

that shall be deposited convenient (close by) to the said railroad to any point on the line of said railroad, etc. When the Petersburg Railroad wanted to cross over the river and have its terminus on the south side of the Roanoke river, they claimed that it was for the public good, and the State, at their request, extended the line of road to the "Waldon Basin."

In other words, if the Legislature failed to grant the Petersburg railroad a renewal they could still use the Hicksford and Gaston branch to get their trains into North Carolina. So much for the history as related in the charter. But a history of the Greenville & Roanoke railroad is, that for nearly a quarter of a century, it has been abandoned. The object of the railroad was to give the railroad a direct line to Petersburg from the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad and the object of the State in giving the charter was to benefit her citizens, to give them facilities for shipping, etc.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS. A cloud burst in South Carolina did damage over an area of five miles by sixty. Rhenish and Westphalian miners have formed a union against the mine owners' union. Colonel Alfred Alyward, a noted Irish-American, died recently at West Littleton, N. H. It has been found that 10,000 books have been written by women in the United States. Over forty bishops have accepted invitations to the Catholic hierarchy celebration in November. The half century mark in the priesthood was reached by Monsignor McCoolgan, of Philadelphia, Saturday. The New York World's new building is to be 188 feet, or 13 stories high and is to cost one million dollars.

Thomas Fitzpatrick, employed as a nurse in the St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, New York city, fell through the elevator shaft Saturday night and was instantly killed. An eagle measuring seven feet from tip to tip was shot on Tuesday at Eagle Lake by Roswell P. Flower, of New York. Mr. Flower intends to present the eagle to Tammany Hall. Up to Saturday evening, 31st ult., no settlement of the great strike in London had been made. The dock companies express a willingness to concede further proposals from the men. The remains of Pascal Di Paoli, the famous Corsican patriot, who died in exile near London in 1807, have been exhumed from St. Pancras Church burying-ground and shipped to Corsica. The wise young man copies his fervent love-letters before he sends them to his darling. Then by simply changing the names he can make them do for several successive girls.—Wilson Messenger. Edith, a sixteen-year-old daughter of Henry M. Elliott, of Chambersburg, Pa., had her arms and hands badly burned Friday night by the explosion of a can of kerosene. She used it to start a fire. The Rutherford Banner asks: Who is there more noble, more free and intelligent than the farmer who owns his homestead, stocked with horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, fruit trees, vines and shrubs? The Smithfield Herald says: So far we don't think a yard of jute bagging has been shipped to this market. The farmers say they are not going to use it, and the merchants will supply them with other bagging. The Department of State has been informed of the recent gift by the King of Siam, for the use of the American Presbyterian Mission, of the royal palaces, together with the extensive grounds and buildings. The persons boarding with Mrs. Medmin, at Chattanooga, Tenn., were made seriously ill the other day after eating meat which she had purchased for dinner. Mrs. Medmin's husband and child were also poisoned. Rocky Mount Plain Dealer: Nearly all of the tobacco in this section has been cured, and we have yet to hear of a single bad cure. We suppose the crop this year, as far as color goes, is the finest ever raised in this section. The Sultan of Zanzibar has signed a concession giving to the British East Africa Company the Lamu Island and the Benagiri coast-line from Kipini northward, including Kismayu, Brawa, Merka, Magadish and Uruti. On September 1st The Household Companion, New York, was enlarged to sixteen pages and a guaranteed circulation of 100,000 copies each month. October, November and December numbers will consist of 200,000 each. Russell Harrison says when he dined with Queen Victoria he had four kinds of pie. He loves pie, and royal diet, such as Queen Victoria builds, he fairly revels in. He may be a duke but he is piously inclined.—Wilson Mirror. The New Berne Journal says, it is reported that a large rattlesnake lives under the old school building on the Academy Green. He has been seen coming out to the pump on the corner, where he regales himself on fresh water and frogs. Schools should not teach a mass of knowledge, but how to acquire knowledge. School machinery is not for the purpose of exhibiting its beauty or perfection, but to train pupils to become men and women.