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On and after Monday we will be able to fill all orders at prices to suit the times.

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Agricultural Lime!
Give us a call. Remember the season will soon be over.

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We still have a few Bargains left in
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$369,887.51.
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

NEGROES are leaving Arkansas in great numbers.

JESUS Campeche, living near the city of Mexico, has just celebrated his 154th birthday.

THE Federal Supreme court holds that payment in Confederate money made during the war was a good payment.

IT is believe that the threatened uprising in Europe which was booked for the first of May, is simply postponed.

LEADING Republicans who oppose the renomination of Harrison are talking about Lincoln and Rusk as their ticket.

THE House bill to exclude the Chinees hang fire in the Senate, but it has now become a law and the Celestials must stay out.

COMMANDER EVANS has been placed in command of the squadron to be sent to Behring sea. His instructions are very strict.

THE steamer Tynehead sailed from New York for Russia Monday with 7,000,000 pounds of wheat for the famine stricken people.

THE South Carolina Democratic primaries, held Monday, showed clearly that the Democrats of that State want a Western man for President.

WISCONSIN formally enters Hon. W. F. Vilas. Mr. V. will please take his seat in the "some good Western man" corner and keep quiet until called for."

CONFOUND the man that sands his sugar and waters his whiskey. Give it to us straight. We want the old fashioned Thomas Jefferson—Andrew Jackson Democracy.

THERE never was a time in the history of this country, when the sensible, self respect and patriotic people of the South needed more wisdom and unity than the present.

COL. POLK is in for the race. When he was mounted on the thoroughbred racer Democrat, he stood some chance, but now that he is mounted on the Third party Jack he is bound to be distanced.

THE Grimsland Alliance of Pitt county, denounce President Butler for proscribing such Alliancemen, as will not accept the St. Louis demands and allege that the Ocala demands are enough for the Alliance.

IT is said that Sampson county will send Third party men to the Democratic State Convention. Sampson county folks ought to know better than to mix cuckleburs with their huckleberries.

THE conference of Southern Alliance presidents and executive boards at Birmingham, Ala., is secret. It is learned though that they all favor the support of the Omaha convention nominees by all Alliancemen

MR. J. A. WILLIS, a noble young white man, swam a mile in the recent great flood in the Tombigbee river, Alabama, to get a boat to rescue five negroes in great danger of being drowned. Think of that, ye howlers!

"WE thought you were for Sanderlin!" So we are, if he stands up bravely to the Democratic party. We are for no man who flinches in the least, or goes a hair's breadth towards the Third party.

THE Cleveland county Democratic convention was a contest between the straight out Democrats and the Third party men. The former won and none but good Democrats, some of them being Allianceemen, were appointed delegates to the State convention. The vote of the county is divided between Holt and Sanderlin.

THE Third party, we understand expects to influence the State Convention to nominate as many of its adherents or believers as possible, and then to insist that the Convention send one set of delegates to Chicago and another to Omaha, representing respectively the Democratic and Third party elements of the convention.—State Chronicle. We take it that there will be no Third party element in the Democratic State Convention.

GEN JOHN B. GORDON, of Georgia, is an honored name in the South. As soldier, as Governor, as Senator, as citizen, as Southron, he has been true and faithful. He is a Democrat, and not something else, while calling himself by that name of honor. He has made an appeal recently to the Georgians to stand together. He warns against the Third party infatuation and folly. He says, and we say: "We are all in favor of lower tariff and taxes, lower interest for money, and largely increased volume of money. On these vital issues an overwhelming majority of Democrats are in absolute accord with the producers, farmers and labor unions of the country. How much wiser, then to cease quarreling about the plans and fight together for the general cause. How infinitely more sensible to stop the chimerical efforts of organizing a new party, which insures division and invites defeat."—Wil. Messenger.

A THREAT.

Look out, friends! By keeping Alliancemen out of the primaries, and by other ttricks, a strong effort is being made to nominate a man for Governor of North Carolina, who has never done anything for the farmers and has done much against them. If these tricks are successful, the Progressive Farmer will fight that man to the last. His name is T. M. Holt. If he is nominated an independent will be the result and he will be beaten. Remember that.—Progressive Farmer.

The above is from Colonel Polk's paper. Brother Polk has ceased to be a terror. He has quietly subsided into the amiable gentleman he used to be, and it is not probable thot he will ever again go about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

When Col. Polk was in the Democratic party as a disorganizer, and the Progressive Farmer was running at the rate of fifty knots an hour as a Democratic Alliance organ, we were somewhat uneasy, but now that he and his paper are prophet and oracle of the Peoples' Party their performances are of little consequence.

