

HEARD IT BEFORE.

You tell him a joke you relied on as new.
He smiles in a wearisome way.
From a comedy new you recite him a bit,
He says he saw that at the play.
You give him a story that never yet failed
To set all who heard it in a roar.
He nods half approval and turns him away,
And murmurs, "I've heard it before."
The girl whom you woo in your tenderest
tone,
Whose heart you are seeking to gain,
Listens coldly to all you may have to protest
Seeming only to wish you'd refrain.
You seek for some phrase not totally trite,
And even the thesaurus explores;
It's all of no use, and you bid her good-bye,
You see she has heard it before.
How sad it must be to go onward like this,
With nothing on earth to enjoy.
And never make any one happy yourself,
And only find things to annoy.
His life like an orange whose juices are gone
Tis a dry, empty shell, and no more.
Alas! he is much to be pitied, not blamed—
The man who has heard it before.

OUR THOMASVILLE LETTER.

THOMASVILLE, N. C., JULY 25, 1890.
MESSRS. EDITORS: It may not be objected to on the part of your readers to hear something of what is going on in this part of the State, and the Grand Rally of the Farmers' Alliance at Greensboro on Wednesday, and the Republican "Pow wow" there on the same day.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

It was estimated that at least six thousand visitors were in Greensboro on Wednesday, and while I think that somewhat exaggerated, there was certainly a large body of the Alliance present, and a more intelligent looking body of men is rarely seen in this or any other State. The convention was most harmonious in every way, and reflected the greatest credit on this body of North Carolina's sons.

The main feature of the day was the address delivered by Mr. N. A. Dunning of Michigan, but more recently of the City of Washington, and editor of the organ of the Farmers' Alliance published at Washington, D. C.

The address was a very able one, setting forth the object of the organization and was listened to with most earnest attention by the vast assemblage under the shady grove near the Greensboro Female College. Mr. Dunning handled his subject with the skill of a master, and was frequently applauded in the course of his remarks.

I am indebted to the kindness of Chief Marshal W. C. Brown and his assistants for many favors shown.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Of all the motley crowds I ever saw this was the worst. They met in the Court House at 12 o'clock—after considerable wrangling, they nominated J. M. Brower, the present incumbent for the Congressional honor, by a close vote. Several prominent Republicans white and colored, stated that if Brower was nominated Williams, the Democratic nominee would undoubtedly be elected. They made it pretty hot for Brower and handled him rather roughly, but his hide is too thick to be reached by such a thing. Social equality raged high; Col. Amis of Graville, walked down the street arm-in-arm with an "African gentleman." What do you think of that for an aspirant for Congressional honors?

Capt. Williams, the Democratic standard bearer in the Fifth District was in Greensboro looking remarkably well, and ready to swallow up Brower. It is a pretty thoroughly conceded fact, that he will tear the hind skirts off Brower on the 6th of November next.

THE CROPS.

The writer has just returned from an extensive trip through the counties of Davidson, Montgomery, Stanley, Anson and Richmond. Such crops have never been seen before and farmers are in fine spirits. Unless the expected August freshet of the different rivers should interfere, they will make the finest crops seen for many a year in this beautiful farming country.

The survey of the Thomasville, Silver Valley & Pee Dee Railroad from here to Wadesboro has just been completed and the surveying corps will now extend the survey to Winston from this place. I see by your paper that the Southport & Cincinnati railroad will soon be commenced. I hope it may be so. What about the Atlantic & Northwestern building their road, that is of more importance to your town. Will it be built? X.

Dr. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, who is 60 years of age, will soon wed Miss Letitia Jorden, daughter of Gen. Jorden, of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

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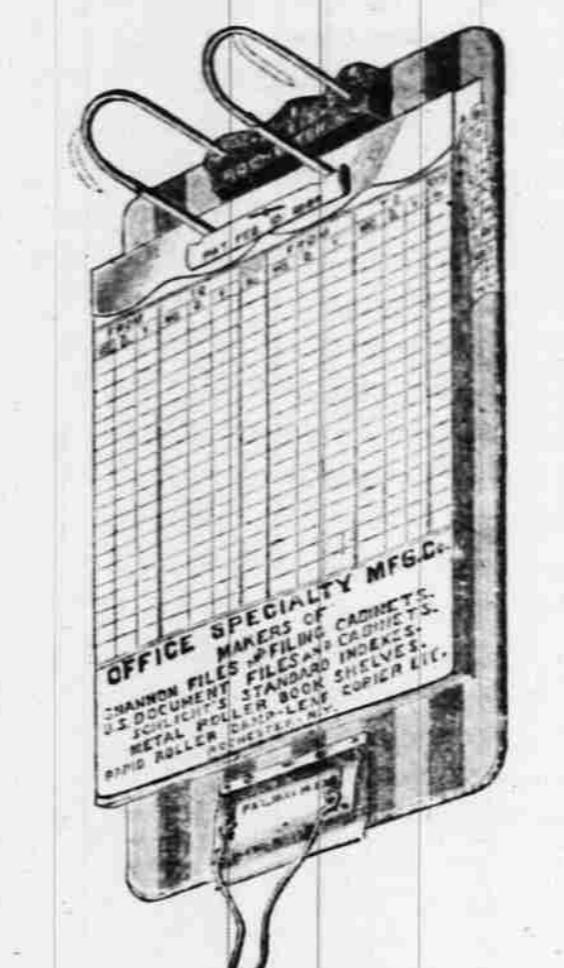
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Leave Fayetteville 2:15 p. m.

Leave Sardinia 3:47 p. m.

At Greensboro 4:30 p. m.

Leave Greensboro 7:00 p. m.

Leave Walnut Cove 8:27 p. m.

At Mt. Airy 10:20 p. m.

Leave Bennettsville 11:00 p. m.

Leave Maxton 9:35 p. m.

Leave Maxton 9:45 p. m.

Leave Fayetteville 11:45 p. m.

Leave Millboro 1:50 a. m.

At Greensboro 9:25 p. m.

Leave Greensboro 10:10 p. m.

At Madison 12:35 p. m.

Passenger and Mail northbound dinner at Fayetteville and supper of Greensboro.

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Executors Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the will of the late George W. Swain, of Brunswick county, I hereby give notice to all persons holding claims against the estate to present them for payment on or before the 17th day of June, 1891, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recoveries. And all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

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