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THE CONVICT CASE.
 The fact that eight of the convicts escaped from the camp on Monday morning—an account of which will be found in another column—naturally raises the question what is the matter? Are the guards not attending to their duty? No. Is there no bloodhound kept by the camp? No. Is there no reward for men who represent something like \$1,000 to the county? No. That exactly the state of affairs put in plain words. It may be news to some of the taxpayers of the county who have a right to say as to the management of affairs in the county but it is nevertheless a fact. The sooner something is done, the better for the county. Nearly all the convicts who escaped are sentenced to long terms. One was a murderer. As a remedy we think there should be a severe reprimand to the guards, if necessary discharge. Next the camp should keep at least two good blood hounds. The convicts should be made to wear the stripes instead of the ordinary blue overalls. Next the county commissioner should offer a reward, as soon as they learn that a convict has escaped. This reward will necessarily fluctuate according to the length of the terms of the escaped.

NORTH CAROLINA'S WEALTH.
 Her Natural Resources—A Job Beyond Popular Knowledge.
 It is expected that a closer acquaintance with the great Pan-American Exposition to be held at Buffalo next year will convince the people of North Carolina of the wisdom of being represented by a proper state exhibit. Where there is one reason for the state's representation at Paris there are a score of good reasons why it should have an exhibit at Buffalo. The great markets into which this state sends her products are the cities of the United States. The state is seeking, not settlers speaking a foreign tongue, but Americans from any state who are looking for grand opportunities for investment or for engaging actively in profitable lines of business. Many of our own people do not realize that they have one of the most productive states in the Union and one of the richest in natural resources.

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THE NEWS PENCIL.
 The duty of a newspaper as considered by the public is to give all the details of any matter of news. The metropolitan papers of the day endeavor to perform this so-called duty and in the fulfillment of its often publish articles which have little more than news for their foundation. Sensation in their motto and if there is no sensation, it is their duty to create something that will cause one. Now while a newspaper, in the fullest sense of that word, is supposed to give all the news it has no right to go further and its office ceases there. If in the kaleidoscope of events there is nothing of interest happening, the newspaper has no more right to conjure up startling occurrences than has a druggist to start an epidemic in order to sell his drugs.

CONTEST THE ELECTION.
 Evidence (7) being Collected.
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THE MINERAL WEALTH OF NORTH CAROLINA.
 The mineral wealth of North Carolina is as boundless as its agricultural and forest resources, and the further development of this wealth offers great inducements to capitalists seeking investment. They have no need to go to South Africa or the golden sands of Cape Nome. There are both gold and silver to be mined in paying quantities in North Carolina. Work is being pushed in the Greer, Capri Hill, Summerville and other mines in Mecklenburg county; in several mines in Cabarrus county; at the Gold Hill, Dutch Creek, and one or two other points in Rowan county; at the Belle mine in Moore county; Fortes mine in Franklin county; Mann-Arrington mine in Nash county; and at points in Stanly and Montgomery counties.

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