

NORTH CAROLINA NOTES.

CHOICE ITEMS TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND BOILED DOWN FOR THE HERALD READERS.

The State Episcopal Convention will meet next year in Salisbury.

The Raleigh street railway is to be extended, so we see in an exchange.

The State Guard numbers 1,200 members all told, and is a fine body of citizen soldiery.

A hiddenite gem has been found in Alexander county that, when cut, will be worth \$600.

Charlotte is rejoicing over the prospect of a female doctor. Her name is Annie Lowrie Alexander.

The contractor for building the street railway in Wilmington will begin work in about a week.

The Star says about 7,000 people witnessed the drill and encampment in Wilmington on the 20th inst.

Capt. M. O. Hawkins and a small squad of hands began work on the Taylorsville Railroad on the 19th inst.

The law prohibiting the sale of cigars, soda-water, tobaccos, etc., on Sunday in Durham, is being enforced.

The Gold Leaf proposes that the farmers of Vance county hold a cattle show after their crops are laid by.

The Washington Progress has been enlarged to an eight column paper, and is published under new management.

Now that the enterprise has assumed a solid foundation, Greensboro will also have street cars. The city is on a general boom.

Senator Vance's youngest son, Thomas, will soon leave this State for Seattle, Washington Territory, where he intends to reside.

Workmen are busily engaged on the new reservoir at Salem; it will be connected with the old reservoir and have a capacity of 50,000 gallons.

George W. Cable, a Northerner who has written many bitter articles about the South and grossly misrepresented it, is now in this State lecturing.

While hunting crows at his home near Gold Rock, Mr. W. R. Mann's gun exploded, without hurting him however. He afterwards picked up twenty-two pieces of the gun.

We see in the Enquirer & Express that a gentleman has said that if the new railroad taps the Carolina Central at Monroe, he will erect a cotton compress there if it costs \$50,000.

Mr. H. W. Kronheimer has withdrawn from the editorial management of the Oxford Torchlight and will engage in a more paying business. He has labored hard for the upbuilding of that thrifty town.

Sixty thousand dollars worth of machinery is now on the ground for the smelting works building at Thomasville by a Northern company. The works will cover the largest part of ten acres.

It is now claimed that Walter Bingham is in Paris; he is reported as having been seen there by persons who knew him in this State, and who refuse to have him arrested on account of respect for his relatives.

Messrs. Strause & Raab, of Richmond, Va., have bought a lot in Henderson, and will soon build a four story brick tobacco factory thereon. It will be 40 x 125 feet, and will be constructed with an eye to convenience.

A tremendous rain and hail storm fell in Asheville on the 20th inst. The Citizen office was so badly damaged that it was impossible for the paper to be issued next day. The store occupied by Baird & Reynolds was damaged about \$500 worth by it.

Two young men, named John Norwood and F. W. Strum, had a difficulty about some cows, near Townsville, Vance Co., Sunday before last, which resulted in the difficulty being settled by Norwood's shooting Strum in the abdomen, from which he died in a few hours.

Remarkable Man.

What a remarkable man is Jefferson Davis. He has lived to witness the death of nearly all of his contemporaries under the old government, and has seen a large majority of his traducers consigned to the grave, and yet he lives on and not only does not lag superfluous on the stage, but retained to a wonderful degree the brilliant and vigorous intellect that has characterized his remarkable career.

A Youthful Merchant.

Some odd facts are occasionally developed beneath a most commonplace surface. Happening in a large hat store and cap establishment—wholesale—the other day, I inquired for the proprietor. A boy about eleven years old was pointed out to me. "But I want to see the proprietor," I said. "I am the proprietor of this store—what can I do for you?" exclaimed the lad. And, sure enough, investigation proved that he was the actual owner of the establishment, and nominally the head of the firm.

Mrs. Nimrod.

Nimrod was a mighty hunter. He was probably that way from a boy, always hunting. He ran away from school to hunt woodchucks. Put him at work in the hay field, and unless he was watched, he would hunt a cool, shady place and lie down. When he grew up he hunted a wife, we supposed, and every spring he had the usual experience in house hunting.

