

STATE NEWS.

Gleaned from our Exchanges.

Tobacco Plant: Graded school is all the talk on our streets. The report of rust on wheat southeast of Durham has been confirmed. The rarest thing on record is the skating rink for the colored people. It is said to be equal to John Robinson's circus. Elizabeth City Economic: President Phillips with Manager M. K. King passed over the road Saturday en route for New Bern, with a pleasant party. There is not much corn shipped from this section just now, owing to the farmers holding back for better prices.

Evening Visitor: Col. W. L. Saunders has gone to the Warm Springs. Eight wagons on Martin street this morning contained 28 bales of cotton. These enterprises, druggists, Messrs. Peacock, Lee & Co. received a letter by post yesterday at noon, all the way from the West Coast of Africa, containing an order for drugs, amounting to one hundred pounds sterling.

Free Will Baptist: Elder J. S. Cummings will preach at the new church at Cross Creek the fourth Sunday in May. We have met several of our brethren in the City this week. Among them was brother Nathan Hill of Lenoir county. Elder Henry Cunningham and J. S. Cummings called on Tuesday. Elder Cunningham is here in attendance on United States' Court.

Wid. Review: Mr. J. W. Branch cut snap beans out of his garden yesterday. He dug Irish potatoes on March 20th. Early in the morning the truckers hereabouts were apprehending a frost last night. We sold one of them 1,000 old newspapers with which he covered his garden. There was a severe gale at Smithville yesterday, the wind blowing at one time at the rate of 70 miles per hour which was the force of a hurricane. There was no damage reported save an interruption to the telegraph lines and those were repaired yesterday morning.

Winston Journal: The Salem Silver Cornet Band will make the music at Trinity commencement. The graduating class of Salem Female Academy numbers twelve young ladies. Salem Chapel Township gives a majority of thirteen in the case of the fence law. Mr. J. R. Joyce has given us a bear that grew upon his father's plantation, in Stokes county, which measures 194 feet, \$20 per year for each hydrant is what the rate will pay for the use of water. The number of hydrants are not to exceed fifty. Winston is busy. On every hand new improvements are noticeable. Ground has been broken at Liberty street, north of the Post Office, by Mr. J. A. Hitting, for a block of buildings. Mr. J. C. Buxton is having the foundation arranged for another block on the lot north of the jail, on same street. All is life and animation and we take it that a new era of prosperity is dawning on Winston.

From the Farmer and Mechanic. North Carolina Inventions. Prof. O. R. Smith tells us that his cotton picker instead of proving a failure at Atlanta Exposition as was reported, met with more commendation than he had reason to expect, and will be brought forward more prominently than ever in due season. We truly wish him success. The need for a good Cotton picker is already very urgent, and each season becomes more pressing, as the negroes drift Northward and Westward, or (as the case with nearly all the better class) acquire lands, or a business, of their own, thereby reducing the supply of cotton-picking labor. It is reasonable to assume that a really practicable Cotton Picker would save one fifth of the cotton which is now lost every year. The manufacturer of such a machine would become a millionaire, at a royalty of even one dollar per bale.

We note, by the by, that Mr. Chas. C. Price, Jr., of Elizabeth City has filed a patent for a picker, which the papers of that town unite in praising, as both "simple and practicable," clearing the cotton row as fast as a horse can walk. We trust these high hopes may be realized in actual practice. In the above connection we recall the fact that our young friend, Reuben P. Davis, of Monroe, (at one time a newspaper man) has patented the machine which he used successfully on his own farm last fall for cleaning dirty seed-cotton. It cleans the cotton of all dirt, leaves, trash, etc., before entering the gin, thus adding one or two cents per pound to its value. As it cost only \$25, the machine ought to sell very rapidly, after having a fair test, and after Mr. Davis prints testimonials to that effect in the Farmer and Mechanic.

