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The Caucasian says that Surry county Alliance has contributed \$5.00 to the Pollt monument. We did not know there was such an organization in existence.

The Winston Republican says that electoral fusion between the Populist and Republicans in North Carolina this year, is not only next to impossible, but undesirable and dangerous.

Mr. Marshall L. Mott, the 60-year-old of this judicial district pleaded guilty to the charge of gambling, in Forsyth court last week and was fined \$10.00 and cost. It cannot be said that this is a partisan prosecution as the presiding Judge Norwood, was elected on the same ticket with Mott. This is indeed a pretty state of affairs. An officer who is sworn to uphold and enforce the laws punished for violating them himself. But this is Reform.

Several weeks ago a pension examiner was in town, and some one told an old colored man Tom Gwyn, who is well known around town that the pension agent was looking for him, that the government was going to pension all the old slaves. Tom would not believe it at first, but when a drummer offered him \$40.00 for his chance, he scouted the idea and went to hunt up the agent to get more information. Of course it was all a joke but what do we see now? A bill before Congress introduced by Senator Thurston of Nebraska, to pay every negro now living, who was in slavery, from \$4.00 a month if less than fifty years old up to \$15.00 a month if seventy. In addition to this if the darkey emerged from slavery penniless he is to have \$500 besides of Uncle Sam's good money. This is a great bill. It ought to pass with a rush. Uncle Tom would get his \$500 and his \$15 a month regularly, and of course he would let our Elkin merchants and farmers have part of the money and in that way the government would be helping our people indirectly. Push it Mr. Thurston and if you need any help just call on us. We will bring you a train load of darkeys to Washington every week to lobby for the bill if it needs be.

YOUR CREDIT.

Some people seem to think that their credit is good for an indefinite length of time. It is almost a criminal offense to expect a business man to trust you, not for a few weeks or a month and to allow your debts to go unpaid for six months or a year. Business men have to meet their obligations promptly. The big firms will not carry them over a certain length of time and their customers cannot expect any greater latitude to be given them.

It is surprising how many well-to-do people allow their bills to go unpaid until the dealer, much against his inclinations, is forced to send the obnoxious dun and thereby perhaps give mortal offense.

"Hateful old thing," we heard a merchant called the other day who had dared, pressed by his own sharp necessities, to dun my lady. "Of course I expected to pay the bill some day."

But it is the some day, dear sir, and dear madam, to which you put off paying for your groceries, your dry goods, your shoes, your furniture, or your drugs that sends so many business men to the wall. True, it is not always convenient to pay at once and the accommodating business man will tell you your credit is good, but in the name of heaven keep it good.

Don't let your bills go unpaid a day longer than you can help and above all things don't make it a point to forget whether you have paid them or not.—Exchange.

The railway commission has issued an order that railroads shall bulletin ten minutes before-hand the arrival of trains at telegraph stations, and if behind time the time of arrival shall be approximated as nearly as possible.

The much talked about prize fight has actually taken place at last and the country breathes easier. Fitzsimmons knocked out Maher in the first round. It only took him ninety five minutes to do the little Irishman up. The fight took place in Mexico.

The Statesville Semi-Weekly Landmark has been enlarged to a seven column paper. We note with pride the rapid advancement which this paper the best of all the weekly State papers is making and congratulate it on its success.

Edgar W. Nye better known as "Bill" Nye the humorist died at his home at Buck Shoals near Asheville Saturday evening. Overwork is said to be the cause of his death. He was a genial whole souled gentleman and we regret to hear of his death.

Oscar Welch, aged 22, an operative in mill No. 2 of the Worth Manufacturing Company at Central Falls, was trying to adjust a belt on a pulley Tuesday when his arm was caught and in a twinkling it was torn off between the wrist and elbow and he was whirling around the shaft which was making 250 revolutions to the minute. He died in a few hours.

A correspondent writing from Traphill, to the Raleigh News and Observer, says:

"It is thought by the leading men of all parties in this section of the State that Dr. Tyre York will be an independent candidate for Congress next fall. He is one of the best stump speakers in the State, and if he does come out, he will give Zig Zag Linney or any other man a hard race to beat him. The Democrats of Wilkes want Lieut. Gov. Doughton to be the next Governor of North Carolina."

The most populous country is Oblivion. Many go there: few return.

The largest river is Time. The deepest ocean is Death. The region where no living thing hath habitation is called Yesterday.

The most highly civilized country is To-day.

The highest mountain is called Success. Few reach the top save those who watch sharply for the passing of the spirit of the mountain, Opportunity, who carries upward all those that seize upon him.

The greatest desert is called Life, and it has many oases. These are called Hope, and Ambition, and Love, and Charity, and Home. And of them all the last is most beautiful. Besides there are many others, similar in extent, whence the traveler obtains refreshment during his journey through life.—Chicago Times.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Yadkin Letter.

Longtown needs a doctor badly.

The weather like a woman's affections continues variable.

Mr. R. P. Crater has been right sick for the past few days.

The Public School at this place tonight by J. H. Mathis closed today.

Mr. Andrew Gentry will leave here next Monday for Simpson, Kansas where he will no doubt find work to do.

New corn is worth thirty five cents per bushel. Several persons are making arrangements to go to boiling it.

Mr. Calvin Gross whose insanity was noted in the Times some time ago will be taken to the State Hospital at Morganton soon.

We are pained to announce that Mrs. A. M. Tomlin of this place is dangerously sick. She is considered in a critical condition.

Mr. J. F. Ray will sell his property the 28th inst. and will leave in a few days for Barbers Mills Indiana where he will reside in the future.

On last Saturday night a party of young people assembled at the kind and hospitable home of Mr. F. L. Gentry at Hamptonville to enjoy a few hours in conversation and nice music. Miss Maggie Hampton held us almost spellbound for half an hour on that sweet and beautiful duet "Home Sweet Home."

A Far-Reachng Prayer.

There is nothing in the world which equals in uniqueness the prayer of the old time darkey. A Union county negro is credited with winding up a long and fervent petition in the following words: "Now, oh Lawd, bless all dem people away off yander in Africa and Asia and Spasia and dem foreign countries where de foot ob man has neber trod and Gawd himself knows not of!"

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Vice-President Stevenson says he is not a candidate for anything.

Threw Away His Canes.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cent per bottle by J. S. Bell.

Many people professional and otherwise are complaining of "hard times" but none look so much down in the mouth as the dentists.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with any thing. I gave him a 25 cent of Chamberlains Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by J. S. Bell.

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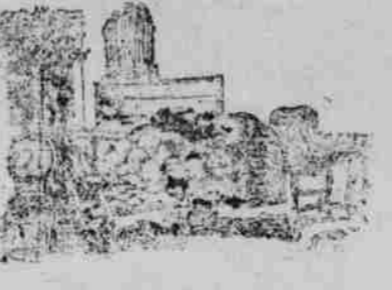


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