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In the municipal elections so far it is hard to tell which has received the more solid comfort, the Democrats, Republicans, United Labor or Prohibitionist. In Cincinnati the Labor candidate for Mayor came very near being elected, notwithstanding Senator SHERMAN had pronounced the movement in that city a mere side-show. In Chicago the Labor ticket was overwhelmingly defeated. The Democrats failing to obtain the present Mayor CARTER HARRISON'S consent to make him their candidate for re-election, let the Republican and Labor parties fight it out.

FIVE negroes were taken from jail at Yorkville, S. C., on Tuesday morning last and hanged to a tree. They were charged with the murder of a small boy who caught them in the act of stealing cotton last fall and to prevent his becoming a witness against them, brutally murdered him. They deserved to be hanged but not without the forms of law. Lynching is barbarous; it cannot be too severely condemned. Under its practice the innocent will suffer as well as the guilty. But the people have become exasperated under the laws' delays and the uncertainty of punishing the guilty when a trial under the laws is awaited. Speedy trials and exact justice meted out will do much towards abolishing "Judge Lynch's" courts.

STATE NEWS.
Washed from Our Exchange.
 The Durham News is a neatly printed and newsy little daily just started at Durham.
Fayetteville News: Mr. James McMatt, a prominent and influential citizen of Robeson county, died last Saturday night, at 12 o'clock. He was about 70 years of age.
Charlotte Chronicle: The building for the spoke and handle factory, located near the cotton seed oil mills, is now being roofed and will soon be ready for the machinery. It is a one-story frame structure 100x150 feet.
Durham News: Seventy-five hands came in on the freight train yesterday and will go to work in the Durham cotton mills.—The bag factory, with Mr. Geo. W. Donley as superintendent, is running on full time, and working about 300 hands. This factory bids fair to soon be numbered among Durham's big enterprises.—The election yesterday resulted in favor of the school bill. Only 562 votes were cast, with 410 for school.
Greensboro News: Three men, accused of having had a hand in the murder of Student Freeze, at Chapel Hill, some months ago, namely: Patrick Brewer, Frank Kirby and Jesse Harris, all colored, had their trial, lately, in Hillsboro. They could not be convicted for murder in the first degree, but were convicted of manslaughter, and the first one was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, and the others five years each. They appealed.
Wilmington Star: A colored man had a rockish in market yesterday afternoon that weighed 22 pounds. It was caught in Smith's pond with hook and line.—A colored woman named Rose Johnson, seventy years of age, died at her home a few days ago, in a small cabin occupied by herself and her sister, Mary Merritt, on the "Nat Hill" plantation, about five miles from the city, across Northeast river.

Elizabeth City Economist: There is more money in the roots and herbs of our swamps and forests than our people think. We know whereof we speak, and we speak whereof we know.—Reports that reach us of fish and fishing are more favorable for the last few days. Fishing is hard and adventurous work and the hardy fishermen of our sounds deserve success.—Trucking pays. We have tried to prove it to our people many times by facts and figures. We will now prove it by ocular demonstration and if "seeing is believing," no one will doubt it. Look at Nat Crawford! A few years ago, a sickly man, a poor man, with a little house so full of children you could stir 'em, given up to die. He rallied, and took to trucking in a small way, because he couldn't do anything else. Now look at him! The fattest man, the best dressed man, the brightest man, the widest awake man, the shrewdest man among us; and all because he has stuck to trucking.

Twin-City Daily: Rev. L. S. Burkhead preached an able sermon yesterday at the morning service. Subject: "Christ's Address to the Greeks." He preached on the same subject last night. He had a good audience at both services.—Monday morning, about 3 o'clock, when everything was wrapped in silence and our people were peacefully slumbering, the alarm of fire was given, which, as usual, caused many to run in search of the spot where the fire fiend was doing its destructive work. It was soon found to be the tobacco factory of Messrs. Dodd Bros., near the corner of Fourth and Sycamore streets. The fire company did everything within their power to quench the flames, but the fire had gotten under such headway, and owing to the scarcity of water in that portion of the city, their labors proved fruitless and the building was soon burned to the ground. Mr. Dodd's loss is about \$3,000, though partially covered by insurance. Mr. H. H. Reynolds sustained a loss of 100,000 pounds of tobacco, together with fixtures which he valued at \$7,500, with an insurance of \$5,500. The origin of the conflagration is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire in the building since Saturday.

