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He heepeth up riches and knoweth not who shaligather them. P. S. 39 chapter, 6 verse.

Perhaps all the manifestations of sin in man may be traced to selfishness as their source. There are many ways in which we can show our e'ves seifish. One of the enicl is the acquisition of menov, in getting it and fixing the heart upon it as an object looks down from the height of his glory and pronounces the man a fool. Fool for so mistaking the true ends of life; fool for thinking the soul can be satisfied with dust and corruption. Fool for heaping up riches and knowing not who shall gather them. This is had enough, but what is worse the man of seifishness is a man of guilt, of en deep double dyed guilt. Setfishness dethrones the blessed God from his proper place in the human heart. Selfishness is a rank i-lolatar, he worships the executive us re than the Creater. He forestalls and f reclasses when he can gain by so delug. See selfishness go forth in the place of Gods noomlay sun to take posession of his kneweth not who shall gather them. Sel cold unclaritable world. He smiles to him-

death. Selfishness is a great advocate for the protection of his own interests. has become rich, yet he is not rich toward God. He has matgages but alas! for him he is mortgaged to the devil, and when the time expires the devil will force'o-e and take posession. He heapeth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them. 1 have not heard a preacher preach about ext ation and the rights of the oppressed in ten years, and I have heard two hundred sermens. Oh, worldly minded man y-a may step up on the wrock of time with your carpet bag full of gold, when Gabriel tramp shall shake the globe from pole to pole and ask admictance but it will be de- year. This appeal has already gone out in nied. In that happy world money will not be recognized a cording to the rules of man's arithmetic, nor valued according to the estimates of worldly minded men, many will anxiously crave admittance in with the houseless, homeless gullilean pilgrim that walked this earth and had no where to lay his head. Too late then to say I did not know it was wrong to be selfish and heap

Gienwood News.

We were much pleased to have with us he Editor of the HERALD, at our Musical cencert, on the 29th alt. By the way, speaking of the concert, we have heard the exercises spoken of in the most complimentary terms by critics who have had large acquaintance with such performances. The calisthenic exercise was excellently rendered-the little folks, especially, were admired and the admiration increased as the square of the size of the participants

The large audience in attendance manifested their approva! by hearty rounds of applause at the close of every selection rendered. In the November Monthly, we shall give a more extended notice of the exercises-the Glenwood Monthly had a part of its editorial corps taking notes.

On Thanksgiving Day, which falls, we suppose, on the 25th inst., (Thursday), the principal of Glen vosai school will dehver the third monthly Lecture, on "Health the school room, and the care of Children at House." After the Lecture, an infor mal Thanksgiving dinner will be spread by the pupils for their triends who may be in attendance. We hope every body will attend and "bring their baskets—as well as tertainment are wholly free, dinner and all; and we hope that a crowded house will greet us. The lecture will be specially ap propriate, treating as it does, a subject

Quite a number of our Fayetteville and Averasboro friends are in the community; among them, we had the pleasure of con-Fayetteville. These kind friends are stann h supporters of our school, and we

grasshopper and the thinly clad katy did mournfully lament their numbered days. Frost every morning makes the old (or he begins with a determination never to young) batchelor look out for some one to winter socks-truly his lot is a hard one, deliberate purpose that has enabled the keep his hearth brigh, and to darn his lives in a land flowing with beauty and love, Mc Coure of the Philade phia Times paid and it is his own fault if he shivers alone.

TO SAVE BER LUSBAND.

A Woman's Strange Reason for Eloping with Another Man.

