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NEWS ITEMS.

GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

Happenings in This bustling Land Ours.

We learn that the farmers in Bertie county are hiring only white labor.

Benny Harrison, in his letter accepting the Republican nomination, said that "fitness not party service" was to be his guide in appointments if elected.

If the negroes who stand around on the streets and talk emigration, would go to work, they would be better off.

In the very meeting to which Mr. St. John objected, one of the speakers, referring to Jefferson Davis, said, "He should bear no stigma that is not ours."

In the South it is different. The section abandoned by the negroes is productive, the climate is mild; and it is not unhealthy, though it can scarcely be called invigorating.

Mr. Noah Avery, of the New Ditch section, Pamlico county, was killed on Thursday by a falling tree.

Our venerable countyman, Jno. B. Headen, Esq., informed us a few days ago that the winter of 1848-49 was as mild and unseasonable as the present one has been.

The Southern Iron Company will soon begin at Chattanooga, Tennessee, to manufacture steel by the open hearth or basic process, exclusively of Southern ores.

Different Views of Death

It is an interesting inquiry why civilized man has for so long a time manifested a horror of sudden death. The Pagans knew no such feeling, but, on the contrary, they prayed for the mode of death which to Christians has appeared so dreadful.

Nor indeed is the common sense of mankind so astray on this subject as the conventional position indicates. Speaking in the freedom of private conversation, many persons are heard to express the thought that they would prefer this mode of death to any other for themselves.

In effect the whole idea represented is Pagan. That which is so shrunken from the material and unspiritual of visions. To die, from this point of view, is to lie in cold obstruction and to rot.

Lessing's essay upon the manner in which the Greeks represented death is full of instruction and suggestion upon the subject.

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The Use of An Enemy.

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of existence and position; to run against something is proof of motion.

2. An enemy is, to say the least, not partial to you. He will not flatter. He will not exaggerate your virtues. It is very probable that he will slightly magnify your faults.

3. In addition, your enemy keeps you wide awake. He does not let you sleep at your post. There are two that always keep watch, namely, the lover and the hater.

4. He is a detective among your friends. You need to know who your friends are, and who are not, and who are your enemies. The last of these three will discriminate the other two. When your enemy goes to one who is neither friend nor enemy, and assails you, the indifferent one will have nothing to say or chime in, not because it is so much easier to assert than to oppose.

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A Happy "Meejum."

Mr. Kindly—Well, Uncle Peter, how does the world serve you these days?

Uncle Peter—Oh, firs' rate, sah, firs' rate; I ain't so rich ez Mistah Vanderbilt, no so po' as Job's turkey, sah, but I jess seem ter hab truck a happy meejum 'tween dem two gemmen, sah, an' I se very well satisfied.—Detroit Free Press.

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SAM GREEN.

THE BILL ARP OF JOHNSTON COUNTY.

Mr. Editor: Cats, cats! never saw the like of stray cats in my life! Mrs. G. declares she will kill out the whole business and destroy the race of cats.

Warm weather and fresh meat cause to be restless and have had dreams at night, and when I awake in a "ream-oh, blazes! those cats! they are fighting, and I almost think the "old boy" has me sure enough; but it is only a cat-fight, that's all.

I wish I had sowed my garden peas a month ago, for I don't believe we are going to have any cold weather at all, and if we don't, you know they would have been ready by the first of February.

This pretty weather finds us all at work on our farms, trying to regain what we lost last year. We are plowing right along, breaking land and turning the litter and trash under and bringing the bottom side to the top.

It is a good time to do fencing now. Never take down a fence as long as you can help it. Re-set it by putting in a rail where one is needed.

It's a great pity we haven't the "no-fence" law. A great pity! But we haven't and so we must do the best we can under the old law.

Plantation paths should be worked at this season of the year. We neglect this important duty as much as anything on the farm.

Guano season is coming again and I wonder how the two giants will make it this time? In this one thing alone we see the power which brains and capital have over ignorance and labor.

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By actual count 6,199 young men entered the doors of 105 of the saloons of St Paul in one hour on a recent Saturday evening.

A Milwaukee educator says that in the districts in that city where saloons are most numerous teachers complain that many of the scholars are so stupid from drinking beer that work on them is almost useless.

Congressman Breckenridge, of Kentucky, says that the Kentucky distillers promise to send him to Congress forever if he will promise that the internal revenue laws concerning liquor shall not be disturbed.

Carson Parker was found dead in a saloon in Pueblo, Colorado, on Sunday. At one time he was one of the most eminent preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church in New York State.

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STATE NEWS.

NEWSY GLEANINGS FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Choice Clippings For Our Many Busy Readers.

Newton Enterprise: From Mr. W. A. Campbell, who is here attending court, we learn that peach trees in some places in Haywood county are out in full bloom.

Winston Daily: An average of thirty thousand dollars a day for the past two months is the sum paid out for leaf tobacco in Winston. Pretty big figures, aren't they? But that is just the kind Winston deals in.

Statesville Landmark: A sheriff in one of the counties of western North Carolina was recently on his tax rounds, and, talking to one of his constituents, made some reference to the death of Jeff. Davis.

Raleigh News-Observer: Westworth, N. C., Jan. 13, 1889.—I enclose you a section of old field pine limbs which I found this morning. You will see it is flushed with pure sugar.

Marion Free Lance: Mr. Wm. Wiseman aged about 70 years, while cutting logs on the mountain side, fell and was run over and so badly crushed by a big log he had cut off that he died after lingering a few hours.

Late Thursday evening as the hand car was coming up the railroad, the team of Mr. Teague, not seeing the hand car, started to cross the track, and on seeing the car, stopped the mules, but the wagon tongue was over the track.

Charlotte News: Passengers who came in Saturday from the Western North Carolina road report that United States Marshall had a pretty tough case or two on a train that day. The prisoner was a 70 year old man from Cherokee county.

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