

THE DEMOCRAT.

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It is reported from Washington that there are thirty-six cases of small pox at Staunton, Va.

Dispatches from Washington say that General Ransom does not expect to return home from Mexico until sometime in the fall. He will then come home to remain probably two months and carry his family back with him to Mexico.

The Daily Commercial of Atlanta a few days ago stated that the Georgia State Capitol was in a frightfully filthy condition. Governor Atkinson was asked if he intended to take any steps towards having the building put in proper condition.

The recent cold has done great damage to the truck and berry crop. A dispatch from Norfolk, 17th, said:

The truck farmers of this section have suffered very seriously on account of the cold rains. Reports to the Virginia from all sections of Tidewater are to the effect that potatoes, cabbages, peas, etc., have been damaged possibly 25 per cent., and in certain sections the loss will reach 30 per cent.

The Lambert Point strawberry crop is ruined. The heavy rains are assigned as the cause of the failure. A grower said today that from thirty acres he had only gathered fourteen crates of the fruit.

THE NAME OF GOD ON MARS.

The New York Herald says that a few evenings ago a student in Washington was studying Lowell's Boston lecture on Mars, and from the map of the planet which he had before him he made the wonderful discovery that the canals on the planet Mars are cut so as to form the Hebrew characters for the name of the Almighty.

A few years ago the astronomical world noticed a series of light-flashes from Mars, and it was concluded that the Martians were signaling to us in the hope of an answer.

It is at least interesting speculation, and there is truly no knowing or guessing what scientists will yet discover.

JUDGE MEARES.

The Supreme Court has decided that Judge O. F. Meares properly holds the office of Judge in the criminal court which includes Halifax county. C. A. Cook of Warren was elected to the place by the legislature, but he was elected three days before the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House had signed the bill.

The court held that there was no such office in existence at the time Cook was elected, and that it is better that the will of the Legislature be thwarted than that a man should hold such an important office illegally.

The opinion was rendered by Justice Furches, who is a Republican, and the opinion was concurred in by the entire court.

This seems to be a case of retributive justice. The Fusion Legislature created the district court for the sole purpose of giving one man a job, notwithstanding the people in several counties of the district did not want the court.

A lady at Tooleys, La., was very sick with bilious colic when M. C. Tisler, a prominent merchant of the town gave her a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says she was well in forty minutes after taking the first dose. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

WAYSIDE JOTTINGS.

The editor of THE DEMOCRAT, during his short stay at Cedar Rock last week, had the good fortune to be entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Coppedge. An ideal country home is theirs, with shades and lawns and widening fields, and near by bubbling springs and gurgling rills; and within is just that hospitality which is always made possible by a prosperous, wholesome Southern farmer, and which in Mr. Coppedge's home is dispensed by a housewife who is queenly in every movement, thoughtful for every comfort, spreads sunshine all about her and gives a hearty welcome to all. It is indeed a pleasure to visit such a well ordered home and enjoy the associations with such a pleasant family of good parents and bright and interesting children. Mr. and Mrs. Coppedge are well known to the people of Scotland Neck and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

The country needs more such schools as Cedar Rock academy. And they ought to be out in the rural districts like Cedar Rock. Many persons in the country districts are not able to send their children to boarding schools in towns. These good academies in the country districts are a great power and must be felt in their work of enlightening the boys and girls in the country.

The editor of THE DEMOCRAT spent two hours in Enfield Monday. Our friends there say good words for THE DEMOCRAT and are really encouraging with their kind words; but, while we increased our subscription list there, we did not add as many names as we wished. Mr. S. S. Alop was busy shipping strawberries.

County-treasurer W. E. Parker said Monday that Halifax county does not owe the State any money. He has settled up all the old matters of 1893 and has paid the taxes for 1894. He says that the tax collectors have collected the taxes more closely than they have been collected in many years.

Mr. E. W. Kerr of Clinton said to the editor of THE DEMOCRAT Monday that the strawberry crop is about over. The huckleberry crop, he says, promises to be good, and more money will be made on them than on strawberries, as there is no expense in cultivating the huckleberries.

There flows through Nash county a head stream which seems to have been without a name until some time after the Revolutionary war. A colored man was crossing it, says tradition, with a basket of pigs. He accidentally dropped his basket of pigs into the creek, and it has ever since been known by the name of "Pig-Basket Creek."

We observed as we passed through Nashville last week that two good tobacco warehouses are being built preparatory to opening a tobacco market there this year.

One young man said in the debate at Cedar Rock academy last week that there were then more supplies in Franklin county than on the 14th of any May since 1860.

Nash and Franklin counties are prosperous. They raised good tobacco crops last year and realized good prices for it.

DECLARES FOR CRIME.

The Progressive Farmer recently said: "If we were to find a man coining silver we would not tell it on him."

It seems to us that this is a bold declaration for crime. Everybody knows it is a high crime against the State and society to make counterfeit money. Now, when the Progressive Farmer says it would not tell on a man whom it should find coining silver, it could just as consistently say that if it were to find a man counterfeiting money it would tell him alone.

