

Last year the Southern railway hauled 4,057,327 passengers without loss of life or serious injury.

The Biblical Recorder, state organ of the Baptists, declares for an educational qualification for voters.

Meat is said to be so scarce in Cuba that there is none to be found in Havana, and poor people are eating cats and dogs.

The Presbyterians in this State now propose to raise \$17,000 which Davidson college specially needs for repairs and improvements.

No State in the South save South Carolina and Georgia come within 300,000 of North Carolina in the number of cotton spindles.

From all parts of the State comes news of an increase in the attendance at all colleges and schools. There are very few exceptions to this general good showing.

Many persons whose names were in the omnibus pension bill which failed to pass the last legislature have applied for pensions under the general law and been rejected.

Judge Lynch has got in only 97 hangings so far, but he has something over three months to run yet to complete his year's work. He may get in some more blocks of five in Indiana.

The Greensboro Telegram says that the oldest Methodist preacher in North Carolina, if not in the world is Rev. James Needham, who lives near Mt. Airy. He is now in his 99th year.

The statement of ninety-seven banks in North Carolina shows resources aggregating \$19,621,582, a decrease of \$337,000 as compared with a year ago. The State debt is \$6,086,250.

Canada juries do not put a high price on the kiss in the family. A young woman who sued her 76-year-old uncle for \$2,000 for kissing her while driving her somewhere, got a verdict for 20 cents.

Governor Russell and Chairman Dockery, of the board of directors of the penitentiary, have taken steps to force the resignation of Jno. R. Smith, superintendent of the penitentiary on the ground of incompetency.

Another ark load, forty-nine, of Lynchites or sanctified band, has arrived at Southport. There are now over 200 there, and they say more arks are coming. They are living huddled together like sheep, without regard to sex.

Another colored Postmaster has been appointed in Halifax county, which now gives the county seven negro Postmasters. It is understood that negroes have been selected for a large number of other post offices of the State, including the one at Raleigh.

With the threshing season fully at an end, the wheat crops greatly exceeds expectations, and will aggregate nearly 600,000,000 bushels. This will give 200,000,000 bushels for export and leave an ample supply for the home demand.

The bicycle for two nuptial business is catching. A short while ago a young couple eloped from Philadelphia to New York on a tandem and got married, and a few days ago a young couple in New Jersey took a sixty-mile spin to Trenton. After the splicing the newly wed proceeded on their wedding tour on the bike.

Father Worth never has explained how in the world he found any authority for lending the superintendent of the penitentiary \$15,000 out of the State Treasury. A director of the penitentiary said: "Smith had to borrow the money, and he got Father Worth to let him have it. He just got it." Really there is not a particle of authority for it.

It is amusing to know the estimate which the head of Populism in North Carolina had of Governor Russell last year. It was that he had no backbone at all, but was swayed by men near him and believed any rumors told him by such men; that he once refused to speak to a certain man whose opinion is now of the greatest weight with him.

The auditor decides that the inheritance tax does not apply to legacies devised prior to March 9th last.

A New York medical journal says a great many people use too much salt, injuring both skin and kidneys, which are overtaxed to get rid of the surplus salt.

There is a \$1,300 farm in Tennessee which has been paid for entirely in hen fruit. The hens attended to business and helped the owner to shell out the cash on time.

Some of the Ohio papers say that the battle in that State has become one of boodle against brains, with the chances, it may be incidentally remarked, somewhat in favor of boodle.

A Brooklyn judge has decided the important question as to whether a girl has a vested title in an engagement ring, by deciding that such rings are only reminders to the girl, and that when she kicks her fellow she should also send him his ring.

News and Observer says every man who voted for McKinley is partially responsible for the negro Federal officeholders we are getting, just as every man who supported fusion with Republicans is partially responsible for negro State and county officeholders. Both crowds of these white men ought to repent and help to undo the evils they have wrought.

Missouri is suffering with Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska and Arkansas from a severe drought. Gov. Lon V. Stephens, says he has information from various portions of the State showing the dry spell to be so widely felt that persons in some places have padlocked the curbs of their wells and cisterns to secure the small remaining supply of water against theft. The present drought is considered extraordinary in point of extent and duration.

