

CITY AND STATE NEWS.

**THE DISS SCARCHING.**—The attempt of President Johnson to have the election of Cooper declared void, is a mere death scratch on an infirmity of catching at a straw.

The Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, will meet at Mt. Pleasant Church, five miles north of Thomasville, Davidson county, on Wednesday the first day of December next.

A curiosity in the potato line has been met at one of the plantations of Mr. John Miller, of Miller, in Lancaster county, S. C., and very much resembles a snake, with its tail and head ready to strike.

Mr. Miller handles it much it will strike him in the mouth. A potato snake is very dangerous!

The editor of the Democrat has been shown a letter from a friend in Stany county, which stated that a gold mine had been discovered three miles from Gold Hill yielding eight and ten hundred dollars to the bushel of ore. That is immensely rich, and if further investigation proves that the mine contains to "pan out" that way, it will be a vast fortune to the owner, an old gentleman named Barringer.

**MASONIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.**—P. G. M., R. W. Best, Esq., has opened a school of instruction for masons, with a class of sixteen. This, we think, a wise step, and there are many, we doubt not, who belong to that great and honored fraternity who will avail themselves of this opportunity to get the best work for themselves. They were with the masons, and brighten themselves in the mysterious workings of the craft. We understand Mr. B. will lecture this evening at 7 o'clock, in Masonic Hall.

**A GOOD REPORT.**—Our brethren of the press who attended the State Fair have all returned to their homes, and give a good report of their trip to our city, of the success of the Fair, and many of the superior quality of our fair. We believe there is no dissent—the opinion is unanimous—and that all say may be so.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your good opinion.

Thomas Lloyd, John Lloyd, Morris King, John Andrews, and John Moore, with their families, left the Cape Creek section of this county last week for Tennessee.

We would inquire of the Recorder if this agreement is the result of the unsettled state of affairs in Orange? We should not be surprised.

**THE CHESTNUT TREE AND ITS CROD.**—Travelling through the chestnut region of North Carolina in the month of August we discovered that at least four-fifths of the trees had died, or were in a decline. It seems that a very singular worm, somewhat like the peach tree borer, had gotten into the trees, and were fast killing them. The cool weather, however, has put a stop to this work of destruction.

The fruit of the tree, though not as abundant as in former years, is free from worms, and of a much better quality than usual, and may be bought up in Wilkes at about 10 per bushel.

**The Amosias.** says the mail rider, accused of robbing the mail-bags of money letters, Green Stateville and Wilkesboro, after an examination before Judge Mitchell, was sent for trial before the U. S. Circuit Court. The evidence was very strong against him.

The same paper is pleased to receive condensed reports of the good prospect of the iron crop in Ireland county and the surrounding country. It is turning out much better than was at one time anticipated. There is a large mass and hogs are doing finely, while beef cattle are abundant.

**IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WEST.**—The Asheville Pioneer is glad to learn that there is a prospect on foot among several of our enterprising citizens, to commence building operations in a short while. One speaks of erecting another public hall for offices, and others residences. No one, however, it seems, will venture to expend a dollar in improvements until the depot of the Western North Carolina railroad, and its operations is established or definitely located.

How does the depot in question look so far? We are glad to hear that the citizens are anxious to build it up to its full extent.

**THE CAPE FEAR EXHIBITION.**—From recent indications, the Cape Fear Fair, to commence at Wilmington on the 16th inst., will be not only creditable but a decided success.

In the mountain districts, the people are getting in readiness, to wit, fruit, nuts, and other articles, and the planter and stock raiser will carry down their best samples to compete with their Eastern brethren.

It is well, and proper—let the East and West meet together, compare notes, and discuss the best plans and modes of the improvement of their common interests, and the glory and prosperity of the State.

**THE TERRIBLE STORM—COLD WEATHER.**—A letter addressed to the local, dated at Galveston, Texas, October 24, we find the following extracts: "We had a terrible storm night before last—a promise of scattering of fences, houses blown up, unroofed, &c. A steamer from New York has just come in with one hundred and eighty dead cattle on board, caused by heavy sea."

Last night our city was alarmed by the fire. The firemen with their engines promptly on hand, but could render but little assistance—a heavy gale blowing in the time. Nine stores were burned.

The telegraph lines have been down for days, and consequently no dispatches have been received here.

The weather has been very comfortable—clear visible—and fire comfortable.

**THE FAIR AND THE TROTTOING ON THE 17TH INST.**—We had before us yesterday, a Trotting in relation to the Horse Fair and Trotting, to come off at the fair grounds on the 17th and 18th inst.