Rev. T. H. Pegram, of Winston, has invented a car-coupler, which his friends think will be a great success. He got the idea, by sudden inspiration, the Leader states, just after reading the remark that a thousand lives had been lost in a few years past, in coupling freight cars. Mr. D. Frank Caldwell, of Greensboro, has also patented a Car-coupler. This reminds us that a brother, M. S. Shotwell, now at Harrisburg, Penn., some years ago made a model of a car-coupler which was self-fastening, and would suit any height of truck, and to our notion, was superior to any we had seen. He, however, deemed the costs of a patent, and of securing its adoption, were too risky to undertake. He preferred to patent his simple contrivance, known as "The M. S. Shotwell Car Coupler." (For assisting the restoration of de-railed cars and engines); and we notice that he is fast coming into favor; some 40 Railroads now using it and the New York Central R. R., which has many hundreds of trains, is negotiating for its adoption.

Patents have been granted as follows: Wm. C. Penland, Asheville, assignor of one-half to J. M. Brookshier, for pruning-knife; Lewis S. Heifer, assignor to himself and E. O. Elliot, Catawba Springs, N. C., seed-planter coverer, and fertilizer distributor; D. L. Shumaker, Washington, D. C., assignor of one-third to John Hughes, New Bern, N. C., machine for cleaning and scouring rice, etc. Elder T. L. Bodenheimer of Kernersville, the News of that place says, has invented a plow that will do the work of 4 men. Armistead Barksdale, of Statesville, has invented and patented a Felling Hoghead, which can be used till it wears out. Geo. Allen & Co., of New Bern, are manufacturing a cultivator for cotton, corn and rice, which they claim will cultivate both sides of the row at one operation, enabling one man and one mule to cultivate eight acres of young cotton or corn per day.

The Goldboro Opera House will be well protected from fire in the future. Two powerful force pumps are being set in position by Mr. Bonitz.

Irish Potatoes: Captain S. H. Gray sent us a treat yesterday, in the way of Irish potatoes; the first we have seen this season. Some of them were nearly as large as a goose egg. Smoke House Robbed. The smoke house of Mrs. Eleanor Koonce of Chiquapin, Jones county, was robbed of its contents—the family supply of bacon for the year—last Saturday night. The thief not found. Personal. Mr. George Allen and Rev. L. C. Vance are attending the meeting of the North Carolina Presbytery at Lexington this week. Mr. David Sanderlin, a prominent farmer of Onslow county, is in the city.

Feed the Lambs. Superintendent J. H. Mills of the Oxford Orphan Asylum in the city buying potatoes, corn and fish for his family which numbers one hundred and thirty-five. Couldn't have found a better place in North Carolina, for since we have strolled around these streets, by ways and docks, potatoes, fish and corn were to be found in abundance. Mr. Mills made a purchase of 15,000 herrings from Watson & Daniels at cost.

Teeth of May. On the 10th of May, the anniversary of the death of General Stone wall Jackson, the usual commemorative services, to our gallant Confederate Dead, will be observed. The preparations for a proper celebration of them, are now in progress, of which due notice will be given.

We hope that Confederate soldiers in the vicinity, as well as those in New Bern, will assemble on that occasion, to assist in paying this tribute to the memory of our gallant warriors.

Mental Arithmetic in U. S. Court. District Attorney: "How much liquor did Brown sell Humphrey?" Witness Scott: "Four gallons, three quarts and one pint." Attorney: "What was it measured in?" Witness: "In a quart pot." Attorney: "How many times was the quart pot filled?" Witness: "Starting up in vacancy, and nervously twisting his fingers, while making a rapid mental calculation, while the Judge ejaculates, sotto voce, 'a question in mental arithmetic.' 'Thirty-five times and one-half.'"

Coming to the Point. Judge S.: "Mr. Perry do you know the general character of the witness?" Mr. P.: "His neighbors speak well of him." Judge: "That is not the question. Do you know his general character?" Witness: "All that I know is that he stands well in the community." Judge: "You misapprehend my question. I ask you know the witness' character?" Witness, evidently badgered: "All that I can say is that his neighbors give him a good character."

Fifty Dollar Speeches. One accustomed to Court House proceedings can generally guess pretty closely about what fees the attorneys receive, from the character of their speeches. A ten dollar fee produces a shored, drawing talk; twenty-five dollars will put some considerable fire in the attorneys; and fifty dollars will make a lawyer make a speech worth listening to. We listened yesterday to Messrs. F. M. Simmons and L. J. Moore in the Morton case, and pretty soon discovered that their clients had been spending money. We rate their speeches as fifty dollar talks, for both attorneys were making strenuous efforts for victory. The speeches were logical, to the point and well delivered. We would take great pleasure in hearing these gentlemen in \$500 speeches.