A Newark (N. J.) special says: A small, faded looking woman told a queer story to Justice Roder here this morning. Yesterday she presented herself before the Justice and said that her husband Wilworthy to be adored. The most High God liam Emerick, a eigar maker, aged thirtytwo years, had stolen her watch and her two year-old child, and that she desired himjarrested. Justice Roder told her that a husband could not steal his wife's goods or her child, as the law says what is hers is his. The woman then went away, but later in the evening she called on officer Wriggins to arrest the man for drunkenness, and when he was behind the prisoniars she requested that he might be held for bigamy, and in corroboration of her charge she told and eventful story of her life. "I was born," she said, "m New York State, but when about twelve years of age I moved into Jackson county, Mich. In about my eighteenth year I marfellow man's farm under pretence of being ried a well-to do farmer, who resided near bound to close the mortgage when he has the town of Jackson, Mich., and for twenalready wrung from the dependent poor ty-eight years I lived happily and quietly enough to last his children some years in | with him, and had four children, all of motous living. He heapeth up riches and whom are living, My bushand was a quiet man, and was worth about \$30,000. fishness is a great advocate for justice, al. About two years since last spring Emerick though he is deaf to the voice of the help | come round to our house, and was employless family he has just turned out on the | cd as a farm laborer, and stayed until the fall. My first husband, whose name was self and says another farm added to my Hill, at that time gave him notice to leave. as he did not like Emerick'e way of be-He sets the commandments of God at having. The latter, however flatly refused naught. He has more than he needs or to go from the place without me, and said we ever will need, yet dog in the manuer like should never part. He made such threats ne snarls and snaps and tries to keep it all. and acted so strangely that, in order to save Selfishness is a dead sea receiving all Hill's life and property, and the lives of and giving nothing save misery, want and my children, I consented to run away with and we fled to Canada." She says she afterwards returned to her husband. but was tollowed by Emerick, and she again ran away with him and came to Ne-

Tobacco Planters, Read this and Profit by it.

N. Y. Tobacca Leaf. With all the emphasis which doublebacco farming and prizing friends West ed with the sound tobaseo harvested this letter and print to so ue of those sough: to be influenced by it, but it is our duty to see that it is brought to the attention of every grower and prizer in the country, and we hereby perform that duty. The markets of the world are full of poor tobacco, and the good tobacco in stock is very limited. The growth of the past year has been large, and what has been frostbitten can well be spared. It will not do to put the frosted tobacco along with that which is good, for the bi fold reason that it will derress the already low prices still further, and factors, large buyers and jobbers will not touch a hogshead of the 1886 yield if a single hand of the frosted leaf is in it. These parties have agreed to this and contemplate issuing a circular expressive of

Frezen tobacco has been found serviceble in times past, but firsted tobacco never. It is utterly unfit for use, and when brought into the barns and bung along with sound leaf may cause fire burn throughout the

If the frosted tobacco is to be garnered and prized at all, let it be cured and prized by itself. There must be no taint on the crop of 1886 if it re desired to realize a cent of profit from it or the old stocks still

What a Yankey Says of Us.

Springael & Republican.

No Southern State furnished as many to its population as North Carolina, although its people went into secession with their knitting." The exercises of this en- the utisost reluctance. It is a historic fact, vouched for by the records on file at Washington, that of the troops surrendered by General Lee there were more from North Carolina than from all the rest of the Conimportance to the patrons and teachers of federacy. In the words of a veteran, "We schools. versing, for a short time, with Mr and Mrs and private ways of this people. It is Dr. King's New Discovery for Con-Avera. Mrs Barnes and Mrs Parker of this that makes them progressive while Averasboro; and the Misses Carver of the roughly conservative. The Tar-heel are always glad to have them in our midst. well every proposed undertaking and tries "The melancholy days have come, the to look at it on all sides before he agrees sadest of the year," and the old brown to enter upon it. When once fully persnaded that any line of action is advisable, stop until his object is attained. It is this but, verily, he is not to be putied; for he State to care the just praise which Col

The Disasters of 1886.

