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Job Printing.
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our people in voting the Remember, too, that the fork of the river near to Lilesville as a your planters are to railroad in this end. The planters in the and Mineral Springs near to Rockingham in the Spring Hill. Besides, that law is practically a dead-letter. Dams now span the river from bank to bank, at several places, and nothing is done about it. Mr. Thomas says further that if you vote for the subscription, and pay only a poll tax, you would vote "a barrel of medium flour out of your house for a hundred years to come." Let's see how that is: A barrel of medium flour will cost \$4.50 a barrel. There are about 3,500 taxpayers in Richmond county. A barrel each would be 3,500. 3,500 barrels at \$4.50 per barrel would be \$15,750; multiply this by 100 and it makes the enormous sum of one million one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Can't any child see that Mr. Thomas didn't know what he was talking about? The great trouble with the railroad opponents is that they make assertions without verifying them. They don't stick to facts.

We are taking up too much space with Mr. Thomas, but we will notice one more point. He says that, "after sifting the thing out carefully, I find that the railroad is to build up Rockingham." Well, now, ain't Mr. T. a sifter from Sifersville? We'll bet he has been sifting sand ever since the railroad got to Laurinburg in order to clear off a few more acres of clay land to sell at an advance in price. But we are really surprised that so public spirited a gentleman as he is reputed to be should envy Rockingham, his own county seat, what advantage would accrue to her, be it much or little, by the new railroad. Of course Rockingham would be benefited some; every place along the line would. But would it "build up Rockingham?" In the very next sentence this expert sifter says it would kill it, and cites two cases in evidence. Even our business houses, he says, would become corrals for sheep and goats. How are you to regard the statements of a man who flatly contradicts himself? But Rockingham is not to be the chief beneficiary of the railroad. It will help the Little River section, and the country between here and there; more than any other because it really needs it more. The country is rough, rocky and hilly, and it is next to impossible for them to do their marketing. To go to Lilesville, as Mr. T. suggests, they must cross the river twice, paying ferrage going and coming, and the road is not much better. To come to Rockingham requires two days; so you see they cannot make any profit on their surplus produce. But Mr. Thomas need not fear that this would inure much to the benefit of Rockingham, for a thriving town would soon spring up in that section, giving them a market right at their doors. Nor need he fear that the sheep and goats will take Rockingham, for, should the goats come, somebody in that neighborhood might "come up missing."

The President has signed the Inter-States Commerce Bill, and as soon as the necessary machinery is perfected the law will go into execution. The leading newspapers of the North were unfavorable to this particular measure. They maintain that it is a piece of hasty legislation and deals very loosely with a very complex subject. Every one must have been struck with the inability of any commission of five men to successfully perform the work the bill entails upon them. It is very probable that on this law will accomplish little in the way of checking the evils at which it strikes. However, it is a move in the right direction, and from the experiences and lessons this effort will give us, there will be evolved something more perfect and practical.—Shelby New Era.

Effect of Manure on Soil.
From the Farm, Field and Turfman.
The effect of manure on soils is various. Long manure on sandy soils tends to make the land sticky, more dry, and hence should only be applied to this kind of soil in a thoroughly rotted condition, or better as a compost. What sandy soils, as a rule, is humus, and compost or thoroughly rotted manure is in just the condition to kindly perform this office.

Many persons, perhaps a majority, suppose that manures leach down through sandy soils and are lost. If the soil is nearly a clear sand this effect will take place if some crop is not grown thereon. But crops on sandy soils, in the presence of manure, eat out manure very fast, and hence this apparent disappearance of manure is accounted for. It goes quickly into the crop if in a soluble state. Loams and clays, on the contrary, take up and hold manure indefinitely if not accepted by crops. If occupied by crops it is given up, but all the constituents of plant growth being present, the eating out of manure is not so quickly seen. The reason why manure is more quickly eaten out of sandy soils is that they are more porous than clay soils, and hence more amenable to the action of the oxygen of the air, and this action of oxygen upon any material liable to decay is what reduces such material to a state by which it may be taken up by plants. Hence, if the soil is clayey, long undigested manure will be indicated. It tends to render such soil more light and porous. On sandy soils every means possible should be used to render the soil as compact as possible, while the natural sandy soils require the greatest possible disintegration to render them the most productive. Yet there should always be a due relation to compactness in any soil to reach the best results.