The Wilmington Messenger says shall it be said that in all North Carolina there was not enough of true manliness and true gratitude and genuine pride of the State left to erect at the capital of North Carolina a suitable monument to the most popular and one of the very foremost men ever born on its soil? Shall Vance, the true and the tried, the mighty tribune of the People, go unhonored by the people he so long and faithfully served in tented field, in civic arena, in stormy halls of debate? Let no such reproach be possible—let no such stigma be stamped upon the fair good name of North Carolina. A monument is to be erected as Asheville. No stone as yet marks the great Senator's grave.

**SOME OF OTHO'S CHAT.**

The first number of Otho's Hay-seeder is not as warm as it was expected to be. It may, however, get hotter as it grows older. It gives some such promise as this, inasmuch as it says, toward the conclusion of its introductory:

We deem it necessary to thus intimate to the public some of its purposes, sacredly promising to let the specifications follow. The fight is on and the gage of battle drawn and we will face the music and dance up to the line wherever and whenever drawn.

And then here is a paragraph that holds out the hope of something:

Having been so unfortunate as to be in bad personal company, we were unwillingly talked to by Russell about Butler, and Butler about Russell. We promise to give the public some choice selections of epithets by both, and assure them that public will agree that both were good judges of their subjects, and both were right.

Butler, Russell and some Democrats (?) consulted over the "negro racket" that the Democratic press was raising, and concluded that something had to be done to counteract that cry, so they agreed to open the fight on railroads to such an extent that public attention would be directed to their great loyalty to the people and follow them. They thought that by the aid of certain hotels who could not keep the passenger trains because the passengers were kicking on their fair, they could succeed. So Russell & Company think up the whole scheme, send out collectors to find or manufacturer information for star chamber proceedings, and secured free passes on certain railroads to aid them in their conspiracy. See if they don't try to prevent the courts from having a jury trial to find the facts. What they want is to conceal their hand till they can work "the d—n fools" long enough to give them control of the next legislature, who they will have pledged to do their wills in advance of hearing any evidence.

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There never was a time in the history of this country that the judges so absolutely controlled this government as at present. In fact, it is reaching such an alarming stage that it is time for the American people to awake fully to the situation. At the present rate, instead of being a government of the people, by the people and for the people, it will soon be a government by judges, and the people will rot in it. The people may legislate to their hearts content, but the judge will eliminate and administrate.—Raleigh Times.

Hon. George White, the black congressman from the First district, is having negro postmasters appointed throughout his district. One presented his bond for \$2,500 with seventeen bondsmen, not one of whom could qualify. Go it, George. You know who put the Russell-Butler gang in power, and "demand your rights." That the bondsmen can't "qualify" matters but little. They can qualify as easily as the appointees, doubtless, and none of them any better than Colonel Armfield's Iredell pop justice of the peace, who, upon asking the colonel what he must do to "qualify" for the position was told, "You can take the oath of office, but all h—ll can't qualify you." But get your boys in, George.—Asheville Citizen.

The government we now have in this state, its indecent distribution of the offices, the notable unfitness of a large majority of its appointees, the extravagant appropriations of the people's money, the wicked prostitution of public schools and other public institutions to the basest of partisan control, the wastefulness of public moneys in needless employment of lawyers at high fees in law suits instigated by partisan malice and personal spleen, and many other disgraceful and degrading acts which characterize the present powers that be, have only to be fully, truthfully shown to arouse the people to their duty to themselves and the state. A full, faithful, truthful exposure of these things The Gazette promises to make. It is the duty of duties upon which it has entered, to be pursued diligently until the people, seeing the truth, and realizing the source of their misfortunes, will rise in their might and drive from power the unholy combination which have brought these evils upon them.—Asheville Gazette.

