THE JOURNAL.

NEW BERNE, N. C., JULY 19, 1883.

Kinston Items.

Died in the wool—a defunct sheep.

Our markets here show no changes since our last quotations.

There is a nice young man in the place who will not turn out his mustache, fearing it will not come back again.

There have been at the present term of our Inferior Court two hung juries. They took sleeping quarters in the Court House, resting comfortably on the soft saw dust.

The mayor and commissioners have fixed up the pump in the excellent well in the court house square. The song of the Tuckahoeans shall evermore be: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The steamer *Kinston*, Capt. J. M. White and E. Lawrence Miller, made an excursion to the Seven Springs last Monday. They carried a large crowd, mostly of the "youth and beauty" of Kinston.

An indisposed lady of this place requested her family physician to examine her tongue and then asked him what he thought would be good for it. "Rest," replied the prudential but ungallant adviser.

Four of the State convicts who have recently been at work on the public roads in Jones county, passed through Kinston last Friday in charge of an officer of the penitentiary on their way to their old home.

"How are you and your wife coming on?" asked a Kinston man of a colored man. "She has run me off, boss." "What's the matter?" "I is to blame, boss. I give her a splendid white dress, and den she got so proud she had nouse for me. She 'lowed I was too dark to match de dress."

It is well enough to say with the poet that truth, wherever found, will draw men closer than the pure heart; but just go and tell a woman once that her little boy is one of the dirtiest imps in town, and see how much homage you will draw from her heart, no matter how pure it may be.

The hall of our court room might be considerably improved by the immediate removal of the "dog latin," which stands in conspicuous ugliness, over the judge's seat. It may, however, serve a good purpose there, as it illustrates the foolishness of teaching Latin in the English schools of the present day and generation.

Thos. J. Preston has a good milch cow, fully educated up to the ways of the world. She lives in a "no fence district" and is consequently usually restrained of her personal liberty; but when she feels like going out to graze, she "lows" Tom up and holds out her right leg to be roped and tied out to enjoy the green grass.

This is what the Raleigh *News and Observer* says of a Kinston boy: "We regret that we are to lose Mr. Oscar McCullen, who has for many months been one of the operators in this office. He is one of the finest operators ever here, is very quick and remarkably correct. He goes to Richmond, Va., and carries the best wishes of all who know him."

Abe Willis, the barber, clipped the hair of Jos. J. Sellars so close that he may now be classed among the "wise baldheads." But Sellars vows the Inferior Court is a much closer clipper than Abe, since the court clipped him to the tune of $66 and made him feel very sick, while the barber charged only twenty-five cents and caused him to feel much improved.

It is said Saint Patrick, of Ireland, acquired a Saintship for the slaying of a snake. It is not safe to assume that Mayor Uzzell will ever become a saint of Kinston for a similar feat. Fishing a few days since in Judge Fields' barn among the shucks for corn to feed his fine claybank mare, he gathered up a rattlesnake and judge, from his hurried movements, it was believed he was about to abdicate the throne of Kinston

One lawyer, one farmer, one county official and one court official wound up the Inferior Court in quite a pleasant and enjoyable fashion. In the cooling shade before a double-barrelled law shop, with a bottle, each drank to the health of the other, presenting a spectacle which Beecher himself might have envied. A swelled neck nigger, who officiated as taster, did not seem to enter into the joys of the occasion. He was left out of the entertainment.

President Whitford was in town last Thursday in company with Gov. Jarvis. We learn from the railroad agent, Mr. R. F. Nunn, that he is authorized and directed to contract with J. F. Parrott for the necessary shingles and lumber to put a neat covering over the large platform at the depot here. The convenience of our merchants and farmers have long needed this improvement and it is to the credit of the road management that the work is to be done. Similar improvements are already in progress at New Berne and elsewhere along the road. The President has ordered one hundred thousand tons of steel rails to take the place of the iron ones now in use on the road. The offices will be enlarged and other improvements made which will add to the comfort and accommodation of passengers and shippers. These improvements indicate the President expects to "hold the fort" at the July meeting of the stockholders.

The Inferior Court was engaged Monday evening in hearing the case of the State against Hannah Williams, charged with larceny. The jury took the case Monday night and after sleeping on it, fails to agree, when the Solicitor consented to a judgment of not guilty. The case against George and Martha Wingate, his wife, for beating and robbing J. B. Noble, over a year ago, occupied all day Tuesday. The chief witness was Francis Wingate, the daughter of the accused, who swore, on a former occasion, that she was not present when the assault and robbery was committed and did not know who did it, while on trial now, swears she was present and that George Wingate and his wife did it. The jury has slept on the case one night and fails to agree. State against Dick Butler for disturbing a church—not guilty. State against Amos Rhem—concealed weapons—the jury and the lawyers got so tangled up that the defendant was acquitted. The scuttle fish muddled the waters and escaped its enemy and the lawyers took counsel of the fish.

