

# THE ROCKET.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Out of 500,000,000 passengers carried on American waters last year only 65 were lost. This beats the rail road record.

Will Wynne, of Raleigh, has accomplished the feat of making a trip to Boston, Mass., on his Bicycle, in ten and a half days.

The legislature of Georgia has refused to accept for the State the Soldiers' Home, for which the lamented Henry Grady labored and spent so much time, all out of his undying love for the disabled Confederate soldier.

We have seen this week a copy of the acts of the last General Assembly, and it takes a book with only 1544 pages to hold 'em. That's enough legislation to last us for the next ten years, and if the next set of legislators elected will just stay at home and draw their pay, the country will be better off.

Judge Whitaker of the Superior Court of this State, while holding court in Johnson and Harnett counties, ordered the Sheriff not to allow any man with his coat off to enter the Court House.

This, at first thought, may seem a frivolous and uncalled for act, but the people must be taught to hold our courts of justice in reverence; for when in the public mind they become divested of this quality we will have a reign of anarchy and ruin. The people of that court may not have been guilty of any feeling of irreverence for the court by having on no coats. We leave that out of the question, but would emphasize the fact that the motive of the Judge was a good one, and for the best interests of the people.

The jury appointed to report on the cause of the recent disaster on the Western North Carolina Railroad, report that the wreck was due to a rail loosened by an unknown party. It censures the railroad authorities severely for having their tools accessible to the public and for some defective cross-ties found near the bridge. This seems to be an uncalled-for stricture on the railroad authorities, in that the defective ties found did not cause the wreck, and in that any miscreant who desired to loosen a rail could find other tools than the company's with which to do the work. We see no criminal negligence in the railroad's leaving their tools accessible to the public. The latest reports from this wreck show that 22 lives were lost and 26 persons were seriously injured. It is estimated that this wreck will cost the Western North Carolina Railroad about \$350,000.

## PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.

The Carthage Blade in giving a lengthy account of the Ben Bostick trial has this to say of the execution: "The execution, unless ordered public by the County Commissioners, will be private. There seems to be a universal opinion that it ought to be public. We have talked to a number of good men on the subject, and they express the opinion that a public execution would have a deterrent effect upon other criminals. The Blade is rather of the same belief."

There can be no argument for the public execution of criminals in this day of advanced civilization, and we can subscribe no faith to the assertion that such would exercise "a deterrent effect" upon the criminal world, but fully believe that it would tend to corrupt the public morals. It's a morbid curiosity that leads the public to witness the execution of an unfortunate human being, and every time this is gratified, the moral sensibility of the public is blunted, the result of which can be seen in the life of the Romans just before their rottenness destroyed their once proud empire. We put little faith in the doctrine that teaches that punishment is made for example and reformation; it is for nothing more than reparation to outraged justice, and as such, its victims should be punished in secret. We say deliver this country

from the barbarity of public executions and from the gratification of that low spirit in humanity that rejoices in the agony of a criminal's death.

## ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR MAN.

It is hard for the world to believe that it lies in the power of mankind to cause rainfall, but such a triumph is claimed at last and it comes under such plausible circumstances that we cannot disregard it as wholly absurd.

It will be remembered that the United States government lately made an appropriation of several thousand dollars for the purpose of conducting experiments in this line, and that the Rocket recently contained an account of the expedition of Gen. Drydenforth to the "Staked Plains" of Texas, where the experiments were conducted. The student of geography will remember that these staked plains are parched and almost a desert, but it is said rain followed each experiment in from 8 to 10 hours. It would seem from this that some weight must be attached to the claim, which is also strengthened by the fact, that prior to the experiments, not a cloud was seen in the sky. The plan acted upon was the explosion of bombs and balloons charged with dynamite, high up in the air.

Three closely related principles of theories are recognized and acted upon by General Drydenforth and his party in their experiments, which stated briefly and bereft of technical terms, are as follows: First, most rain-storms have their origin in the mingling of different currents of the upper air strata, some of which are warm and moisture-laden (in any locality) while others are much cooler. As soon as these currents begin to mingle the warm, moist current is cooled and its moisture is thus squeezed out of it as from a sponge. This moisture first becomes visible as vapor or "cloud" and finally condenses into rain. The process is a progressive one and will generally multiply upon itself from a very small beginning. The immense air waves produced by the explosion of the balloons at high altitudes starts this mingling of the currents which progressing by the force of the latent heat released in the condensation of moisture, grows into a storm centre.

The second theory is that a continuous series of explosion jar together or agglomerates the particles of moisture in the air into rain drops, which are precipitated to the ground. This effect is evident after a heavy clap of thunder and has been repeatedly produced by General Drydenforth's party, heavy showers having been shaken from light clouds from which no rain had been falling. To produce this effect the kites are used with dynamite cartridges attached. In the third place it is believed that the frictional electricity which is generated in the jarring of the earth and air by the explosion polarizes the earth and air at the point of the operations and so creates a magnetic field into which the particles of moisture are drawn and gathered. The explosions on and near the ground are especially calculated to secure this result.

