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The Grand Army ought to spank their Fair child and make him stop his screaming.

We have seen the announcement of a new fifty cent literary magazine—the *Orbit*. Its orbituary will be next in order.

The Raleigh Manufacturing Company, for the making of spools and bobbins is a new enterprise at our Capital city. The factory is already in process of erection.

A recent writer in the *New York Independent*, discussing the question of Southern prosperity, says there isn't a savings bank in the entire section. Our prosperous Raleigh savings bank had better send him a prospectus.

The rum seller will learn in 1888 that he has something more than a few scattered Prohibitionists to deal with. He must find the accounts of monster anti-saloon demonstrations all over the country "mighty interesting reading." Go he must, and he may as well make up his mind to go peaceably.

Good for the Mayor of Charlotte! He makes it an indictable offence to sell cigarettes containing the demoralizing pictures which manufacturers use for advertising purposes. Mayors of Wilmington, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Winston, Durham and other cities and towns fall in! Especially let the Mayor of Durham put his foot on this infamous business. If tobacco is a good thing it is strange it should draw so much vileness in its train.

### NEW KIND OF WHEAT.

Mr. K. Stephenson, who lives near Millburnie, in this county, has exhibited on the street a specimen of magnificent looking wheat, the heads being between six and seven inches long, and the entire length of head and stem about four and one half feet. It is an entirely new specimen in this section. Mr. Stephenson says that last year he sowed down in wheat a lot of very poor land—not fertile enough to produce largely. The wheat he sowed was a Pennsylvania variety. When it came up and matured, Mr. Stephenson noticed here and there an exceptionally large and splendid stalk and was struck with the fact that this variety grew large and matured well on the same ground that scarcely doubled the amount sowed of the other variety. He collected enough of the large heads to thresh out about half a gallon, and this year planted it in drills, and the yield will be about seven bushels, or over fifty times the amount sowed. Mr. Stephenson affirms that this wheat will grow on the poorest land—even in

sandy soil, and has named it the "Golden Sand Hill" wheat. It is the healthiest and most hardy looking variety seen here.—*Raleigh News and Observer*.

### NORTH CAROLINA GRANGE ENCAMPMENT.

A grain, grass, fruit, stock and poultry fair will be held at Mount Holly, Gaston Co., on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1887.

The main purpose of this encampment is to enable the farmers of North Carolina to annually meet together at a time when there is little work to do on the farm and compare experiences, to hear addresses from practical men, who have given special study to some particular branch of agriculture.

To see the latest improved machinery used on the farms, which will be exhibited in large quantities by manufacturers from every section of the Union.

To exhibit their stock, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, fowls, etc., and make sales of same or to exchange for some breed they think will be of advantage to cross with their own.

To aid farmers who have not yet secured improved stock by showing them all the different breeds and in this way encouraging the purchasing of good varieties of cattle, sheep, swine, &c.

To annually stimulate and strengthen the farmers' organizations throughout the State, by putting new energy and determination into the breast of every farmer who attends.

Persons desiring special information should address J. T. Patrick, Commissioner of Immigration, Raleigh, N. C.

### SAVE THE BLACKBERRY CROP.

I desire to call the attention of the people of Moore county to a crop which is now so far as I am able to discover entirely neglected. I refer to the blackberry crop. You will perhaps say, as our southern people are peculiarly apt to say, "that is a very small thing." I have often wondered why in some of our western counties so many dried berries are sold, while in our own county, which is now beginning to be put down among the progressive counties of the state almost none are sold. I have written to a friend in Greensboro and in Statesville for statistics of the blackberry crop, shipped from those two points. I have not heard from Greensboro. Statesville handled in 1885, 750,000 lbs; in 1886, about 500,000 lbs. The crop of 1886 was short. She expects to handle in 1887 one million pounds.

The crop of 1885 may be taken as an average. 750,000 lbs., at 6 cents per lb., gives you the handsome sum of \$45,000. I believe all the towns in Moore county ought to handle this season 500,000 pounds, which at 6 cents per pound, would leave in our county \$30,000. Enough to board and clothe five hundred of her people for one year. I do not propose to discuss how much a hand can make picking and drying blackberries. This work should be done by women and children who cannot obtain profitable employment at all seasons of the year. This is certain, if the people of Iredell county can afford to pick and dry blackberries, the people of Moore county can afford it. They should be encouraged to save this crop, whether it be five, ten or thirty thousand dollars worth and thus employ labor that otherwise might be idle. We can do it and make as much cotton and corn as we now make.—*Duncan E. McIver, in Carthage Blade*.