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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS - NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FRANK THORNTON ALWAYS AHEAD, OFFERS HIS SPRING GREETING.

FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS I have been in the Northern and Eastern Markets making arrangements for the SPRING AND SUMMER TRADE. I am at home again, and my presence will be a daily reality to my friends and customers.

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Of course there will be worn, and worn by early in the season. Here I can show every attention in any color or material desired.

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I have all the latest and most desirable silk dress materials in stock. What more can I say than to come and look at them. You will be satisfied.

BLACK SILKS.

I have a full line of the goods in all the qualities that we have always been familiar with, besides a few new makes as French Arnaumes, Sars in Ducks, Sars in Rins and Trico and other silks.

Mourning Goods.

We will be glad to show you the latest styles in mourning goods, and all the fashionable Raven Black silks, muslins, and other mourning goods. We have a full stock of the goods in all the qualities that we have always been familiar with, besides a few new makes as French Arnaumes, Sars in Ducks, Sars in Rins and Trico and other silks.

WASH FABRICS.

I have a full stock of the goods in all the qualities that we have always been familiar with, besides a few new makes as French Arnaumes, Sars in Ducks, Sars in Rins and Trico and other silks.

Zephyr Cloth.

This is an entirely new production in dressmaking. It is just perfect in every way. I want every lady to see it.

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I have a full stock of the goods in all the qualities that we have always been familiar with, besides a few new makes as French Arnaumes, Sars in Ducks, Sars in Rins and Trico and other silks.

BUTTERICKS DRESS PATTERNS.

I am sole agent for the Butterick Dress Patterns, and can supply you with any pattern desired. A full catalogue and price list on application.

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We will be glad to send you samples of our goods, and will also send you a full catalogue and price list on application.

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THE OLDEST DRUG HOUSE IN SMITHFIELD!

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PURE DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, STATIONERY

TOILET ARTICLES, BOOKS, CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

RECORDSODA ANDVARIOUS MINERAL WATERS.

I HAVE THE AGENCY FOR THE CELEBRATED

I. B. SEELEY RUBBER TRUSSES!

I GUARANTEE A PERFECT FIT IN THESE GOODS.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PAINTING SOON, CALL AT MY STORE AND GET A COLOR SHEET AND EXAMINE MY LARGEST STOCK OF

WHITE LEAD, OILS AND COLOR.

H. D. BLAKE, Late of Williamson & Blake, Smithfield, N. C.

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BLAKE BROTHERS,

SUCCESSORS TO

WILLIAMSON AND BLAKE.

Will continue the grocery and provision business at the old stand.

Heavy and fancy groceries, hardware, tin ware, crockery, &c.,

meat, meal, flour, lard, sugar, coffee, molasses, star lye, Hors-

ford's bread preparation, all grades chewing and smoking

tobaccos, Ruff Road Mills, Gail and Ax, Ralph's and

Egerton smuffs, at wholesale or retail.

FARMING UTENSILS.

Shovels, Hatches, Hams, Traces, Backbands, Hooks, Single Trees,

Cotton Rope and a thousand other things the farmer is bound

to have.

Agents for the Following Reliable Brands of Fertilizers

PIEDMONT "SPECIAL" for Cotton and Corn.

PIEDMONT GUANO, for Tobacco.

POCONOKE, EDDY STONE, L. & R. ACID & L. & R. Amomiated.

OWL BRAND.

Supplies will be advanced on crop time where suitable arrangements are made.

Very Respectfully,
BLAKE BROTHERS.

ANOTHER WAR POEM.

An Old Soldier in the Atlanta Constitution.

I see many sketches and incidents of the war published in your valuable paper and have derived much pleasure from reading them.

In order to contribute my mite towards that department of your great paper, I send you the following incident of prison life during the winter of '64 and '65, at Camp Chase, Ohio. It is not my intention to speak of the suffering we endured, as that is past and could in no way be mitigated. But to proceed. Colonel W. S. Hawkins, of Tennessee, during the early winter of '64 and '65 was the most widely known and beloved man among the prisoners at Camp Chase, Ohio, and although not a regular minister of the gospel, he was the most eloquent and interesting exponent of the Holy Scriptures that I have ever listened to. If these few lines should happen to catch the eye of a confederate whose misfortune it was to have been located at Camp Chase in the winter of '64 and '65, he will remember how eagerly we would rush from our barracks whenever it was announced that Colonel Hawkins had come over from prison to see us, and when he would mount the barracks steps and begin to speak or preach he could hold us spell bound for hours with his eloquence.

