

In Switzerland goats are trained to lead the flocks of sheep. Serious riots have occurred at mining camps in Alabama.

The climate of China is said to be growing not only colder, but drier. And now there is black ice cream, Turkish prunes being used for coloring.

Over hundred and seventeen men in Congress are absent. Strange but true.

It is said that Secretary Tracy's hair has turned from an iron gray to a snow white in the last twelve months.

The largest greenback extant is worth \$10,000, and there is only one such note in existence. Of \$5,000 notes there are seven.

The River Ganges has overflowed its banks, inundating the surrounding country to an extent never known before.

PENNSYLVANIA is one of the highly protected States, but no where are strikes so common because of the oppression of labor by capital.

CALIFORNIA Republicans while demanding a negro bill for the protection of the negroes of the South, insist that the Chinese shall be absolutely excluded from the country.

JOHN HOPKINS University has a \$10,000 thermometer. If it costs that much to raise the mercury in Maryland what must it take to do it in Ohio, John Sherman's State!

PORTIONS of the Bible are to day translated into 25 times as many tongues as were heard on the day of Pentecost. During the present century alone it has been put into 350 languages.

It has been estimated that the land contained in the Central Park, New York, which originally cost \$6,000,000, is now worth over \$100,000,000. The maintenance of the park costs \$400,000 a year.

SIR William Harcourt in a speech Wednesday said the House of Lords was nothing but a standing obstruction to useful legislation. Not a few in this country regard the Senate in the same light.

It is said Quay and other Republicans are afraid to pass the force bill because of their inequity in the South. It is equally true that they are afraid because of their investments in Congress.

JUDGES SEYMOUR and Bond rendered a decision Friday in the U. S. Circuit Court, in Raleigh, declaring that the tax imposed on fertilizer companies in North Carolina is in violation of the interstate law.

A CURIOUS feature of the artificial teeth industry is the variety of color required for different countries. Canada, for instance, demands teeth of snowy whiteness; South America those of a yellow color, and China only black teeth.

TENNESSEE Republicans have a fine chance of carrying that State this year," says the Buffalo Commercial. They had a "fine chance" of carrying Kentucky a day or two ago, but the G. O. P. isn't "taking" many "chances" this year.—Albany Times.

ELLIOT FRELLOVE SHEPARD has sent to Washington a double jointed son of Ham named Anderson to represent the Mail and Express. He is arrayed in a blue flannel suit, a white straw hat, russet shoes and Gordon ash. He is a regular tacky.

KANSAS is always extraordinary. First we had bleeding Kansas, then Kansas with a senator who steals his speeches and parts his hair in the middle, and now we have Kansas with a people's party with a state ticket that includes a woman and a negro preacher.

AND now we are told that the late Convention in South Carolina practically settled nothing. The nominating convention in September will be composed of new members, and they will make the platform and nominate candidates. "Much cry and little wool."

THE Wilmington Star of Saturday says: "The fair at Red Springs Robeson county, yesterday was attended by a large crowd and was a splendid success; Senator Vance addressed the people, explaining his position on the Tub treasury bill, and made a most favorable impression."

SENATOR FLUMS expressed truth as on a mountain top when he said yesterday that the tariff laws should be amended only once in ten years. But they should then be altered so as to meet the necessity of the situation and not simply the wishes of a small part of the people.—Washington Star.

THE St. Paul Pioneer-Press one of the best Republican papers in the West says: We tell the Senate to get out of the House. They are in danger, if they do not assert their right to save it from the tariff excesses of the House. What the Republican party needs today above all things else is a few more rebels in the Senate.

In reply to the Concord Standard's question, "is there an orator in North Carolina?" The Wilmington Messenger says: "We should say so. There are many scores. Without particularizing much we ask where are Davis, Ransom,

John Long, Waddell, Mason, and many others who are "orators" if not Patrick Henry and Henry Clay.

REV. SAM JONES will begin a series of meetings in Wilmington on the 27th proximo. Rev. Dr. Pritchard and Rev. Dr. Hoge condemn Mr. Jones' style of preaching, and "public opinion" regarding the district evangelist is much divided," says a correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch.

