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State Items.

Concord votes on April 19th on \$40,000 worth of bonds for waterworks and street improvements.

Tomorrow the University of Virginia will cross bats in a game of baseball with the University of N. C., at Chapel Hill.

The executive committee of the University have decided to add a Pharmacy department and Prof. E. V. Howell, of Rocky Mount has been elected to take charge of it.

The whale caught recently near Morehead was 38 feet long, not 70, as reported by the Evangelist. The Beaufort Herald says: Mr. Sam E. Willis first struck him with harpoon, then Mr. Lorenzo Willis shot him with the whale gun. The whale had to be shot four times before he was finally killed. The whale will bring about \$1,000 from its oil and whalebone, but when this is divided into 45 or 50 shares it will not be much to a share.—Kinston Free Press.

The Piedmont Wagon Company not only sends its products to all parts of North Carolina and the South, but it is reaching

out and is not confined in its dealings to the United States. On Monday it made a sale of twenty six wagons which were shipped to Jamaica. The rail to Baltimore from there to New York by steamer.

Pruning Vines and Fruit Bushes. The pruning of vines should be done in the present month. The pruning of currants, gooseberries and berry bushes should also now soon be finished.—Vick's Magazine for March.

From Cripple Creek. After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cough and cold left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. HENDERSON, editor Daily Advertiser. For sale by David Way, Druggist.

would ask a big price for the gold found in the creek, finding one piece that weighed twenty-eight pounds and a number of pieces weighing from sixteen pounds down to the smallest particles.

When North Carolina is better understood in the great north she will have many visitors and a great accession of immigrants. It is indeed a marvellous state in its natural resources and capabilities, and when fully developed it will be a grand Commonwealth every way. It is second no to state in its variety of climate, its climate, productiveness, beauty of scenery, healthfulness, and advantages. It is 500 miles across and is indeed a land of corn and wine. It is also a hospitable state to strangers. It needs some things of prime importance—better common schools, more general intelligence, better criminal laws, wiser legislation, less demagogism, a higher sense of civic obligation and so on. In a hundred years it will probably have four or five millions of people, and then it will be almost an unrivalled state. Its many rivers—eighty or more—its inland lakes and sounds, its magnificent mountain scenery in greatest variety, its adaptation to the production of almost everything that is grown in the United States, its fine grazing capabilities, its being the native home of the best grapes, and especially adapted to other fruits of best quality—peaches, pears, apples, figs, etc., give it very great advantages over almost every competitor. But we admit that North Carolina is as yet but partly developed, and that very much remains to be done. It will probably have more than 1,750,000 inhabitants in 1900. But for its population—that has been going on all through this century—it would have in the next census 2,500,000, possibly 3,000,000 of people.

Outside the State. St. Louis experienced a hundred thousand dollar fire last Saturday night. Jackson and Walling, the two murderers of Pearl Bryan, were both hung at Cincinnati last Saturday in the presence of about 5,000 people. One person was killed and ten were injured in a wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad last Saturday, near Oakland, Md. In a friendly boxing match in the city of Philadelphia last Friday night at a Democratic club meeting, Edward Gibbons was killed by a blow from his friend, Samuel S. Perry. The blow landed near the heart, just about the kind which knocked Corbett out recently. A dispatch Monday from Arlington, Ga., says: A tornado destroyed the public school building here shortly before noon today. Twelve children were killed and twelve horribly injured, eleven of whom died. Two teachers were hurt. They are

North Carolina Gold and Other Resources.

The Messenger recently copied a statement telegraphed to the Raleigh News & Observer from Boston, that in North Carolina there had been taken from its mines nearly \$25,000,000 in gold, that there were 10,000 square miles in productive gold region in the state, and that a gold nugget weighing five and one half pounds had been taken from the Crawford mine. This last was credited to the New York Financial Chronicle. This mine is in Stanley county, and it is also stated that last year two very large nuggets were found weighing respectively 8½ and 10 pounds. These reported facts were published in the North Carolina papers. That there is a great deal of hidden wealth in the undeveloped mines of our state has long been suspected. That much is to be done to bring to light the riches of the state is also known to intelligent men. The people of North Carolina—its intelligent people—are not so ignorant of the resources of the state as some of its neighbors. It has built nearly 200 cotton factories is not so far behind as people living elsewhere think. North Carolina began a geological survey more than fifty years ago, and led her southern sisters in this great work as she had led them in many other important matters. The survey is still being prosecuted under capable surveyors and geologists. North Carolina may still have imbedded in her hills tens of millions of dollars of gold. When Professor Stowe, a New England man, returned from California and Colorado in 1893, he said this: "I am now of the decided opinion that the ores of the South are the richest and the easiest to work of any I have ever seen. I have made over 200 assays of ore from the Atlantic slope, and have visited in person many of the localities where gold is found, and I speak from facts." In 1857, August number, Harper's Magazine gave the following, which is doubtless true. It is stated that "in 1799 a 12 year old boy, named Conrad Reed, living near Concord, N. C., with his little sister, went fishing in Meadow creek while their parents were at church. The boy saw something yellow shining in the water and he dug it out and carried it home. It was about the size of a small smoothing iron. Mr. Reed, his father, carried it to Concord and had it examined by a silversmith. He, not knowing what gold was, showed it to him any idea of its value. Mr. Reed received several hundred dollars for it."