The day will be of one interest to the admirers of fine stock, and the display will be no less interesting.

The following arrangements, has been adopted by the parties interested.

**Day 1.**—A purse of \$1,000 will be offered for Mr. Boylan enters by M. Kate Johnson; Mr. Paxson enters by G. Trotting, three days to harness, mile heats, on the same day there will be a Trotting for a purse of \$500, best two in three, across mile heats; 100 to first horse, \$100 to second; open to all horses in the State.

**Day 2.**—A match for \$500 between Mr. Boylan, of Virginia, and Mr. Doyle's "Solomon," of New York, on the 17th inst. will probably be one of the fastest ever trotted in the South.

On the 18th inst. a purse of \$400, open to all horses which have been beaten 2:30 to first horse and \$100 to the second. A number of fine blooded horses will be a sufficient number to start. Races every day between 9 and 12 o'clock. Admission to grounds 30 cents. Boxes \$1.00.

His Excellency, Governor Holden, for reasons satisfactory, has revoked the Commission of A. Dupont, Lumber Inspector of Wilmington.

**FESTIVAL AND FAIR.**—The ladies connected with the M. E. Church in this City will hold a Festival and Fair, about the 25th inst., for the purpose of raising funds to refurnish and fit up their parsonage. A very worthy object, and we hope they will meet with abundant success.

The *Patriot* says a grey eagle was captured near that place last week, by a fellow named Jones, and is now on exhibition at Sloan's store in Greensboro. It measures seven feet nine inches from tip to tip, and from its appearance seems to be quite young.

The Western *Vindicator* is informed that no less than four colored laborers have been killed on the Eastern Division of the W. N. C. R. R., within a few weeks, all the result of accident from falling rocks in the tunnel, or in deep cuts on the unfinished contracts.

Company B, 8th U. S. Infantry, Bvt. Lieut. Col. B. B. B. commanding, has been ordered to Chapel Hill, where it will be stationed in readiness to operate throughout the surrounding country. The Ku Klux who run against this company will be apt to have a hard time of it. Company "K," commanded by Brevet Major W. S. Worth, will remain in this city.

The *Vindicator* reports to learn that a son of Mr. Haden, of Rutherford, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol on Sunday night. It learns that Mr. H. was making preparations to follow a thief who had stolen one of his horses, and dropping the pistol, which he, Mr. H., was loading, it was discharged, and the ball entered the thigh of his little son, shattering the bone fearfully.

An excursion train from Indiana, in charge of Mr. Addison Coffin, arrived here on Monday morning last, with 202 passengers. The passengers were mostly persons who had emigrated from this section, on a visit back to their relatives and friends—*Greensboro Register*.

We are left in doubt as to the "train" portion of the above item—whether it was a wagon train or a train of cars. A pretty heavy visitation, notwithstanding. Wonder if the 202 are not the Friends who come to attend the yearly meeting?

A correspondent writing from Montgomery county, says "the corn crop in that section has been gathered, and will not average more than one-half the usual yield. The people of the county are deeply concerned in regard to the Greensboro and Cheraw R. R., favoring its construction. Whether it is not much animation in political matters, the County of Montgomery is steadfastly attached to the Republican cause—having triumphed in every township.

"Our people are opposed to the present members holding over after the adjournment of the next Legislature."

**ROBBERY IN OPEN DAY.**—The house of William Jordan, some few miles from the city, was entered and robbed, one day last week, in the absence of the family. On their return, search was made, and a trunk and other property, was found secreted in the woods near by. Jordan left the articles, and with his gun returned, and took a position where he could see if any one should succeed in carrying off the goods.

But, after all, are there not among those coming to the city to reside, many who ought to remain on their farms and make bread and meat? We think so; still, we would not be considered presumptuous in making the enquiry.

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The Sultan is obliged to withhold the pay of the army, and to pay the expenses of defray the expenses of Eugenie's visit. The London capitalists have positively declined to advance any further money.

Summit county, Colorado, is as large as South Carolina and half a dozen Rhode Islands. There are nineteen counties in the State.

The Mississippi, in the vicinity of the *Stonewall* disaster, has been dragged, and six feet of ice, ten of which has been identified, recovered.

A wag, speaking of the embarkation of troops, said: "Notwithstanding many of them leave blooming wives behind, they go away in transports."

The professors of the Columbia Law College decline to admit ladies as students, on the ground that their presence would distract the attention of both pupils and professors.

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