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A THOUGHT.

BY FATHER RYAN.
The summer rose the sun has flushed
With crimson glory may be sweet;
'Tis sweeter when its leaves are crumpled
Beneath the winds and tempests' feet.

It is a truth beyond our ken,
And yet a truth which all may read—
It is with roses as with men:
The sweetest hearts are those that bleed.

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LAST WEEK IN THE STATE.

Many negroes here really believe that the locomotive on the Pittsboro railroad is haunted, which is a fortunate thing, as they will not be apt to project it while remaining at the depot at night. They say that a man was killed by it, some years ago, while running on the R. & A. L. R. R. and his ghost haunts it at night.—Chatham Record.

During the prevalence of a thunder storm at Rocky Point last Wednesday, a little daughter of Mr. Richard Eagles, of that place, was instantly killed by lightning, while standing under a sweet gum tree for protection from the rain.

Capt. E. B. Engelhard, of the Governor's Guards, has much to the regret of his company, resigned his commission on account of the pressure of his private business.

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Still the unanimous verdict on the crop prospects is that they are "bully." By direction of the U. S. Fish Commission, 500,000 young shad were deposited in the Catawba river few days ago.

Miss Lena Maxwell returned on last Friday from Greensboro Female College, where she has been a pupil for the last two years. She won the highest distinction in her class, graduating in the full course with some "extras."

Money drawer robbing has been practiced on several merchants at this place recently.

Last Sunday, at the morning service, five young ladies, pupils of Gaston College, were received into connection with the college chapel congregation by the impressive rite of confirmation.

About thirty convicts have been at work several days grading and laying a side track at the depot.

Mr. J. H. Finley has built a handsome cottage on his lot in rear of the Elliott building.

The messenger of death invaded one home in town last night and bore away on its dark pinions little Frankie, an 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Elliott.

Mr. James Barnes died at his home in Hall Town last Wednesday with typhoid fever.

Little Jessie, daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mowhove, died Sunday evening about 1 o'clock.

There are matrimonial rumors about in Marion that are vague but interesting.

The east and west passenger trains arrive simultaneously now, and it makes things lively at the depot for a while.

Mr. R. L. McCurry leaves Monday for Colorado.

The closing exercises of the Gastonia High School on last Friday morning and evening were attended by a large crowd of people from town and vicinity, including quite a number of visitors from abroad.

Miss Diehl, an accomplished instructor of rare talent, was worthy of high commendation, while the art department, presided over by Miss Hattie Kendrick, contributed some drawings, executed by members of her class.

Mr. Daniel Fox, brother of Milton Fox and uncle of J. L. J. Connelly and J. L. J. Estes, left Burke 42 years ago to seek his fortune in the far West. He returned on a visit last Monday for the first time since he left. We learn he has accumulated a nice fortune in Texas.

Married, in Morganton, May the 30th, by Rev. J. N. Payne, at his residence, Mr. P. P. Hoyle to Miss Mary M. Jarrett.

his grievances, yet, in the more unostentatious modes of entertainment, such as the boarding house and private house afford, quite a showing might be made in the number of strangers who have lately been among us; certainly our streets have been crowded with new faces and eager sight-seers, and many old scores have been settled by country cousins in the way of visits to city relations, in return for similar honors received last summer, when fruit was ripe. But not for long, I fear, will the account remain closed, for very soon the sultry heat will send countryward the remaining members of the household who have not already accompanied their lately departed guests home.

With regard to the drill and the distribution of prizes, less discussion has resulted than was naturally to be expected where so much jealousy rivalry existed. The successful attainment of the object of its projectors could not be better shown than by quoting the words of Col. Black, the president of the board of judges composed of regular Army officers. Said he "The drill has proved a complete success from a military standpoint, and both those who managed it and those who participated in it are deserving of great credit. The different competing organizations showed themselves well versed in tactics and many of them executed the programme with remarkable success. The public was doubtless surprised at some of the awards, as some of the companies who were rated low made the best impression upon the spectators, but they were all judged by a strict military interpretation of military tactics. Every movement was marked on a scale from zero to ten. In each instance the marks of the three judges were added together and the sum divided by three, thus giving the average."