The Inferior Court adjourned last Thursday evening. One convict for larceny, George Wingate, was sent to the penitentiary for two years. The Sheriff took him up last Friday. All other cases of conviction resulted in bringing in a revenue to the State and county.

Hookerton Items.

Fine rains and fine crops.

S. R. Harper died recently.

Eld. J. Latham passed through town last week.

Mr. Green Harper, of Kinston, was in town yesterday.

Miss Alice Edwards, of this place, is quite sick with typhoid fever.

The Knights of Honor celebrated their tenth anniversary the 30th of June.

Mrs. M. F. Stilly and daughter, of New Berne, are in town visiting friends.

Prof. Wilcox and lady have just returned from the Wilson Normal School.

Mrs. Richardson and family, of New Berne, are visiting friends near this place.

The steamer *Snow Hill* is making regular trips again. Picnic from Snow Hill to Hookerton on the steamer last Thursday.

The Sea of Oblivion

would long since have swallowed up SOZODONT in common with so many forgotten tooth pastes and dentifrices, did not the experience of a whole nation prove that it possesses signal advantages. It thoroughly cleans the teeth, dissolving and removing their impurities; it revives their fading whiteness and strengthens their relaxing hold upon their sockets; it renders colorless ulcerated gums hard and healthy; and besides neutralizing an unsavory breath, invests it with its own fragrance. dw

Mrs. Margaret M. Pope, Rich Square, N. C., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters has restored my strength and given me a hearty appetite." dw

Mr. J. A. Simpson has broken ground for the erection of the new buildings on the burnt lot.

Eleven prisoners in Craven county jail at present. An occasional escape doesn't seem to reduce the number much.

Mr. Jno. B. Reel, of Pamlico, brought in a bunch of rice Wednesday measuring four feet in height. It was left at Mr. Geo. Allen's store.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of an invitation from the Superintendent and Secretary to attend a picnic of Zion M. E. Sunday School, to be held at Seven Springs August 15th.

Cyrus Foscue, Esq., of White Oak, Jones county, was in the city Wednesday and reports the prospect for a good corn crop in his neighborhood as being exceedingly promising. The cotton crop is rather poor.

Judge Green returned from Florida Sunday night and reports the weather as hot there as it is in North Carolina. He says the prospects for a good orange crop is very good. They will begin to ripen in August.

Mr. John Suter, our indefatigable furniture dealer, has this week been receiving a large lot of very handsome furniture and is now able to supply his customers both in city and country with anything in his line.

Mr. D. S. Koonce, from near Mount Olive, called to see us Monday. He is a son of Dr. Phil. Koonce, of Carteret, but has been engaged in teaching near Mount Olive for fifteen months. He reports the condition of farmers in his vicinity as gradually improving.

The *Financial Commercial Chronicle* reports the total receipts of cotton from Sept. 1st, 1882, to July 14th, 1883, as follows: 1882 and 1883, 5,915,986 bales, an excess over 1881 and 1882 of 1,381,605 bales, and 200,396 bales more than they were to the same day of the month in 1881.

The Atlantic Fire Company is preparing to visit Wilmington week after next. Their brother firemen in Wilmington are preparing to give them a warm reception. If you have any old turpentine warehouses over there that can test the capabilities of a good fire company just set 'em on fire when the Atlantic boys get there.

The railroad authorities are preparing to build extensive sheds at the depot wharf. This is a work that has been needing to be done for sometime, and we are glad to see that Col. Whitford is not sitting down to wait and see what will be done with the old road before he goes to work. Capt. J. J. Roberson has charge of the work and is pushing it forward.

The old bank safe, used so long and successfully by Rountree & Webb, was moved down from the old stand of this firm to the Old Dominion wharf Monday, preparatory to being shipped to Kinston to-day to Mr. S. H. Loftin, who we understand contemplates going into the banking business in that town. While publishing the JOURNAL at Kinston we urged upon its monied men the importance of a bank, and we believe a considerable amount was subscribed to the capital stock at one time, but for some cause the enterprise has been allowed to sleep for a while.

Married.

At Portsmouth, N. C., on Tuesday, July 10th, by the Rev. Jas. M. Rumley, Mr. James T. Parsons of this city, to Miss Helen Dixon of Portsmouth.

May their pleasures in life be numerous—their sorrows few.

Irish Potatoes.

The time for planting the fall crop of Irish potatoes will soon be at hand. Many of our farmers save seed from the spring crop to plant in the fall, using the small potato that will not do to ship. It has been suggested that the seedling should be clipped no matter how small in order to insure a good come up.

Died,

In Thomasville, N. C., July 13, 1883, Mrs. Hannah W. Wallace, relict of the late T. C. Wallace, formerly residents of this city.

Mr. Robert Ballance, an aged and highly respected citizen of Nebraska, Hyde county, and the father of our townsman Dr. W. Pell Ballance, died on Saturday last at 6 p. m., aged 70 years.