We hear nothing about Mrs. Nimrod, but we will bet anything her life was not a happy one. When there was house cleaning to do Nimrod would shoulder his gun and start off to hunt squirrels. And some day, after she had done a big washing, he would come home at eleven or twelve o'clock at night and insist upon her getting up a game dinner for himself and a lot of brother sportsmen that he had brought with him, all of them more or less under the influence of "budge."

Stranding Pharaoh.

In the May Century are two profusely illustrated articles under the above caption describing the discovery of Pharaoh's tomb and picturing its contents. From the first article by Mr. Wilson, the photographer, we quote this account of the way in which the tomb was located: "In a line of tombs be, and the Ramesseum lived four sturdy Arabs named Abd-er-Rasoul. They supplied guides and donkeys to tourists who desired to visit the ruins of Thebes, and sold them genuine and spurious antiquities."

A Bridge of Living Fish.

A traveler who has recently returned from a trip through British Columbia says that one day last November it was possible to lay boards on top of the fish in a small stream which empties into the Fraser and pass over, as if on a living pontoon bridge, to the opposite bank. The fish had been driven in the stream by the back-water of the Fraser and were packed together like sardines in a can.

Afraid of the Colored Element.

St. Louis, May 20.—at to day's session of the Presbyterian General Assembly there were presented a large number of communications from Presbyteries on the subject of organic union with the North Church. The Mission Synod believes that the Church should be non-political and advocated the union of the assemblies. Several communications were received opposing the union on the ground that the difficulty would be with the colored element. They felt that it would be dangerous to mingle with the colored children in the schools and churches.

Indiana Election Fraud Indictments.

Indianapolis, May 20—Fresh interest in the local election fraud cases was revived to-night by the announcement that the Grand Jury of the Federal Court had returned ten or eleven indictments. Nothing is authoritatively known as to who the indicted persons are, but it is generally understood that the list comprises the four original defendants—Coy, Spaan, Bernhamer and Counsel—and Messrs. Mattler, Sullivan, Budd and Carnahan. All except Carnahan are Democrats.

Production of Precious Metals.

The Director of the Mint, in his annual report estimates the production of the United States to have been in 1886, gold, \$35,000,000; silver, \$51,000,000. The production of gold shows a considerable increase over the prior year, namely, \$3,200,000. The production of silver is slightly less than in 1885, but this production has largely increased since 1880. The year's product of gold has appropriated the maximum of the last seven years, the product of 1880, which reached \$36,000,000 against \$35,000,000 in 1886. Colorado retains first rank as the largest producer of the precious metals in the United States.

The Importance of a Well Spent Youth.

As the beauty of summer, the fruitfulness of autumn, and the support of winter, depend upon spring; so the happiness, wisdom and piety of middle life and old age depend upon youth. Youth is the seed-time of life. If the farmer does plough his land, and commit the precious seed to the ground in spring, it will be too late afterwards; so if we, while young, neglect to cultivate our hearts and minds, by not sowing the seeds of knowledge and virtue, our future lives will be ignorant, vicious and wretched.

and also thistles shall it bring forth; but this curse is teamed into a blessing by the diligent and industrious, who are never happy when unemployed, who delight in labor and exertion, and receive an ample reward for all their toils. As the spring is the most important part of the year, so is the youth the most important period of life. Surely, God has a claim to our first and principal attention, and religion demands the morning of our days and the first season, the spring of our lives: before we are encumbered by cares, distressed by affliction, or engaged in business, it becomes us to resign our souls to God. Perhaps you may live for many years then you will be happy in possessing knowledge, and piety, and be enabled to do good to others; but if, just as youth is showing to buds and blossoms, the flower should be snapped from its stalk by the rude hand of death, oh! how important that it should be transplanted from earth to flourish forever at the foot of the tree of life, and beside the waters of the river of life in heaven.

J. H. HINES.

One Acre and One Cow.