Got the Drop on Them.
A Tolona (Ill.) telegram says: A bold attempt to rob an express car on the Wabash railway was made last night. When the through express train was about half way from Philo to Tolona the attention of Jack Tyrrell, the engineer in charge, was attracted by a noise behind him, and looking back he saw three well-dressed young men coming toward him over the tender. They advanced to the cab and there, under cover of the fire, they doubled their hands and the train, as they were, the express car. Tyrrell is an expert engineer, and once grasped that he would not be able to get the express car, he opened his trunk and it a revolver in the face of the robbers, who ran down the track. Tyrrell is a man of great nerve, and he compelled the robbers to get down from the engine and ward Tolona then under the tender.

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The Springfield Republican refers to the new administration at Yale as that of "Timothy Dwight II."

The Workingmen's Friend.
The observance of the day of rest by abstaining from the ordinary labors of life, and turning the mind expressly to the teachings of religion and the care of the spiritual nature, is one of the primary teachings of Christianity. And upon it hang the best interests of society, while it is deeply related to home-life and personal character.

The Sabbath is the workingman's friend. It was made for man—for a world of toilers. It is also the friend of the capitalist. He will receive higher and better work from men who rest upon the Sabbath and, appropriately use it. The right observance of it, it need hardly be said, tends to healthfulness, industry, intelligence, sound morality.

The Farmers and the Bird Law.
From the Statesville Landmark.
A farmer writing to the editor of the Landmark says: "I see some member of the Legislature, in his zeal to benefit the poor farmer, has introduced a bill allowing a person to kill partridges or quail on his own land any time of the year. Neither the farmers nor any other class want any such a law, as it will not give poor Bob White any chance at all. We can't raise tobacco without the aid of the quail, as they destroy the worms. On the other hand we had hoped this Legislature would further protect the birds by passing a law prohibiting netting or trapping them any time of the year, and only allowing them to be shot between November and March. A law allowing the shooting of members of the Legislature during a certain period would be a damned sight more acceptable to the farmers."

A Benefactor.
If a man is a benefactor who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, how much more should he be a benefactor who doubles the number of the products of this country? It is a fair way to be and that very soon of Sheridan's Condensed Powder will make hens lay, will double the egg production, will revolutionize the poultry industry. During the winter of 1886, 1887, of Sheridan's Powder was made by intelligent poultry raisers, the result was most convincing. Not a man who made the trial doubted the average as many as got more of the same number of eggs at the same time the previous trial was as severe a test as could be applied. The trial was prescribed rules, and had to be signed by the judge of the trial and then made a justice of the peace. Therefore, no longer any doubts of intelligent minds but that a judicious use of Sheridan's Powder will increase the egg production amongst birds of nature, as will greatly profit in raising them.

It is a matter of supreme importance to women, children and invalids, for there is no way by which a steady cash income can be secured with so little labor as by keeping and caring for poultry. I. S. Johnson & Co., of 22 Custom House St., Boston, have published recently a book entitled "The Farmers' Poultry Raising Guide," price 25 cents. They will however mail it postpaid to any person sending 60 cents for two 25 cent packs of Sheridan's Powder, or \$1.20 for a 2 lb tin can.

Our Premiums.
THE ROCKET is determined to give its subscribers their money's worth; that it does this even in its own pages we have often been assured by its patrons, but in order to give a large variety of reading matter we have arranged to offer again this year the following premiums, viz:

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Judge Ashe's Successor.
Cor. Charlotte Chronicle.
The appointment of a successor to Judge Ashe is of great importance not alone to the profession, but to the people of the State. I trust Gov. Seales will give due consideration to all the surrounding circumstances before acting. I hope it will not be regarded as indelicate or undue interfering with the rights of the Governor to submit a few considerations which should have weight in determining the matter. The two Judges now on the bench reside in Raleigh—therefore that locality or district should not be taken in account in making the selection. The man should be spotless—free from all complications, and in every particular above reproach.