How Past Cotton Grows.

Having some curiosity to know the growing capacity of cotton, under a favorable state of cultivation, Mr. W. H. Stone stuck a stick in the ground alongside of a stalk in the field of Mr. Frank Gore, in the Little River, S. C. section, recently, and at the end of the week he measured from the mark he had made on the stick, and found that the stalk had grown exactly eleven inches.—*Wil. Star.*

Escaped Convict.

Our Catharine Lake itemizer writes that one of the convicts escaped on Tuesday of last week. We presume he has returned by this time, as the boy Henry Williams who was arrested here last Thursday for robbing the house of Peter Murrill in Jones county was recognized as one of the gang of convicts that had been at work on the Quaker Bridge road and was sent on to Richlands.

Arrested for Theft

Henry Williams, colored, claiming to be from Kinston, was traced to this city Thursday and arrested for entering the house of Lott Murril, colored, in Jones county and taking therefrom sundry articles among which was a valise. The articles were found in his possession; he was taken before Esq. Brinson and confessed having committed the crime. He was sent to jail and will be taken up to Jones on Saturday for a preliminary hearing.

Committee on Purchase.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Directors of the N. C. Railroad Company at their recent meeting as a committee on the purchase of the A. & N. C. Railroad: Col. Thos. M. Holt, Gen. R. F. Hoke, W. F. Kornegay, Col. John L. Morehead, and Mr. Craig of Salisbury.

These gentlemen are able themselves to buy the A. & N. C. Railroad, and have sufficient wisdom and foresight to take care of the interest of the corporation they represent.

Complimentary.

Mr. E. A. White has received the following deservedly complimentary letter from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue:

WASHINGTON, July 11, 1883.

E. A. WHITE, Esq.:

Collector 2d Dist., New Berne, N. C.:

SIR—I am in receipt of the report of Revenue Agent Spaulding, upon the examination of your office, of the 9th inst. Your grade is First-class.

Respectfully, WALTER EVANS, Commissioner.

Insurance.

Capt. S. R. Street, Jr., of the firm of Watson & Street, says the people are flocking in to be insured so rapidly that the firm is up to its eyes in business. The only cause we can surmise for this rush is the cholera in Egypt and the Atlantic Fire Co. is going to Wilmington next week. These gentlemen represent safe companies and if any man wishes to leave his family in a better condition financially by leaving this world, or feels that he might be singed out, had better call on them.

Seven Thousand Dogs in Guilford.

Munroe Thompson, who listed the taxes in Green township took a careful census of the dogs. He reports 384 dogs in the township against 178 persons who pay a poll tax, which makes a fraction over two dogs to the poll. This is a fine showing for the dogs, and demonstrates to a mathematical certainty that mutton is going to be scarcer and higher. Taking Green as an average, there are about seven thousand hungry, worthless, sheep killing curs in the county. What a prospect!—*Patriot.*

Samples of Southern Freight Bills.

One of our merchants gives us the following items of information.

It costs to bring two bags seed, weighing 271 lbs., by regular freight from Tennessee to New Berne, $6.24. Time required, 22 days.

It costs to carry a cultivator weighing 53lbs. from New Berne to Rockingham, Richmond county, $2.45. A number of the implements were wanted, but as it costs about five times as much for freight as it would cost from New York, of course the first order was the last. Comment is unnecessary.

The Quaker Bridge.

Mr. B. F. Stilly has just returned from a trip to Trenton where he has been to make arrangements for building Quaker bridge. He has given the contract for the lumber to Mr. H. C. Parrott at Foscue's landing who is said to be cutting some of the finest lumber in Eastern Carolina. Mr. Stilly has been afflicted with a very sore hand but says it is improving and he will have the bridge ready by October.

His Occupation.

That was a hard question put to a Hyde county Major by an insurance agent a few days ago when the Major was having a policy written. "What is your occupation?" asked the agent. The Major, after looking seriously for a minute or two, replied:

"Well, that's a hard question. I believe loafing is about as near as I can come at it, but you may put me down as a housekeeper."

He was so entered on the policy, but we learn the company rejected him upon that ground.

Religious Notice.

Rev. Geo. S. Best requests us to announce that he will preach at Capernaum church, Onslow county, Tuesday after the fifth Sunday in July; at Piney Grove, Onslow, on Thursday after the fifth Sunday; at Enon on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August, and at Emma's Chapel, on second Sunday and Saturday before in August. He requests the members at Emma's Chapel to note the change for August and that the Union Meeting of the Eastern association will be held at Pollocksville on the fifth Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in July.

The Enterprise.

The President's car, built in the machine shops of the A. & N. C. Railroad at this place, known as the *Enterprise*, has been sold to Maj. J. C. Winder, of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad. It was a very creditable turnout for the shops here, but was one of Mr. Best's extravagant and foolish ideas. Thousands of bushels of corn were lying on the railroad wharf which could not be moved for the want of cars while thousands of dollars were being spent on this luxury for the President. We think there was a lack of common sense as well as business tact to engage in such extravagant work at such a time.