This is the advice of an old man who tilled the soil for forty years: I am an old man, upwards of three score years, during two score of which I have been a tiller of the soil. I cannot say that I am now, but I have been rich and have all that I need, do not owe a dollar, have given my children a good education, and when I am called away will leave enough to keep the wolf from the door. My experience taught me that one acre of land well prepared and well cultivated produces more than two which receives only the same amount used on one. One cow, horse, mule, sheep or hog well fed is more profitable than two kept on the same amount necessary to keep one well. One acre of clover or grass is worth two of cotton where no clover or grass is raised. No farmer who buys oats, corn or wheat, fodder and hay, as a rule, for ten years, can keep the sheriff away from his door in the end. The farmer who never reads the papers; sneers at book farming and improvements, always has a leaky roof; poor stock, broken down fences and complains of bad seasons. The farmer who is above his business and entrusts it to another to manage soon has no business to attend to.—Exchange.

Lafferty on Dr. McFerrin.

He was in his prime and power before a synd of his brethren, before the great congregation, before the people he spoke to the passions and the prejudices. Men wept at his word or roared in laughter at his nasal drollery. He could melt or make men merry at his will. In the histrionic art the highest excellence is to stir the blood while icy yourself. The great Talma could recite a form of words in tones that sent women swooning to the floor and took away the wits of men. And in an undertone would criticize to the actors, near by, the convulsed spectators. McFerrin had similar rare gifts. His eyes were dry when tears flowed in every paw. The moisture was in the tone. He could start a tumult of loud fun, but not smile smoothed his grim features. He was never calm, keen-eyed, quick to follow up advantage. He rode and directed the storm he let loose, but was never over-mastered by it. He had the instinct of the warrior. The moment his appeal to the tender feelings or his broad-side of humor begat confusion in the ranks, he put spurs and charged down on his adversaries, seldom failing to rout them.

His readiness at repartee had a certain hair-trigger quickness and the double sights of the deadly dueling pistol. It was fatal at the first fire. It was a matter of usual observation that the features of Dr. McFerrin were of the red Indian type. The portrait of Black Hawk would have many points in common with his rugged, stern, strong face. And it will be admitted that he had the wariness, strategy and rush with the tomahawk of these warriors of the woods. He fought for victory, and gave no quarter.

The Trade Dollar.

Many inquiries are made whether trade dollars can now be used as a circulating medium among the people. Yes. A trade dollar is as valuable as the standard dollar for all purposes of trade, and business men will receive them, as will banks and other financial institutions, but banks and other financial institutions will send them to the Treasury for redemption, and not pay them out again. In short, the trade dollar is now the legal representative of a standard silver dollar, and will continue to be so until the 4th day of September next. It will therefore command the value of a dollar in all the channels of trade during that period, after which it will be only silver bullion worth a little over 80 cents.—Greensboro North State.

How to Keep a Town Down.

Horace Greeley, in the course of his public and journalistic career, said many wise things, but there are none more wise than the following: "If you want to keep a town from thriving don't erect more buildings than you can occupy yourselves. If you should accidentally have a building vacant, and any one should want to rent it, ask three times the value of it. Demand a Shylock price for every foot of ground God has given you stewardship over. Turn a cold shoulder to every business man and merchant who seeks a home with you. Look at every newcomer with a scowl. Run down the work of every new workman. Go abroad for wares, rather than to those who seek to do business in your midst. Fail to advertise, or in any way support your town newspaper."

Buried White in a Trance.

A horrible case of trance has occurred at Odessa, in Russia, and owing to the position of the person, has caused considerable sensation. Major Majuroff, an artillery officer, and aide-de-camp to the Governor General of Odessa, aged 35, died, as was supposed, three weeks ago somewhat suddenly, and was interred forty hours afterward. His funeral was marked by much military pomp and by the presence of all the civic and military nobles. A few days ago, while the family vault in the necropolis was being renovated for the Russian Fetes des Morts, the coffin lid was noticed to have been forced partly opened. It was immediately removed, and the body was dreadfully lacerated, and the flesh gnawed from the hands. The corpse was still bleeding, which confirms the statement of workman that his attention was first attracted by a noise in the coffin and the unfortunate man died only on the instant of the appalling discovery.—London Daily News.

