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THE PENITENTIARY.

A late number of the Wilmington Messenger contains a well composed letter from a daughter of Rev. Henry Eppes, a colored preacher, upon the subject of the negro exodus. In it she speaks of many plantations on the Roanoke which are to be cultivated by convict labor, thereby driving away, of necessity, all other kinds. We regret to hear of this. If it is true there will be an emphatic protest at an early day against this plan of utilizing the convicts for the purpose of making the penitentiary self-sustaining. Indeed, we fear that the last Legislature, in its commendable zeal to reduce the burdens of taxation, committed an error which will, in fact, cost the people all the saving which it secured, in demoralizing the labor in several of the industries necessary to the well-being of the State.

The present Board of Directors have been freed from the exactions and restrictions which hampered their predecessors. That they have managed the affairs of the institution committed to them in a prudent way, under the existing law, we do not doubt. But it is unjust to those who preceded them for certain newspaper correspondents to contrast their work with that done by others, unless all the facts are given. And they are not. Now the Board can hire out all the convicts for a given sum and can establish work for the convicts at least within the walls of the penitentiary. It is well known that heretofore for several years the Board were bound to furnish the C. F. & Y. V. road with hundreds of hands without a cent of remuneration, and were obliged to feed, clothe and guard them. Then, owing to a popular demand, they were forced to surrender a contract for making shoes and for work on rock quarries, for which they were receiving a fair compensation. If the restrictions had not been imposed upon their predecessors, and the temper of the times had not made a surrender of the contracts necessary, there is no doubt that they could have made a better showing. In addition to this, much work was done on the Supreme Court room and the Governor's mansion, and at other places.

We have seen it stated that the Governor had ordered the Architect and Warden of the penitentiary to proceed to complete a portion of the Executive Mansion so that it could be used for the purpose intended. In this there must be error. We had supposed that the Architect and Warden were under the control of the Board of Directors and entirely independent of any "orders" from the Governor. Such was the case before the meeting of the last General Assembly, and we believe is the case at this time. Certainly it ought to be so. For these reasons we think that the Governor would hardly invade the authority of other parties. We know that some persons are very fond of the exercise of power, and now and then assume extraordinary positions. Indeed, we have heard of a few who administered upon the estates of living men. But we cannot believe that Gov. Fowle has done anything so pretentious and absurd. Though not regarding him as the wisest man who ever lived, we think him possessed of a fair amount of discretion, which would prevent his assumption of a power not conferred by the law of the State. He may have requested the Board to take such steps. But he has no power over the Board or over the agents of the Board.

The Ohio State Journal says "no genuine Republican wants a victory over the other party that is not won by honest votes." It is very evident, then, that the genuine Republicans want no more victory. If there is any subject in the world upon which the genuine Republican is densely ignorant it is that of honest votes.

A peculiarity of Hood's Sarsaparilla is that while it purifies the blood, it imparts new vigor to every function of the body.

Nobody seems anxious to step into ex-Corporal Tanner's shoes. We do not wonder. Tanner left his successor no chance of "standing in with the boys."

It is indeed heartrending to learn from the English papers that "thirty-seven thousand persons perished by the wrecks of vessels" during the recent storm on the Atlantic coast. The English will have the American news even if it comes high.

AFTER FOUR weeks of effort the Court has succeeded in getting four jurors in the Cronin murder case in Chicago. Rascals are certainly more plentiful in Chicago than ignorant men. Only those who do not read the papers are chosen on the jury.

THE Farmers' Exchange is a new paper published at Fayetteville, N. C., by Messrs. J. & O. Evans, both of whom have had considerable experience in the newspaper business. The Exchange presents a neat typographical appearance and is well edited. We wish it success.

THERE is to be a grand ball at Fayetteville during the Centennial Celebration in November, given in honor of Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of Hon. Jefferson Davis, both of whom will be present. All honor should be shown the "Daughter of the Confederacy" and her venerable father, but it seems to us that it might be done in a more appropriate manner than by a "grand ball." Indeed, it is questionable if any honor is conferred upon any one by a fashionable dance. There is nothing in it which calls out either patriotism, refinement or morality, or in any way tends to elevate its devotees.