He was our oracle in everything connected with our welfare, both spiritual and temporal, but his greatest work was done at the couches of the sick and dying, and if he is living today and has not been prosperous in temporal affairs, he can have the grand consolation of being entitled to spiritual prosperity, which cannot be taken from him.

Colonel Hawkins in his daily rounds among the sick and dying had found a young soldier who realized he was not long for this world. He was engaged to be married to a lady and was anxiously looking for a letter from her, that he might once more read her loving words before he should die, but the letter came not until after his death, which was fortunate for the poor fellow for instead of loving promises, she had written to break off the engagement. Colonel Hawkins answered the young lady's letter to the dead soldier in the lines which I have enclosed for publication, provided you should think them of sufficient interest and have not already been published in your most excellent paper.

D. G. WATKINS,
Member of Kemper's battery,
Northern army Virginia,
Clarksburg, W. Va.,

THE OCCUPATIONS OF GREAT MEN.

The Medical Age has been investigating this subject, and says that the father of Demosthenes was a blacksmith; of Euripides, a dealer in vegetables; of Socrates, a mediocre sculptor; of Epicurus, a shepherd; of Virgil an innkeeper, Columbus was the son of a wool carder; Shakespeare, a butcher; Luther, of a minor; Cromwell, of a brewer; Sixtus V., of a swineherd; Linnaeus, of a poor country minister; Franklin, of a soap boiler; Rousseau, of a watch-maker; and Murat, of an innkeeper. The writer concludes that the mothers of some of these men may have the source from which their genius was derived, and, indeed, it is known that some of them were women of more than ordinary excellence.

You shall not pity him, for now He's past your hope and fear; Although I wish that you could stand With me beside his bier. Still I forgive you, Heaven knows, For mercy you have need. Since God His awful judgment sends On each unworthy deed.

Tonight the cold wind whistled by As I my vigils kept. Within the prison dead house, where Few mourners came to weep. A rude plank coffin holds him now, Yet death gives always grace, And I had rather see him thus Than clasped in your embrace.

Tonight your rooms perhaps are gay With wit, and wine, and song, And you are smiling just as if You never did a wrong. Your hand so fair that none would think It pained these words of pain, Your skin so white—would God, your soul Were half so free from stain.

Ed rather be this dear, dear friend Than you in all your glee, For you are held in previous bonds While he's forever free. Whom serve we in this life, we serve In that which is to come. He chose his way, you yours; let God Pronounce the fitting doom.

WOLESALE INDICTMENT.

Violation of the Local Option Law.

[News and Observer April 2nd 1887.]

Yesterday was a day of more excitement in the city and more consternation among a number of citizens than there has been since the Lizzie Turlington murder. The commotion was brought about by a wholesale indictment of parties charged with violating the local option law. Several parties who thought that they had been dealing out "spirits" in a manner that was not a violation of the law were "swooped" in. At the beginning of the session of the court the grand jury asked for special instructions as to their duty with regard to violations of the local option law.

ECONOMY IN GRAY SOWING.

Modern facilities of transportation begin to tell severely upon land cultivators. In the newly-opened and remote regions, these improvements are an unmixed blessing. But in the older countries they are creating a sort of revolution. A London paper, discussing this subject, says that one result of modern transport improvement will be that "agricultural land in Great Britain and Ireland will, unless exceptionally situated, soon be worth rather less than on a western prairie."

A French writer on the same topic begs his farming countrymen not to trust in protective measure for keeping up the prices of home produce, but to accept the new situation intelligently. Why should they expect, he asks, when machinery has brought manufactured articles to so low a price, to the great advantage of the farmer, that barn products should not in their turn follow the same law? He urges upon cultivators the policy of scientific methods, and proceeds to illustrate the value of this advice by statistics.