Pickings from Plott. We didn't write last week, owing to the scarcity of news, but we will try to give you a few dots this week. Mr. W. A. Campbell has been sick the past week. Mr. J. C. Rich Jr., will soon start out as agent for the Bryan book. We don't exactly know his territory to canvass, but we guess it's Haywood. Several of our young folks attended the quarterly meeting at Shady Grove. Among them we noticed Messrs. Bob, Willie, John and Crockett Campbell, Jerry Haynes and Rector Moody, and Misses Lillie and Lizzie Boyd; Lou and Minnie Plott. They say they had a fine time. Miss Fannie Boyd and Messrs. James Boyd and Lucius Leatherwood, of Fannie, paid Plott a flying visit Sunday. The good Republican brethren are about to go back on the Senatorial act of the public road bill passed in the last legislature. We will not say anything until we read more of the COURIER.

pension under the pension bill," and the fee is charged for filling the blank.

The nomination of Henry C. Brown, Secretary of Emigration, was almost as unpalatable to Republicans as the Van Allen nomination to Italy was to Democrats when it was made by Mr. Cleveland four years ago. Some of them are inclined to be sarcastic about it. For instance, the man who said: "Who says White isn't an American? He has lived abroad for many years, but didn't he come over from Europe last year, live at Newport just long enough to cast his first vote and then go back? White is all right. His help is needed to make John Hay popular in London's swell society."

The tariff monstrosity known as the Dingley bill is in many respects worse than the McKinley bill, but it is going to be crammed down the throats of the Democrats with less than two week's debate. There are also quite a number of Republicans in the House who are opposed to this bill, and a few of them have threatened privately to vote against it. It is not enough of them to affect the result. The Democratic opinion of the bill was voiced when Representative Berry, of Kentucky, said: "It is an excessively high protective tariff measure. It will, if passed, inevitably raise the price of the necessities of life, such as sugar and the woolen goods worn by all classes. I don't see how it can fail to add to the burdens of the people instead of lightening them. It will cut off our foreign markets by raising the cost of production and thus curtail the manufacturers' sales. As a consequence the mills will need to run only six months, instead of all the year, as they ought to do."

The honest patent lawyers of Washington are after the fake concerns who have been bringing discredit upon their profession in dead earnest now. They have employed Mr. William Small, Attorney at Law, McGill Building, Washington, D. C., to undertake the duty of "suppressing and prosecuting swindling concerns, and he invites correspondence from inventors, newspaper publishers and others who have been deceived and defrauded by and through false and fraudulent representations, specious devices, including offers and awards of prizes, medals or honor, certificates of stock, etc., of alleged procurers and sellers of patents. Those who have had unsatisfactory dealings with these fake patent concerns should accept the invitation and write to Mr. Small. Using a bill introduced in Congress, which has no chance to pass, as a basis to swindle the ignorant is by no means a new dodge, but, according to the correspondence of many corners in Congress, such a now being successfully carried among the ignorant Southern States men. During

and may be good old Santa Claus will find our house this year. I hope he'll bring some candy, and a dolly that can wink. He'll know where our home is. I'm sure. Since papa doesn't drink. —Banner of Gold.

Washington Letter.

There have been several times during the present week when an open rupture between Mr. McKinley and some of the biggest men in his party seemed inevitable, but by sacrificing some of his personal friends Mr. McKinley has so far avoided it. The bones of contention are the big offices. It is the fierce fight over each of them that accounts for the small number of nominations sent to the Senate. States are no sooner made up than some objector gets backing enough to smash them. A number of men who had Mr. McKinley's positive promise that they would get certain positions have had to give way to other men. Among them being ex-Gov. Merriam, of Minn., and ex-Congressman Storer, of Ohio. It was not intended to make any but necessary appointments until after the tariff bill got through Congress, but it will require some very adroit maneuvering to do even that much without starting a bitter factional fight in the republican party. There is a fight now in the Congressional delegation of nearly every state, especially bitter in those having republican Senators, over the men who shall get the offices which are to go to those states. Still, there are columns of rot being printed about the existing harmony between the administration and Congress.

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