

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Wakefield postoffice, in this county, has been changed to "Rosinburg."

—If you want an Engine, Cotton Press or Jersey Bull Calf, read the adv. of "E." in this issue.

—Wm. Houston, the condemned murderer, has been respited by the Governor until July 19th.

—We learn that Maj. P. F. Duffy is now engaged in editorial work on the sprightly *Twin City Daily*.

—The North Carolina Teachers Assembly is now in full blast at Morehead city, with a very large attendance.

—Members of the ways and means committee are making a determined effort to have a final vote on the tariff bill.

—It is generally understood that the political campaign in this State will not open actively until about the first of August.

—The present Crown Prince of Germany is six years of age. He has not yet declared how he stands on the "war" question.

—The Mount Airy Celebration was a grand affair, and the number present is variously estimated at from eight to ten thousand souls.

—Mr. Henry Pennington of this city, has the finest patch of oats we have seen for many a day. The average height is six feet and five inches.

—W. T. Walker, candidate of the third party for Governor, has challenged either the Republican or Democratic nominees to meet on a joint canvass.

—The Board of Assessors and Appraisers which met in Wilmington recently fixed the valuation of the Carolina Central Railroad at \$4,536 per mile.

—The capacity of the Charlotte cotton seed oil mill is to be doubled. Last season the mills crushed thirty-five tons of seed per day from October to April.

—The State Weather service is now issuing a weekly Weather Crop Bulletin, giving the state of the crops as affected by the weather at the end of each week.

—There will be a grand gathering of the people at Apex, N. C., on the Fourth of July next. Several distinguished speakers will be present and address the people.

—The degree of Bachelor of Arts has been conferred by Johns Hopkins University upon Mr. Charles C. Holden. He is a son of ex-Governor Holden of Raleigh.

—Greensboro, on the morning of the 17th inst., had a fire which destroyed property on South Elm street to the amount of \$11,000, with only \$2,700 insurance.

—The editor returns thanks to Superintendent B. S. Skinner, of the Agricultural College Farm, for a peck of the finest Irish potatoes seen in this market this season.

—The reason Col. Dockery has not accepted the nomination for Governor is because he has not been officially notified of his nomination. It is believed he will accept, however.

—The Raleigh *Chronicle* notes the fact that travelers going over the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad eat breakfast on the South Carolina line and get supper at Mt. Airy, near the Virginia line.

—The Fayetteville *Observer* says that work will commence at an early date on the extension of the Wilson & Florence Short Cut Railroad, and that sufficient force will be employed to bring it to rapid completion.

—An exchange says: The simplest pocket rule is the silver a person usually carries in his pocket. A silver quarter measures three fourths of an inch, the half dollar one inch, and the dollar an inch and a quarter.

—During the past few days the tin mines at King's Mountain has assumed a business shape. Prof. Furman has men at work digging out the ore, and will start a much larger force, if the ore exists in paying quantities.

—The editor of the Greensboro *Workman* thinks the theology of the new "war lord" of Germany at fault when he speaks in his recent general order of his "war lord" ancestry as looking down upon him from the other world.

—Emperor William has telegraphed thanks to President Carnot, of France, for his message of condolence on the death of Emperor Frederick, and expressing the hope that the present good relations between France and Germany may continue.

—Mr. S. Otho Wilson, Raleigh's enterprising nurseryman, has laid us under obligations by placing upon our table a basket of nice ripe peaches, of his own raising. We do not know the variety, but we do know they were luscious and of delightful flavor.

—We regret to learn that Mr. Jas. Renn, who was so badly injured by an accident at the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad shops in this city, a few days ago, died Saturday morning last. Mr. Renn was a pensioner of the Mexican war, and was also a gallant soldier in the late war between the States.

—Advices from Zanzibar to the *Journal Des Debates* says: There is little doubt that Stanley is dead. Families of persons who accompanied the expedition have worn mourning for several weeks. It is believed that Tippoo Tib has taken revenge, for Stanley's having thwarted him in his efforts to continue the slave traffic.

—The ex-Confederate soldiers of Chatham county will hold a re-union at Pittsboro on the 1st Thursday in August next. The *Record* says this re-union will probably be the grandest occasion ever known in Chatham. Senators Vance and Ransom and Governor Scales and Lieut.-Gov. Steadman will address the people.