He first quotes the experience of progressive farmers in the northwest and south of France, who, by scientific culture, careful selection of seed, and the use of articles fertilizers, especially phosphate of lime and nitrate of soda, have more than doubled, and in some cases nearly trebled, the wheat product to the acre, to say nothing of the additional straw. Then referring to fall sowing he quotes the experiment of Major Hallett in England. This gentleman found that, using the horse drill, it needed two-fifths of a bushel of seed per acre in October, doubled in November, quadruple in December. A French experimenter gives similar figures showing that to produce the same crop requires over doubled the seed in November and December that sufficed in September. The practical comment is that 37,000,000 of people could support life for 15 days on the seed thus saved by early sowing on the nearly 20,000,000 acres of wheat land in France. Another important advantage of early sowing was shown by Major Hallett's experiments. That is, by scattering a smaller number of grains on a given surface, each seed has a better change of vigorous vegeta-

tion, of forming larger heads and developing more nutritious grain. Major Hallett found his wheat thus sown producing several stems, each with an ear, whereas in the average practice the number of ears does not equal that of seeds planted. Grain sown by the drill has this great advantage of free elbow-room, caused by its regular distribution. This tends to increase the size of the ears. During Major Hallett's four years' experiments, by pursuing the above policy, and by carefully selecting his seed from the large heads, he increased the size of the wheat ears from 4 inches with 47 seeds, to something over 8, with 123 grains. The number of heads on a plant was run up from 10 to 80.

To be sure these experiments were on choice land, conducted by a wealthy land-holder. But they point to a natural law, under which the practical farmer can work. M. Millon, a French practical farmer, pursued a similar course, and has raised his wheat product to 42 bushels an acre, with the expectation of surpassing those figures.

Another fatal disaster is reported in Alexander county. As a little child of Boyden Welborn lay in its cradle another child placed a broom in the fire, and when it blazed, threw it in the cradle. It fell upon the infant, which was roasted alive before its parents could save it.

Progressive Farmer: A farmer from Stokes county brought 1,400 pounds of tobacco to market last week (all he raised) and sold. He then went to pay his guano bill; he paid all he got for his tobacco, five dollars more, and still owes \$1.30. Low priced tobacco and high priced guano don't work well together.

Greensboro Workman: The Asheboro Courier describes how a powerful force of revenue men made a descent on a distillery in that county recently, making a complete capture of the place—the operatives and all their substance. It was a grand victory, or would have been, had it not turned out to be a sassafras oil distillery.

Eastern Reflector: Mr. W. F. Hart tells us a good one on a neighbor. He says that last year he sowed some cabbage seed. Some doves rendered themselves very annoying by scratching up the seed and eating them. He takes his gun and shoots the doves then removes the seed from the birds' claws, sows them the second time and raises a fine crop of cabbage.

The Governor has pardoned out of the penitentiary Solomon Bullock, colored. Bullock was tried several years ago in Edgecombe Superior Court and convicted of throwing rocks at a moving passenger train and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. He had served three and a half years, when the pardon was granted at the solicitation of the judge, solicitor, prosecuting attorney and others.

Rockingham Rocket: We hear the rumor that Asbury Chavis, the negro who several years ago so brutally murdered old Jerry Everett in the Boney Cole lane, is now in jail at Smithville, N. C., for a murder recently committed in Brunswick county. It will be remembered that Chavis' trial for the murder of Everett was moved from this county to Stanly, where he was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but escaped before the sentence was executed and has since eluded arrest.

Hon. John M. Allen, the witty member from Mississippi, again increased his popularity in the House by his speech on the diplomatic and consular bill. During his speech Perry Belmont asked the gentleman if he "would yield to a question?"

"No," said Mr. Allen; "I cannot yield to anything but applause."

It looks as if Gladstone, the grand old man, will yet live to trump Salisbury's coercion act with the little "two-spot" of Home Rule. All things come around to him who will but wait.

Baltimore Herald.

STATE NEWS.

The Supreme Court is now at work on cases from the Eighth judicial district.

