Leonard Stegal and the late Col. Charles L. Eaton and others, and containing thirty-three acres or thereabouts.

The said lands will be sold on a credit of six months, the purchase money to bear interest at 8 per cent. per annum from day of sale and to be secured by land with sufficient surety of sureties. This 6th day of May 1889. JAMES H. YOUNG, Commissioner.

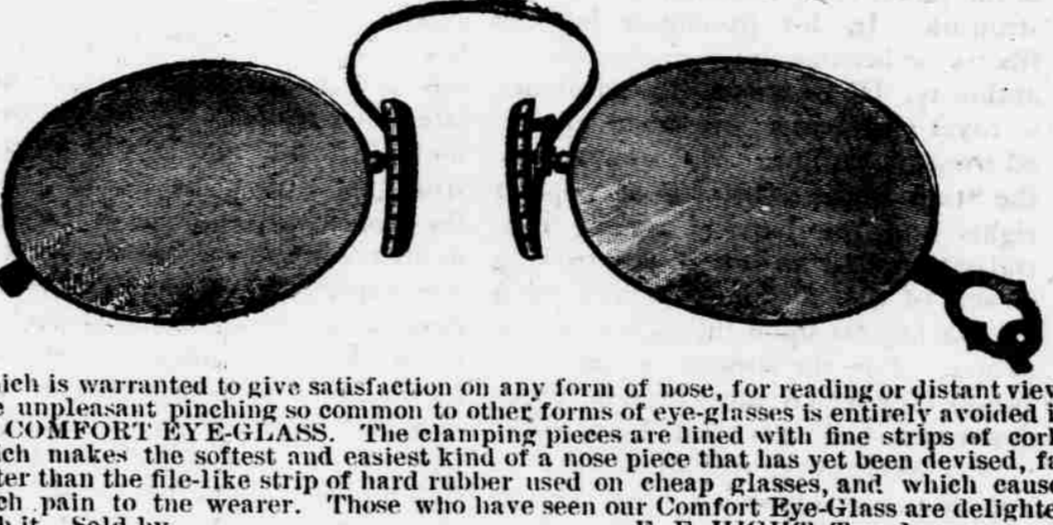
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Having purchased of Mr. L. Thomas my individual good will in the job printing business (sold to him when he bought out Ludington & Aycock, the first of January) I have purchased the job printing office, known as the Henderson Printing Co., and will again engage in business here. This is a new office, and with the latest improved styles of

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Roses abound for lo! there's another Who lends quite a charm to the ladies' counter, Delighting the hearts of both matrons and lassies With goods in her line to suit all classes.

Then there's Norwood Thomas who is at his stand, With graceful bow and manners most bland, And with eloquence rare which defies contradiction Will sell you fine dry goods and elegant notion."

If you would "trip the light fantastic" And should need a slipper very elastic, A rich cravat or a beaver hat, Just call on Patterson and—Bat.

They'll show you Spring suits of the latest fashion, For finish and fit beyond all competition, And with candor they'll tell you that a Hay-state or Zeigler Is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Then the great Alexander with reputation As salesman that beats all the rest of creation Will furnish the finest of stoves to cook in, Pans, pots and kettles, ad infinitum.

Furniture, carpets, glass-ware and crockery Of beautiful design and greatest variety, Watson and Barnes again true and reliable, Will quickly convince you are very desirable.

And last, though not least, a man of few words, Who proves how much mightier pens are than swords; A man of integrity bold Edward Hines, Will make out accounts and take in the dimes.

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---THE EQUITABLE---
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Much is heard now-a-days about the Agents of this Society, giving estimates upon Tontine Policies. For the benefit of those who have not kept posted, and for those who may be seeking the best forms of life assurance, we give below a few illustrations of actual results attained by the Equitable under this form of policy. Estimates are not now being made. Results have been attained before us, estimates are useless. Facts are what the business man of to-day is most interested in, and we are prepared to show actual results attained upon every age or style of policy.

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Ordinary Life Policy.
No. 91,201.
Issued July 14, 1874, on the Life of S. T. Amount, \$10,000.
Age 45. Annual Premium, \$379.70.
Premiums paid in 15 years, - - \$3,635.50
RESULT JULY 14, 1889.

The policy holder is allowed, upon the completion of the Tontine period of fifteen years, the choice of six methods of settlement; the three most important are the following:

1. Cash Value, \$3,635.00
2. Paid-up Value, \$10,090.00
3. Cash Surplus, \$2,539.40

Percentage to Premiums paid, 105.
Percentage to Premiums paid, 177.
Percentage to Premiums paid, 271.

Life Policy
PAID UP IN 15 ANNUAL PAYMENTS.
No. 94,041.
Issued Dec. 30, 1874, on the Life of J. S. G. Amount, \$20,000.
Age 45. Annual Premium, \$1,042.20.
Premiums paid in 15 years, - - \$15,633.00
RESULT DEC. 30, 1889.

The policy holder is allowed, upon the completion of the Tontine period of fifteen years, the choice of five methods of settlement; the three most important are the following:

1. Cash Value, \$10,556.40
2. Paid-up Value, \$33,140.00
3. Cash Surplus, \$7,747.20

Percentage to Premiums paid, 123.
Percentage to Premiums paid, 212.
Percentage to Premiums paid, 50.

15-Year Endowment Policy.
No. 87,871.
Issued Feb. 13, 1874, on the Life of J. R. M. Amount, \$1,000.
Age 24. Annual Premium, \$66.02.
Premiums paid in 15 years, - - \$980.20
RESULT FEB. 13, 1889.

The policy holder is allowed, upon the completion of the Tontine period of fifteen years, the choice of three methods of settlement:

1. Cash Value, \$1,426.61
2. Percentage to Premiums paid, 144.
3. Percentage to Premiums paid, 307.

Percentage to Premiums paid, 30.
Percentage to Premiums paid, 307.70.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
Agent The Equitable Life Assurance Society,
HENDERSON, N. C.

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