A VALUABLE brownstone quarry has been found on the plantation of J. McL. Kelly, in Moore county. A stock company is being formed, says the Blade, for the purpose of developing the quarry. And the Troy Vidette says that there is a deposit of brownstone near Sulphur Springs, in Montgomery county, which covers several square miles of territory and is superior to that found in either Moore or Anson counties. This quarry is on the proposed line of the Aberdeen & West End Railroad, soon to be extended to Troy. There is a great demand for brownstones for building purposes up North. The Wadesboro quarry ships large quantities to New York, Philadelphia and other Northern cities. Indeed it cannot fill orders as fast as received. The stone is preferable to marble because it is more easily worked, is cheaper and more durable, and makes a handsomer building. We hope these quarries in Moore and Montgomery counties will be developed by home capital, so that our people may reap the benefit to be derived from the enterprises. The South can never prosper as long as it continues to buy so much from the North and sell it nothing in return, and then puts all its natural resources into Northern hands for development. Let us be more independent, and if it takes sacrifices and hard work and patience to build up our grand Sunny South, and make it unfold and expand and "blossom as the rose," let us nerve ourselves for the duty and reap the benefit of the great advantages which nature has bestowed upon us.

AN INTELLIGENT colored woman writing to the Wilmington Messenger on the subject of the exodus movement, says:

"And others may go where inclination leads, but what little energy I have will be exerted in making a home right here in North Carolina. My fore parents helped to make this State what it is. Here they lived, toiled and died, and here their bones are bleaching beneath North Carolina soil, and here, by the help of God, I expect to live and die. I believe just as firmly as I believe there is a God, that if we, the colored men and women of the South, will bend our energies toward living up to that divine injunction, 'loving our neighbor as ourselves,' and holding sacred the family relation, and getting property, this great race question could soon be amicably settled."

There is much truth in the above. The negroes are and will be better off right here in North Carolina than anywhere else if they will lay aside prejudice, and eschew politics as much as possible, and cultivate honesty, integrity and chastity. When they show the proper disposition to build themselves up and elevate their race the aid of the whites will not be withheld. That is certain. No race that lightly re-

gards virtue and morality can attain to any degree of prosperity. This has been the great weight around the necks of the negroes. Let them "right-about-face" in this particular and go to help the whites develop and build up the State, each working for the interest of the other, and the race problem will have already been solved.

P. M. G. Wanamaker proposes to run things to suit himself regardless of the needs or the convenience of the public. By his actions at least he endorses the sentiment so forcibly expressed by a certain railroad magnate some years ago. This pious fraud has just discontinued a post-office at Luverne, Ala., because the people of that town boycotted a negro who had been appointed postmaster. Thus 500 people are deprived of mail facilities to gratify a whim of this Pharisical humbug who wants to put negroes in authority over them.

Items from Lower Richmond.

From the Laurinburg Exchange.
Last Monday we saw two ripe apples of a second crop this year off of a June apple tree belonging to Mr. R. McCaskill, who has them now.

Already we hear a cotton factory for our town spoken of. Good! Help make the Cotton Seed Oil mill a success and it will be a certainty, to be followed by some other enterprise.

A larger amount of cotton has been sold in this market up to this time than last year. That is because Laurinburg is the best cotton market in this section, the boasts of others to the contrary, notwithstanding. Bring your cotton here and always get the highest market price for it.

On last Sabbath twenty-five persons presented themselves before the Session of the Laurinburg Presbyterian church, and were received in to full communion. Three had already connected themselves with the church in the early part of the meeting, and others have signified their intention of doing so. As the result of the meeting, there will be about thirty additions to the roll of membership.

Our Increase in Wealth.

The tariff reformer who is looking for tariff pins to stick into his Republican neighbor will do well to read Mr. Willson's reply to a correspondent who had the temerity to say that our wealth was increasing under our protective tariff laws.

It would not be denied by any sensible man that a country is not getting richer if the share of each individual in it is declining in value; in other words, if the population is increasing in a ratio faster than the sum total of its wealth.

Great Britain's total wealth in 1800 was estimated at \$1,740,000,000, or \$165 per head. In 1840 it had increased to \$4,030,000,000, or more than double; but her population had increased faster than her wealth and each individual share had been reduced in value to \$155. Her people were individually getting poorer under protective tariffs.

It was for this reason that Great Britain abandoned Protection in 1860. Since then the value of each individual share in her Government has increased yearly. In 1877 it was \$270—an increase of £3 yearly since 1840 for England and Scotland.