SENATOR EDMUNDS said the other day that "he expected that it would turn out that on the 30th of June, 1891, the Treasury would be fifty millions short, even if the duty were not taken off sugar." Well, it will never do to take the duty off anything. Pile it on and make the deficit in the treasury as small as possible.

THE press, with hardly an exception, praises the life and lamonts the death of John Boyle O'Reilly, the poet, editor and philanthropist, who was such a friend to Ireland. Two years ago Mr. O'Reilly visited and explored the Dismal Swamp, and as a correspondent for the Boston Herald, gave a most interesting and beautifully written account of his trip.

THE decision that the fertilizer tax is unconstitutional is unfortunate for North Carolina, however just it may be. This tax was the source of a revenue of about \$40,000 a year, which has been the support of the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural and Mechanical college. The loss of this support will cripple to some extent the progress of these institutions.

THERE is a demand for good home made jellies and jams. This suggests a profitable occupation for some women who are earning money at home in other and more laborious ways. The jellies sold in our stores are mostly artificially manufactured, and a brand of natural, home-made goods would soon, we think, bring prosperity to the maker.—Charlotte Chronicle.

MEN give me some credit, says Alexander Hamilton, for genius. All the genius I have lies in this: When I have a subject in hand, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the effort which I make the people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought.

"It is announced, says the Raleigh News and Observer, "that the old Dismal Swamp Canal is to be deepened and improved and reopened. The Norfolk and North Carolina Canal Company has made a deed to the Holland Trust Company for \$1,000,000 which sum will be used for that purpose. The move will be a most important one for the commerce of Eastern Carolina, and will bring Elizabeth City into prominence as a commercial point."

LOOK out. A dispatch says: "The secret service is advised of the appearance in the South of a very poor counterfeit \$20 silver certificate. It is of the act of February 28, 1878, series 1880, check letter C. B. K. Bruce register, and A. M. Wyman treasurer, with a portrait of Decatur. The entire impression is very indistinct, and has not the appearance of having undergone what is now as the washing process. It is a photographic production."

AN idea of the effect of the duty on tin may be gained from the following figures: Bright tin, if duty free, would cost \$4.80; under the present duty it costs \$6; under the McKinley bill it would cost \$7.30. Roofing tin, if duty free, would cost \$3.25 a box; under the present duty it costs \$10.50; under the McKinley bill it would cost \$13.50. Mechanics and farmers, such is the bill which, they tell us at Washington, has been framed in your interests.

THE City of Paris can no longer claim the title of queen of the ocean racers. The White Star steamer Teutonic won the right to it when she arrived off Sandy Hook light Wednesday. She had made the trip from Queenstown in 5 days, 19 hours and 5 minutes, thus beating the fastest time on record—5 days, 19 hours and 18 minutes—made by the fleet Inman liner, by just 13 minutes. It was a famous voyage from beginning to end, for besides breaking the record for the west-bound trip, she also beat time ever made for a single day's distance, making a record of 512 miles for the twenty-four hours ending at noon last Sunday.

THE big newspaper deal which is being organized in behalf of Grover Cleveland, whose friends are planning for his renomination for the Presidency, is further advanced than most people believe. The syndicate has already secured one paper in the Chicago Globe, and has nearly completed arrangements to take possession of another plant in New York. The Globe was ostensibly bought by Mike McDonald, Jas. A. King and other politicians. After it has been announced that the Globe of Chicago is owned primarily by Cleveland, the New York publication will be placed on the market; then the one in Boston and the others in Washington, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and St. Louis as fast as they can be gotten out. It was positively announced by President Cleveland, in his inaugural address, that he had been a resident of Hickory for a number of years.

There is something in meanness which enters as a part of resentment that never subsides; and something in cruelty which stirs up the heart to the highest pitch of human hatred.

THE STATE ALLIANCE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 14.—The members of the State Alliance in session here are a very busy crowd. The convention is composed of representative men from nearly every county in the State. Their rapid and intelligent disposal of all business before them shows a decided knowledge of their needs, and a determination to reform in their organization for pushing forward the reforms for which they were organized. Many changes have been made in their constitution to conform to the National Alliance laws.