—Wilson Messenger. John Dudas and Wm. Egan, two of the victims of Friday's accident at the Homestead (Pa.) Steel Works, died Saturday, making four deaths so far. Two more—Isaac Lane and Joseph Durkes—will probably die. Two others will recover. The people of this country must annihilate the monopolies and trusts—the whole brood of them, big and little. If they do not, it is only a question of time when the monopolies and trusts will destroy the property and liberty of the people. At Valley City, D. T., the office of the Times-Record was completely demolished by a whisky mob Tuesday night. The editor is a pronounced prohibitionist, and has used his influence in local affairs and in the recent State convention. He has been warned frequently. The latest scientific whim is a surgical operation for the benefit of piano-players—clipping a cord between the third and fourth fingers. What a long-suffering public demands of science is something that will benefit the entire neighborhood wherein the player resides. A branch of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad has been completed to Greenville. The passage of the first train was the occasion of much rejoicing among the citizens on the 22d ult. It is stated that the number of miles of railroad in North Carolina has doubled since 1880. Another apprentice boy on the United States ship New Hampshire, at Newport, R. I., has died of typhoid fever. An investigation was held by doctors Friday, and it was found that the ship is damp, and that deposits from the water closets are exposed at low water, resulting in a terrible stench. Miss Loveleigh—"I am afraid you are rather hard on my sex, Mr. Synical. What comment have you to make on the fact that four-fifths of every church assemblage are women?" Mr. Synical—"I have but one comment to make, Miss Loveleigh. There is always a man in the pulpit."—Once a Week. The Falls of Niagara, which are partly in New York, form the most stupendous cataract in the world. They are divided by Goat Island into two divisions. The American side is about 1,000 feet wide and the Canadian 2,000, and both plunge over rocks to the depth of 162 feet. The shock causes the earth to tremble for a considerable distance around, and a cloud of vapor rises over the spot which is sometimes visible for sixty or seventy miles.

A dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., says news has been received of the whipping of four Mormon elders by White Caps on Friday night near that city. The better class of citizens denounce the whipping as an outrage. They have no sympathy with the Mormons, but believe in upholding the law and opposing violence. Greensboro North State: The C. F. & Y. V. railroad had another accident last Saturday. The new trestle over Town Fork gave way and the engine and tender went in, injuring engineer Shepherd and fireman McLoughlin. The latter had an arm broken. Both gentlemen are from Fayetteville, and were carried home Saturday. One of the buildings of the American Wood Paper Company's works, at Spring City, Pa., was burned Saturday. Oliver Monshower, aged 30 years, an employe, was instantly killed and William Robinson, Chas. Seifert, William Schaeffer and Henry Sesser were injured by a falling wall. The loss will reach \$90,000, covered by insurance. Advice from Honolulu by steamer state that affairs have been quiet there since the revolution July 30. Robert Wilcox, leader of the insurgents, and others who were arrested were given a preliminary examination in the police court on the charge of treason, conspiracy, riot and unlawful assembly, and will be committed for trial at the next term of the Supreme Court. Wyoming is one of the few places where women are recognized as the equals of men before the law. They can vote, they can hold office, they can sit on juries, and the latest advice from that Territory describes how they hanged a woman on the same limb of a big cottonwood tree with a man, one dangling at each end of the rope provided for the occasion. Wyoming scorns any sex discriminations. Mammoth Cave, says the Journal of Education, the largest in the world, near Green river, Ky., has been explored ten miles. About twenty rooms have been discovered, and here are found subterranean streams, waterfalls and pits of unknown depth. Several of the rooms are of great extent, and have received appropriate names. The Haunted Chamber is two miles long, twenty feet high and ten feet wide, the roof being supported by beautiful pillars. The grading on the road from Williamson to Plymouth has all been completed and track laying is being done as rapidly as possible. All the trestles have not yet been built, but it is thought that the road will be finished and trains will be running on it before October. The terminus of this road will be at Roper City, six or eight miles below Plymouth, where there is plenty of water front, and it is generally believed that a line of steamers will be put on from this point to Baltimore.