The Curlew Bug.

Two farmers at K. R. Jones' Friday discussing the crop prospects of this year, one of them said that he did not expect to make much of a crop this year, but was making reparations now for a big crop next year.

"How so?" asked Turner May.

"The curlew bugs have almost devoured my entire crop, and I am waiting until they finish, and are fat enough, then I will turn them under with the plow, which will give my land a better coating of manure than it has ever had."

Farmer number two verified the statement by saying that the above named bug had destroyed his corn and about half his rice, and had commenced on his legs, and thought he would soon be gone where no curlew bugs would trouble him.

Work of the Storm.

During the thunder storm of Tuesday evening a colored child by the name of Tony Latham, two or three years old at James City, was drowned. Dr. Bates, Coroner, was notified and went across and examined several witnesses and deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest. From his investigation it appeared that the child was near the river when the storm came up, and after it was over parties went in search and found it on the beach drowned.

The telegraph wire at the corner of Pollock and Hancock streets was blown down, but was soon replaced by Capt. Sam. Howard.

A tree was blown down in front of the residence of Thos. Stanly, Esq.

A fish boat was capsized near the market and the crew saved by the timely arrival of Alf. Tilghman.

Dauphin's Lottery.

The Louisiana lottery seems to be getting into trouble about mail facilities. On the 13th of November, 1879, Postmaster-General Key issued an order to the Postmaster at New Orleans forbidding the payment of any postal money order to M. A. Dauphin, or M. A. Dauphin, Secretary, or M. A. Dauphin, P. O. Boxes 692 and 319 Broadway, New York, and the return of all registered letters addressed to them to the postmaster at whose office they were mailed. Daughin brought suit against Postmaster-General Gresham enjoined the performance of the order and appealed the same to the Supreme Court of the United States whereupon the order was suspended until the case could be determined by the court.

The case having been dismissed in vacation by the defendant's counsel with the consent of the Solicitor General, Postmaster-General Gresham holds that the original order is in force and must be executed. He also holds that the order was justified by the provisions of sections 3,929 and 4,041 of the revised statutes. So some other plan than registered letters and postal money orders must be adopted to get money to headquarters for the next "grand drawing."

Grumblers.

We wish to give notice that we are not publishing a paper in order to give everybody a chance to grumble at somebody else, but we do think just grounds for complaint against any company or the managers of any enterprise affecting the public good, we think it right they should be heard, and our columns are open to any such company or managers to make such explanation as they may see proper. Now we think the complaint alleged against the managers of the *Elm City*, which we publish elsewhere, are sufficient to justify publication *if the charges as made in said communication are true.* We believe the managers of this line have uniformly been prompt in running their published schedule, but they certainly should have given notice of any change to be made. We carry an advertisement of the schedule of this line, for which they pay us, and we would certainly have given notice as far as we could through the JOURNAL of the drawing off of the steamer for one trip, free of additional charge had they requested it. Besides this, it seems to us the agents at the different points should have been officially notified.

Visit to the Colored Normal School.

On Friday we visited the colored Normal School being held in this city, where we found about seventy-five pupils, consisting of teachers and others preparing themselves for teaching, being instructed by three ladies from Washington City. We heard a lesson given by Miss Shadd on primary arithmetic, one by Miss Cokely on reading, by the word method, and one on written arithmetic by Miss Somerville, the Principal. These teachers thoroughly understand their work and they are at no loss to know how to impart their knowledge to others. They have a tact for teaching others how to teach.

With such teachers at the head of the colored Normal Schools, this race ought to make rapid strides in education during the next ten years. But the educating of the masses of the colored race is yet considered by many able writers as a doubtful experiment. We have endeavored time and again to awaken in them an interest in this matter, believing that they themselves and the country at large would be benefited, but we must confess that we, at times, feel that our work is in vain.

We think it right and proper that our leading citizens who feel an interest in educational matters and the welfare of the community should visit the school and see what these teachers are doing.

When you suffer from dyspepsia, heartburn, malarial affections, kidney diseases, liver complaint and other wasting diseases. When you wish to remove all feeling of weakness, weariness, lack of energy, try a bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters and see how greatly it will benefit you. It surpasses all known remedies as an enricher of the blood and a perfect regulator of the various bodily functions. Ask your druggist. dw

Why suffer with MALARIA? EMORY'S STANDARD CURE PILLS are infallible, never fail to cure the most obstinate cases; purely vegetable.—25 cents. dw2

Death of Miss Palmetto Duffy.

Died, on the morning of the 12th of July, 1883, at the home of her father, Dr. Charles Duffy, at Catharine Lake, Onslow county, Palmetto Duffy, in the twenty-third year of her age.