Among the list of most prominent men to take flight was Senator John Sherman, against whose presidential aspirations certain indiscreet admissions of his brother, Gen. William Tecumseh, are taken to be direct assaults.

The too susceptible old warrior has told some lady confidants that it would be a great pity not to retain such a fascinating mistress of the White House for another term, at least; and as the wife of the President counts her most ardent admirers and staunchest allies from among her own sex, irrespective of party affiliations, it will be easily seen that their championship in behalf of a second term is not to be despised.

Some of the wise ones are endeavoring to attach a political significance to the early vacation of the President, seeing in it a preparation for an extra session of Congress. They reason that Mr. Cleveland pursues his recreations in the same earnest manner that he does his labors; that he will collect enough vigor in a short space of time to make himself as good as new, despite the calamitous forebodings of the doctors; and that he will return the earlier to his self imposed task of giving personal attention to men and measures, and be ready to meet those high in the councils of the party, to discuss the agenda legislation deemed to be needed.

With the lack of other subjects for discussion, the new rules for the regulation of promotions in the department will be revived. This feature of civil service reform goes into operation this month, when its effects may be observed, whatever may have been the result of its promulgation. Even this result will be difficult to reach, for those dropped from the public rolls are seldom heard from again, and their reminiscences are but feeble, for their influence has waned with the advent of a new administration. And let the contrary be proclaimed as loudly as they choose—the boasted removal of political pressure to influence appointment, to promotions in, and reappointments to the public service, is far from being fully accomplished. Every head of bureau or office, is importuned continually and persistently for place; and members of the Civil Service Commission themselves, have been approached, in order that the candidate for an impending examination may have the advantage of a personal introduction.

Here is a story with the scene laid in Vicksburg. It was while I was in Vicksburg starving on pea-bread and dodging the Yankee shells. I was detailed to go to the commissary to do some work. The boys made it a part of their work to slip something more than was given to them when they went to the commissary, and it was always something to eat, which they would divide with us. I thought that as it had come my time to go I would be as good as they had been, if the opportunity afforded. That we were watched, you need not doubt, and that there was reason for stealing, I need not deny. But it makes me feel like a sheep thief yet, when I think of it. When I was in the commissary, I could see nothing open but a barrel of crackers. I could get to nothing better and concluded to take a good supply of them. In walking along the commissary I made it convenient to go by the barrel of

hardtacks and slip a handful in my bosom, always watching the commissary sergeant. I worked hard when he was looking at me. I never once thought about how many of the crackers I was getting into my bosom. I never noticed that my shirt body was growing to an enormous size. I was thinking of the supper that the boys would have that night. Suddenly the bottom part of my shirt slipped out from under the waistband of my pants. The sergeant was looking at me. The situation I was in can only be imagined. I was excited and it seemed to me that there was a bushel of the darned things spilled around me. The sergeant simply said: "You had a supply," and passed on. J. H. McDANIEL, of 1st Co. A, Louisiana Battalion.—Atlanta Constitution.

To sweeten bitter yeast thrust into it a red hot iron.

A spoonful of oxgall to a gallon of water will set the colors of almost any goods soaked in it previous to washing.

A roasted or boiled lemon, filled while hot with sugar, and eaten still hot just before retiring, will often break up a cold.

To keep cake from sticking to the pan, without using paper, after greasing the pan, sift a little flour in, then turn it over and shake out all that you can.

To clean satin that has become greasy, sponge lengthwise, never across the width, with benzine, alcohol or borax water. Press on the wrong side.

Put a small piece of charcoal into the pot when boiling cabbage to prevent the disagreeable odor that usually accompanies the cooking of this vegetable.

