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TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 1874.

The certificate of election in the second district was awarded Hon. John Goode. His majority, 131.

Rev. J. D. Hufham, has become permanently associated with Rev. A. F. Redd, as one of the editors of the Biblical Recorder.

Gen. T. L. Clingham lectures to-night at "Tucker Hall," Raleigh, N. C., on "Christianity and Science" for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Tom Hood, editor of the London Fun died on the 20th of last month. He was 45 years of age, and the only son of the celebrated poet and humorist of that name.

The farmers of Orange are sensible men! According to the Hillsboro' Recorder, more wheat has been sown in that county than for years before, and it has all come up well.

An instrument for measuring distances by sound has just been invented by a Belgian officer. We suppose it will enable a fellow to tell how far his dinner is when the bell rings.

Is it not a very singular fact that when men are hung for murder, however diabolical the murder may have been, the criminal almost invariably says he is ready to die and is certain of going to heaven.

"Corn" in England is lower than it has ever been, within living memory; and "corn" over here is as high as it has been in the same length of time. But "corn" in England means wheat and "corn" over here means maize, and the difference is amazing.

It is rather singular to us why our farmers do not raise more corn and wheat than they do, and not turn their whole attention to cotton and tobacco. The Milton Chronicle says farmers in that section have raised tobacco to the exclusion of almost everything else, and are now without corn, without meat, and without tobacco to raise the money to buy these things. A deplorable condition truly. May our farmers not learn a lesson from this?

The Recent Storms.

There has recently occurred several storms in different parts of the Country that produced immense destruction by wind and wave.

The terrific hurricane at Tusculumbia, Alabama was the most calamitous, destroying vast quantities of property, killing and wounding many persons and rendering hundreds helpless and desolate. The total loss to the town and private individuals is estimated at the sum of five-hundred thousand dollars. The account given by telegram of the damage done is truly heart-rending.

Col. Edward Cantwell.

This gentleman, formerly a resident of Oxford, is now a member of the Senate of North Carolina, from New Hanover County. We observe that he takes a very active part in the debates. He made the first political speech of the session.

The Right Man.

It is the universal opinion that Mr. Mills has displayed great sagacity and discrimination in the selection of his corps of teachers and other assistants at the Asylum. He commenced on a high standard, by selecting Mrs. E. J. Robards as Matron and has not diverged from the line of high excellence as a test to which all his assistants in every department must come. Another feature to which he has adhered with rigid uniformity, attests his great administrative ability. We allude to his having adopted the cash system. He has thus far succeeded in conducting the affairs of the Asylum on the principle of "pay as you go" with eminent success. By the way, as Mr. Mills is not in town, we believe at the time of our writing this article, we will tell what a highly distinguished citizen of North Carolina an ex-member of Congress said of him. "Of all the men in the State," said he, "Mr. Mills is my choice for Governor at the next election."

As Mr. M. is anything but a politician and as our's is a neutral paper, we apprehend there is no impropriety in our recording what was publicly said of him, by a distinguished son of North Carolina.

If this is departing from our neutrality we are ready to retract.

Sharps and Gamblers.

North Carolina has become the field for a large number of unmitigated thieves who are fleecing the people in various parts of the State by all sorts of tricks and plausible games of chance that attract the cupidity and stupidity of the unsuspecting.

We hope the Legislature will do something to rid the State of these consummate villains, who aim to get money in any other manner than by honest labor. Let the reign of such scamps be short lived and inglorious. If the evil is not checked it will culminate in serious consequences to the moral status of our people.

Pocket picking is something comparatively new in North Carolina yet in the town of Oxford, the day Carrington's show exhibited here, two of our farmers had their pockets picked of over one-hundred and fifty dollars, and the "fancy games" played on the people that day would have furnished a theme for Bret Hart, in which his genius would have had more scope than it had in his famous production known as the "Heathen Chinese."

Many a poor man's money made tracks that day and most of the tracks pointed in the direction of the lions den.

The Legislature.

This body, up to the present time, has been considering and discussing the public debt and amendments to the Constitution. Nothing definite thus far, has been done on either question. The debate indicates that an effort will be made to compromise the debt and also that something will be done to amend the present Constitution, if a convention is not called.

Hardly So.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun writing from Washington City, says that Col. Mosby has more influence with the President than any other living person, not excepting a member of the Cabinet or a Senator.

Best advertising medium out.

Old Virginia.

In the Commissioners Committee of the Methodist Church, held yesterday, Dr. Curry, in recommending an appropriation to further the missionary work in Virginia, said there was an exodus in the Old Dominion. The old families are rapidly disappearing, and "there were those present who would see Virginia as much of a Northern State as New York." This would be a singular but not an improbable result of the war.—N. Y. Herald.