We are to-day the chronicler of this death notice. Sad and sorrowing hearts bow with submission over her still, cold form, lying in death. Silent tears have fallen over the grave that holds the earthly remains of this handsome and accomplished young woman. Not alone those whom nature had made most dear, but many who had the honor of her acquaintance, who felt the charm of her quiet loveliness now render to Affection and Love the forced tribute of Great Nature.

There where family love and devotion had garnered up all its rich harvest, for years of future happiness, thus is swept away. Like a beautiful flower now planted in

"The fair gardens of that second birth
And each bright blossom mingle its perfume
With that of flowers which never bloomed on earth."

This community offers its sympathy.

Preparing for Boston.

On a visit to the railroad depot on Friday we found a very fine collection of timbers, collected by Captains J. M. Hargett and T. L. Hartsfield, of Gen. Ransom's force, from near the mouth of Contentnea Creek, on Neuse river. These timbers were collected under the direction of Commissioner McGee and are intended for the Boston exposition which opens in October. We were really surprised at the variety and quality of these timbers. There we found a large stick each of cotton gum, black gum, red bay, tupelo gum, pond pine, lobby or old-field pine, water or turkey oak, overcup oak, willow oak, swamp chesnut oak and laurel oak. In addition to these Mr. Geo. Allen forwarded a few days ago a fine specimen of curl pine. A block of the sweet gum at the depot, which was cut fifteen feet from the butt, measures four feet in diameter.

It is to be deeply regretted that the Agricultural Department has not taken steps to make an exhibit at the Louisville exposition. It is true the tide of emmigration is from the North and flows Westward, and we would not by any means fail to exhibit at Boston but it would have paid North Carolina to have made an extensive exhibition of her resources at both places. We know what funds the Department can command, but could they not by straining a point made a good exhibit at both these places? A little extra effort at the proper time will sometimes accomplish a great deal.

The Press Convention.

The *News and Observer* gives extensive notice of the work done by the Press Association at its meeting at Waynesville last week. Some good work was done by the Convention, among other things adopting a resolution that hereafter the Association would not accept invitations to hold their annual meetings at any particular point, and would make their own arrangements for accommodations. This sounds business-like. Wheneyer the members meet together to consult their mutual interest and not mainly for the purpose of having a good time, we shall begin to expect some practical good from the organization. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Henry A. London of the Pittsboro *Record*, as President; Mr. James A. Robinson of the Winston *Leader*, first Vice-President; Mr. Palemon Johu of the Elizabeth City *North Carolinian*, second, and Mr. Josephus Daniels, of the Wilson *Advance*, third. Mr. Jordan Stone, of the Asbeville *Citizen*, was unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. Frank Vaughan, of the Elizabeth City *Falcon*, Assistant Secretary. Messrs. S. A. Ashe, H. A. Foote, Jas. H. Ennis, E. A. Oldham and E. C. Hackney were elected as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, of the Asheboro *Courier*, was elected the orator for the next meeting of the Association and Mr. Theo. H. Hill, of Raleigh, poet.

It would have afforded us much pleasure had we been present to vote for each one of these gentlemen. The Convention could not have done better in the selection of officers. We hope Bro. London will give us his address, through the *Record*, on "Old Times and New." The next meeting of the Association will be held at Fayetteville.

Crossing Neuse River.

New Berne is losing thousands of dollars to her trade every year for want of the proper means of crossing Neuse River at this point; and the inconvenience, loss of time and expense of crossing by the present method of sail boats, designed only for ferrying persons and light packages, amounts to a large sum in the aggregate to the country people.

For want of convenient methods of crossing teams and vehicles, and transporting freights, lands lying on the North side of the river are greatly depreciated in value, and the people over there are suffering more every year than the cost of buying and maintaining a first-class Steam Ferry-boat.

There was a movement on foot last spring to bring out and put a Steam Ferry-boat on the river, but the scheme appears to have been abandoned. We heard that a good boat, suitable to the business was offered in Norfolk for about one fourth its value, but for some cause the trade was not consummated. The boat we learn is now in daily use on the Norfolk Ferry, where she meets the demands of a heavy traffic.

We have no doubt that a company could be formed to buy the boat and establish the Steam-ferry, if the owner would send her here. Hundreds of people, in Craven, Pamlico and Beaufort are interested in better means of crossing the river, and many of them would subscribe to the stock of a Steam-Ferry Company.

By a new road, partially open and almost ready for use, the village of Aurora, on South Creek, is but twelve miles from New Berne. Open that road and put a Steam-ferry on the river, and nearly all the cotton and other produce raised between here and Aurora, including the bulk of the produce of the South Creek section, would seek the New Berne market. Our merchants should see to it that the fall trade does not open without this proper means of crossing Neuse River.

Launching a New Steamer.