—The Elizabeth city *Economist* says: "The crop of raspberries is more abundant with us this season than usual as the quantity in market indicates. The old 'black cup' holds its old place in our estimation even in the rivalry with its new cousins with stately titles. We are glad to see the new birth of fruit culture among us. It is the very poetry of agriculture."

—X. Y. Z., an intelligent young man of good character, of Shelby, N. C., desires to form the acquaintance of an educated young lady, with a view to matrimony." The ad. in the *New Era* does not intimate that the young fellow is handsome, with a set of good teeth, or possessed of any baseball accomplishments, but these will doubtless develop as the correspondence progresses.

—W. T. Walker, the Prohibition candidate for Governor of North Carolina, addressed an immense crowd of citizens at the court house on Tuesday night last. He spoke with energy and vigor for the space of an hour, during which time he was listened to with respectful attention. At the close of his address an effort was made to secure a permanent organization, but with what success we did not learn.

—Apex is a healthy place; its people are among the best citizens of the State. One of the evidences of this is their love of good schools. We congratulate them on securing the services of Rev. J. M. White, a man of large and successful experience, and his accomplished lady to conduct the Excelsior Institute at that place. Board cheap, Tuition cheap. See advertisement and write further information.

—Lieut. Richard Henderson, of the United States Navy and Miss. Minnie Scales, daughter of Maj. N. E. Scales, were married in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, N. C., on the 12th inst. This writer witnessed the marriage of Miss Scales' parents and remembers well how beautiful and accomplished a young lady was her mother, *nee* Miss Minnie Lord. At that time, twenty-six or seven years ago, she was the acknowledged belle of Western Carolina.

—"In the death of Emperor Frederick, of Germany, the trade has lost a great lover of the pipe."—*Durham Tobaccoist*. Exactly so. The same may be said of the late Gen. Grant, and also, of the late J. Harvey Moore, Esq., of this city. But for the excessive and inordinate use of tobacco, who will dare say that this trio might not to-day be going up and down upon the face of the earth. Each died of cancer of the throat superinduced, it is believed, by the smoking of tobacco.

—We ask our farmer friends to read the advertisement of E. Van Winkle & Co., in this issue of our paper, and if you want anything in their line, write to them for catalogues, price list and discounts. They manufacture Cotton Seed Oil Machinery, &c. We know the house and we know its character and reputation of its goods. We know that it makes one of the very best Cotton Gins to be found in this country. We would suggest to our farmers, that if they want anything in the way of Gins, Feeders, Condensers, Presses, Cleaners, or machinery for making Fertilizers, Cotton Seed Oil, &c., &c., that it will pay them to write to this company and get their prices before buying. It is a house of very high character. Read their adv.

—Winston's Fourth-of-July celebration promises to be the most gigantic thing of the kind of modern times. The most extensive and costly preparations are being made, more than \$4,000 having already been expended. Some idea of the magnitude of the preparations may be had when it is stated that it will require 250 horses to move the floats and exhibits which will be in the procession on wheels. Winston isn't given to doing things by halves.

—The Engineer's Excursion, which is to leave this city for Portsmouth on Tuesday, July the 3rd, will doubtless be a pleasant affair. Persons taking advantage of this excursion can visit Ocean View, Virginia Beach, Fortress Monroe and Baltimore at a very small cost. Returning to this city on the 5th of July, gives one full day in Baltimore. Tickets to Portsmouth and return only \$3.00. As the object is to raise funds for a commendable purpose, we trust the engineers will be liberally patronized.

—The Chatham *Record* announces in its last issue, that it will suspend the publication of its "War Reminiscences" until after the November elections. From a tabulated statement in the last *Record* we learn that the number of troops furnished to the army by Chatham county was (by companies), 1,210; of this number 267 were either killed in battle or died of disease, and 230 were wounded. Add to this number (1,210), 650 recruits who enlisted in the companies during the war and you have a grand total of 1,860.

—The greatest menace to the success of Judge Thurman, just now, is the many villainous pictures which papers friendly to him are palming off as good likenesses of the "old Roman." The Wilmington *Star* thinks if the Judge can only survive the pictures, he will sit in the Vice-President's chair. It is hardly necessary to state that the daubs referred to are the work of the miserable pot-metal establishments of the North, who furnish the rural press of the country with what they are pleased to term "illustrated plate matter, at a nominal cost." We notice that some of the city dailies are beginning to "fill up" with much the same stuff.