THE DEMOCRAT thinks it is time for honest men, men who love truth and justice, to stop following the lead of such papers.

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A CALM REVIEW.

Along the same lines with which we closed our review last week, let us pursue the abused idea of reform.

The Fusionists clamored for retrenchment and reform all through two campaigns. This was a successful slogan for them, and under no other could they have been successful. It is always popular amongst those who do not know the solid facts to cry out against extravagance and demand a reform. The unthinking are always an easy prey to the wiles of those who declare that those in power are oppressing their supporters.

The right man can go into any community in North Carolina and begin to preach to the people that their public school teachers, who get on an average less than \$25 per month, perhaps, are over paid and that the school tax is too heavy for the amount of schooling their children get, and after awhile some one will believe it. And it will not be very long before there will be great dissatisfaction in the community; and the poor, overworked, brain-dazed teacher, whose life is made a mortal torment every hour by the meanness of home-neglected urchins, and whose very life-blood is ebbing out because of the worry and wear of the school-room, will be asked to work for less money or get in an hour or two more of work every day.

In almost any community where ministers of God's holy gospel are paid even a meagre salary for giving their whole life and power to serving the members of their churches in spiritual things, if the complaint that the preacher is too well paid be artfully made, it will not be long before scores of honest supporters and former followers will say that it is true. They will say that the preacher dresses better than they do, lives better than they do, and they can't help support him in it any longer.

It is an undeniable fact that with a large per cent. of the human race such arguments weigh much.

Now, the arguments employed by the Populists, who afterwards became Fusionists, were much of the same kind. They cried for reform. They promised reform. They were elected on that promise of reform. They went to the legislative halls under a pledge for reform. They took their oath of office, as it were, with one hand on the Bible and the other spread out to their constituents, saying, "See the reform that we will now inaugurate!" How did it come out? Let us see.

Were any of the salaries and fees of State or county officers reduced? If so, how much? Were appropriations decreased or increased? If so, how much? We have shown in a previous article how appropriations were increased and how the expenses of the Legislature were also increased.

In short, then, are the burdens of the people lighter under the legislation of the Fusionists than under Democratic legislation? Has a single man in North Carolina yet felt his burden lighter because of the acts of the Fusion Legislature?

But one says that it is too soon to expect any relief. We must wait and give matters time to work out the promised relief which lured thousands of good men to vote the ticket that well-nigh made them sick when they did it. It has now been almost half a year since the Legislature assembled, and did the disgruntled people wait that long with the last Democratic administration before they began to grumble about delayed justice?

But grant the plea that we have not yet given the Fusion leaven time to work out relief, and does the future promise any more than we already see? Let the tax collector come around next time and the "dear people" will see something they have not yet seen. How about the tax imposed upon the doctors, boarding-houses and the like? How about the 2 per cent. tax on the purchase of seeds and drugs?

Persons who sympathize with the afflicted will rejoice with D. E. Carr of 1235 Harrison street, Kansas City. He is an old sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but has not heretofore been troubled in this climate. Last winter he went up into Wisconsin, and in consequence has had another very acute and severe, he said, "My joints swelled and became inflamed; sore to touch or almost to look at. Upon the urgent request of my mother-in-law I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm to reduce the swelling and ease the pain, and to my agreeable surprise, it did both. I have used three fifty-cent bottles and believe it to be the finest thing for rheumatism, pains and swellings extant. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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By R. C. JOSEY, TREASURER.

Table with columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes receipts for treasury, taxes, and fines.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with columns: Date, Description, Amount. Lists numerous disbursements for various town services and salaries.

Crushed His Skull.

(Correspondence to THE DEMOCRAT.)

News reached here Saturday from Potomac, N. C., that while three men, two white and one colored, were working on a track for the Camp Manufacturing Co., a negro named Bob Poole got on some rails which they were moving. Mr. Sykes requested him to get off, but he refused to do so. Words ensued when the negro struck Sykes on the back of his head, crushing his skull in. The negro escaped and Mr. Sykes was taken to Woodland for treatment. Dr. J. W. Joyner examined the wound, taking out the broken piece of skull and the man is reported to be doing well under the circumstances. The negro Bob Poole was captured in Portsmouth and was taken to Jackson jail today for a hearing at the next term of superior court which meets in August.

Mr. T. P. Weston is quite sick at his home. Mr. C. C. Lewis agent for S. A. L. left yesterday for Raleigh where he goes to attend the unveiling of the Confederate Monument. Mr. Lewis is perhaps one of the oldest employes in the service of this company. He has been agent and operator here for 28 years.

Mr. Jim Darden of Sevier, N. C., passed through here yesterday on his way to Raleigh. Mr. Guy Lewis is spending a few days with his father, Mr. C. C. Lewis. Mrs. T. P. Weston returned from Petersburg yesterday.

Mrs. Lou Wiley of Salem, Va., is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. B. Weston.

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