

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

COMMENTS ON TOPICS THAT ARE INTERESTING THE PEOPLE.

The Views of Our Contemporaries on Passing Public Events and Questions of Interest. Graham county recently voted on Prohibition, and there were only ten votes cast against it in the county. This is a noble record for Graham. Perhaps no other county in North Carolina could show so small a vote against Prohibition.—Franklin Press.

One by one the great men of the nation are coming to the candid support of Cleveland. Thurman, McDonald, Sumner Cox, Sickles, Henry Watson, Senator Ennis and others; but Kieft still stands out and the country breathlessly waits his coming.—Goldboro Argus.

Railroad matters are being agitated along the several lines spoken of from this city. The Herald calls on Salisbury to do something to induce the Roanoke road to go that way. The prospects are that the conference on the 11th of next month will be one full of interest and wide awake with activity.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Probably no better evidence of the confidence of the people in the better business outlook can be found than the fact that an unusual number of them are at the watering places this summer. Hard times first show themselves in cutting off the expenses of recreation and pleasure and so with returning prosperity these expenses are taken up again.—Goldboro Argus.

People in the country make for themselves so few social pleasures that the farm is an exceedingly dull place to the average boy. If the farmers would endeavor to build up more social pleasures—would give their children the benefit of education and then give them books and papers with which to enjoy themselves, fewer of the boys would willingly flock to the towns.—Wilson Advance.

We are inclined to believe that the Raleigh Signal, an out and out Republican paper, will fly the name of Grover Cleveland at its mast-head, for the last issue of the approaching campaign. We have no war with the President. He has done much to break down the color line and to Nationalize public sentiment, and he has the support of the Signal in this patriotic action. That paper furthermore says: Mr. Cleveland is on the mount and in view of a second term.—Greensboro Patriot.

It is the policy of North Carolina to build up the ports in other States, but at the same time we claim that she has as fine harbors as any State in the Union. Why should not steps be taken to bring the F. & Y. V. and the A. & N. C. under one management and build a connecting link. The former road is said to be owned and controlled by North Carolinians; two-thirds of the latter belongs to the State. Would it be violating the "business principles" of the A. & N. C. to extend its operations, seek and obtain new connections and build up the ports on its line?—New Bern Journal.

The Democratic party was never so nearly a unit as at this time. How nearly its members are in accord may be judged when it is stated that they are all for the same man for President at the next election. During the past year the name of no other man than Cleveland has been mentioned in connection with the Democratic Presidential nomination and the Convention to be held this month no other man in the nation could pick his own delegates and be nominated. The difference of opinion which exists in the party on the tariff question is hardly worth considering in a Presidential election.—Monroe Enquirer and Express.

The people are anxiously awaiting the coming of President Cleveland on his visit to Atlanta. It is earnestly hoped that he will honor our State Fair with his presence for one day at least. North Carolinians want to see him and shake his honest hand. They will give him a cordial reception; in fact we might, with safety, predict a grand ovation. While we, all of us, wish to meet him in our State, we desire to have him in our city and see what a large report he will make of our State. The difference of opinion which exists in the party on the tariff question is hardly worth considering in a Presidential election.—Monroe Enquirer and Express.

The anti-prohibitionists of Texas are very much encouraged by a letter written by Mr. Jefferson Davis, in which this distinguished gentleman declares against prohibition. It is also stated that Mr. Davis' letter has given great offense to the prohibition people, and Senator Reagan, more in sorrow than in anger, says that the effect of the letter will be the loss of many thousand votes for the prohibition amendment. Mr. Davis says we are governed too much in this country. Without expressing any opinion as to the merits of prohibition, we are inclined to agree with him. But certainly the opponents of license in Texas will not be willing to admit that a letter even from so honored and worthy a source as Mr. Davis can defeat a meritorious cause. The issue is plainly drawn between prohibition and license, and the people of Texas are called upon to decide the matter, not according to the views presented in any individual opinion, but according to their own experience of a licensed traffic, and the results which they can expect logically to realize from a system of government that prohibits license. This is the question, and we are afraid that our anti-prohibition friends are endeavoring to discount defeat when they begin to lay the blame at Mr. Davis' door.—Wilmington Messenger.