—Under the caption, "Praise from Sir Hubert," the Wilson *Mirror* publishes the following letter, dated, Beauvoir, Miss., June 14th, 1888: "My Dear Sir:—Some kind friend has sent me a copy of your brightly polished *Mirror*, and I find in it an elegant and eloquent editorial in which you touchingly and beautifully alluded to my having reached the 'eightieth milestone in time's roadway to eternity.' It touched and stirred my most grateful emotions, and was most gratifying in all respects although it exalts me above my own measure of what is due. I have often had occasion with deep humility to acknowledge the kind appreciation of my people, and certainly from none more so than the noble citizens of North Carolina. Greatfully and very sincerely yours, JEFFERSON DAVIS.

—When parents send their daughters away from home to schools, they want them under healthful, moral influences and with such surrounding socially as may tend to the development of those genial qualities of woman's nature which contributes so much toward beautifying and adorning her matured character. They want to know that the natural healthfulness of the location and all the sanitary conditions of the school are such as not to imperil the health of the child. These highly important considerations are met in the Oxford Female Seminary. Assisted by a splendid corps of Professors and teachers, President Hobgood, comes before our readers and offers a fine opportunity for the education of our girls. Write to him for a catalogue and ask him what he will do in the way of special discounts if you should send him a club of girls. Read his advertisement and write him. Mention this paper.

—At a Mass meeting held in Durham on Saturday, June 9th, it was decided to hold a grand tobacco exposition, railroad jubilee and county fair in that city at a time yet to be named. The meeting was very large and enthusiastic and took definite shape by the electing of the following permanent officers: J. S. Lockhart, President; Vice-Presidents, J. S. Carr, W. T. Blackwell, A. H. Stokes, Lucius Green, Eugene Morehead, E. J. Parish, B. N. Duke and Alexander Walker. E. C. Hackney and Leo Hartt were elected Secretaries and Frank P. Bunch was made Treasurer. Committees on transportation, invitation, speakers, ways and means, premiums, press, soliciting, decorations,

hygiene, advertising, military, accommodations, programme, sports, exhibits, &c. Mr. T. B. Fuller was elected Chief Marshal. The Executive Committee, at a meeting to be held on Saturday, June 23d, will fix the day for holding the exposition.

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FROM A LEVEL-HEADED FARMER.

EDITOR FARMER:—We were told by our better informed friends that no good could come to the laboring people of the State by selecting one of their representatives to head the Democratic State ticket; but that our only hope lay in the efficiency of the President of the Senate and the members of the legislature. Accepting then, in good faith, the full assurances of a hearty co-operation of all interests for the common good, as the result of the coming fall election, it behooves the farmers and mechanics of North Carolina to begin now to discuss their needs, that they may formulate a platform of principles plain and simple, by which their chosen representatives to the General Assembly are to be governed. To this end then I would suggest, as a farmer, the following query: Has the agricultural interest of North Carolina received that fostering care from the State that its great importance to the general wealth and prosperity of her people would demand? If not, why not?

North Carolina has one citizen who is literally "enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen;" his life work has been devoted to the good of her people; his guiding star has always been "for the common good." It was during his administration in 1876, that Gov. Vance, desirous of fostering and encouraging the agricultural interest of the State, had the Department of Agriculture established. He hoped by this to create a fountain head—a source from which the farmers of the State might reasonably expect to be benefited. The mere establishment of the Department of Agriculture attracted but little attention at that time, except among those for whom it was intended to benefit; but when it was endowed with an annual revenue of more than forty thousand dollars, it made the thing intensely interesting, and our better informed friends took immediate charge of it, and from then until now it has been controlled by that same influence. Nearly four hundred thousand dollars have been expended by our Department of Agriculture since its establishment, ostensibly in the interest of agriculture, and yet the enquiry is common: "Has the Department of Agriculture, sustained alone by the consumers of manufactured guanos, been administered with an eye single to the interest of those for whom it was intended to benefit?"

Should the farmers alone be taxed to defray the costs of surveying the oyster beds along the Atlantic coast, when not one farmer in a hundred in the State knows the difference between an oyster and a mussel?

Should the farmers alone be taxed to sustain a bureau of labor statistics, gotten up in the interests of mechanical labor organizations?

Should the farmers alone be taxed to sustain a State Immigration Agency?