FARMS AND FARMERS.
 Short Talks With Farmers on Farm Topics.

It may be unheeded, but it is a duty we owe the farmers of the South to protest against the extensive cultivation of cotton which has prevailed during the last twenty years. It is unwise, looking to the preservation or increase of fertility of our lands; it is unwise, looking to the net profits at the end of the year. Theoretically, cotton is one of the least exhausting of all crops. The seed returned to the land replaces most of the elements of fertility withdrawn from the soil; the lint exported from the farm carries with it little of material value. Notwithstanding these strong points, the cotton crop has proved a most impoverishing one. The frequent plowing of the land from January until August, the ridging in early spring, which its cultivation demands, both conspire to make the washing away of the soil rapid and great. No other crop grown on our farms equals it in this regard. But this is not all. Frequent plowing during the summer months, admitting air freely into the soil, induces rapid decay of its vegetable matter, and cotton fields rapidly become destitute of humus. No greater damage can be visited upon any soil. Humus is the life, the most important constituent of soils. To its absence, thousands upon thousands of our acres owe their sterility. But the whole story is not yet told. The constant plowing and aeration of the soil during summer promotes active nitrification in the soil. That is, it brings the nitrogen of the soil into the form of nitrates, accumulates these nitrates in the soil towards the close of summer, and leaves them there to be leached out by winter rains. Soil cannot hold nitrates; they sink right down from the surface with the rain water and are carried off into springs and streams. The cotton crop, thus indirectly robs the soil of its nitrogen.

But we said extensive culture was unwise, looking to net profits at the end of the year. Its demand upon labor are extraordinarily heavy as compared with other crops, the preparation of the land, the cultivation of the crop, the gathering of the same, the preparation for market, all make unusually heavy demands upon the farmer's pocket. Where is the crop that equals it in these respects? Why the mere picking of a cotton crop will cost from an eighth to one-sixth of the gross sales of said

crop; the labor of hands in plowing and sowing, one-fourth, or more; the manuring, one-sixth, and the ginning and packing, one-eighth.—In all, some five-eighths of gross sales. Now, when the wear and tear of stock and implements, wagons, etc., interest on investment, and injury to the soil, as described above, when all these are allowed for, or a proper discount made for them, where is the margin for profit?—W. L. J. in Atlanta Constitution.

School Commencement.

LOCO ACADEMY, ONSLOW COUNTY.
 On Friday, April 3, a large and appreciative crowd gathered at the school house in Onslow county to witness the examination and closing exercises of Prof. Lem Garner's school.

The first class in English grammar, "Reed and Kellogg," was composed of young ladies. They were examined through the book, on the most difficult parts, and in a class of ten or twelve girls only one or two questions were missed.

Then a smaller class in grammar, which also did credit to themselves and are a monument to their teacher.

The spelling was extraordinarily good, some standing over an hour after being given the most difficult words that could be selected from Webster's speller.

The compositions were excellent. Among the best, deserving more than a passing notice, were Miss Agnes Hewitt, on "Motives to the Practice of Gentleness"; Miss Etta Hewitt, "Politeness"; Miss Katie Gillett, "Friendship".

Reading was also well rendered by Misses Agnes and Etta Hewitt, Eunice and Maggie Smith.

Declamation, "Love", was nicely delivered, to the enjoyment of the crowd, by Miss Prudie Meadows.

The whole exercises were very good and showed that the students were well trained. As their teacher, Prof. Garner, knows how to instill a love of knowledge into his students, their progress is always rapid. One of that neighborhood's most worthy citizens says it would be almost impossible for that community to exist without Prof. Garner.

The exercises were made more pleasant by vocal music, led by Prof. Garner, and it is not worth the space to say it was good, for that is understood if he led the singing.

It was a very disagreeable day, but those who were present went their way rejoicing, for 'twas certainly a day's feast.

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