Some startling things happen. For instance, there are white men in Georgia and Virginia who are not only not able to see any propriety or danger in mixing the races in schools but they actually favor a scheme to bring this about. But Georgia does not mean to allow this, and the Legislature favors a bill to make it a penal offense for a teacher to teach a white child in a colored school, or vice versa. This is right. As long as the world stands let the schools be separate. It is best for

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THE SPARTA NORMAL A DECIDED SUCCESS.

The People of Moore County Catching Up With the Rest of the World in Educational Matters. (Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.) SPARTA, N. C., July 28, 1887.—The State Normal School at Sparta, Allegheny county, closed to-day. The exercises consisted mainly of speeches by Messrs. W. C. Fields, T. M. Honeycutt, S. W. Brown and R. A. Dougherty, of the Board of Directors, and Superintendent C. D. Melver and Prof. Goodwin and Spanhour, of the Faculty. Some of the most interesting and first order of the session of the school at Sparta has been very successful. More than 100 teachers were in attendance and over 400 people, exclusive of teachers, visited the school. Lectures were delivered by such distinguished men as Hon. K. P. Battle, and W. H. H. Cowles. Prof. C. D. Melver, the Superintendent, is a young man of good education, broad and liberal culture, and has won for himself hosts of friends. Prof. Goodwin has a peculiar faculty for imparting information and is fully abreast with the latest and most improved methods of teaching. Prof. Spanhour is a good lecturer and fine educator, having had long experience as a teacher.

The next session of this school will begin about 1st of August, 1888, with Prof. Melver as Superintendent. This school will compare favorably with any Normal in the State and teachers from all parts of the State will find an excellent opportunity to spend a month pleasantly and profitably in this mountain town.

Another Correspondent Tells of the Sparta Normal.

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TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

A Grand Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia.

The Centennial celebration of the signing of the Constitution will take place on a scale of grand magnificence at Philadelphia during the month of September. Preparation have been steadily going on since the 21 of December last, when commissioners from the different States met in convention in Philadelphia, in response to the call of Governor Randolph, of Virginia, chairman of a committee of Governors of the Colonial States.

The Legislature of New Jersey had previously passed resolutions inviting the Governors to meet in Philadelphia on September 17, 1886, to consider the propriety of a national celebration. Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa, and Governor W. W. Hunter, of Virginia, chairman of a committee of Governors of the Colonial States.

The State of Pennsylvania has appropriated \$75,000 for the purposes of the celebration and the entire cost of the invited guests. The citizens of Philadelphia have raised \$2,000 for the same object. The following sums have been appropriated by other States: Connecticut, \$18,000; Rhode Island, \$2,500; Delaware, \$2,000; and Massachusetts, \$40,000. President Cleveland will preside at the ceremonies and General Sherman will command the military forces of the United States. Mr. Justice Miller, of the Supreme Court, will deliver the oration.

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A Peep at the Old Castles and at the Rare Beauties of Nature seen in that Part of the World. (Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.) CHEMNITZ, SAXONY, July 18, 1887.—The day's work was at length ended, and we—my brother and I—determined to lose no time in escaping from the parched, soot-atmosphere of the busy manufacturing town of Chemnitz, with no other breath than the pure air and sweet perfumes and see around us neat little fields of wheat and barley, over which the sportive breeze played out the nodding heads of corn seemed like ripples on a sea of green, beyond faintly out through several suburban villages.

On either side of the hard, stone-bedded road small fields of rank clover or cereals greeted us with their fresh foliage, white, red and yellow, and the air was fragrant by a group of ruddy dressed peasant women in a potato patch, beating the well cultivated earth to powder with their hooves. A score of other boys, clad in clean, neat, and comfortable clothing, were engaged in a potato patch, beating the well cultivated earth to powder with their hooves.