Mr. Willson points out that under the last Democratic tariff the wealth of this country increased at the rate of \$23.50 yearly for each inhabitant, while for the first ten years under the present Protective tariff it has only increased by \$3.50 yearly.

Our experience of Protection is the same as England's and Democrats should insist upon their Republican friends explaining how this decrease is to make us prosperous.—New York World.

He Showed His Good Sense.

Our traveling men as a rule are men of lively disposition. They make a good impression on the public by their engaging manners, but when the true gentleman with kind and sympathetic impulses and that feeling of tenderness, known only to men of the highest order is to be shown, the "drummer" is not behind his fellows. Capt. C. F. Hoke, one of the most widely known traveling men in the South, writes: "I got from you a bottle of Dr. Westmoreland's Galisaya Tonic for my little daughter, who had been prostrated with fever and was very weak and had no appetite. She had not used more than half the bottle before she had an excellent appetite and regained her strength with astonishing rapidity. I believe it to be an excellent Tonic." This Tonic is sold by Dr. W. M. Fowles & Co.

Stanly Observer: Last year, Mr. Will Ivey, of Bilesville, sowed seven acres in wheat—old land that had lain out for several years. On this field he used 100 bushels of cotton seed, and eight hundred pounds of fertilizer, at a cost of \$60. He gathered 82½ bushels of clean wheat, being a profit of about 33 per cent. Why don't more of our farmers experiment in this way? It will pay them.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED.

To the Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully,
T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., N. Y.

It is announced that an important sale of land is to be made on the 13th of October at Chapel Hill. The tract of land donated the University of North Carolina in 1884, by Miss Mary R. Smith in her will, and consisting of 1,430 acres, is to be offered for sale for the benefit of that institution. It is a remarkable incident that the land is to be sold on the fifth anniversary of the death of the donor, Miss Smith.—Raleigh Call.

RALEIGH, N. C.

To the Brethren of the Alliance in N. C., Greeting:

The Alliance of our State has been foremost in resisting the conspiracy known as the "Jute Trust." Our triumph is now assured, and as a fitting celebration of this important event in our history, it is proposed and agreed that on Tuesday, 15th of October, (the occasion of our State Fair in Raleigh) that Brother A. M. Bateman, of Washington county, will be married at the grand stand on the 15th at 12 o'clock M. sharp, DRESSED OUT IN A FULL SUIT OF COTTON BAGGING. Brother Bateman is one of our truest and most faithful members and is a man of high moral character and social standing. This event will be enjoyed by thousands of our order and will dignify the "Alliance Uniform." Let every Alliance man come and aid in this important celebration.

Fraternally,
L. L. POLK,
Secretary N. C. S. Alliance.

The baby has its preferences as well as anybody, and the taste of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup renders it acceptable to every infant.

Price 25 cents a bottle.
You are aware of course, that inactivity induces dyspepsia with all its wretched consequences. The remedies needed for such cases are judicious exercise and Laxador. Price 25 cents.

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla 100 Doses One Dollar

The Chief Reason for the great success of Hood's Sarsaparilla is found in the article itself. It is merit that wins, and the fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla actually accomplishes what is claimed for it, is what has given to this medicine a popularity and sale greater than that of any other sarsaparilla or blood purifier before the public. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures Scrofula, Salt Rheum and all Humors, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Biliousness, overcomes that tired feeling, creates an Appetite, strengthens the Nerves, builds up the Whole System. Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.

NOTICE.

Commissioner's Sale of a Valuable Plantation, with a Fine Dwelling and Other Improvements.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE MADE in the cause of Everett, Wall & Co., Plaintiffs, against Joseph Flowers and wife E. J. Flowers, and John F. Hamer, Defendants, at June Term, A. D. 1889, of the Superior Court of Richmond county, the same being an action to foreclose certain mortgages executed by said Joseph Flowers and wife and described in the pleadings in said action, we will, on the 4th day of November, 1889, (being the first Monday in said month), sell at the court house door in the town of Rockingham, to the highest bidder, one Tract of Land adjoining the lands of J. W. Cole, J. A. and T. R. Graham, T. E. Diggs, C. C. Wade and others, containing

Four Hundred and Fifty Acres, more or less. Also one other tract known as the "Mill Tract" and containing Four Acres, more or less, being the lands conveyed by T. C. Leak and wife to said Joseph Flowers by Deed dated 6th February, 1879, and duly recorded in Book "CC," pages 391, 392 and 393, Register's office for Richmond county, reference to which said Deed is made for a more particular description of each of said tracts.