Without any formal notice being given, a small crowd assembled in Howard's Ship Yard on Thursday morning to witness the launching of the new steamer being built by Mr. James Howard for the Neuse River Navigation Co. At 9:45 she was cut loose and glided smoothly into the water when Capt. Dave Roberts broke a bottle of wine over her bow and announced that the *Blanche* was christened. She draws only 6 inches aft while her stem is almost out of the water. When all the machinery is in she will draw 12 inches, and with 125 bales of cotton will draw 30 inches. She is intended for the upper Neuse and will be of great benefit to the Co. in the time of low water.

Seven years ago the steamer *Caswell* was the only steamer plying Neuse and Trent rivers and it seldom made a trip up Trent. But with the opening up of these rivers and Contentnea Creek by Gen. Ransom began the building of steamers until the *Blanche* makes the tenth one on the list. The result of this is that the farmers along and adjacent to these streams have been offered quick and cheap transportation, enabling them to increase their productions until the cotton marketed here has increased from ten to twenty-one thousand bales while the shipments have risen from twelve to fifty thousand. There are a few more points that must be tapped by river steamers and New Berne will begin an era of prosperity that will soon put her abreast with her sister towns in every respect.

Gen. Ransom has done a noble work in opening these rivers and creeks, one that will tell long after he has gone to his long home, but his work is not yet done. We must have more money for Trent river; it is capable of navigation several miles above Trenton. So is Contentnea a good stream above Snow Hill, and the Harlowe Creek Canal must be purchased by the General Government and an appropriation made that will enable boats of heavy tonnage to pass through. To get these appropriations we must ask it and we must show the necessity for it, and show the good already accomplished by former appropriations.

Bank Checks.

We give below an inquiry and reply from the New York *Journal of Commerce* concerning stamped bank checks. The National Bank here will forward all such checks for redemption as may be handed to them.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 3, 1883.

Editor Journal of Commerce:

We have a considerable number of stamped bank checks upon which we would like to realize the value of the stamps without destroying the checks, and apply to you for the best and most practicable manner to attain this end. We should be pleased to learn the conditions and provisions made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue for their redemption. M. D.

Reply.—Check stamps will be redeemed only at Washington. A claim for redemption must be made out on Form 81, and where this is wanted it may be obtained of almost any internal revenue official, or by asking it directly of the Commissioner at Washington. The face value of the stamps will be paid less 5 per cent. Where the checks are in books and it is desirable to recover them for use, the Department will print on the check over the face of the stamp the words "Stamps Redeemed," and return them to the owner. There are 30 clerks now engaged at Washington in the business of cancellation. The Commissioner has, however, issued notice that stamps, etc., will not be received for cancellation and return after July 31st inst.

Public Road Needed.

ONSLOW CO., N. C., July 9th, '83.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—An act of the General Assembly of North Carolina at the session of 1881 allows the Commissioners as named in the act to lay off and contract "a public road from or near B. C. Smith's to run through pocosin lands to the main road near A. J. Merrill's," in Onslow county.

This act allows twenty able bodied convicts when the State Board of the Penitentiary can furnish them, without interfering with any improvements to which convicts were pledged by the State prior to the ratification of said act.

The merits of this road to a great extent are unknown, and for that reason not considered abroad. It will shorten the distance from Jacksonville, the county seat of Onslow county, to New Berne eleven miles or more, and lessen the distance the citizens of upper White Oak have to travel one-half, from and to the county seat. It will also give twenty-five families at least on the New River side of the pocosin a road where now they have none worthy of the name.

It would really be a general benefit to the citizens of Onslow, Jones and Craven counties, and the interest of the State would be promoted, as it would be the means of opening up some of the best timbered and perhaps the most fertile of the State's lands, known as the White Oak Pocosin, and those which are the most easily drained.

Some part of this road from both ends has been out by private enterprise but not ditched, and numbers of our citizens feel a very great interest in it.

I do not propose to discuss the merits and usefulness of this road from every point now in view, but I will venture to add that if it is ever completed, the results from it will be beneficial and to some extent remarkable, and it is deserving of consideration at the hands of the State authorities and the business men and citizens generally of New Berne who would be greatly benefitted thereby. ONSLOW.

MR. EDITOR:—I notice that "Vandemere" in your issue of the 14th charges the management of the *Elm City* with neglect in not officially notifying the agents along the line of the steamer's route on Wednesday that there would be no trip on that day. It is true I did not send a written notice from this office, but gave orders to Captain Gibbs to inform them which he says he did.

The boat Monday brought up from all points on its route four barrels of potatoes, and if the farmers at Vandemere have potatoes and cabbage to ship at this late day in the season their profits will be small and they will have cause to complain of Trucking as a business which no one would regret more than myself. If Captain Walker and Captain Payne did not know that the *Elm City* was not to return and ordered their rope and anchor, neither rope nor anchor came to this office for shipment.

The entire freight to Vandemere to-day is $2.65 for the week. I state this to show "Vandemere" that at this season of the year the trade is very light and that the manager has to take advantage of every chance, without great disadvantage to the regular route, to increase the revenue of the Company.