Vance.

All honor to Zebulon Baird Vance! We care not what others say of him, we will follow him to the Ultimathule of the political world, if need be. Nor will we denounce him, no matter what others do. We regard him as the great Democratic Moses to lead us out of the wilderness into to which we have been falsely led by a Mugwump President and his lesser dupes. We believe that the great masses of the people are opposed to all such nonsense. We believe that Z. B. Vance alone can lead the people to victory in our next election.

By following the lead of lesser lights and political and editorial fledglings the State was nearly lost last election. We do not say that Vance should be retired from the Senate and put at the head of our ticket, but we do say, that North Carolina must not throw cold water on her great Senator. Listen to him, ye editors and politicians, follow in his lead. He hath never made a political mistake, and the hearts of the people beat in unison with the great and manly heart of Vance. So unite the party at once. Fire hot shot and shell into the ranks of Mugwumpism, for verily if we wish to succeed in 1888, we can only do so by a straight-out manly fight, and not by the attenuated moonshine of a deluded Democracy.—Windsor Ledger.

RANDOM RAKINGS.

NEWSY ITEMS WHICH ARE GLEANED FROM MANY VARIOUS SOURCES FOR OUR READERS.

The Pope threatens to excommunicate Dr. McGlynn if he does not present himself at Rome.

It is estimated that one-half of the saloons in Philadelphia will be closed under the new license law.

Forest fires are raging in Michigan and Wisconsin; several mining villages are threatened with destruction.

If most women possess as much prudence as they do vanity, we should find many husbands much happier.—Belknap.

The Standard Oil Company is the greatest monopoly the world has ever seen. It has \$150,000,000 capital, and its profits are enormous.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission continue to receive petitions for permanent suspension of the fourth clause of the inter-State law.

Women have more strength in their looks than we have in our laws, and more power in their tears than we have in our arguments.—Saville.

Odgersburg, N. Y., has now gone Democratic for the first time in its history and so goes the upsetting of Republican rule all over the country.

Edison, who is at Fort Myers, Fla., has got his sea-telephone so, will transmit sounds under the water between two vessels about three miles apart.

Incendiary fires at Minneapolis caused a loss of \$150,000; it is believed "fire bugs" are at work and all mills, lumber yards and factories are guarded.

Since Professor Proctor has figured out that the sun is 1,200,000 larger than the earth a great many people now want the sun instead of just the earth.—Puck.

The street car drives of Indianapolis are on a strike, and only one car on each line is being run in order to preserve their charter rights. There is no trouble so far.

A horse kicking over a lamp in Hoyt's livery stable at Newton, Mass., started a conflagration that destroyed twenty-one buildings and caused a loss of \$60,000.

Old Doctor John Burnett died in squallor down on South Fourth street, in Philadelphia, while piles of greenbacks and silver were found everywhere in his miserable home in that city.

The number of immigrants landed at Castle Garden amounts to 133,000, or over 40,000 more than for the same period last year, and as a rule are better and more intelligent than usual.

Young James H. Yarborough, son of Mr. R. F. Yarborough, of Louisiana, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree in Missouri. The penalty is imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

The people of Nova Scotia continue the agitation of the subject of a separation from the Dominion of Canada. Some of them want independence, but others desire annexation to the United States.

It is proposed to erect a monument to Robert Snow, the founder of the first Sunday school in Brooklyn. The estimated cost will be about \$10,000, to be raised by subscription from Sunday-school scholars.

Charles Winslow, vice-consul at Guerrero, Mexico, reports a falling off in the importation into that country of articles of American production. Especially is this true of raw cotton and tobacco. It is expected that in a few years, Mexico, instead of importing cotton, will be enabled to export it.

In Davis county, Ind., last week, William A. Sanderford shot and killed his sixteen-year-old son, whom he mistook for a burglar. The boy was a somnambulist and was walking in his sleep. The father saw him and called to him. The boy did not answer him, but in his sleep said, "Come on, Dick," addressing his dog. The father understood this as a call to a confederate and fired, killing the boy instantly.