

Local News.

H. N. Woodson and daughter have gone to the World's Fair.

Mrs. G. R. Hanger has returned from Alexander. So has Mrs. Edwin Cuthrell.

F. B. Arendell has returned after a prolonged business stay at Washington, D. C.

Mr. M. S. Brown is North buying goods.

It will be seen by reference to another column that the Caharus people are going to have a Fair this year as usual, and the best of all, if possible. Our Rowan folks always enjoy themselves at the Concord Fair and of course they will go in large numbers this year.

Very heavy rains have fallen in the mountains of this State since Saturday night, doing much damage to crops and railroads.

D. A. Coley has recovered his little daughter, who was kidnapped about three years ago by B. H. Wood of this county. She was in Columbia, S. C., where she had been taken. Her stepmother is Wood's daughter. She was coming to town for medicine when she was met by Wood who forced her away. She is about 15.

W. H. Blaylock has resigned as head miller at the Salisbury roller mills to take effect 30th Sept., but this will not effect the milling as the company have a competent man to take the place.

What is the use to have a health board here unless the citizens bestir themselves in such a way as to assist it in its duties, help it cleanse the town and county of deleterious matter and reduce the amount of sickness. There is no doubt that cholera and other epidemic disease have been kept down this year in this country by the enforcement of proper sanitary measures, and much sickness and suffering prevented. If our citizens will but assist our Board they, too, will escape much sickness and suffering. Dr. J. J. Sammerell, who is kindly and disinterestedly devoting very much of his time to the promotion of the public health, will give all necessary information to such as may seek it.

The Fisher Club of Rowan Veterans now number over three hundred. They were out at the reunion dinner today in full force, and a real joyous old time there was among the old boys.

The dinner given and served by the ladies of Salisbury to the Rowan Veterans was very creditable. It was by far the best yet served, and so said they all, and was highly appreciated and much enjoyed.

Mr. George Craig, an old typo, who has been absent about ten years, made his appearance here today.

We have rumors upon rumors of a revival of business, but it has not yet come in sight.

"Honesty is the best policy" is an old adage but one as true as holy writ. We see an exemplification of the truism every day, and all around us. The man who deals honestly and squarely with his fellows is not only respected but generally prosperous. In an especial manner it is true of men who pay their debts. They are never at a loss for credit, and never worried with duns. Every prosperous farmer we know in this or adjoining counties is of this character. So is every prosperous and successful business man, mechanic or artisan. A man who is honest and pays his debts is blessed.

The exceptions to this rule are composed of such as are given over to their natural hardness of heart, who spread themselves like a green bay tree and grind the faces of the poor. David says, "These are ungodly men who prosper in this world." Paul tells Timothy, "Evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." They are agents of Satan from choice and are permitted to prosper for a purpose, just as many scoundrels have whose portion is well defined.

The Opera Tuesday night was a failure so far as the play portrayed southern character or gave expression or style to the southern gentlemen. The tout ensemble, plot and play, was Yankee in expression and style, and is about equal in effect to one of those love sick stories that the pensive eyed and lugubrious school mams of olden times used to write, who came down here to enlighten us from the Green mountains of New England. The acting was better than the plot.

But the effort to portray the southern gentleman was a signal failure. The Hall with its new dress and new arrangement is a credit to Salisbury. It is to be hoped that we shall now get better shows, and that there will be less effort to inveigle people into attending by false puffing and a desperate effort to make something out of nothing. We doubt not the attendance would have been far better if this thing had not been carried to such extremes.

There is much to commend in "The Skirts of Chance," the prize novelette, by Capt. Alfred Thompson, in the September issue of "Tales

from Town Topics." None but a man of the world, an artist, and a close observer could have handled so many different phases of life and have blended them into such a thrilling, cohesive whole. To many readers the life depicted in the story will appear overdrawn and unreal, but not so to the traveled man, and the frequenter of the cafe and coulissee, as they exist in Europe. In the miscellaneous matter that follows the story, the most desperate pessimist or the most enthusiastic optimist will find much to his taste. Town Topics, 21 West Twenty-third street, New York.

Recent experiments at Sandy Hook, with the 300-pound Howitzer projectile of American manufacture, showed that it would pierce through nine inches of solid steel, backed by three feet oak, and through twenty feet of packed sand behind the oak, without being battered or showing that it had come into collision with anything. As the projectiles are worth \$140 each and the steel plates for the experiments cost \$10,000, there is no foolishness in it. -W. Star.

Hon. Amos J. Cummings, of New York, said in a speech last week that "the men who nominated Mr. Cleveland ought to have the manliness to stand by him." That is right, in so far as Mr. Cleveland is right. But vice versa, the President ought also to have the manliness to stand by the people who nominated him. Let all stand together on the platform of Democracy under no obligations to stand by anybody who does not stand by it. We believe Mr. Cleveland will stand by his party and we will entertain no other belief until the contrary is seen. -Sampson Democrat.

Our prayers and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well; while one ascends, the other descends. -Bishop Hopkins.

The weakest living creature, by concentrating his powers on a single object, can accomplish something. The strongest, by dispersing his over many, may fail to accomplish anything. -Carlyle.

A hermit in America once told me, when I asked him whether he found that way of life had lessened his temptations. "Do you not know, friend," said he, "that a tree that grows by itself is more exposed to winds and storms than another that stands surrounded with other trees in the woods?" -George Whitefield.

The memory is the first faculty which a child cultivates. All through his life it is the most valuable. The great mistake of modern education is the neglect of the memory. Children's minds should be saturated with the choicest poems, the noblest passages of eloquence. In these days, when we require so few tasks of the memory, it is a lasting injury to the child if the very best literature is not set before him for such tasks. -The Independent.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S DEATHBED.