There is a fine Dwelling House, a Grist Mill and other valuable improvements on said lands, and they are susceptible of improvement and well adapted to the production of cotton, corn and other crops raised in this section.

Terms of sale CASH.

A. C. SHAW,
J. W. COLE,
Commissioners.

Sept. 24, 1889.

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12,000 yards Calico, Ginghams, and other Dress Goods.
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2,000 Balls of Ball Thread.
10 gross Diamond Dyes.
200 boxes of Tobacco.
35 gross Snuff.
25 Sacks of Coffee.
10 bbls. each Sugar and Molasses.
250 bbls. Flour.
Lard, Fish, Salt, Canned Goods, Candy, and a full line of

GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HATS, &c.

Notions, Clothing, &c. Now is the time for those who buy for cash to lay in their Summer supplies. I am offering

Special Inducements

to the WHOLESALE TRADE and buyers of large quantities. Will sell

MEAT BY THE BOX,

Sugar and Molasses by the barrel, Coffee by the Sack, and all Heavy Groceries in quantities just as low as they can be delivered here from Wilmington or Charlotte. With a large stock, and my

Sledge-Hammer Motto of Cash on Delivery,

I propose to always LEAD in prices and let others "run after." I am still selling (at the rate of 100 bbls. per month) that good common Flour at \$2.25 per sack, (\$4.25 for 5 to 10 barrels). Very fine Flour at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per barrel. Full 200-lb. sacks Salt at \$1.00 each. Good Coffee 18 to 20 cents. Granulated Sugar 12 lbs for \$1.00. Good Coffee Sugar 14 lbs for \$1.00, and other goods in proportion.

I am still general agent for the CARY WAGONS, the best one-horse wagon sold in the State at the price. Price reduced to \$30.00, cash, with bed; without bed, \$27 cash. Special prices to merchants. They are first-class farm wagons and warranted to give satisfaction. Come to Hamlet—call for PACE'S CHEAP CASH STORE, and judge my goods and prices for yourselves. Very Respectfully,
THOMAS B. PACE.

TRY YOUR LUCK!

I have on hand a large and complete assortment of goods, consisting, among a great many other things too tedious to mention, of Dry Goods, Men's and Boy's Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Crockery, Hardware, Potware, Tinware, Guns, Pistols, Trunks, Valises, Coffee, Sugar, Shot, Powder, Flour, Meat, Meal, Lard, Molasses, Salt, Fish, Corn, Oats, Nuts, Candies, Apples, Dates, Prunes, Canned Goods, &c., all of which

I will sell as low as Anybody.

And I'll do more. For every dollar you spend in cash with me I will give you a ticket which will entitle you to a chance at

Double-Barrelled Breech-Loading Shot Gun,

OR AN

Elegant Musical Clock,

as you prefer, both of which will POSITIVELY be given away to my customers who hold the two lucky numbers on the 24th day of December next.

A little amusement will be good for your health. Try your luck. You will get your money's worth of whatever you buy and may get the gun or clock to boot.

J. W. COLE.

G. E. WISHART.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE FIRE

And in order to close up old business, for the next fifteen days you can get SPECIAL BARGAINS at Wishart's. He has one of the largest stocks of goods in town, and they must be sold!

MERIT WINS,

And my motto shall be to merit the confidence and patronage of the people of Rockingham and surrounding country. I have opened out in Mr. W. P. Stansill's new building a nice stock of

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AND A FULL LINE OF

GROCERIES,

All of which will be sold cheap for cash. Your patronage solicited.

Very Respectfully,
DEMPSEY AUMAN.

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We are headquarters for Ladies' Goods, and can afford you better value than heretofore. Our specialties for this week are Silk Plushes at 49 cents per yard, and Ladies', Misses' and Children's Felt Hats at 49 cents.

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At Your Own Prices.

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Dress Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats,

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I AM ALSO SELLING THE

Celebrated Columbus Buggy, also the Single Center Spring Buggy, both stand Unt called in quality, and at the bottom scale in price. See me before you make a Pur chase. The work is sold under a Full Guarantee.

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