As to rates, both for passengers and freight, I think no one should have cause to complain: as to agreement, none has been made. I have made rates as I thought to the best interest of all, and if the farmers think it to their interest to ship by sail, I cannot complain; but if "Vandemere" wishes to sustain a Steam line to Bay River let him try and assist the manager instead of complaining, and in time it may be all he or his friends may desire.

S. H. GRAY,
Gen'l Manager N. & P. S. T. Co.

Obituary.

At her newly chosen home, Cedar Point, Onslow county, N. C., on the morning of July 10th, at two o'clock, Liddyann Riggs, aged 14 years, youngest daughter of Joseph Riggs, died very suddenly from congestion of the brain.

Although in our midst but a few months we found her to be modest and true in all things, and loved her because she was thus.

Farewell friends and relatives dear,
I am not dead, but sleeping here.
When you come my grave to see,
Prepare yourselves to follow me.
Death did to me short warning give,
Therefore be careful how you live,
Prepare in time, do not delay,
For I, though young, was called away.
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La Grange Items.

Quiet reigns. Much rest is being taken.

M. Pully, watchmaker, La Grange, N. C.

Dr. Hodges is now located in town for the practice of medicine.

I was mistaken in the Territory visited by James May. I should have said Arizona.

"Idleness is the tomb of our faculties." If so, much faculties are tombed about here.

"If there be a crime of deeper dye
Than all the guilty train of human vices,
'tis ingratitude."

It is the opinion of farmers that the cotton plant is putting on too much weed, and that the fruiting will be poor.

The Florida fever occasionally breaks out afresh. The fever seems to follow the course of all contagious, fatal diseases.

Prof. J. D. Murphy left here Thursday to visit his parents in Pender county. He will be absent for several days.

John Reid and Will. Hadley, minus Hadley, left town a few days ago to canvass for the sale of "Gaskell's Compendium of Forms."

Several of the young ladies of our town are off on visits. This makes it lonely to the young gents, and lessens the number of visitors.

Rev. James B. Webb filled the regular appointment at the Methodist Church in this place last Sunday. Text: Matthew, 16th chapt., 26th verse.

The new bridge across Neuse river seems to have come to a stand still. Spur up gentlemen, and have the bridge done in time for the fall trade.

It is said that the health of the community was never better, and still the physicians in town seem to be busy. For information interview Simeon Wooten.

Ground has been broken, or the first load of bricks hauled, for Sim Wooten's store. Mr. Oakley, of Durham, is the contractor and work will commence next week.

McD. Taylor, at one time considered the champion "check" player, was beaten by "Bill" Hardee. Hardee was beaten by "Comie" Barrow and Barrow beaten by Guy Pope, so Pope is now champion.

Pully, McIntyre, Sutton & Co. have a county right for two "Seed Cotton Elevators." They are to take the place of the old basket way of getting cotton in the gin house, and it is believed will do the work well and in short time.

A town ordinance said to be in force in this place reads: "That all disorderly conduct, obscene language, profanity, drunkenness, etc., within the limits of the town shall subject the offender to a fine of five dollars for each offence." Query. Is this ordinance enforced?

John Rouse came to town one day last week complaining of being sick. He took about one fourth pound of salt, a number of drinks and invited several out to bury him the next day. On the next day, however, John was in town having his coffin repaired and much improved in health.

William Ward, formerly a workman in the shop of Albertson & Taylor of this place, came down from Goldsboro Sunday evening with a black eye. He says that a difficulty arose in a grog shop, between him and another man, in which he received the lick, but that he used the door bar with good effect on his assailant.

A little unpleasantness Saturday night between policeman Carter and Frank Aldridge, in which Aldridge was knocked down and Carter's coat cut in several places and the skin scratched in one. It is bad when men whose duty it is to keep the peace, get to fighting, and it is equally as bad when the circumstances are such as to require it.

There are in this township three brothers aged 27, 25 and 23. The youngest never saw a court in session till last April, the next youngest saw the first court in session this week, the oldest has never been one in session. Neither of them has ever taken a drink of spirits in a bar-room—in fact don't use spirituous liquors—only one uses tobacco in any form, but one has ever danced a set and he only one.

I visited, a short time ago, the pasture grounds on Bear Creek, owned by Dr. Hadley, J. S. Wooten, Herring Bros. and others. The pasturage is excellent, and would at this season of the year furnish feed for at least 500 head of cattle. There are at this time 150 or 200 on the meadow, and there is large quantities of grass that has not been cropped during the summer. All the cattle that I saw were fat and in good condition. This pasture grounds is a great advantage to the citizens of this place.

I am authorized to say that the account given in the Kinston Items, of the resolution offered by M. H. Wooten, Esq., at the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, does not convey the correct idea. Mr. Wooten's resolution was to instruct the chairman of the Board to cast the vote of the county for the E. N. C. Railroad Company, or Gatlin Syndicate, *provided*, they offered advantages equal to others. Mr. Wooten tells me that he had no intention to give the above named company any advantage, but to give them the *preference*, all other things being equal.