—Wilson Mirror. The Treasury surplus is given at \$70,800,000, the highest point reached since last October. Adding the fractional silver, which is really an asset if not "available," the surplus is nearly \$100,000,000. In Gen. Harrison's campaign speeches last year he pooh-poohed the surplus question as one of no importance. All the Government had to do, he said, to prevent an accumulation of money embarrassing to business, was to buy bonds. Why doesn't Secretary Windom buy them? Is he saving the surplus for Congress to squander?—Exchange. That Canada is to have a direct cable to Great Britain is nearly a settled fact. Its consummation however, depends on the Dominion Government. Application is being made to the Government to guarantee bonds of the Canadian Cable Company to the extent of half a million dollars. The total capital required is \$1,000,000. Dobell, of Quebec, has already secured \$350,000 of this in England by private subscription. It will be the shortest ocean cable of any. Entering the water at Westport, Ireland, it will run to Greely Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, a distance of only 1960 miles. The quaint sayings of children are always more or less refreshing. The young minds, unhampered by conventionality, take a short and explicit cut in the expression of a thought. A little girl who accompanied her mother into town the other day was very much interested in the speed with which she was traveling toward the city, and on leaving the train at the Fitchburg depot and passing by the great puffing locomotive that had borne the child so rapidly over the rails, the little one turned to her mother, and calling the latter's attention to the engine, said: "Fee, mamma, it's all out of breath."—Boston Budget. Everybody recalls the story of Ginevra the beautiful maiden who entrapped herself in an oaken chest on her wedding night, and whose bones and jewels were discovered long years after. There was a beginning of that same kind of tragedy in Bethlehem, Pa., the other day. A Mr. Froxell's little daughters, aged 2 and 5, were accidentally shut in a chest in the garret. It closed with a spring lock, and the playmate who did it ran away and left them. The mother, missing the children, began a search, which ended in the garret. The feeble cries from the chest located the children. An axe split it open, and just in time to save them. They were both unconscious when rescued. A curious fact is that in France a man can will away his title to anyone whom he may care to adopt, just as he can a ring or a sum of money. Thus, some years ago, one of the proudest titles in France went a-begging. The old Duc de Mironmesnil was so poor that he offered to adopt and leave his ducal title to any man who would insure him for the rest of his days (and he was very old) the modest income of \$2,000. Oddly enough, the poor old duke, whom ill luck would thus seem to have followed up to the last found no one to bid for the proffered honor, and so he died in the most abject penury. Were a similar transmission of nobility legal in England, there are twenty members of the House of Lords who would gladly, for a handsome consideration in cash, adopt the most unsavory commercial "gentleman," and leave him all their honors.

The International American Congress will meet at Washington, D. C., October 2d. After the Congress adjourns a trip will be taken through the South and Richmond, Norfolk, Charleston, Atlanta and other Southern cities visited. The original plan was to take the party through the Southern States from Cincinnati and Louisville to New Orleans, by way of Nashville, Memphis and Vicksburg, and to return to Washington by way of Birmingham, Atlanta, Charleston and Richmond, and it may yet be decided to do so, but in order that more time may be devoted to the South, it has been suggested by leading Southern men that the excursion through that section be deferred until later in the season, when the winter hotels are open and the famous resorts can be seen at their best. An excessive amount of fruit, or, if eaten either in the unripe or over ripe state, produces various disturbances in the system, chiefly so because of its tendency to ferment and decompose within the digestive tract, and to produce stomach and bowel disorders. If these disturbances are not too great, or too prolonged, they need occasion no special anxiety. A dose of castor oil, to which a few drops of laudanum have been added, is usually sufficient to clean out the irritating "debris," and in a day or two the natural equilibrium is restored. If there is much griping and pain with the movements, and these become too numerous to be comfortable, the dose of oil should be followed by curtailing activity—by quiet and repose—by a diet of meat broths, containing rice, barley or sago; by rice and milk, milk toast, etc.