(Bultimore Sun.) Up to the present time the year 1886, so far as the United States are concerned, the country, by wind storms that have inflicted much damage to property, by pro-Scatt, red over the ridges of the bayou was ford, at the head of navigation, was the post office station and the principal settlement. It had a cotton gin which turned out eight hundred bales of cotton annually and the usual stores adapted to the warts of an isolated community. About it were cotton and cane fields, stretching over the fertile ridges facing the gulf stream, and grazing grounds of eight thousand cattle. Over those ridges, the foremost of which was tweelve feet above the sea level, the waves of the gulf swept until a considera ble part of the parish was ten feet under water. Under the combined region of the wind and water, "house after house fell in and was swept away, either burying the doomed people in the debris or drowning them. The cotton and the stores next succumbed and Radford and Johnson's bayous were destroyed as completely as if an invading army had done the work. Even the houses that withstood the storm were completely gutted. Such of the inhabitants as escaped were fortunate enough to reach the higher ridges; where they remained without food or water fit to drink until the wa ters receded." Mighty-five lives were known

that the terrible power of the wind and

rain storms of this continent is most fre-

quently felt. But at Sabine Pass, and in

Cameron Parish, Louisiana' the destruc-

disastrous recently in South Carolina had

danger heretofore unknown. Happily.

such shocks are of rare occurante, and

when the subterranean forces have read-

justed themselves anew, no further disaster

may be apprehended for a long time to

come. But the people of the States whose

homes are destroyed and whose lives are

put in jeopardy by tornadoes, cyclones,

fires and floods, deserve at all times the ut-

most sympathy of the States that are free

from such terrors, and such material help

Then and Now.

(Salishury Exeminer.)

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pair, that, with two half solings, would last

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STATE NEWS.

has been a most eventful one. It has been signalized by serious fires in some parts of longed droughts in Texas and among the cattle ranges in Montana, creating considerable loss in stock, by an earthquake that has laid a large part of Charleston in rains, and besides destroying many lives, causing a loss of property amounting to severa! millions of dollars. To these disasters are now to be added the entire destruction by of ten days of the "Snapper Banks," with storm and flood of the village of Sabine on catch of about 3.000 pounds of fish, inclu-Pass, Texas with the loss of one handred ding red, white and black snappers, and and twenty-seven lives out of a total of five hundred, and sweeping away of the villages of Johnson's Bayon and Cadford, in Cameron parish, Louisiana, by the same storm that overwhelmed Sabine Pass, six land, Tenn., and at an early day. This road miles distant from the Louisana settlements a population of twelve hundred souls. Radreaching back to the marshes were the

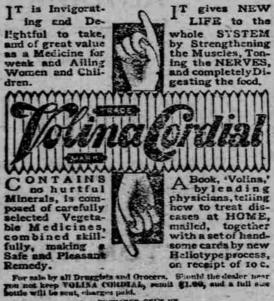
son Mirror, says: From the Exhibit that has been held in the South on exhibition.

The Franklinten Weekly issaed an exto have been lost. Of eight thousand head of stock six thousand were drowned, and the remainder it is feard, will die of thirst as all the water is salt. It is at the West where the tornadoes swept to destruction everything they encounter in their path, and in the States bordering on the gulf conflagration remains a mystery.

Back on's traica aive. cien was principally due to the rising in overwhelming force of the waters of the gulf stream. The series of earthquakes so box. For sale by T. R. Hood & Co. added a new terror to death and a sense of

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last, about bed time, the dwelling house of Mr. Tom Stuck Threadgid was burned.

During October sixty-three drammers' licenses were issuep from the State Treasury, which yielded a revenue of \$6,500two being lipuor licenses, for which \$200 each is charged.

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being built from Murphy, N. C. to Clevethe Waynesville News says, will give an opening to the rich iron and coal mines of East Tennessee, and will be of invaluable service to the people of Western North

The News & Observer of last Friday says a bold robbery was committed at the ticket agents' office at the depot. While Mr. Walter C. Richardson, the agent, was selling tickets the thief slipped in the office in a few feet of him and seizing a large pile of money lying on a table made off with it. There was about \$160 in the pile, it is said. Mr. Riel ardson's loss is regretted. He is a clever gentleman and an excellent agent.

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Franklinton In Ashes.

tra last Friday which save an account of the loss of property. The fire originated in that portion of the town between Main street and the Railroad from Mason screet down to Hillsboro road was entirely consumed. The lasses aggregate \$49,000 with partial insurance. The cause of the

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