It is sad to think that this may turn out true. The fact that our "old people" have been so impoverished by the war that many of them will probably have to give place to the new immigrants would seem to justify the prediction of Dr. Curry; but we hope for better things. Virginia must not be made an Ireland. We can save her from that fate by wise action and discreet legislation. Our wealth and power and influence can be reinstated without changing our old people or losing their distinctive characteristics of their civilization.—Richmond Enquirer.

We can't say how it will turn out in old Virginia, but we incline to the opinion that it will be a long time before North Carolina loses her "distinctive characteristics." Dr. Curry and the Herald may hope for this consummation, but we shall resist with all the powers which God has given us, the introduction of spiritualism, free-loveism, Beecherism, and all other known isms that are swarming in New England and New York, like the ten plagues of Egypt.

In Europe, from being a subject of mere scorn and derision, spiritualism has gradually become a subject of curious interest in intelligent society, and of earnest investigation among scientific men.

We clip the above from one of our exchanges.

We think there is doubt, as to the correctness of the statement. If the truth should be sifted to the bottom we rather think Spiritualism is becoming the subject of "earnest investigation" with a very limited number of scientific men anywhere.

Our impression is that Spiritualism is on the wane. We suppose it is quite as much a humbug as witch craft. The marvelous stories that are reported of its wonderful achievements we presume are to be partially attributed to the distempered fancies of many who go to witness its seances and who are usually in an excited state of mind, that disqualifies them for taking a calm and dispassionate view of what they hear and see.

If our Senior, while in New York city, patronizes any of the spiritual exhibitions that are going on at all hours, he will have on his return a full opportunity of ventilating the subject to his heart's content.

Bishop Johns, of Virginia, having been asked to express his opinion as to the character and probable effect of the proceedings of the late General Episcopal Convention, in session in New York, replies that in his judgement the proceedings "vindicate and provide additional facilities for preserving the Protestant character of this Church," and that the action, "so devotedly desired by this Diocese, was completed in a spirit most creditable to a Christian Council, and with a unanimity which gives it great moral as well as canonical authority."

Pace's warehouse, in Danville, Va., was sold at auction Tuesday for \$10,000. The purchasers were Messrs. Lee & Corkin of Danville.

The Mennonites have begun to build a town in Marion county, Kansas.

Farmers Read.

A correspondent writing in the "Southern Planter and Farmer," has the following to say in favor of the celebrated Watt Plow.

"While on the subject of plowing I may be indulged in a few remarks concerning the Watt plow. Not that any recommendation of mine is needed, by an implement whose rare excellence has made a reputation for itself, independent of anything that I or any one else, could say in its favor. It ought to be and is fast becoming the plow of the South. While I thought the Watt was well adapted to the light sands and mellow loams that prevail along the lower James and its tributaries, it was not the plow for the heavy enacious clays and lime stones of the more Western and mountainous portions of the State. Since then I have had occasion to test it more fully and carefully with my own hands in every condition character and variety, of soil, from the sand bar to as stiff and hard a clay as can be found anywhere, east or west of the Blue Ridge, and unhesitatingly pronounce, for strength, durability, adaptability to different soils and surfaces, ease of draft, freedom from choking, perfect ease to the plowman and evenness and uniformity of work the best member of the plow family I have ever become acquainted with."

What more can be said of any plow? The Watt is fast gaining ground in the South. Our Granville farmers are beginning to buy and use them. Read advertisement.

The wreckers have commenced operations in endeavoring to raise the wreck of the steamer Louisiana, and should the weather prove favorable, success is anticipated very soon. The board of United States inspectors of steam vessels for Baltimore, Messrs Wm O. Saville and Jas D. Lowry, are investigating the causes of the disaster and have examined a number of witnesses who were on the steamers Falcon and Louisiana at the time of the collision.

A young lawyer named John D. Ellis was found dead in his office, in Washington City, from the effects, as supposed, of port wine, of which he and others had drunk very freely. Four others were said to be in a very dangerous condition from the same cause. The wine was the gift of a client.

The Wilmington Star says the principal topic of interest in North Carolina at this time is the settlement of the public debt of the State.

A monument is to be placed over the remains of Edgar Allen Poe, Baltimore.

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North Carolina,

SUPERIOR COURT, Granville County, November 26th, 1874.

Ann T. Philpott, widow of Wm. A. Philpott, deceased vs. William J. Pettiford and wife, Sallie B. Robert Philpott and others. Petition for dower

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Robert Philpott, one of the defendants, in this suit is not a resident of this State, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made in the Torch-Light, a newspaper published in the town of Oxford, for six weeks successively, notifying the said Robert Philpott to appear before the clerk of the Superior Court, for said county of Granville, at his office in Oxford, on Friday the 15th day of January next (1875) then and there to plead, answer or demur to the said petition filed in this cause, otherwise the same will be taken to be certified and heard ex parte as to him.

Witness, Benjamin H. Cozart, clerk of said court, at his office in Oxford, the 26th November 1874. B. H. COZART, C. S. C. & C. C. G. dec16m

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