John J. Fowler, a sterling Democrat of Wilmington, has been elected Mayor of Wilmington.

The first planting in the Newberne section has been damaged one-half by the recent cold snap.

Lightning struck the cotton gin of B. C. Clowman. Three negroes were rendered insensible by the shock.

The Methodist Sunday schools of the Fayetteville district will hold a conference at Fayetteville next month.

The jail of Greene county, at Snow Hill, was burned Thursday night of last week. It was set on fire by a negro woman who was a prisoner.

The Fayetteville Observer says the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. will shortly build a new passenger depot place of the old one at that place; this is good news to all.

The Asheville Citizen says that there are seven bridges on the Carolina Central Railroad between Shelby and Rutherfordton, and every one of them is built of iron and upon the latest plans.

John Jones (negro), convicted of burglary at Wilmington, is to be hanged. He was convicted and sentenced to death, but appealed to the Supreme Court. That court has confirmed the decision of the lower court.

David Presley, a miner in Mitchell county, was burned to death in his house recently, near Bakersville, while he was asleep. The house caught fire. He attempted to escape, but was suffocated. His body was found by his wife.

Three persons concerned in the attempt to assassinate the Czar by means of bombs in St. Petersburg, on March 13th, were hanged Thursday morning. Twenty more officers in various branches of the service have been arrested in connection with the attempt made against the life of the Czar in the park of the Gatschina Palace.

Washington, April 1.—Mr. Fairchild took the oath of office as Secretary of the Treasury at 11 o'clock this morning, and at noon took possession of the Secretary's office in the Treasury Building as the successor of Mr. Manning. This appointment, as well as that of Judge Maynard as Assistant Secretary, had been expected for a long time past, and they were the subject of much complimentary comment on the streets and in the hotels and public buildings this morning. The almost universal verdict is that the President has adopted the best possible course in the matter, and that the financial interests of the administration and of the country will be well managed by the new combination.

The Hotel de Mont at Monterey, Cal., was discovered to be on fire shortly before midnight April 2nd and everything was done to save it but without success. The magnificent building and its contents are a total wreck; no lives lost. There were nearly 300 guests in the hotel, mostly eastern people. Fire was discovered quick enough to give all an opportunity to escape. Most of the guest lost their trunks and clothing. Those who were not overcome by fright saved their jewelry and money. They were all huddled together on the ground where they had to shiver all night, many of them having on nothing more than their night clothes. The heat from the flames of the burning building kept them warm for some time, but as the flames died out many ladies suffered severely from the cold. All who could sought refuge in local hotels and arrangements have been made by the railroad companies to take them to San Francisco as early as possible. The hotel belonged to the Southern Pacific Railway Company and was considered the handsomest watering place hotel in America. It cost \$350,000 and was not insured.

GENERAL NEWS.

Gained From Our Exchanges in Different Sections of the Country.

Judge Cooley is chairman of the Inter State Commerce bill.

The Legislature of Virginia is tackling the State debt question with a vim.

Mr. Gladstone declares that the coercion bill shall not pass, and both he and Parnell are confident that they can defeat it.

"The sun do move." Little Rhode Island has half way agreed to abolish the property qualification and registry tax.

The high-license bill, known as the Crosby bill, has passed both houses of the New York assembly and is now in the hands of the Governor.

Hon. Daniel Manning, who is now at Bournemouth, is not seriously ill. He is suffering from a heart complaint, but his malady is not serious enough to prevent his driving out daily.

Two freight trains on the Michigan Central railroad collided near Springfield, Ont., 2nd inst. Two brakemen were killed and twenty-six cars and two engines demolished. The loss was very heavy.

Two violations of the liquor law, in Providence, Rhode Island, were sentenced to thirty days in jail and to pay \$100 fine and costs. Others will soon follow, and the men for whom capias have been issued are reported to be fleeing from the city right and left.

The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 2,756,838 bales, of which 2,163,838 bales are American, against 2,758,859 bales and 2,269,759 bales respectively last year; receipts at interior towns, 29,299 bales; receipts at plantations, 3,437 bales; crop in sight, 6,009,224 bales.

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