

Rockingham Rocket.

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GEN. GRANT FORGOTTEN.

So soon has the lesson taught in his last message to earth, and sealed by the union of Federal and Confederate hearts at his grave, passed from the memory or regard of bitter and hungry politicians. Senator John Sherman, brother of the General, in a political speech delivered last week, contributed all his weight and influence to "throw the fat in the fire" and revive the sectional issue between North and South.

But the Democrats of Ohio, to influence the election in which State Sherman made his speech, will not be drawn away from the real issue in the campaign. The Democratic candidate for Governor, Hoadly, presents the following as his views: "Senator Sherman's speech gives you a pretty clear idea of the issue on which his party proposes to make its fight, and we shall meet them. If they propose to thrash straw twenty years old, we have no objection."

THE STORM AT CHARLESTON.

The most destructive storm within many years struck the city of Charleston, S. C., on Tuesday morning, 25th ult. Not a tornado, such as proved so calamitous in the immediate neighborhood of our town on Feb. 19th, 1854, but a cyclone, the distinction being that the spiral of the tornado in its circular movement makes a swath narrow in extent and usually not more than a few hundred yards in width, while that of the cyclone with similar circular movement is from 100 to 500 miles in diameter.

in the nerve and ability of the people to recover from the ruin, has declined offers of assistance from other quarters. Fortunately the loss of life within the city limits was small—only two persons being killed.

FOR YOUNG MEN TO CONSIDER.

A clergyman remarked the other day that he could see no reason why a "Young Men's Christian Association" should not be organized in our town. We could give none except that somehow, while it was humiliating to confess it, our town seems to be sadly lacking in proper material to lead and infuse life into such a movement.

But he is a good fellow, as the phrase goes, nevertheless. He only needs a little extra looking after by our friend, the clergyman, and others who stand ready to co-operate; and it would not surprise us even, however uninviting the prospect, if he should become "organized" after the proper efforts in the direction indicated have been made.

Mr. Kelley at Home.

Anthony M. Kelley, who was appointed minister to Italy, and on his resignation was transferred to Vienna, but rejected by the Austrian government, arrived in New York with his family on the steamship Rhyndland, from Antwerp, Wednesday. Mr. Kelley said to a reporter: "Any government, according to international law, from the fact of its sovereignty, has a perfect right to receive or reject whoever may be appointed as minister to it."

An Enjoyable Occasion.

It was the pleasure of this scribe to attend the meeting of the Sunday-school Convention of Fayetteville Presbytery, which met with the church at Centre, Robeson county. Centre church is so near the Richmond line that a few dots in the Rocket may be of interest.

The Convention met on the 25th August. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. S. Lacy. After the sermon an intermission of one hour was given for dinner. After dinner there were five interesting topics read relative to Sunday-school work, two of which were discussed, and then the Convention adjourned.

On the second day the other three topics were discussed, at the conclusion of which the happy announcement of dinner was made. In the afternoon the "Question Box" was passed around, and any one who wished to ask any question on S. S. work were requested to "drop it in the hat," and I will say, by way of parenthesis, that I have seen hats passed among congregations for something more substantial than questions which were not so well filled as this one.

Although all of the questions and answers were interesting, it would consume too much of your valuable space to notice them all; but there was one question which elicited quite a lively discussion, viz: "Do reward pictures and excursions benefit Sunday-schools?"

The grand jury of Buncombe county Tuesday returned a true bill against Wm. H. Hurd and F. P. Jones and son, for the murder of the Joyce family of four in that county, in April last.

Dr. Hendren Found Guilty and Suspended.

The investigation of the charges against Rev. L. L. Hendren, D. D., late presiding elder of this district, began, as stated in our last, at Mooresville, on Wednesday last week. It continued three days and two nights, or until Friday evening, 21st. Rev. L. W. Crawford and Rev. G. W. Callahan, of the original committee of investigation, were challenged, and Revs. Z. Rush and F. D. Swindell were appointed in their stead.

STATE NEWS.

Senator Ransom has at last quit Washington and is with his family at Blowing Rock.

Rev. Mr. McKinnon has accepted the presidency of Davidson College, and will remove to Davidson in the early part of September.

The "Republican" says Winston is a dry town in an uncomfortable sense. Last week fire destroyed the grog shops and this week the water supply has failed.

The drought is beginning to be felt in some sections. In parts of Alamance county, the wells are dry. About half the wells in the town of Graham give no water.

The deer are so thick in some sections of Craven county that they hang out scarecrows to keep them out of the melon patches and the peas.—High Point Enterprise.

Roxboro Township has subscribed seven thousand dollars to a narrow gauge railroad to Milton—forty thousand dollars is the amount to be raised in the county.—Dollar Weekly.

In Wayne county, a man has been indicted and convicted under the new law for obtaining a license for marriage to a girl of fourteen by falsely representing her age. It is the first case. He was sent to the penitentiary.

Lee McDay and Henderson were each fined three dollars for swearing in Winston. If every guilty person were to be dealt with in this manner it would put a stop to a part of the profanity so common among some people.—Salem Press.

It is reported that the tobacco crops along the North Carolina railroad, from Jamestown towards Thomasville, are badly injured, being sunburnt during the hot weather, week before last.—Winston Independent.

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A gentleman of this place showed us, the other day, articles of indenture, made and signed in 1823, by which his father, afterwards one of the wealthiest merchants in Statesville, was bound, when a fifteen year-old boy, to a firm of merchants in Warrington for a term of 6 years, to learn the business.

The "News and Observer" says that Mr. David Scott, of Greensboro, N. C., has invented a cotton picker which he claims to be a success. He says that with three hands to operate it the work of 90 men can be done.

Mr. Davis Not Fired At.

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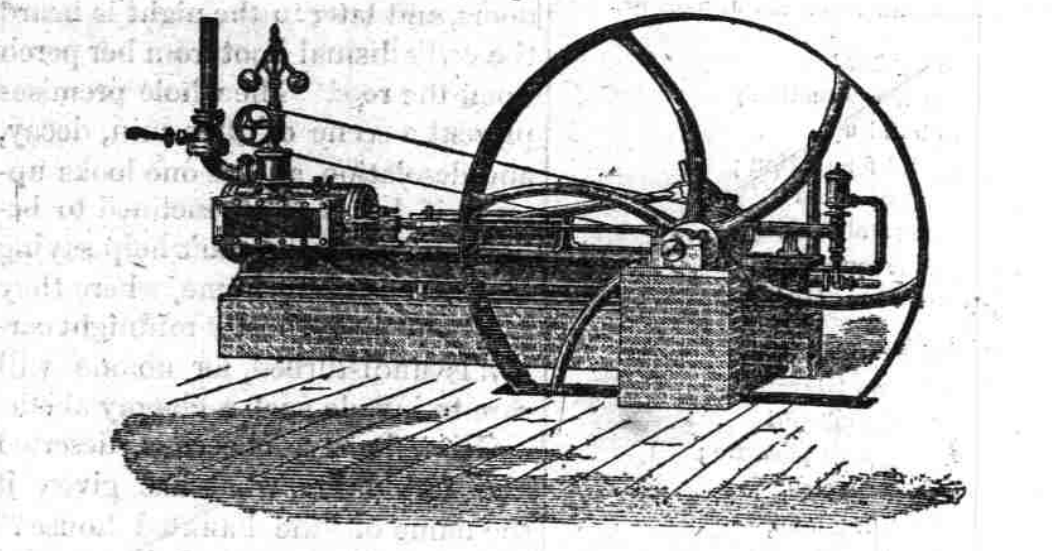
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