It is said that white spots can be removed from furniture by rubbing with essence of camphor or peppermint, and afterwards with furniture polish oil.

In cooking cabbage, put a small piece of a red pepper into the pot. It will not only improve the taste of the vegetable, but prevents any harmful result in the eating thereof.

Velvet wears better, if brushed with a hat brush, by pressing down into the nap and then turning the brush as on an axis to flit out the lint. Do not brush backward or forward.

Sew on buttons over a darning needle, and when done, pull out the needle and the buttons will be found to be much looser than those sewed on in the ordinary way and will not pull off as easily.

It is now claimed that rubbing the face downwards while washing is the cause of many of the wrinkles on women's faces today, and the best remedy is to reverse the process, and always rub the face upward.

find, of large size, square build, long and as evenly woolled as possible. See that the fleece is not too gummy or wrenkly, and let the animal show for himself that he has a strong constitution. Get him from some well-known and reliable breeder; never mind how long or short his pedigree is or whether he has any, if you are satisfied he is a thoroughbred and will get good stock.

Never use a ram of your own raising that will be connected with your flock. This trying to get into a flock of thoroughbreds by using rams of one's own raising and breeding, has destroyed more good sheep than anything else that can be named. Where one may succeed, 999 fail. As often as a ram is needed, buy one of the same breed, but not connected by blood relations. Have the ewes numbered from 1 upward as high as your flock goes; carry a small note book in your pocket, and if anything happens to one of the ewes that will injure her for breeding or for keeping, it should be noted down, as it will be of great assistance in culling your flock, which should be done at shearing time.—J. R. C. Alleghany county, N. Y., in Farm and Home.

The ancestors of Miss Murfree, the "Charles Egbert Craddock" of contemporary fiction, were from Hertford county in this state. William Murfree was one of the delegates from Hertford to the convention at Hillsboro, August 21, 1775, and one of the delegates to the congress at Halifax, November 12th, 1776, which formed our constitution.

"Hardly Murfree resided in this county (Hertford), from which Murfreeboro, in this county, derives its name, and also a town of the same name in the state of Tennessee.

"He was a captain in the second regiment of Continental troops, commanded by Robert Howe, and was in several engagements in the revolutionary war. After the war was over, he removed to his land in Tennessee, granted to him for revolutionary services, where he died, leaving a reputation for patriotism, enterprise and integrity worthy of his name and state.

"His son, William Hardy Murfree, was born in this county, educated at Chapel Hill, where he graduated in 1801, and studied law. He was a successful and able advocate. He entered public life in 1805, as a member of the House of Commons from Hertford. In 1813, he was elected to represent the Edenton district in Congress and re-elected in 1815. During this troubled and excited period he had the reputation of a true republican, and sustained the war and Mr. Madison.

"About 1825 he removed to Tennessee, and he died in Nashville soon after, where he left one son, William Law Murfree.

Saluda Meetings.
(Correspondence of The New Era.)
SALEDA, Polk county, June 2, 1887.—Having promised to note for your paper, please allow room for these items. First, your correspondent lives at a station on the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad, midway between the points mentioned, known as Saluda. It is in Polk county and is noted for its elevation, good water, and excellent climate. As I pen these lines, I am sitting by a roaring stove. It one should be asked from a tropical climate to ours just now he would think winter had come.

This little place is also noted for its hotels and summer visitors. Numbers from all over the South congregate here to spend their time and money. There are three months out of the twelve that our little town appears like a bee hive at swarms. When they enter our midst they appear as ghosts, but after a few months, they leave looking like mountain roses, and have that elastic step which predicates that enjoyable boon, health.

Dr. Geddings, of Augusta, Ga., is building a very handsome residence on Kuykendall's Peak. All the material for the structure was shipped. How is this, since this country abounds in the greatest varieties and finest timbers known to the world? (Ans. By writer, want of capital and energy upon the part of our countrymen.)

