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THE FIRM FAIR.

The Fruit Growers' Association is doing a good work in North Carolina. By its annual fairs, fruit is collected together from different portions of the State and placed on exhibition, and here can be seen what can be and what is being done in this one of the most important industries in the State.

At the Fair held in Goldsboro on the 30th and 31st of July there were not many counties represented, but the several sections of the State were there, save the trans mountain district, on the first table entering the building was a display from Wilson county. Here were apples, pears, peaches and tomatoes, nice enough, and a very fine display of canned fruits, jellies, etc., by W. M. Edwards, next is Warren county with a very fine exhibit of grapes.

Gifted had specimens of apples, pears, peaches, tomatoes and dried fruits. The display of dried fruits by M. T. Hughes, of this county, was very fine. Pender county exhibited the largest watermelon there was, six that averaged sixty pounds each. There were also fine specimens of apples, tomatoes, canned fruits, jellies, etc., from this county. Chatham had a good display of apples and dried fruits.

New Hanover, Capt. S. W. Noble made a fine display of grapes and cantaloupes. Donald McEae, pears, Dr. Thomas, pears and peaches. Sampson, Mrs. W. E. Faison, a display of canned fruits, preserves and jellies that would cause one's mouth to water in beholding them. Mr. T. L. Pugh, of this county, had on exhibition the famous Lee Conte pear, which he says is the pear for this climate.

Duplin, peaches, apples and dried fruits by H. E. Newberry. Mrs. M. H. Hodges, of this county, had a very creditable exhibit of canned fruits, apples, tomato wine—said to be better than super-nougat—cabbage, canned corn, etc. She exhibited an apple from a tree one hundred years old.

Yaikin had a large display of grapes—every variety—also tomatoes, pears, apples, peaches, white wine, both sweet and dry, all from Cedar Cove Nursery. The exhibitors also showed their manner of growing the grape, which is to train the vine along a strip of timber so that they can be covered with a board at any time to protect them from the weather.

Forsyth, a good exhibit of peaches, apples and dried fruits. Craven, fine apples and peaches by Daniel Lane and B. B. Mallison; German milk, oats, milo miazio, wheat and fine stalk of cotton by Mr. Geo. Allen.

Pamlico, Japanese persimmons by J. O. Baxter. Wayne, a large display of apples, grapes, peaches, dried fruits, canned fruits, jellies, melons, tomatoes, a huge cucumber, by Mrs. R. W. Edgerly—strawberries, mulberries, cabbage and an extra fine sample of honey comb.

Lenoir, Mr. J. M. Kirkpatrick exhibited some very fine peaches, and Miss Willie Bonitree a large lemon.

ILLITERACY IN THE UNITED STATES.

A document of much more than usual interest has been presented for public consideration in the circular, relating to illiteracy in the United States, recently issued by the Bureau of Education. In this circular are collected comparative statistics of illiteracy in the years 1870 and 1880. The tables given indicate that in the decade included between those years there has been an absolute increase in the number of illiterate persons of ten or more years old, while there has been a decrease, though slight, in the percentage of those persons, 87.8 per cent. of the whole population. Thus the whole number of enumerated persons of ten or more years old, in 1870, 3,528,083, or 16 per cent. were returned as unable to read, or 565,814, or 20 per cent. of the whole population. Of the same class of persons, 1,923,451, or 13.4 per cent. were in 1880 returned as unable to read, or 287,975, or 15 per cent. of the whole population. Of the same class of persons, 1,923,451, or 13.4 per cent. were in 1880 returned as unable to write, or 287,975, or 15 per cent. of the whole population. Of the same class of persons, 1,923,451, or 13.4 per cent. were in 1880 returned as unable to write, or 287,975, or 15 per cent. of the whole population.

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GENERAL NEWS.

CAIRO, July 25.—The cotton worm is ravaging the cotton in Lower Egypt. The prospect is very poor. The State of New York has a large number of persons who are unable to read and write. The population of the State is increasing, and this is a matter of great concern to the public.

PARIS, July 25.—The government has organized posts of sanitary supplies and medicines for the relief of the suffering in the East. The government has also organized a committee to investigate the condition of the country and to report to the public.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The Senate has passed a bill to amend the act relating to the collection of duties on imports. The bill is now in the hands of the President for his signature.

STANLEY'S RETURN TO ENGLAND. Lord Stanley, the British statesman, has returned to England after a long absence. He is expected to be in London in a few days.

THE EAST BRICK LAD. A young man named East Brick Lad has been found dead in a field near New Bern. The cause of death is not yet known.

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