The following telegram was sent to the alliances now in session in Tennessee, West Virginia and Texas: "North Carolina sends greetings by the National and her State demands."

Two thirty p. m. was made the special hour for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following were elected: President—Elias Carr. Old Sparta, N. C.

Vice-President—A. H. Hayes Birdtown, N. C. Secretary—E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh, N. C. Treasurer—J. D. Allen, Falls, N. C.

Lecturer—Thos. B. Long, Asheville, N. C. Assistant Lecturer—R. B. Hunter, Charlotte, N. C. Chaplain—S. J. Veach, Door, Kinston, N. C.

Doorkeepers for the H. Tomlinson, Fayetteville, N. C. Assistant Door Keeper—H. E. King, Peanut, N. C. Sergeant-at-Arms—J. S. Holt, Charlotte, N. C.

State Business Agent—W. H. Worth, Raleigh, N. C. Trustee Business Agency Fund—W. A. Graham, Machyvelah, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. S. B. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.; Chairman; J. M. McWhorter, Kinston, N. C.; J. S. Johnson, Ruffin, N. C.

THE Political Situation. EDITOR JOURNAL.—You don't like long articles. You don't hold a Quaker meeting, though at the beginning of an important campaign of the motive being in the same boat with no protection. It may be in order to say a few words of exhortation, to tell our experience and to strengthen and encourage the members of the same.

A young friend of mine preached his introductory sermon once, and on coming out asked his old uncle, "How do you think I made out?" "Well," said the uncle, "I heard worse, but I don't recollect it."

"Book is a preacher, still I hope if you will excuse this article, on the other side of the coin, it is good. The writer is tired, exceedingly tired of Republican rule, because it means ruin, because no sane man can expect anything else, and if so, he will not be a Republican. He is a Democrat, and he is a Democrat because he is a Democrat."

From these it appears that there are in the United States 151,301 churches, of which the State of North Carolina has 103,300 ministers and nearly 2,000,000 members. During the year there has been an increase of 8,500 churches, nearly 4,000 ministers and 1,000,000 members.

The most numerous denomination is the Roman Catholic, with its 7,500 churches, 8,300 priests, etc., and 2,777,000 population, of whom 1,675,000 are estimated to be communicants.

Then come the Methodists, with in round numbers, 4,980,000 communicants; Baptists, 4,292,000; Presbyterians, 1,220,000; Lutherans, 1,080,000; Congregationalists, 491,000; and Episcopalians, 480,000. The increase in the Catholic population during the year, 421,700. The estimated number of members was even larger than these figures since in every denomination there were deaths of members whose places were filled by new acquititions. The number of members in the Methodist Episcopal body, for example, was reported at 23,300.

This is a highly satisfactory and encouraging showing to all who have the welfare of the church at heart. A gain of nearly eleven hundred thousand in membership in one year, with a corresponding increase in the number of churches and ministers, indicates that Christianity is marching on with no uncertain step. As our contemporary well says, "It is itself a most overwhelming refutation of the assertion that our country is a land of infidelity."

Exercise In Heart Disease. THE fact is well known that Oertel, the distinguished German writer, has warmly advocated for certain forms of exercise, which is not rest, but active exercise—such as mountain climbing. In pursuing this practice, however, the utmost care is found necessary, and the distance to be covered is of course regulated for each patient; and as its object is to strengthen the heart muscle and promote the circulation, and as only healthy arteries can sustain the strain, such treatment is of course contra-indicated in atheroma.

Formerly the detection of physical diagnosis of a heart murmur was regarded as a grave and adverse conclusion being at once arrived at without sufficiently considering the other signs and symptoms. Such cases, it is found, often do well when the patient is kept in bed. Again, in fatty degeneration, the heart in a young person can stand a moderate amount of exercise, and undoubtably the general obesity which usually exists to be removed, by a depleting diet.

Some German physicians in their city practice recommend straining the heart by whatever is not feasible.—New York Tribune.

There is nothing by which I have thought life more profited by than by the just observation, the good opinions, and sincere and gentle encouragement of amiable sensible women.

Water Barnwell Items.