The glory of the North Carolina bar, with very few exceptions, is the incorruptibility and lofty integrity of its members. Since 1868 no lawyer of standing has been smirched. Now let that exalted standard be maintained. That the present Supreme Court does not rank in point of ability with the court in former times cannot be denied. That Messrs. Smith and Ashe in purity of character and honor are equal to the best is unquestionable, but that as Judges they do not rank with Gaston, Henderson, Ruffin, Pearson or Bynum, will not be claimed by their most ardent admirers. We not only want character, but eminent ability, judicial acumen, and powers of physical endurance. The Supreme Court needs strengthening and either Burwell or P. D. Walker possesses the necessary element to restore it to its pristine influence and power.

UNION.
An Alabama man, charged with stealing a calf, made the following statement:
"I was always taught to be honest and most always has been, but when I seed that calf I caved. I never wanted a calf so bad in all my life, an' you know that when a man wants a calf he wants him." The jury returned the following verdict: "We this jury air satisfied that Steve stole the calf, but as the feller that owned the animal is considerable of a slouch, we agree to clear an' make the slouch pay the costs."—Arkansas Traveler.

Farmers, stock raisers, livery stable men, and dairymen unite in praise of Days Horse Powder. Give no opium or laudanum to the baby. Always use Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup in its stead, 25 cents. Dr. Bull's Baltimore Pills are one of those rare remedies which should be kept in every house. Pride of America—Drexel's Bell Cologne.

Fun From Different Sources.
The big bustle is voted bad form. All sailors luff to be on the briary deep. A patron of husbandry—the watch-maker. Our national arms should hereafter bear a flit codfish. Sixteen dollars voted for woman suffrage. Custom House creates a big buzzing in official circles. What is the favorite decoration of winter thermometers? Furbelows. The man who commits suicide by hanging dies of his own free will and a cord. The "oldest inhabitant" always means well; but he is apt to get rattled on facts. Paris now has among its other social freaks a club composed of divorced men. Those who remarry become bonaraires. "It is odd that the wages of sin remain just the same as they were when the hours were shorter." The man who has sand in him is not half so popular just now as the man who has sand on his sidewalk. If a man who thinks too much of himself goes to Washington, he will take rooms on "I" street. The beer drinker would seem to be his own worst enemy in that he maltreats himself so persistently. Literally Notes—Authors' promises to pay. The pianist's promise to pay is, of course, note of hand. "It is one of Satan's devices to blind the eyes of worldly men by dust from the social garments of Christians." There is only one female trombone player in this county. There are a great many men who do nothing, however. Rev. Sam Jones seems determined to get his work in on the American sinner. He is going to visit Montreal. "You can't fight here," said Officer Daily as he came up on two men who were wrangling on Clinton St., the other day. "Who wants to?" boldly demanded one of the twain. "You seem to."

"No, I don't! I'm simply getting mad now so as to lick this fellow, when he comes out into the country." "Boy," he said as he halted beside a bootblack who was eating a big furrup, "I'm afraid that's bad for you." "Yes—yum—but you'd better put out all your sympathy on the turnip," was the reply, as he bit off another quarter section. An eminent scientist claims that a sober man can become intoxicated by passing half an hour with a drunken man. He can if the latter's money holds out. "It is rather strange the plumbers and coal dealers are seldom sent to the Legislature," said Jones to Smith, the other day. "It isn't strange at all," answered Smith; "legislation is overdone as it is."

"What has that to do with it?" "Everything in the world. Send plumbers and coal dealers to the Legislature and through the force of habit they would be bringing in bills every day." The wife of Senator Stanford, of California, wore \$500,000 worth of diamond jewelry at the President's reception. On the same day a half-breed Chippewa Indian at the carnival grounds wore a coonskin cap and buckskin leggings. Yet we bet ten to one, that the Indian had the most fun.

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