Evidence to Convict. In the verdicts rendered this week in the Federal Court we think we notice a very perceptible difference between this Court and our State Courts in regard to the evidence necessary to secure conviction. Here, the juries want every avenue closed and all their leaning seems to be to the accused. The Government is looked on rather as an alien, with a desire to oppress and prosecute home people. In the State Courts criminals get but little sympathy and when indicted for felony the presumption of guilt is rather against than for them. It is almost impossible for man to free himself entirely from prejudice, and while we think this prejudice does exist, it is unconscious on the part of jurors, for we admit that the jury this week is composed of some of the best men in this and the adjoining counties.

Judge Gilmer. This gentleman whom it was our pleasure to meet in Kinston on Tuesday, had had the pleasure of meeting many of his old Regiment, the 27th, while holding the courts in the 3rd district. There were in the 27th two companies from Lenoir, two from Wayne, two from Pitt, and one from Jones. The Judge readily recognizes any of his old comrades who grasp his hand and say "how are you Colonel;" and then he is ready to talk of the times that tried men's souls, and many of the old veterans can beat him on a real war yarn, but the Judge enjoys it just the same. We have not had the pleasure of attending his court while in session but from all reports we take him to be a model Judge. We had the pleasure, however, or rather it was our duty to follow him through many hard fought fields in Virginia, and we remember distinctly how gracefully he fell on the bloody field of Bristoe Station, and how disgracefully we ran after being plunged with three yankee bullets, fortunately none of them affecting our propelling powers.

The Judge is taking a great interest in making up the records of the old 27th; he has urged upon them to get the names of all their dead comrades and send them to him and he will forward them immediately to Maj. Moore who has been appointed to prepare a roster for defendant and from Mr. Bagley for the Government the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty."

We are pleased to learn that our townsman, Mr. George L. Wadsworth, has secured remunerative employment as steward with Dr. Blackhall in the Yarrowburgh House at Raleigh.

The New Bern Daily JOURNAL is the liveliest corpse that that journalistic graveyard has yet produced.—Greensboro News.

Quaker Bridge Road. The board of directors of the Penitentiary were in session yesterday. They took some action relative to sending a force of convicts at an early day to complete the Quaker Bridge road, in Jones and Onslow counties. It will be remembered that last year the convicts were taken from this work, owing to the numerous escapes.—News & Observer. We take great pleasure in publishing this extract from the News & Observer. We have been urging this matter in and out of season in the JOURNAL, and feel that we are entitled to some credit in accomplishing this work.

We urge now that the convicts be sent as soon as possible. The pocon through which the road will run is dry now and the weather just suitable for effective work. Fifty convicts, under a competent Superintendent, ought to finish the road in ninety days; and if at once the work can be finished before the hot and sickly season. Let them come at once.

I Never Stole the Beef. In the cross examination of John B. Hill, on Friday, in the case of illicit distilling from Lenoir, the counsel for defense wanted to discredit witness and asked him about a little unpleasantness. Attorney: Have you ever been indicted for stealing? Witness: Never. Attorney: Tell us about Blackledge Harper's yearling.

Witness: I never stole the yearling. John L. Williams and I were driving up my cattle and one of Blackledge Harper's yearlings followed us home. Williams killed him and I got forty pounds of the beef from him, but I had nothing to do with the stealing. Williams, after killing the beef, slit the ears and changed into his own mark, and brought me to observe so that I could swear the yearling was in his mark; and I told him I'd do it, but I do certainly deny that I had anything to do with stealing. Attorney: Were you ever indicted for obtaining money under false pretences? Witness: Never. Croom Stroud had me taken up for selling my own fodder.

Court Proceedings. Friday was Lenoir day in the United States Court and the celebrated illicit distilling cases came on. United States vs. J. B. Hill.—Illicit distilling. The defendant entered a plea of guilty. United States vs. Asa Waller.—Illicit distilling. John B. Hill, the defendant who had just pleaded guilty, was introduced as a witness for the Government: "I lived in Lenoir county, on the south side of Neuse river. Am a farmer. I bought the still from Jack Palmer, and run it a while in the woods near my house, and then put it in my smoke house. I sold the still to Asa Waller, the defendant, and he told me he intended to run it. I moved away from there and Mrs. Moody, my wife's sister, moved in and run the still for Asa Waller. Asa was to pay her 25 cents for 'singlings' and 50 cents for 'doublings' I was around there afterwards and saw Asa carry meal to and take liquor from the still."