—Medical Classics. The National Agricultural Society of France has awarded a gold medal to Arthur Brandin, of Feine et Marne and to M. Tatar, of Saint et Oise, for the excellent management and cultivation of their farms. The Brandin farm has been in the family for upwards of 200 years, and its records since 1820 were produced. Just 100 years ago it grew an average of twenty-one bushels of wheat, or oats per acre, which rose to 26 bushels in 1850. Shortly after, commercial manure was for the first time employed, and the yield of wheat went up to 32½ bushels per acre and of oats to 41 bushels. Subsequently the land was drained, guano was applied and artificial grasses were grown and fed down, but the average of the wheat crop dropped to 30 bushels, though the quality was better. This system was followed until 1870 without improvement in yield, when the soil was analyzed and found to be rich in potash but deficient in phosphoric acid and lime. These elements were then supplied, tests were made to secure the varieties best adapted to the land, and the yield per acre for the last seven years has risen to 96½ bushels of wheat and 62 bushels of oats. M. Tatar's farm of 812 acres, half way between Paris and Chantilly, has 310 acres in sugar beets, the yield per acre of which, as well as their sugar content, has steadily increased. The average yield of wheat on 250 acres in 1887 was 35 bushels per acre. A large herd of cattle is kept during the winter to consume the best pulp, in addition to which the cattle get some cottonseed meal or cake, with about six pounds per head of wheat straw, chaff or corn fodder.—American Agriculturist. NOTICE. A meeting of the officers of the Alliance Peanut Union, the advisory board consisting of the vice-presidents, the committees and statistician are requested to meet in Waverly, Sussex county, Va., at 12 m. on Thursday, the 19th of September, 1889. Other brethren will be gladly welcomed. Immediate action concerning factories and warehouses is imperative. Each Alliance in the Union should send up the amount of stock taken by the members in shares of \$5 for building factories and warehouses, and what inducements offered by localities. R. T. BARNES, Pres't. R. S. BOYKIN, Sec'y. By order of the Executive Committee of Wake county Alliance, in conformity to a resolution passed in the County Alliance, August 23d, 1889, D. P. Mescham will lecture at the following Sub-Alliances on the principles and purposes of the Alliance, the condition and depression of the producing classes, and remedy, on the days as follows: Pleasant Springs, Monday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Middle Creek, Tuesday, " 10, 10 " Embo, Wednesday, " 11, 10 " Apex, Thursday, " 12, 10 " Cary, Friday, " 13, 10 " Mount Pleasant, Saturday, " 14, 1 p.m. Mineral Spring, Monday, " 16, 11 a.m. Grubb's School House, Tuesday, " 17, 11 " Ziny Plains, Wednesday, " 18, 11 " Gre'n Level, Thursday, " 19, 11 " Swift Creek (Inwood), Friday, " 20, 9 a.m. Farm Hill, Saturday, " 21, 10 a.m. Wakefield, Monday, " 23, 10 a.m. Eagle Rock, Tuesday, " 24, 10 " Coatsburg, Wednesday, " 25, 11 " Social Plains, Thursday, " 26, 1 p.m. Samaria, Friday, " 27, 1 " Little Rock, Saturday, " 28, 11 a.m. Timely notice will be given of other appointments, as all the Sub-Alliances in the county are to be visited. All farmers and laborers and the general public are cordially invited to attend these meetings, and bring your wives and daughters. The brethren will please secure house room to be used in the event of bad weather, as the appointments are to be filled regardless of the weather. BUFFALO, N. Y., FAIR. The Richmond and Danville Railroad will sell, during the month of September, round-trip summer excursion tickets to Niagara Falls, N. Y., good to return until Oct. 31st, at the following rates: From Durham, \$32.50 " Goldsboro, " 33.50 " Henderson, " 31.75 " Oxford, " 31.50 " Raleigh, " 33.50 " Selma, " 33.50 Parties desiring to attend the Great International Fair at Buffalo, N. Y., can avail themselves of these rates. W. A. TRUX, D. P. A. WANTED. Three good, active agents. Must be members of the Farmers' Alliance and be able to give good recommendations. Agricultural line. Address Box 185, Raleigh, N. C. au27