

THE COMMONWEALTH

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ENTERED AT THE POST OFFICE AT SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., AS SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER.

WE DESIRE A CORRESPONDENT IN EVERY SECTION OF OUR COUNTY, AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ANY ONE DISPOSED TO FAVOR US.

CORR. reports from Mississippi are very unfavorable as to cotton and corn.

IN the absence of Gov. Jarvis, who is in attendance at the Boston Exposition, acting Governor Robinson has ordered an election to be held in the first district on the 27th day of November to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Walter F. Poole. Now to work, Democrats.

A malignant type of "Yellow Jack" exists at the Navy Yard in Pensacola, Fla., and is growing worse daily. The Board of Health have decided that all mail leaving that point must be fumigated before its departure, and the department at Washington has ordered the regulations of the Board of Health to be complied with.

The right Hon(?) Pat Winston, now of the little city of Winston, but originally from eastern Carolina has made a clear breast of it and joined the radicals like a little man. He didn't take the roundabout way through the Liberal sham, as Leach and others did, but boldly stepped into the enemy's ranks. "Good ridance of bad rubbish."

NORTH CAROLINA surely leads the van in holding fairs. Every industry almost has its association and fair. The Fruit Growers have held theirs; the Cattle and Wheat raisers theirs; the Tobaccoists will hold theirs, and the last thing upon the tapis is a fish fair to be held at Beaufort or New Bern.

WHAT the people of these States now need most, is a relief from the heavy weight of taxation with which they are encumbered. They want cheap food and cheap clothing. They want protection against the powerful and unscrupulous monopolies who are protected by the infamous, so-called "Protective Tariff" and who are wringing out of the poor laboring man such excessive and exorbitant rates for every necessary commodity and convenience.

OF the many high sounding and truthful praises written about the Old North State and her resources, climate, soil and people we very seldom see much extolling Eastern Carolina, where so many thousand barrels of corn and bales of cotton are reared. Most of it is about the "Magnificent Mountain scenery" of Western North Carolina. Now we are proud of our western scenery and grandeur as anybody, but we would just like to see the attractions of the East presented also. We merely make this as a suggestion to our worthy Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration agent.

THE Western end of Coney Island at present is nothing but one gigantic gambling hell. At least thirty games are running, and the whole thing is conducted so publicly that it fairly dazes the average New Yorker. Notwithstanding the hue and cry raised last winter all the gambling houses in New York will reopen for business on the first of October. The matter is not kept secret at all, but the word is passed around at the hotels in as natural and self evident a manner as if the opening of the shooting season or the oyster season were announced.

And all this in the North, where civilization is so high(?)

It is a courtesy, at least, which one newspaper man owes to another to give proper credit when clipping from an exchange. In the last number of "Elizabeth City Falcon" we find an editorial of ours headed, FALL ELECTIONS, copied word for word and no credit whatever. Now we don't claim that much editorial ability is displayed in the article referred to, but it takes some time to get up such an article successfully; at any rate if it is worthy of copying, it should be properly credited. We don't accuse our brother of plagiarism, for it no doubt is due to the carelessness of the compositor. But compositors and proof readers are getting entirely too careless. Only this week we notice an article of ours credited to the "Roanoke News" in an exchange. "Give honor to whom honor is due."

Walter Poole's Successor.

Of the many distinguished gentlemen who have been mentioned in connection with the nominations to fill the vacancy caused by Poole's death, over in the first district, we think that Hon. James Edwin Moore of Martin, stands the best showing on the Democratic side. After taking a very hurried survey of the field we believe him to be the most available aspirant, and that he would sweep the district like a whirlwind. His nomination would be looked upon with special favor by the young men of our party, in whom the energy and life of the party exist to a large degree.

On the Republican side the chances for nomination are largely in favor of Judge C. C. Poole. Now Poole is a strong man and it will take a good man and hard work to beat him; for that reason our strongest man must be nominated. There is a Democratic majority in the counties comprising the revised first district of only about 300. It will be very difficult to get all the Democrats to the polls, while the negroes invariably poll their full strength. "Work! Work!" must be the Democratic watchword of Walter F. Poole's successor will surely be a Republican.

A GLIMPSE OF BALTIMORE and the CAPITOL.

Our vacation being almost ended, and the time for entering again upon the duties of our pedagogic work, we felt like some days of travel would help refresh us for our work. At the request of the editor we consented to visit Norfolk and Baltimore in the interest of the COMMONWEALTH.