As the Colonel well soon go into retirement we trust that he will find in a happy home the oomforts, enjoyments and emoluments that an unappreciating public fail to give.

The Progressive Farmer "will fight Gov. Holt, if he is nominated." Certainly! So will the Signal, all the Independents, the devil himself, and all who are opposed to the Democratic party. Oh, it is too bad that Independent and Radicals are "agin" Gov. Holt!

Down this way Alliancemen are sound, patriotic Democrats. They may not prefer Holt, but the Democracy is their shield and buckler.

THE CANDIDATE.

"The Messenger holds farther, that it is the privilege and duty of Democrats to freely consult in a spirit of give and take, and try to find out who are the available, the winnnig candidates. It is a mistake to have a favorite candidate and stick to him when it is plain he is not the man will handicap heavily the party."

If there is any one that we are willing to follow blind fordl, it is the wise and accomplished Editor of the Wilmington Messenger. All men err, sometimes, but when through a long and useful life one has illustrated the finest elements of manhood his opinions commend themselves.

The above extract is an illustration of this truth.

It is not wise, in the present condition of affairs in North Carolina, to instruct delegates, to the approaching State Convention, to vote for any particular candidate. The better plan is to elect, as delegates, true Democrats, sound in their principles, and devoted to the interests of the party, and leave them free to nominate such candidates as the exigences of the occasion demand.

There are honest differences that can be harmonized without the sacrifice of principles, and on that harmony the success of the party depends.

Whether an aspirant is an Alliance man should not be the preponderating question. Is he a Democrats; is his personal and political record clear does his public and private life commend him to the people? Considering the man, the occasion and all the environments of the situation, is his nomination most likely to reault in the success of the Democratic party? These are considerations in the preence of which all personal preferences sink into insignificance.

"It is the privilege and duty of Democrats to freely consult in a spirit of give and take, and try to find out who are the available the winning candidates."

This covers the whole ground. He is a disorganizer who enters the Convention with the determination to have the lion's share or nothing. No one locality must dominate, no one profession or vocation should be supreme and absolute.

The State, from the mountains to the sea; the people, in town and country; its good and their interests should dominate the Convention.

NEARLY all of the county Democratic conventions held so far in Iowa to elect delegates to the State Convention which will be held at Council Bluffs on the 11th inst., have instructed for Boies as the coming man. It is said that five thousand Hawkeye Democrats will be in Chicago to whoop it up for the favorite son of destiny, who has some right good timber in him by the way.

THE Wisconsin Democratic State convention has met and appointed delegates to the National convention. The convention was enthusiastic for Cleveland; it instructed the delegates to vote as a unit and desires them to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

LADY POLITICIANS.

The Wyoming Republican Convention Sends Two Ladies as Alternates to the Menneapolis Convention.

DENVER, Col., May 5.—A Republican special from Cheyenne, Wyoming, says: The Republican State convention met here yesterday, there being several lady delegates in attendance. The convention was called to order by Senator Corre, chairman of the Republican State Central committee, who in his address said a glowing tribute to President Harrison and James G. Blaine.

After permanent organization was effected a resolution was passed endorsing Harrison and complimenting Blaine upon his masterly diplomatic effort. Devotion to protective tariff was reiterated and the importation into the United States of servile labor was strenuously objected to. Liberal pension legislation was approved and gold and silver in equality are urged as the proper monetary basis.

Delegates were elected to the Minneapolis convention. Among the alternates elected are two ladies, Mrs. Theresa Jenkies, and Mrs. Cora G. Carlton.

A CYCLONE SWEEPS THOUGH KANSAS.

People Hurled to Death By the Awful Hurricane and Farm Houses Demolished.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 3.—A disastrous cyclone, destructive to life and property, last evening struck the farming community of Tevis, a village on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, ten miles southeast of Topeka.

A farmer named Plaxton and another named Mitchell were killed. John P. Hill was badly injured, and may not recover. His wife and child were also badly hurt.

For a space of about two miles square the farms suffered severely. Many people were more or less injured. A number of physicians have just left Topeka at this hour (noon) in response to calls from the locality. Hail fell in great quantity, destroyed the fruit presperts and breaking the trees.

THE ALLIANCE IN COUNCIL.