Cross examined: What kind of farming have I done in the last nine or ten months? Been farming in jail. Never was indicted for stealing a cow. Never was arrested for obtaining money under false pretences. Mrs. J. B. Hill: "Am the wife of witness who has just testified. Saw Asa Waller carry meal to the still when Elizabeth Moody was running it. W. A. Coleman: "I am the Commissioner that examined this case in Lenoir. Would have bound Elizabeth Moody over to court, but she fled before trial."

This closed the testimony for the prosecution, and the defense, represented by Messrs. L. J. Moore and J. F. Wooten introduced the following testimony: Robert Harper: "I am a public miller in Lenoir county near where defendant resides. I sold him his meal for the year 1881—furnishing him a half bushel about twice a month during the year. The defendant's character is good; Hill's character is bad for lying and fussing."

Simpson Harper: Asa Waller's character is good; don't know about Hill's. Nathan Hill: "I am a preacher; have known defendant and witness for many years. Waller's character is good; Hill's is pretty tolerably bad. I had him employed once and turned him off for lying. Henry Cunningham: "I am a Minister of the Gospel. Waller's character is good; Hill's bad." Lemson Smith: "Waller's character is good; Hill's bad."

Cross examined: "Can I give anybody's name whom I have ever heard say Hill's character was bad? Yes. Mr. Heath said he had rogued him out of \$15. Anybody else. Yes. Dr. Bartleson said he was a liar and a disturber in a neighborhood. Anybody else. Haywood Waller says he is a liar. Do you want any more names?" The case went to the jury after speeches from Messrs Moore and Wooten for defendant and District Attorney Robinson for Government, and their verdict was, "not guilty."

United States vs. David Morton: Robbing Post office at Grantsboro: Plea of Guilty. United States vs. C. L. Davis: For transporting whiskey distilled illicitly from his son to F. M. Haskins' store. Plea of Guilty. United States vs. John E. Deaver: For carrying corn to illicit distillery for distillation.

John B. Hill testified that in the spring of 1879 he was running two stills for Wm. Perry and James Davis. The stills were in his kitchen, and defendant, John E. Deaver, used to furnish the meal used for making the whiskey. Witness was subjected to about the same line of cross examination as in the case of Asa Waller reported above, and about the same character of testimony introduced as to character as in the Waller case.

After speeches from Mr. L. J. Moore for defendant and from Mr. Bagley for the Government the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty."

It is Curious That catfish should swim backwards in the month of May. That some people will insist on going against their own interests. That anybody should be opposed to graded schools. That a fat man should tremble with cold in warm weather. That the colored voters should be asked to stand in the way of free schools.—Durham Tobacco Plant.

A Remarkable Fact for Edgecombe County. A Superior Court has been held and there was not a single trial for larceny. No one goes to the penitentiary from this term of the court. There are only four occupants of the jail, and two of them were sentenced by the last inferior court. Crime is on the decrease—good magistrates and good judges having done a great deal in relieving the country from the costs of criminal suits. Another argument for the present method of electing magistrates.—Turboro Southerner.

La Grange School. The following is the list of officers and speakers elected by the Washington Literary Society for the approaching commencement: President, Geo. W. Meiborn, Greene county; Secretary, Furney P. Wooten, Pitt county; Orator, Jefferson Davis, La Grange, N. C. DEBATORS.

W. K. Jacobson, Beaufort county. W. G. Sutton, Wayne county. DECLAIMERS. Logan D. Howell, Goldsboro. Geo. L. Capell, Lenoir county. MARSHALS. C. F. Hardy, Lenoir county. C. A. Blount, Pitt county. Benajah Herring, Wayne county. J. E. B. Whitfield, Lenoir county. W. E. Ormond, Greene county. Benajah Sutton, Wayne county. —Students' Monthly.

