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The Teachers' Assembly at Morehead City is a grand success. It grows in numbers and interest every day.

Ex-Gov. Vance is the author of a volume of poetry entitled "Heart-throbs from the Mountains", recently published. We wish him many readers and no unkindly critics.

A Mr. Alexander, of Athens, Georgia, eighty-two years old, recently had his first tooth extracted.—*Exchange.*

It seems rather too bad after a man has spent eighty-two years in getting his first tooth that he shouldn't be allowed to enjoy the possession of it.

We have received the premium list of the twenty-seventh annual Fair of the North Carolina State Agricultural Society, to be held in Raleigh October 18, 16, 20, and 21, 1887. Over \$4,000 in premiums will be distributed and every effort will be made to secure such an exhibit of the material resources of the state as shall surpass all previous endeavors.

Isn't it about time to reconstruct the title of that Cabinet Department which Secretary Endicott now adorns? Doesn't it seem a trifle ridiculous to style this mild and inoffensive gentleman from Massachusetts, Secretary of War, especially as we have not had a war for twenty-three years and are not likely to have for twenty-three more? Why not Secretary of the Army? That would sound a little less gory. But it is objected that we have no army. Very true. Neither have we a navy, but we have a Secretary of the Navy nevertheless.

The Detroit *Trilune*, describing the leading members of the Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane, says of the superintendent of the Asylum at Raleigh:

"Dr. Eugene Grissom, superintendent of the North Carolina hospital, is another Titan of the association. His snow-white, closely trimmed hair and beard, united with his exceedingly well-knit frame (he weighs about 300 pounds) and his readiness in debate make him one of the foremost men mentally and physically in this body of specialists."

What do you mean, you Detroit fellow, by calling our Doctor a "tight 'un"? That may have applied to some members of the association, while in Detroit, but to our Doctor, never.

Gen. B. E. Butler's recent address to the law students of Boston University contains some advice which strikes us

as being quite—well, dia-Butlerian, to say the least. He says: "I never wish to defend a man unless I know that he is guilty. Be sure that you find out that he is guilty. Some men dislike to confess their crimes to the lawyer for fear that then he will not then care to undertake the case. You must establish a feeling of confidence with such. Let them know that you must have all the facts." Nice stuff to instil into the minds of young and tender lawyers! *Alma Mater*, I am surprised at you for allowing such talk as that to be uttered in the hearing of your boys. Haven't you learned yet that Ben's moral squint is as bad as his physical one? I should as soon have thought of your engaging John L. Sullivan for Professor of Athletics as this modern Machiavelli to instruct in criminal law.

POOR THINGS! LET 'EM EAT!

Among other interesting items relative to the North Carolina Teachers now in conclave assembled, at Morehead City, is the following in regard to their consumption of "wittles". For bread alone over two barrels of flour and two hundred pounds of lard are consumed daily! And at breakfast there were used one whole ox and a half, three sheep, one thousand fish, ten hams, twenty-five hundred biscuit, six hundred chickens and two thousand eggs! Sixty gallons of soup are eaten at dinner and over two tons of ice are consumed daily!

A NORTH CAROLINA DIAMOND.

A by no means unimportant industry in North Carolina is diamond mining. This rare gem has been frequently found in the state, generally associated with gold, zircons, monazite, and other of the rarer minerals resulting from the decomposition of gneissoid and other igneous rocks.

Yesterday Mr. T. K. Bruner, of the agricultural department, exhibited an almost perfect dodecahedron, weighing 13.475 grains, or 4.39 carats. This diamond was found on the property of the Marion Bullion Company in McDowell county, of this State, and was sent to him for inspection by Col. H. C. Deming, of Harrisburg, Pa., of that company.

In color the stone approaches canary, though not deep enough to be called a yellow diamond. It is of remarkable purity and transparency and has a value exceeding \$1,000. This is the 12th find made by this company; the other eleven being very small. This last is about the size of an ordinary chincapin. This gem was accompanied by one from the famous Kimberly diamond mines of Africa, weighing about five carats, to illustrate the similarity of crystallization. The company is very much encouraged by the last find and will push with vigor operations during the summer. The company already has about thirty miles of water-ditches conveying water to several reservoirs for washing, and is getting a very fair return of gold-bearing minerals.—*Raleigh News and Observer.*