What Polk Thinks—in for His Own Ticket.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 2.—A large number of prominent Allianceemen are in Binmingham tonight ready for the convention of Southern State presidents and executive boards tomorrow. More are coming on every train, and the meeting promises to be a large one. President Polk and Col. Macune are both present.

Col. Polk said he was satisfied that the financial platforms of both the old parties will be dictated by Wall street; that it would become the duty of every true Allianseemen to vote for the nominee of the Obama convention. He believes that ticket will sweep every Southern State but three.

A POLITICAL SENSATION.

A Pitt County Alliance Denounces Butler for Proscribing Such Allianceemen as Will Not Endorse the St. Louis Demands.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 3.—SPECIAL.—There is today a first class political sensation. Grimsland Alliance, of Pitt county, has adopted a resolution declaring that the Ocala demands are sufficient for the Alliance and that the State Alliance has not adopted the St. Louis demands and denouncing the arbitrary and dictatorial stand taken by President Butler in making these demands a test of good fellowship in the Alliance by proscribing all such as will not stand by them in the Raleigh conference to be held May 17th, declaring his action officious and culpable in the extreme, as well as prejudicial to the best interest of the order and questioning his authority in this presumptuous and overbearing course and commending the action of the Pitt County Alliance in demanding representation in this conference in defiance of this proscription and in opposition to the St. Louis demands.

Dr. Keeley's Life Threatened.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, the wealthy proprietor of the famous bichloride of gold institute established at Dwight, Ills., is threatened with death by a dynamitard, and several of the best police officers at the central station are trying hard to locate and place under arrest the mis-guided fanatic who makes these threats. Dr. Keeley's would be executioner is a woman, or at least is supposed to be, for her letters are signed with a woman's hand. She calls herself Fannie Parsons, for the sake of convenience, says Dr. Keeley is responsible for her husband's death and demands $1,000.

Reward for Detection of Anarchists.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 3.—The government has offered 100,000 roubles reward for the detection of the publishers of anarchist pamphlets in which the Czar is blamed for the famine and misery now prevailing in parts of the empire.

Buncombe for Holt and Gudger.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 3.—The Buncombe Democrats held an enthusiastic convention, The delegates were instructed for Gudger for Lieutenant Governor. The majority are for Holt for Governor. There were no other instructions.

The Alliance Conference.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 3.—The National Farmers Alliance Conference opened here today. The sessions are all secret and none of the proceedings have been made public.

Cyclone in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 4.—A terrible cyclone passed over Oklahoma this morning. Two were killed and fifty injured at King Fisher.

A DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY.

Discovered By the Authorities at Liege.

BRUSSELS, May 4.—The magistrate who is enquiring into the explosion that wrecked the residence of Count Minette at Liege, says that the bombs that caused the damage were charged with twenty-five kilograms of forcite. Fourteen kilograms more of the explosive have been stolen and a fresh outrage may be expected. The authorities had no doubt that Beaujean and Leefovre, the two men who were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having caused the explosion at Count Minett's residence were guilty. Search was made of Beaujean's lodging and there were found one cartridge and a quantity of dynamite.

When Beaujean learned of this discovery he made a full confession of his guilt, and implicated a number of other anarchists who were arrested today. Two of today's prisoners are named Nessent and Lieroix. A number of cartridges havs been found in the house of a man who was arrested at Stonmont.

The police declared that in their raids upon the anarchists they have discovered evidence of a most formidable conspiracy, the headquarters of which is in Liege. The conspirators they say are a thoroughly organized body and their aim is to terroize law abidding people by means of explosions.

A YOUNG HEIRESS MURDERED.

To Secure Her Money a Relative Used Arsenic.

MASSILON, Ohio, May 3.—The investigation into the mysterious death of Ada Ebersole, at Dalton, Wayne county, which has been in progress some time, was concluded today and Henry R. Werner is now lodged in jail here, charged with causing the death of his stepdaughter by poisoning.

Miss Ebersole was a pretty girl of 18 years, and had just come into a small fortune left by an aunt, when she was stricken down, and after two days' illness died. The attending physician suspected foul play and notified the proper authorities. A post mortem examination was made, which showed arsenical poisoning. Suspicion rested on the stepfather but he was allowed to bring the body East for burial. While on that trip he told many contradictory stories and relatives of the girls asked the Lancaster authorities to cause his arrest, but they refused to interfere and he went back to Dalton.

Since that time the District Attorney has been hard at work, and has at last gathered sufficient evidence upon which to base his charge of murder. By her death he would inherit the money and that was doubtless his object.

IT IS A LAW.