Those interviewed, ex-Governor Jarvis, Mr. Simmons and Mr. Smith, hesitated not in declaring for white supremacy. They have always done that. Declarations are not enough. Works are what are wanted. Show their faith by their works. Let them practice what they preach. And here we ask this question, which one of these three would have refused five minutes after those interviews to hob-nob, associate or take down a set up with Otho Wilson, Loge Harris, Harry Skinner, or any others of that stripe, who are doing so much to turn the state over to negro rule and corruption? We doubt there being one, and, further, believe them good, clever, jolly fellows. Such is what does the harm. We favor fighting it out on the white man's platform. We favored it last year, but bosses said no, it must not be done. Now many are declaring for it, but watch them.—Greenville Weekly.

Right here in Bertie county between the election and bonding time last year, the newly elected negro constable of Woodville township stole cotton and was indicted. The evidence was overwhelming and he forfeited his bond and ran away. We saw then the signs of a return to republicanism. A drunken judge or two wallowing around recalled the "good old days of 1868." The chairman of the board of county commissioners of Vance offering to sell his vote was sure evidence that the grand old party had come to its own. A justice of the peace serving a sentence in the work house of Stanly Co., and getting letters from Senator Butler on matters of "state," shows that "reform is at work." But our people did not recognize what republican control in North Carolina meant until two negroes were hung in one day for rape.—Windsor Ledger.

The sins of the Democratic party were sins of omission. It could not do everything. The sins of fusion are sins of commission, willful and criminal. The Democratic party may have made mistakes. If so those seeking their betterment should have sought reforms within the party. With the exception of the heelers and spooks men all the populists and Democrats. All true Democrats agree with populists that reforms are needed. Those looking for reform under another banner see themselves misled, sold out and used as stepping stones for their leaders. They are Democrats laboring under delusions. The Democratic party is the fold for them. Return, and let us together make the fight next year for justice, for right, for honor, for principle, attributes you have sought outside but failed to find. Let us work together for the general good. Let none but true men lead. Away with demagogues and spooks men.—King's Mountain Weekly.

Thorough party organization and a united effort is what is needed among the Democrats to redeem the state of North Carolina from the present regime that is now a parasite and outrage upon public decency, says the Winston Journal. From its very inception the present administration has been one of corruption and the hunger for political porridge has almost driven them totally insane. There has been one continual howl for pie but it seems from existing conditions that only a party unit set have been looked after. The governor has taken care of all his relatives and the howl is long and loud from outsiders. Those voters who were lured away from the Democratic fold at the last election have become disgusted with affairs, and have returned as it were "to

their father's house," and will hereafter remain with the party that has ever been the friend of the people and will continue to be as long as the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and William J. Bryan permeates the hearts and minds of the people.

In the next campaign, says the Lexington Dispatch, the people will make issues, the politicians may scheme and lay their plans but the people will have an eye single to business. The day has passed when a few demagogues can get together and formulate plans to drive the masses into their traps like the hunter drives a covey of partridges into his net and thus bag the whole country at one drive. Men of all parties are beginning to see the necessity of more practical business methods in the economical management of public affairs than are now afforded, as practiced by the rat tails in this State. The State Government needs the careful consideration of all its citizens and they may be relied upon to do the right thing. Cool, careful, fair, honest and patriotic consideration of every subject will bring about the best results. Throw passion, hatred, strife, contention and partisan bitterness to the dogs and great good will come to us all.

The Weekly believes that good government in North Carolina can be assured by the democratic party dealing with the situation in a practical way. Conditions, we repeat, are not what they once were. It is very evident that the party has lost thousands of voters since 1892. As long as they stay away the party is short of a majority. Sensible men need not be told that the mass of men are honest and conscientious. It is true that designing men have abused their confidence, but it is no less true that the Democratic party because of Cleveland's treachery and the consequent failure of the party to redeem its pledges. In all the history of politics no man has ever betrayed the confidence of the party that elected him more shamefully than he did. No man ever had a grander opportunity for serving his country and none ever played it more false. Arnold's treachery is white besides Cleveland's, for the former felt that he had a grievance, while the latter had no cause, either fancied or real, for the part he played. The Democratic party in national convention having refused to assume responsibility for any of his acts, those who left the party on his account can come back without and sacrifice of their dignity and without asking leave of the few gold bugs who remain in the party.—Reidsville Weekly.