Catharine Lake Items.

Miss Palmetto Duffy remains very sick.

M. L. Ward, the steam mill man, has been hindered several days by sickness in his family.

E. W. Murrill, Postmaster at Gum Branch, represented Onslow at the Greene county 4th of July.

Mr. H. C. Bowen preached at Union Chapel on the first Sunday. His subject was, "The seven Churches of Asia."

Capt. McIver started yesterday (July 12th) to the Penitentiary with four convicts who are too infirm to do hard labor.

L. E. Duffy has some very fine peas. He has turned some of his cotton and grass into corn, on account of one his tenants.

Jas. E. Rhodes is again absent—gone to New Berne. Sick relatives have caused Mrs. Rhodes to forego the pleasures of home.

The corn crop is looking real well. Rather much grass and rain for cotton, making it late. Peas are average. Chufas are a bad stand.

John Trott finished plowing his corn on the 4th of July. I suppose he feels more independent now. Several others will "lay by" in a few days.

The convicts are favored with religious service and many visitors almost every Sunday. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Bowen have been over lately.

Died, on June 30th, Mrs. Harriet Aman, an aged lady near here. This may be the means of conveying the sad news to some relatives who were not present at her death.

Now that upper Onslow will be so much benefitted, we hope that the authorities will have the convicts build the road from A. J. Merrill's toward New Berne, a saving of several miles to central Onslow and an opening of State lands

Mrs. Whaley, who lived a few miles from the Lake, died suddenly last Sunday evening. She had been troubled with heart disease; and was taken while picking huckleberries in company with her sons, about three miles from home, and died in a few minutes.

Dr. Chas. Duffy and family have returned to New Berne. They speak of the pleasure of their visit as only marred by the sickness of the different members of the family. It has been a source of pleasure to the citizens of the Lake and vicinity, who have enjoyed frequent calls, and the unanimous voice is, "*Come again.*"

One of the convicts on the Quaker Bridge Road we found here on Sunday Tuesday evening, July 10th. He had been sick several days and was allowed to come out of the cell and take the open air about the camp. He went to a spring near by for water, about dusk, and didn't come back. Has not been found. The convict's name is Clinton. He is a young, slender, thin-visaged mulatto, not very light. Keep a sharp lookout.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Committee have favored me with an examination of the manner of conducting business in building the Christian Church at Richlands. It affords me pleasure to say that it is the most business-like of any work of the kind which I have ever examined. The result is, the work is well advanced without the least difficulty in any respect.

It is just that I explain the grounds of opposition to the Richlands branch road, built by the convicts, to which I referred not long since, as I am now better posted on the facts in the case. No man in Onslow county is *really* opposed to the branch road. The fear was that it might prevent the completion of the main, through road, in which event the branch would be worthless. But the work is progressing well, and will soon "go through" without some mishap.

Died—Miss Palmetto Duffy, youngest daughter of Dr. Chas. Duffy, on July 12th (about 5 p. m.) at Catharine Lake. Our pleasant village is more than usually quiet. Death has thrown a deathly silence and gloom over everything. There is a peculiar sadness experienced by all, and such sorrow by the family as is only experienced by the loss of the youngest sister and child, and we fear that it will prove too great for the strength of the declining years of the aged parents. Miss "Metta" came home from a visit in New Berne some more than a month ago—not entirely well. Three weeks ago she was taken ill with typho malaria, and gradually declined till death, baffling all the skill of that family of able physicians and the tender, constant attention of kind friends and loving relatives.

Quaker Bridge Road—Last evening I availed myself of an opportunity of seeing the road, and the convicts at work, and will note a few items of interest. There is a large ditch on both sides of the road all the way, high or low. The first two miles is twenty feet wide; the next section (about a mile,) partly cut several years ago, is eighteen feet; the balance, twenty or twenty-two feet with a good round all the way. Almost the entire route is through a flat meadow land, well set with short leaf pines. Three of them are through a soil containing enough solid earth to make a splendid road, which is now in very good order. From this you gradually pass into a black, spongy soil, covered with a turf of roots, which has a growth of small shrubbery about knee high and about a dozen scrubby pines to the acre. This lasts for about two miles of the road track, and extends from N. E. to S. W. for ten or fifteen miles. The hands are now at work in the worst of this, and making good headway for such land. Capt. McIver says he has done some bad jobs during the last six years, but this is the worst he has ever undertaken. He also says that when he came down to examine the road that those who claimed to know told him that there was not more than six or eight miles to cut. He has cut three miles in Jones and about five in Onslow, and now has *at least* four more yet. If any one is impatient let them think of this. He is now off to Raleigh to apply for a set of hands to put on the Jones end to meet him. The water on the whole road in Onslow, so far, runs West.

Swansboro Items.

Alex. Dennis has a good crop of melons; his corn is not so good.

We have no school again, Mr. Hyde has