Fertile farms are plentiful and cheap, selling from one to five cents. We welcome Mr. A. J. Huddleson among us. He is a useful man, who can make life more enjoyable and more interesting with beautiful paintings.

Mrs. J. K. Willis and Miss Ella O'Neal, of New Bern, who have been visiting Mrs. Joel Kinsey, returned home last week.

Miss Rosa Kinsey, of Jones county, and Miss Edna Sum, of New Bern, are visiting Mrs. Joel Kinsey.

Miss Lezlie White, daughter of Capt. White, of Kinston, is visiting her relatives.

Mr. F. M. Dawson has just returned home from Pitt county on a week's visit.

Some of our farmers are pushing ahead with their fodder.

We saw a very laughable turnout, of rather it was a rare turnout, on last Saturday night. The wagon was rid on an ox with a saddle and bridle, but he sat there all the same.

The way to help a village is to help each other. If you want to help a village, you must first help the poor. The way to do this is to help the poor by purchasing of a home merchant. Don't send to New York or Baltimore when you want a suit of clothes, but patronize home makers and home industries. Don't encourage your wife to send to Baltimore or New York to buy a new silk dress, but patronize home makers and home industries.

Keep all the money you can in circulation, and get as many more as you can. Money spent away from home seldom comes back.

REWARD OFFERED. The Negro Exodus from New Bern, N. C., August 15.—Lieutenant-Governor Hill, acting Governor, to day offered \$200 reward for the capture of the fugitive, David Thomas P. Sharp in Davie county last month.

The Egypt Coal Company will at once begin the construction of a railway from the mines of bituminous coal at Egypt, Chatham county, to Osgood, on the Raleigh and Augusta railway. This will throw these mines open to the Seaboard railway.

President R. F. Hoke, of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern railroad, said to day that 100 miles are completed and that it will be opened for traffic in a few days.

It is learned to day from Rev. J. B. Ferber (colored), who is one of the vice-presidents of the Negro Exodus State Association, that the movement of blocks will be resumed in October. It will not be so much southward as northward and westward. Ferber and other agents are now at work in the various States of the South. The railway agents are already in the State making contracts for the renewal of the negro exodus.

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OF THE WAYS.

An Interesting and Humorous Correspondence. EDITOR JOURNAL.—The world's laboratory furnishes the following correspondence which may be of some interest to these disjointed times. FAREBORO.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 6, 1890. My Dear Sister Chloe,

Miss Mims Bond, Mr. Are you aware of the interest and solicitude I feel for you and all the men and brothers in your bright section? I am no visionary mystic, but I feel the more and more that I feel the more concerned because in certain localities my friendship for the man and brother is brought into dispute and conflict with the general interest of your race exist in the minds of the wavering and doubting, I fully realize the fact that my present exalted position is due to the faith and courage of the sagacious and progressive colored brother, and I enjoy towards them that pleasant affection of the mind which arises from a sense of favor.

As it is well known the State Legislature some years ago passed a law which provided for \$500 annually on each brand of fertilizer sold within the State. This tax has been collected for years, making an annual revenue of \$1,000,000. The Agricultural and Mechanical College, etc.

Last year a Richmond fertilizer company, through its attorney, raised the question of the constitutionality of this tax, and was about to bring a case against the tax, when the farmers of the State favored the tax, they withdrew all protest and abandoned the suit.

Under the American Fertilizer company of Norfolk, and its goods on sale in this State without paying the license tax of \$500. The commissioner of agriculture immediately seized the goods of the company, and he could lay his hands on this company at once raised the question of the constitutionality of the tax, and sued out a writ of habeas corpus from the State circuit court to prevent the further seizure of goods until the matter should be settled. The injunction to hold if the tax is unconstitutional was granted. The commissioner moved for a dissolution of the injunction.

The case was argued in the circuit court here last week before Judges Bond and Seymour. The commissioner was represented by the Attorney-General and Messrs. Bond and Mordecai, and the company by Col. John W. Hunsdale.

Judge Seymour sent in a decision in the case yesterday, which is contrary to the views of Bond, and it sets forth that the license tax is unconstitutional.—Raleigh Star Chronicle.