Mr. Herst, also of Augusta, Ga., has now in process of erection a nice Queen Anne cottage on Kuykendall street.

Henry C. Tanner, one of our young and enterprising men, is now finishing the finest hotel ever built upon our mountains.—Florence Somerville, in Farm and Fireside.

residence for summer here, has just arrived with his family. We greet them with joy.
Business in the town is improving, yet you can hear the cry of "hard times."
The crops are looking fine—the farmers are jocular. We have had fine rains and it is still raining. More anon.
D. P. M.—

What our Neighbors in the Piedmont State are doing.—A Budget of Notes on Matters in General.
Columbia is to have another cotton seed oil mill.

Prof. John H. Miller, of Esquire College, has been elected president of the Due West Female College.

The taxable property of Rock Hill amounts to \$47,904, an increase of ten per cent over last year's returns.

The North Carolinians in Columbia have organized an old North State Society, and they will have two meetings a year.

The "bill bugs" are destroying fields of corn in Pickens county and the caterpillars have been very numerous in the Pee Dee swamps.

A colored woman on S. Elmwood's place, four miles below Greenwood, fired her house and burned two of her children in it last Monday.

The Campdown cotton mill, of Greenville, is going to enlarge. They will build a mill to make fine cloths and add \$250,000 to their capital.

The machinery at the Dixie gold mine has all been placed. The mine has begun operations. It is working ten stamping mills, but expects to increase the number.

A farmer in this county it is said, has cut down all the vines in his vineyard because the wine made from the grapes wouldn't make him drunk.—Lancaster Ledger.

A South Carolina wren built a nest under the eaves of an express' car on the Asheville branch railroad, and built it so well that the car makes four trips a day without injuring it.

Prof. S. P. Boozer, of the Greenwood male high school, was stricken last Tuesday with apoplexy whilst in his buggy, on his way home from school. His recovery is doubtful.

Some of the military companies of the state are advocating, an annual encampment of the militia of the state. Spartanburg is spoken of as a suitable place, and the same time as the Grange encampment.

It is said that a band of robbers is operating in Lancaster county in the direction of Valley Hill. The band is composed of negroes who lie hid in the woods. Several negroes have been lured and their supplies taken from them in the day time, but their depredations are committed principally in the night.

The widow of the late James P. Ferguson and his daughter met with a serious misfortune while returning home from Chester on last Wednesday. The horse they were driving, becoming frightened, started to run, when both jumped out of the buggy. Miss Ferguson's limb above the ankle was fractured, and Mrs. Ferguson's face was badly bruised.

Tim Blackwell, colored, walked forty miles through the rain last Monday and delivered himself to Commissioner Hawthorne. He was committed to jail to await trial. Tim lives near the North Carolina line, and is accused of distilling whiskey. Whenever the officers in one state get after him he would skip over the line. At last he was captured in North Carolina and placed in jail. He served his time out and immediately came to this city. It is supposed he intends to serve his time out here and reform.—Greenville News.

Jimmie Gaillard, fourteen year old son of Mr. J. H. Gaillard, of Newberry, left Newberry on Wednesday, May 25th, bound for the Great West. Being telegraph messenger boy, he had the run of the ticket office, and he took advantage of that fact by abstracting a couple of tickets to Greenville—one for himself, and one for another lad that he was trying to persuade to go with him. With fifteen cents in his pocket and a ticket to Greenville, he started. The next morning he was heard from at Easley, on the Air Line road, and later at a station a short distance this side of Atlanta.

About three months ago Mr. Coffin, of the Peizer Mills, made certain inquiries as to water powers in this county, with a view to purchasing. Last Thursday he came over to Mountain Shoals and examined the place, asked the price, which was \$20,000 and closed the trade at once. As soon as titles are made, books of subscription will be opened and preparation for building which will go on with the work whether they get any stock in the county or not. They propose to erect a twenty-thousand spindle mill and put in ten thousand to begin with.—Spartan.