North Carolinians. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Raleigh, March 29, 1882.—Editors Constitution. No tabulated figures of the increase of grain and provision crops have been cast up in this office, but our correspondence, extending into every county in the State, keeps us generally well informed. Basing an opinion upon the evidences, I think that I am clearly within the limit of safe calculation in estimating the increased acreage in wheat, rye and oats at 33 1/2 per cent. over the crop of 1881; that of rice—principally highland rice, at 15 per cent.

Corn land is in preparation, and reports agree that more corn will be planted this year than formerly. The acreage for cotton will not be increased or diminished. The sale of fertilizers will not vary materially from last year's sales, and will reach 90,000 tons. Grain crops of all kinds are in good condition. Very sincerely yours, M. McGEHEE, Commissioner.

From the Farmer and Mechanic. North Carolina Timber. INTERESTING TO QUININE USERS. Mr. Irvin, a Northern man, traveling in Jackson county, writes: In my perambulations through your mountains I find what I believe to be the genuine Peruvian bark tree. I simply mention this fact to call attention to what may be a matter of importance to the pharmaceutical interests of the country."

WALNUT AND CANYON WOODS. The Salisbury Watchman remarks: "Some of the finest walnut trees in our mountains have been sold at \$40 each, just as they stand in the woods, the purchasers reserving the privilege to take them within a certain number of years. Nor is this considered a very high price; for the time is at hand when walnut timber will be in greater demand than ever; and it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain it. Walnut lumber is quoted in New York from \$190 to \$200 per M.

Farmers having old unproductive fields should set them in trees which will hereafter be valuable to their children, if not to themselves. Mr. Irvin, the Northern man before referred to, writes to the Chicago Lumbarman: "One man purchased 2,500 walnut trees in Jackson county, the smallest measuring two feet in diameter, and upward to five feet four inches. He says the hickory of Jackson is by odds the finest he has ever seen, and the quantity is immense. Some red hickories are four feet in diameter, and from seventy to eighty feet in body. In fact the timber of this mountain country is immensely valuable, and the quality and quantity are unsurpassed by any country of equal size in the United States, east of the Rocky Mountains."

We have heard of \$2,500 being realized from one stump. It was used for veneering. The opening up of the extreme western part of the State by the railroads now in progress will bring all of our fine lumber there within easy reach, and will attract capitalists from centres where such woods are appreciated. The Newton Enterprise says: "Mr. Solomon Shrum had a large poplar cut on his plantation, last week that was 135 feet high, 82 feet of which was good for lumber. It made seven saw logs without a knot, except the last twelve feet, which only had two knots. The tree was nearly twelve feet in circumference and three and a half in diameter, and made 2,350 feet of good lumber."

Cheap Living. Our Lenoir citizens who are attending court here as witnesses claim that they can live cheaper here than at home. "Buy all we can eat for ten cents," said Esq. James Herring, and sometimes we don't pay that. Big Potatoes. We have on our desk two new Irish potatoes, from the garden of Col. John D. Whitford, that weigh half pound. Beat them who can. They were taken from a quantity which he had dug up yesterday of the Early Rose variety.

In the Lenoir county cases the Grand Jury, yesterday, returned a True Bill against David C. Davis and not a True Bill in the case of F. M. Haskins.

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By virtue of a mortgage deed executed by Thomas F. Worley and wife, Mary E. Worley, and H. F. Brown to the Board of Commissioners of Jones county, on the 12th day of July, 1881, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Jones county, Book C No. 29 page 328, I will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Tremont at 12 M., the real estate conveyed in said mortgage, to-wit: A tract of land situated in Tuckahoe Township adjoining the lands of F. Williams and the heirs of A. Williams containing 128 acres, more or less, and being the same upon which the said T. F. Worley and wife now reside. E. M. FOSDICK, Clerk of Board Com. April 2nd, 1882. [Apr. 6-9-4.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed by Sylvester Leathers and wife, Alice Leathers, registered on the 6th day of June 1879 in Book 48 page 17, Registers office of Lenoir county, I will sell at the Court House door in the town of Kinston on Monday the 13th day of May, 1882, at 12 M., the real estate conveyed in said mortgage, consisting of two lots in the town of Kinston. Terms Cash. Wm. C. FIELDS, Feb. 25th, 1882. [Apr. 6-9-4.

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