FOR CAROLINA STEELERS. The Senate Agrees to Appropriation Over \$500,000 for Them. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 15.—The tariff bill was laid aside in the Senate this morning, and on motion of Mr. Frye, the river and harbor bill was taken up. The bill was reported by the committee on the amendments agreed to were the following: Increasing the appropriation for the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, N. C., from \$100,000 to \$200,000; for Centennial Creek, N. C., from \$200,000 to \$70,000; for Neuse river up to Smithfield, N. C., from \$12,000 to \$20,000; and for Mackey's Creek, N. C., from \$10,000 to \$15,000, inserting an item of \$3,000 for Pasquotank River, N. C.

ROBBED ARRESTED. The Last of a Trio Jailed and the Property Recovered—D. F. Caldwell. CRESSKOPF, N. C., August 15.—Charles Caldwell, one of the trio of negroes who robbed Captain Judd of a valuable containing money and jewelry amounting to \$2,000, was captured at Winston today, and returned to the State Prison to be buried. All the jewelry and most of the money has been recovered.

D. F. Caldwell, president of the Bank of Guilford, was attacked with a knife by a man on the street this evening. The condition tonight is serious.

A Partial Explosion. FAREBORO, N. C., Aug. 16.—At 8:30 this morning an explosion, originating from some cause, occurred on the third floor of the Kendall manufacturing company's large-saw factory on the corner of Third and Third streets. The principal damage was done on the third floor. There were seventy persons in the building at the time. They were taken to the hospital badly burned. Michael Carroll and John McElroy are probably fatally injured. Their clothing was torn from their bodies and the flesh burned and blistered so badly that it dropped off in patches. Most of the others injured were young boys employed in packing.

CAUGHT BY THE HAIL. A Railroad Collision. ALTON, Ill., Aug. 16.—A collision occurred on last evening between the Chicago and St. Louis A. & S. P. R. Co. and the St. Louis & Alton & Springfield line by which three lives were lost and fifteen persons injured. The Springfield Express which was a second-class passenger train, was gathered on the beach at the time.

Making Goods for China. Messrs. E. & F. Fries have an order for 300 bales shawing from Shanghai, China. The reporter visited the mills yesterday and saw the goods being arranged for shipment. On every bolt appears a picture of a heavily built old Chinaman, whose title is "Old Josh." Surrounding the picture are several Chinese letters. In being the goods a certain kind of rope has to be used. The Messrs. Fries had to refuse an order last year for 1,000 bales on account of their inability to fill it.—Winston Daily.

VANCEBORO ITEMS.

Nobody getting married. Who's fault is it? Mr. W. E. Brown is leaving his store enlarged and improved.

Mr. Andrew Gatlin is erecting a store on Main Street. This little village is gradually but surely booming up.

The men talk politics, and the boys "get there, Eli," on base ball.

Messrs. E. J. Smith & Co. have moved into the store formerly occupied by E. G. Cleveland, Esq.

The farmers and merchants are wearing bright faces over the prospect of good crops.

Dr. P. P. Fox is settled in his new office at the same old place.

If our Fort Barnwell friend would show his cotton worth looking at, it would be worth looking at.

There is cotton more than six feet high. It has been made fertilizer.

THE FAREBORO NEWS. Judge Bond and Seymour. That the Constitutionality of the License Tax on Fertilizer.

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The case was argued in the circuit court here last week before Judges Bond and Seymour. The commissioner was represented by the Attorney-General and Messrs. Bond and Mordecai, and the company by Col. John W. Hunsdale.

Judge Seymour sent in a decision in the case yesterday, which is contrary to the views of Bond, and it sets forth that the license tax is unconstitutional.—Raleigh Star Chronicle.

FOR CAROLINA STEELERS. The Senate Agrees to Appropriation Over \$500,000 for Them. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 15.—The tariff bill was laid aside in the Senate this morning, and on motion of Mr. Frye, the river and harbor bill was taken up. The bill was reported by the committee on the amendments agreed to were the following: Increasing the appropriation for the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, N. C., from \$100,000 to \$200,000; for Centennial Creek, N. C., from \$200,000 to \$70,000; for Neuse river up to Smithfield, N. C., from \$12,000 to \$20,000; and for Mackey