The Chinese Exclusion Act Duly Signed by the President.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The "Act to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons to the United States" was laid before the President today and he had a conference with the Attorney General in regard to it. The latter explained the matter carefully and informed the President that it was a very grave question whether all the existing restrictive legislation did not expire toworrow. In order therefore to avoid any possible legal complication that might arise on that point the President affixed his signature to the bill and it is the law of the land from today.

DROWNED AT OXFORD.

Mr. R. M. Shaw, a Student of Horner School, Meets With a Sad Death.

HENDERSON, N. C., May 5.—Richard Merrill Shaw a student of the Horner School at Oxford, aged sixteen, son of Dr. H. M. Shaw, of Shawboro, N. C., and nephew of Capt. W. B. Shaw of this place, was drowned in a fishpond at Oxford today at 2 p. m. His uncle Capt. Shaw will take the remains to Currituck county tomorrow for interment. He was a youth of great promise and had many friends.

Diocese of East Carolina.

WASHINGTONN, N. C., April 20th 1892.

The Ninth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of East Carolina, will meet D. V. in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, 18th day of May, 1892. Rates to delegates reduced.

NATHANIEL HARDING,
Secretary.

A Fatal Cyclone in Missouri.

PARTONSBURG, Mo., May 4.—About 3:30 p. m., yesterday, a cyclone passed through DeKalb county in a northwesterly direction, sweeping everything before it. It wrecked the home of Mr. Sharp, seriously injuring him, and killed his wife and Miss Boyd.

The 629 Ballot.

JERSEYVILLE, Ill., May 5.—The Democratic Congressional convention of the Twelfth Illinois district ballotted all day yesterday, with three anjournments. Ballotting stopped on the 629th ballot. The convention adjourned till this morning. The fight will probably be a long one.

Appropriation for Elizabeth City's Public Building.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—The House public building committee today acted favorably upon bills appropriating $10,000 for the benefit of Elizabeth City, N. C. and $100,000 for Tampa Fla.

To Fight Fitzsimmons.

NEW ORLEANS, May 3.—Pritchard signed today to fight Fitzsimmons in September for a purse of twelve thousand dollars.

A Million Dollar Failure.

KANSAS CITY, May 4.—The Robinson Woolen Company failed this morning for a million dollars.

THE COMING RAILROAD.

The Virginia Organization—Companies in Three States to be Consolidated—New Berne's and Washington's Interest—

Yet Promptly.

[illegible] Virginia incorporators of the New Berne Wilmington and Charleston railroad [illegible] by the charter and [illegible] and the [illegible]

Chas. P. Hyman, President; J. W. Bethel, Vice-President; C. Wallace Sams, Secretary and Treasurer; Directors: Chas. P. Hyman, C. H. McKitben, J. C. M. Neathen, A. S. Rogers, J. S. Mitchell, J. T. West, J. W. Bethel, C. Wallace Sams and R. B. Stewart. A similar company was organized recently in South Carolina.

The N. W. & C. R. R. company is working under charters from three States and it is expected soon to unite the Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina organizations into one company one of the very best railroad men in the country has already been selected as President of the consolidated companies.

Five agents of the road have recently crossed from North Carolina into South Carolina. We told recently of the contract to build the road from Charleston to the North Carolina line having been given to the South Carolina Land company. Since then, on April 23d, President Gaddis informed the Charleston News and Courier that from a letter received, the indicationons were favorable for warranting them in starting operations simultaneously from the other end at Wilmington and pushing the work forward south at the same time, perhaps it may be decided to start from Norfolk.

Branch lines will be built to Fayetteville, to some point in Hyde county and to Columbia, South Carolina.

We stated a morning or two ago the position the railroad holds in reference to running its trunk line to New Berne and Washington. These cities can secure the road if they will. We have no doubt our people will take the right action in the matter, but it strikes us there is something to be gained by taking that action promptly. The railroad company will no doubt be encouraged to move with more despatch itself if the inducements that will be offered are offered with as little time being allowed to elapse before it is done as can reasonable be expected.

"GITS THERE."

A "Little b" in the Post Office.

Contrary to General Custom and to the Decision of the State Board of Education—But, Keep Quiet.

Mr. Oliver is ahead. Post Master Clarke has been officially notified by the post office department of the change to "Newbern" in the government usage in spelling this city's name, which change was ordered some month ago and is now going into effect.