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A bank, with \$50,000 capital, has been organized at Franklin, Macon county, under the State law. Unprecedented rains have fallen in Haywood county, and did more damage than in many years. The Sampson Light Infantry, Capt. W. L. Faison commanding, has just spent a pleasant week in camp. John Peyton, colored, aged 17, was drowned in Pitt county, near Pictious, last week. He could not swim. Mollie White, a respectable woman, made a desperate attempt to commit suicide at Winston last week. The Pittsboro Record corrects the rumor that a young lady of Chatham had engaged with a married man. The Salvation Army is doing its hardest work now in this State, particularly at Durham and New Bern. The advances in the price of tobacco is sharp. Grades that sold at 8 to 12 cents a month ago, now sell at 4 to 20. Many tobacco exchanges have elected delegates to the State tobacco convention at Morehead City on the 17th. Gen. Ransom's force is said to have done excellent work in improving Neuse river by means of the jett system. The draymen of Fayetteville had their annual festival Monday and a number of prominent gentlemen spoke. Charlotte's new paid fire department, after a long getting along nicely, will be put in operation. The heaviest rain in the memory of the oldest inhabitant fell in Camden county on the 24th ult. Great damage was done. Very valuable deposits of marl, giving 80 per cent of lime, have been found on the farm of James Dawson, in Pitt county. The State Board of Pharmacy met Tuesday at Asheville. The Pharmaceutical Association met the same day and is now in session. A handsome shaft, of rich Scotch granite, has been reared over the grave of the wife of the late Chief Justice Pearson, at Morganton. Mr. J. R. Kluttz's house, in Locke township, Rowan county, was burned last week, with all its contents and his year's supply of grain. The discovery of valuable nickel deposits on Elizabeth Creek, in Jackson county, is reported by Prof. W. B. Phillips, of the University. Mrs. Charles Jenkins, living near Kingston, was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured while attempting to start a fire with kerosene. Representatives of the railway and steamship companies in the South met Tuesday at Asheville, to establish tariff and other rates. The farmers current, that the town of Lenoirburg, hot-bed of disease this summer, are characterized by the Times as utterly false. The Albemarle Park Association, the new company of Elizabeth City, has elected T. G. Skinner president; W. J. Griffin secretary. The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of North Carolina, meet in its seventh annual convocation, in Greensboro, Tuesday night. The Eastern Carolina Dental Association, of which Dr. E. L. Hunter is chairman, and Dr. S. P. Hilliard secretary, met at Enfield Tuesday. A strike at Duke's factory at Durham has been threatened some days. The disturbance was fomented by certain evil disposed people. The Warren Guards have been ordered to the Georgia and N. C. King captain; W. A. Jenkins and N. M. Palmer lieutenants. Near Fayetteville last week the lightning struck the dwelling of a Mrs. Johnston while she and her family were away and wrecked it. So far seventeen convicts have made their escape from the Georgia and North Carolina R. R. in Union county. There are about 150 in the gang. Moses Jones and John Waddington, negroes, had a fight on the Georgia & N. C. R. R. last week. Wedding was shot in the head and fatally hurt. The Durham Light Infantry are considering plans for an encampment and are equally balanced between the attractions of the seaside and the mountains. Near Herford last week a negro man named Dwin had a quarrel with another negro named Henry Gray, and cut him to pieces. The murderer is in jail. The opinion is expressed by the Greensboro Workman that the harvest of wheat, corn, oats and cotton in the district of country between Raleigh and Greensboro will be found to be greater for 1887 than was ever the case since the first plow went into the ground.

FROM MURPHY TO MANTEO.

SOMETHING THAT IS HAPPENING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

What Has Happened in the Good Old State Since the Chronicle Last Greeted Its Readers. (Postal Card News.—The friends of the CHRONICLE in every section of the State are requested to aid us in making this department an accurate record, in brief, of the news from Murphy to Manteo. Send us a postal card whenever anything of public interest transpires in your neighborhood or section of country. You will aid us and give prominence to your section. Send on the postal cards.—Editor.)

The peach crop proves to be a total failure. The wet weather did some damage to the grape crop. The grain and grass show, at Asheville, began yesterday. The value of the Cranberry iron mines yield is \$400 daily.

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