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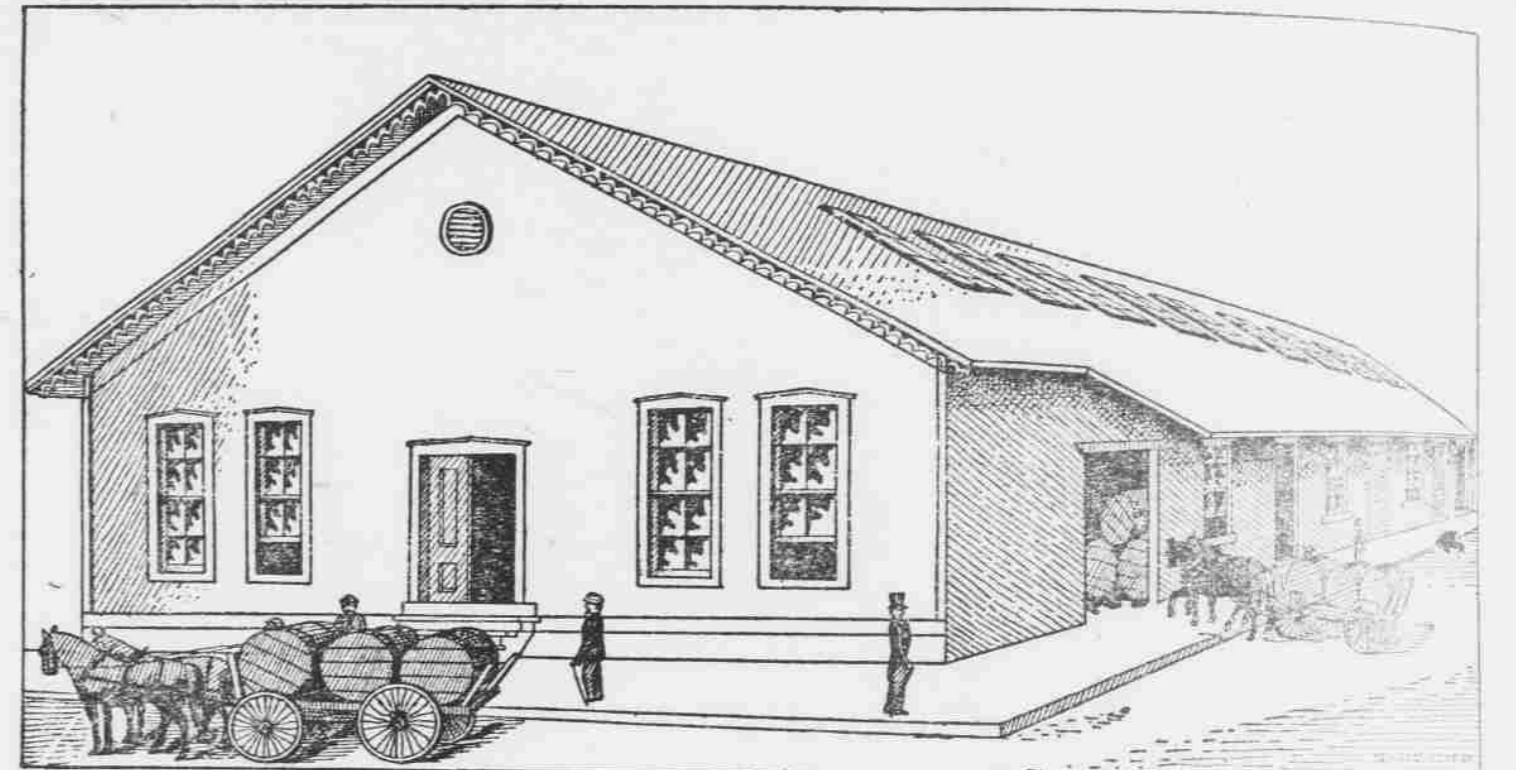