Should the farmers alone be taxed to sustain a museum, wherein is displayed specimens of speculative investments?

Here are four salaried officers quartered upon the resources of the Department of Agriculture; and while their services may be right and proper, and a benefit to the general interest, I submit they should be paid from the general fund, and that our friends along the high-ways, who are alone benefited, should help pay the costs. A new feature in the Department of Agriculture has recently been established, which I trust will eventuate in great good. It is proposed to establish experimental stations or farms in the different counties in the State, and I notice some work has already been done in that direction; but it occurs to me the Commissioner began his work in the wrong locality. He began in the extreme eastern portion of the State, and is now in the transmountain country. It occurs to me this work should have been begun in the Central belt of counties and let its influence radiate to the outer borders; but we will abide our time in the hope that all things will work together for the good of those who greatly need it.

The farmers of North Carolina should demand the absolute control of the Department of Agriculture, and a candidate who does not pledge himself to sustain

that sacred right should not be supported. Let this munificent revenue, heretofore the blight of that institution, be expended in the technical training and education of the poor boys of the State. Let us learn them the theory and practice of improved farming—the theory and practice of mechanics and arts, with such a curriculum as would entitle them, upon the completion of their course, to a certificate of proficiency in their particular school, a guarantee to those who needed their services, that they are skilled and competent; and when these means, justly our own, are thus utilized, the anticipations of the honored founder of this institution will be approximately realized; labor will be dignified and respected and the laboring man will take his stand alongside of our better informed friends; and then we will be able to develop the grand resources endowed us by nature.

Speculation is rife throughout the land. Moderate fortunes, such as would furnish all the comforts and pleasures of this life, do not satiate the greed of these cormorants. Not content with legitimate business, such as govern supply and demand, they combine their interests in common, and thus controlling the supply of their particular trade, they are enabled to demand of the consumer not only a fair and legitimate profit, but a tribute; and thus colossal fortunes are being piled up in this country, in many instances outrivaling those of the crowned heads of Europe. These combinations have been styled "trusts;" but I warn you not to trust them. They are already menacing the freedom of this country. They are found in the lobbies of our legislative halls, both of the State and Nation; our courts of justice, our nominating conventions and at the ballot box. Every business in this country, if legitimate, is protected by the law and should be made amenable to the law. Extortion is prohibited by law, and such legislation as would tend to check any encroachment upon the weaker class should be demanded.

A NORTH CAROLINA FARMER.

CRAVEN COUNTY ALLIANCE ORGANIZED.

According to previous appointment, the several Farmers' Alliances of Craven county met at Fort Barnwell June 2d, 1888, for the purpose of organizing a County Alliance. C. B. Thompson, Esq., County Organizer, presiding, and J. W. Biddle acting as Secretary.

Delegates were present from Cove, Dover, Pomona, Bright Hope, Spring Garden and Thunderbolt Alliances.

The following officers were elected: President, M. H. Carr; Vice-President, Cicero Green; Secretary, J. W. Biddle; Asst. Secretary, F. P. Outlaw; Treasurer, C. L. Weatherington; Chaplain, C. H. Smith; Lecturer, L. E. Duffy; Asst. Lecturer, G. N. Richardson; Door Keeper, J. C. Green; Asst. Door Keeper, — Cosby; Serg't-at-Arms, L. H. Fields.

A motion prevailed to defer the election of several important committees until the next meeting.

Brethren Thompson and Gordon addressed the meeting advising increased activity and concert of action.

Bro. Thomas B. Ipock was elected Organizer for Craven county.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to furnish THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and New Berne *Journal* with copies of the proceedings with request that they publish the same.

There being no other business the Alliance adjourned to meet again at Fort Barnwell on the first Friday in July.

M. H. CARR, Pres't.
J. W. BIDDLE, Sec'y.

SECRETARIES OF SUB-ALLIANCES.

If any change was made at your election, in the President or Secretary of your Alliance, please notify this office at once of such change, giving the name and postoffice and nearest express office of your Secretary.

L. L. POLK,
Sec'y State Alliance.

OFFICIAL MATTER.

All official printed matter sent from this office to Secretaries is the property of the Alliance of such Secretary, and should always be laid before the Alliance at the first meeting after it is received by the Secretary. The law makes the Secretary the medium through which his Alliance is to be reached, and it is his duty to preserve carefully all official communications, and present them promptly to his Alliance.

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