Our readers know how this change was brought about. Being aware that custom had the name more than one way, and desiring uniformity in the government use of the word, Mr. Henry Gannett, chairman of the Board of Geographic names, wrote to the city clerk asking what was right and Mr. Oliver answered that it was "Newbern" and presented the arguments used in favor of that position, on the strength of which, before hearing from any one else the board passed a motion to adopt that way and did not rescind their action though a petition was sent on signed by nearly every business man in the city against the change.

Let it be born in mind that the United States government does not name or change the names of places. Naming is a local matter and the general government only adopts the established name as the officials understand it from information furnished them.

This action of the government in adopting the way least used will only tend to make further confusion in the matter. It is known and almost unanimously admitted that the name belongs to be spelled as two words. Nearly all our citizens spell it thus and will, we doubt not, always continue to do so. So will the school histories of the State, because the publishers have been directed by the State Board of Education to spell it "New Bern." This order was given after the State Board of Education had carefully examined into the matter and found that that was, beyond all question the correct and original way.

Unless directions are given to the contrary, which of course will not be done, the same orthography will be adhered to in "the North Carolina spelling book" which is now in preparation and will soon be issued for use in the schools of the State which will instill the correct spelling into the minds of this people all over the State and will be a vast power in bringing about that uniformity which is so desirable.

But let us have no further discussion. The weather is warm; keep cool and listen.

"Hark! the little b is humming."

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For sleeplessness and nervousness, take Lemon Elixir.

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For fever, chills and malaria, take Lemon Elixir.

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Rev. C. C. Davis,
Ill. M. E. Church South,
No. 2 Tatnall st., Atlanta, Ga.

PAST AND PRESENT.

Egyptian Obelisks—Washington Monument—Gauge of Ancient Roads and Railroads.

(Continued.)

The affection of Mr. Gill to the days of Solomon is [illegible] by the fact that with all his [illegible] had worn himself down with care and died at the age of [illegible] years. David, his father, died at 70. Undoubtedly he was racked with the conduct of himself and sons and often lashed to madness. In his dying moments if he remembered his friends he did not forget his old enemy.

To unroll the record of time this seems a distant plane to reach with certainty, yet, what do these see that stand in the shadow of the Egyptian Obelisk, now in New York, the height of which is from [illegible] to 69 feet, 4 inches; the base measures [illegible] at the base [illegible] feet [illegible] and weight in 200 tons.

Is not [illegible] "Since it was quarried" we are told, "near the [illegible] the entire surface of that of the Nile [illegible] and the whole width of the [illegible] a distance of 6 [illegible] miles." A first rate guess for an [illegible] thirty-five centuries having [illegible] in the course of its long existence in Nineveh, Palmyra and has been [illegible] in its destruction in the Red Sea [illegible] to the conquest of Jerusalem, Cambyses desolating the land of Osiris, Julius Solon, Plato, and other Greek students of Egyptian lore; Alexander the Great on his victorious expedition through the land of Goshen; and had a hand centuries of Roman sway, Leary and Christian struggle at Alexandria, [illegible] line of Moslem rulers since Caliph Omar; and now looking down upon the million dwellers of New York city, whose site was even unknown to the Eastern world. Who, this Obelisk, had an existence of two thousand years? Apparently it has been [illegible] by super human power while temples and palaces have crumbled before the steady march of time and the ruthless hand of the conqueror. There is a solid shaft of stone.

The Washington monument is made of blocks of marble 2 feet thick, and, it is said, there are upwards of 18 000 of them; the total weight, four million and all is nearly 81,000 tons. It's height, as is known, is 555 feet and the cost will aggregate $1,500,000.

Gov. Vance informed the writer that while traveling in Europe, Asia and Egypt he measured carefully in each of those countries the deep ruts, worn in the stone pavements by ancient wheels and found them to have been exactly 4 feet, 8 1-2 inches apart; then as now, it seems that was the universal gauge. Railroads have had occasionally the track to vary but, generally, was adopted the standard (4 feet 8 1-2 inches) in all countries where they are constructed, thus following the gauge of the ancient and modern ordinary road vehicles.

Asking Gov. Vance if he was conscious of the fact of said planters being in use in the days of King Solomon, he replied yes, even Adam had one soon as commencing housekeeping for himself and that they had been kept pretty constantly in use until this day. He suspecting a catch, was not aware the reference was to a [illegible].

J. D. W.

St. Mary's Fifth Anniversary.

The programme for the celebration of the 50th anniversary [illegible] of the establishment of St. Mary's High School, which will [illegible] 12, 1892, is as follows:

Sunday, [illegible] 11 o'clock, sermon by the Rev. [illegible] to the Alumnae.