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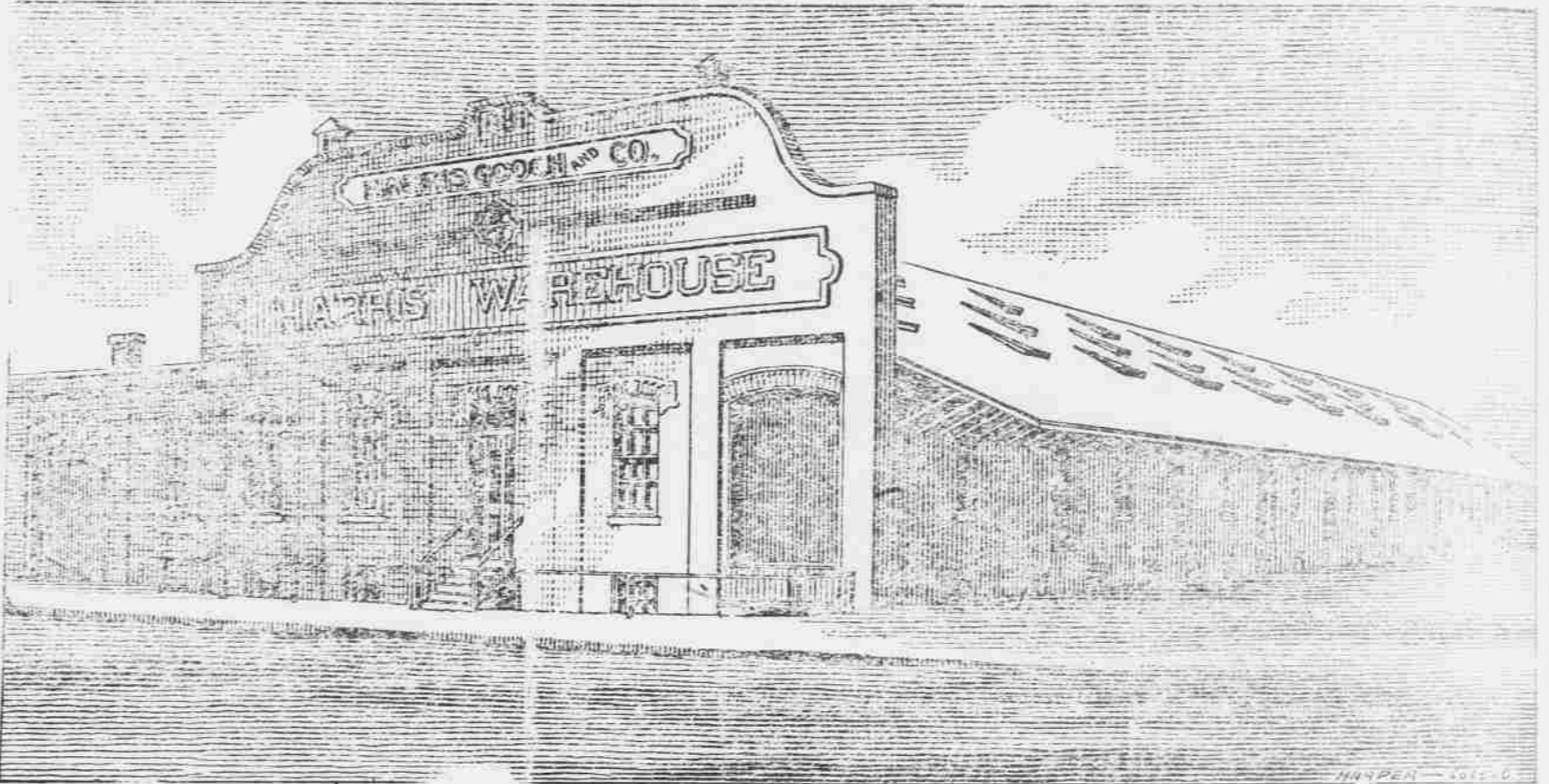
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