Then came the death wound, and after nearly a week's unavoidable detention Mrs. Jackson reached her husband's deathbed, writes Mrs. Jefferson Davis in an interesting sketch with portrait of "The Widow of Stonewall Jackson" in the September Ladies Home Journal. Spent with the anguish of his wounds lie lay dying, too near the silence of the grave to do more than murmur to his wife: "Speak louder, I want to hear all you say, and I feel to caress his baby with a whisper. My sweet one, my treasure," while the innocent smiled in his dying face. Then was the heartbroken wife and mother given strength to minister to both these objects of her love. From her firm lips the dying hero learned that the gates of Heaven were ajar for his entrance. Controlling her bitter grief she sang for him the sacred songs on which his fainting spirit reared upward to its rest. When all was over, and she had followed him to his grave, she again sought her father's roof, and there hid her bowed head among her own people, to live only for her baby. In strict retirement the young widow husbanded her means until her daughter was grown a pretty, graceful young woman, and then, to provide for her father's happiness, the mother emerged from the privacy in which she had lived since her husband's death, and visited both the Southern and Northern States. In the course of time her daughter became engaged to a young Virginian, Mr. Christian, of Richmond, and a few months later was married to him. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Christian removed to California, whither Mrs. Jackson accompanied them. They returned a short time later, to Charlotte, N. C., where they took a home and lived together. Now, however, the widow's next trial was imminent. Mr. Christian was attacked by a prostrating fever and succumbed after bearing his illness with great fortitude.

SOLDIERS' DISGUST OF CARDS.

Miss D. asked General S. of Louisiana if it was true that many of our solid citizens, while soldiers, regarded card playing and petty pilfering as among the accomplishments of camp life. General S. replied: "A base lie, madam—a calumny. True, they never left a friendless chicken to nod on its uncomfortable roost; never suffered an overburdened apple tree to break down from its load of fruit; never removed a bee-gum until the shades of night made the removal more to the comfort of the bees; never permitted the laced fluid to sour in badly ventilated milk-houses; and never—no, never—left a wounded shot to bleed its young life away by the roadside, and as for cards we give you our word that before the battles of Seven Pines, of Perryville, of Murfreesboro we saw cards strewn all along the road, so great was the soldiers' disgust for card playing!" -Confederate War Journal.

At the recent May meeting of the Salvation Army in Exeter Hall, London, it was reported that the

work of the Army is now established in thirty-three countries; it is carried on in twenty-one languages; it has forty newspapers, with an annual circulation of 43,000,000 copies, it numbers 3,070 stations, controlled by 10,816 officers; and it reaches an estimated number of 7,000,000 persons every week. -Raleigh Christian Advocate.

One of the eye-dampening features of this Congress is the unhesitating manner in which Mr. Crisp was re-elected after all the trouble Jerry Simpson had in finding a good man to fill his place. -Wash. Star, Ind.

It is a very common thing now to read in Alabama papers about country wagons going into the towns and villages loaded with home-made meat for sale. This has happened in Tuskegee recently, while it is said that only one car load of meat has been sold in the town of Ozark this year. This is the route to true independence. -Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser, Dem.

It takes all the courage and backbone and moral muscle and sanctified grit that God ever put into a man to live a full, rounded, consistent Christian life. -Zion's Herald.

To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, full of sympathy, full of helpful hope, causes a man to carry blessings of which he himself is unconscious as a lamp is of its own light.

Some Methodist churches have parted from the usages of Methodism in order to accommodate a few highly cultivated and fashionable people, whose tastes incline toward the Episcopal communion, and by so doing they have educated more people for the Protestant Episcopal denomination than they have saved to Methodism. -N. Y. Christian Advocate.

CALADONIA STATE FARM.

The editor of the Democrat, in company with Dr. R. M. Johnson, Rev. J. H. Fant and Mr. N. J. Biggs, visited the Caladonia farm near Tillery Tuesday. The State penitentiary authorities have leased this farm for ten years and this is the second year. There are nearly three hundred convicts there at work, and to one who saw the farm two years ago, the change is simply wonderful. Large areas of land that had grown up then are now in cultivation with the finest corn and cotton.

It is a grand sight to stand on the high dyke along the river banks and look over miles and miles of corn, cotton and peanuts. Work on the dykes continues and clearing ditching also. The whole farm is under the supervision of Maj. J. H. McIver, who is clever and courteous to all who meet him, and what is best of all for the State, he has a very level head for business. He keeps up with the work almost in detail and keeps the whole thing in as good order and under as good discipline as a modern Sunday School. He is clever to the overseers, guards and all, and kind to the convicts and they all esteem him very highly. To get another conception of the magnitude of the work one must be and see in person. On the farm are produced corn, cotton, peanuts, wheat, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. Whatever we might say about the crop that will be harvested would be simply guessing; but Maj. McIver tells us that 43 bushels, and this is the first crop of wheat. He has 600 acres in cotton from which he expects to get 500 bales. And the other crops produced are very fine though some mules are being now. The health of the convicts has been remarkably good for that place, though some are having chills now. All things considered, the record made in the two years is quite remarkable, and with Major McIver's excellent management the State will realize a great profit as the work continues. -Scotland Neck Democrat.

To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambition, the end to which every enterprise and labor tends, and of which every desire prompts the prosecution. -Johnson.

Oneness with God is the sole truth of humanity. Life parted from its causative life would be no life; it would at best be but a barrack of corruption, an outpost of annihilation. In proportion as the union is incomplete, the derived life is imperfect. -George McDonald.

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