Monday, [illegible] from 9 to 11 o'clock, [illegible]

Tuesday, [illegible] at 8:30 o'clock, [illegible] to the Alumnae.

Wednesday, [illegible] at 8:30 o'clock.

Thursday, [illegible] at 10 o'clock [illegible]

Thursday night, [illegible] the Alumnae [illegible] exercises.

The Alumnae [illegible] on the second Wednesday [illegible] delicious of drinking by the [illegible] with Miss Mattie Bailey, N. C.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

How Our Roads May Be Improved.

In every portion of the State the practical question has been [illegible] for the last six months and no more important subject could be considered. Accordingly we turn to the N. Y. Forum [illegible] road. We quote a few points:

I would have each State [illegible] legislative enactment [illegible] things in the direction of [illegible] ment, viz: [illegible] information [illegible] where the Federal [illegible] the interest [illegible] extent of the [illegible] kind of roads shall be [illegible] certain edition I would have [illegible] of State supervision and [illegible] tance by a competent engineer [illegible] directors appointed by the State [illegible] of road and bridge building and [illegible] upon scientific principles [illegible] a comprehensive and [illegible] for the whole State [illegible] and maintain some through highways, connecting the principal towns in the State, and connecting these with the principal towns of neighboring States, where they are most needed, either for great public exigencies or for the greatest general use.

The State would thus promote the equalization and the general reduction of expense of construction and maintenance of these main roads, and would give a profitable example and a strong incentive to the adjacent towns to construct better contributary roads as feeders to the main ones.

I would have the State divide the expenses of this scheme of road betterment in the tax levy, so that part of it should be apportioned to the whole State, part to the counties through which the roads ran, and part to the towns. And, further, I would have this tax levy kept small and the investment adequate and quickly made by the business man's method of borrowing the money on long leans. It would thus be easily paid out of the profits by those sharing them.

Duels in North Carolina.

One of our exchanges has compiled in brief form a number of historic duels that have been fought within the borders of The Old North State. Among them are names of some of the best and most prominent families in our history:

"North Carolina has been the scene of many fatal duels, and it has always been regarded as a perfectly safe place to fight so far as the law is concerned.

Among the duels that have been fought in the State only a few of the most prominent ones can be mentioned here.

John Stanly fought with Richard Dobbs Spaight, sr., behind the Masonic Hall in Newbern, on Sunday afternoon, September 5, 1802. At the second fire a bullet pierced the coat collar of Stanly; at the fourth, Spaight received a wound in the right side, of which he died in twenty three hours. The challenge was sent and accepted and the duel fought on the same day, 300 people witnessing it.

In 1812, on the Virginia line, Thomas J. Stanley was killed at the first fire by Louis D. Henry. This duel arose from a dispute in regard to the question who was the partner of a certain lady in a dance at a party given by Judge Gaston.

Jarvis Clifton and Prentice Law fought at Crosses, on the line between Gates county, North Carolina, and Southampton county, Virginia, in 1806 or 1808. Law was a Northern man by birth, while Clifton was a native of Bertie county. They fought over a Mrs. Blanchard. Law struck his antagonist, and in pulling the clothing from the wound the ball came with it. Clifton afterwards married Mrs. Blanchard and she died in a year.

In 1812 Lieutenant Samuel H. Bryant United States Army, was killed in a duel in North Carolina. In 1814 William E. Boudinot fought two duels with Montgomery Hunt, within a few days of each other. The first was on the island of Java, where neither was hurt; the second at Singapore, where Hunt was wounded in the thigh at the second fire. They afterwards became warm friends. Hunt was a naval officer and was lost at sea. Boudinot was really the inventor of the present signal service system, and died near Pittsboro, N. C., in the spring of 1852.

The half-way house, where the Dismal Swamp Canal crosses the North Carolina line into Virginia, has been the scene of two duels. The first took place on the Virginia line during the autumn of 1847, when H. F. Harris fell in a duel with Edward C. Yellowly. The second was on June 12, 1868, when Robert W. Hughes, of the Richmond State Journal, fought William E. Cameron, of the Richmond Index, with pistols, and wounded him in the breast at the first fire.

Maurice, the son of Judge Alfred Moore, of the United States Supreme Court, fought with Benjamin Smith, afterwards Governor of North Carolina, in 1800 or 1801, on the South Carolina line with pistols, because of an alleged insult to Moore's father. Smith was badly wounded in the side. Smith was engaged in other duels."

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