## Mountain Creek Farming.

Since writing to you last week, we have had heavy rains and high water in the creek; it has been past fording here three days in succession, doing much damage to crops on the creek bottoms. A good deal of my corn fell to the ground and with the weight of ears can't rise again. I have it cut down and hauled in, as much as I can get to, and cut it up in cutting knife, mixing with dry food and feed to the mules, the only way, as I see, to save any of it that's on the ground, as it would soon rot.

I sowed turnips the last week in July on my cow lot, after thoroughly breaking the land twice; laid it off 3 feet and put stable manure in the drill. I sowed the seed in the manure and plowed in with side harrow. Soon as turnips began to show above ground, I ran side harrow as near them as possible, not to cover them, and they are growing and looking well. This is an important fall crop; valuable to man and beast and too much neglected. To those who neglected to sow early, I will say it's not too late yet, as the salad is with the trouble of sowing if you get no roots. It is a good plant to mix mustard seed in. My wife rarely fails to have plenty of salad in the Spring by sowing mustard at intervals from this time on till the first of March.

We must not look entirely to the government for help and get deceived, we must go work and help our-

selves, and if possible, raise our own supplies at home, and then come cotton, but not so much as at present. If we fail to raise our supplies, it's known and then prices are regulated by those who do raise such, to suit their own taste. Just look at the wheat trust spoken of North-west of us. Farmers are advised to hold their wheat until it will sell for \$1.35 per bushel in New York. At this rate we would have costly flour, and it might be the same way with meat. So it's time for us to make our own hog and hominy and only cultivate our best lands, highly manured, and reduce acreage.

The first of September will be a good time to commence sowing oats and rye. Rye is a valuable grain to sow early to graze cattle on till the first of May; then plow up and sow in other crops if desired. Graze patches need to be good land and highly manured. Sow not less than two bushels per acre. Such graze patches are valuable for milk cows to produce rich milk and butter. I have tested it.

Cotton continues to decline in price. When will it reach bottom? If there were no debts to pay—but that's the trouble. Farmers can do a good deal by economizing; doing as much of their own work as possible, and buying as little on credit as circumstances allow; then they will not be complained at for not paying their debts promptly and it would give better satisfaction every way. Don't think many merchants are to be found desiring to sell goods on credit.

Respectfully,  
P. R. C.

Capels Mills, N. C., Aug. 29, '92.

## Tourist.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

## Sam Jones' Egging

Sam Jones gave a Kansas City Times representative this account of the rotten egg incident at Houston, Texas:

"Trouble at Houston? No, I didn't have any there. I never have trouble. What kind of trouble? Oh, if you mean that little egg incident the other night don't be delicate about mentioning it. The fact is, some hoodlums down there did throw some eggs in my direction. The eggs were ancient, too. I'll admit that, but then a little thing like that doesn't trouble a man in the vineyard. I reckon those eggs were thrown in my honor, but they missed the mark and hit some ladies in the audience. It happened this way: I was making an attack on Satan on his own stamping ground. It was a park, and suddenly the light fized out. I didn't stop for a little thing like that. Then I thought I smelled something. I was sure I smelled something. Then I thought I heard something pop. I was sure something popped. Suddenly it dawned upon me that a smell and a pop go together in one way. Eggs! Rotten eggs! The greatest humiliation a platform speaker can suffer. I talked on as if nothing had happened, momentarily expected that the marksmen would ring the bell. But they didn't. The current was turned on again, and when the audience was invoiced, three or four women and as many men turned up with scrambled eggs all over them. I didn't get any until the next morning for breakfast."

Ex-Gov. Scales is reported as critically ill at his home in Greensboro, with little hopes of recovery.



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H. W. LEDBETTER,  
Administrator of P. N. Stanback dec'd.

### OF INTEREST TO GINNERS.

So much has been said about the use of Scales at the gin house that we call particular attention to a new book entitled "Facts about Scales," published by "JONES OF BINGHAMTON," in Binghamton, N. Y. It contains full information regarding costs, patents, etc., and should be read by every intelligent ginner. A postal will get it.

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A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT. Trusting that what I have said may be a blessing to you all and that you may receive a bargain by coming to see me.  
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## NOTICE.

Having duly qualified according to Law as Administratrix of the estate of Henry Stewart dec'd, all persons holding claims against the estate of my inestate are hereby notified under Section 1421 of the Code to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of August 1892 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

SALLIE O. STEWART,  
Administratrix of Henry Stewart dec'd.  
July 27th 1892.

## Notice.

All persons interested in the Public Schools in Richmond county are requested and urged to assemble at their respective schoolhouses in each district on Saturday August 29th 1891 at 3 o'clock p. m. and select three qualified persons to serve as their School Committee for two years and report their names to me on or before the first Monday in September next, when they will be duly appointed.  
By order of the Board of Education.  
M. N. McIVER,  
County Superintendent.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF RICHMOND.

Superior Court.

Ella Boss, Plaintiff, } Action  
Against } for  
Adam Boss, Def'd'n. } Divorce.

To Adam Boss: You are hereby notified that I will on the 10th day of September next proceed before W. W. Entzinger, Esq., at his office at Blythewood, County of Fairfield, State of South Carolina, to take the depositions of J. M. Hawley, R. W. Fann and others, to be read in evidence in the trial of the above action. You can attend then and there if you see fit, and cross-examine said witnesses.

July 30th 1891. ELLA BOSS, Plaintiff.

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