On the 22nd ult. we left for those cities, and after rattling along through the dust of an August ride on a railroad car, we stepped off at Portsmouth, and a few moments later we were in Norfolk, soon to be refreshed by the good things found at the Purcell House.

The monotony of the ride from Weldon to Portsmouth was pleasantly relieved by falling in with some of Raleigh's cleverest merchants who were going on to lay in their usual fall supplies. Mr. Pool, of the firm of Pool & Mooring, Mr. Dobbins, of the firm of R. S. Tucker & Co., together with the two energetic and enterprising young men, Messrs. Carter & Norris, who are just entering business together, said many pleasant things, and greatly added to our pleasure as we enjoyed the ride over the easy S. & R. Railroad. THE COMMONWEALTH is indebted to the business men of Norfolk for favors shown us there. They always treat us well. We simply refer our readers to our advertisements from Norfolk, and then ask them to patronize our advertisers. Luther Sheldon is the man to help you build a nice house. He will supply you with sash, blinds &c. S. A. Stevens is the man to give you the furniture you need. After your house is furnished with other things, he will supply you with all the pianos, organs &c. you want. W. Allen & Co., Savage, Son & Co., and in fact, all our Norfolk advertisers will treat you as cleverly as you wish when you go. We would give some detail of each house, but as we visited many, our article would grow too long. See our advertisement of Walker & Williams. They have not advertised with us before but they are worthy the patronage of any and all our readers. Having only a few days we had to hurry from Norfolk to Baltimore to get round in time. It was calm on the bay, and to be on deck in the moonlight was simply delightful. The "Virginia" took us up the bay, and watching the dashing waters in her wake, we more and more desired to spend much time in "ploughing the mighty deep." And then the supper on that boat!

We arrived in Baltimore on the morning of the 24th and soon found ourselves 'highly' quartered in the Eutaw House—we were near the top. Many of Carolina's merchants, and nearly all from Scotland Neck, stopped at the Eutaw. Mr. Wood, the Proprietor, knows what they want and he supplies them. We wish very much to be able to notice in detail every one of Baltimore's business men who showed courtesies to the COMMONWEALTH, but the want of time forbids. See our dozen or more new advertisements and you will then see how we can appreciate our visit to this great city. Baltimore has five hundred thousand inhabitants and is as full of business as any one could desire to see, and move around much. We had time to visit only a few places of interest. 'Monument Square' we found very beautiful. A drive in 'Druid Hill Park' in the evening was delightful. The area of the Park is 700 acres, and we imagine that we saw its beauties in their best display, as we saw

them in the late afternoon, stayed till the sun sank away, and lingered still in the fading twilight, to be reminded that beauties also brighten as they take their flight. We attended church on Sunday at Immanuel's Chapel. Rev. A. C. Dixon, one of North Carolina's brightest sons, is the pastor. He was away, and Dr. T. J. Jones, of Norfolk, ably filled his pulpit. Mr. Dixon's is a new church, but he is doing wonderful work for the Baptists there. The most interesting place was the manufactory of St. Jacob's Oil. It is too immense to attempt a description. Tuesday morning an express train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad snatched us over to Washington and returned us at 4 1/2 o'clock at the rate of 40 miles in 35 minutes. It is no trivial affair to have the pleasure of visiting the metropolis of such a country as our own commonwealth. We quickly wended our way to the Capitol and hastened to get a view, from the top, of Pennsylvania Avenue. We were much interested in looking through the "different departments. The Smithsonian Institute, the National Museum, the Navy department, are all places of great interest. The miniature town of Zuni is one of the most interesting things we saw. It is a 'jac simile' of the town of Zuni, in the extreme western part of New Mexico, on a knoll on the banks of the Zuni river. The town is inhabited by the Pueblo Indians, and the perfect representation of their town is much more interesting than can be described. It was interesting to note that in the entrance to the Navy Library there is a statue from Pompeii. Many other curiosities claimed our attention, but we were especially struck with the beautiful grounds around the Agricultural department.

Our time for returning home had arrived and though we had taken in all the places of interest, we had to turn away and hope for the opportunity of visiting that beautiful city again. Arriving at Baltimore we shared the pleasures of our friend Pool, of Raleigh, spent another pleasant night on the bay (and we did not get sick either) left friend Poole at Weldon, and in due time we were home again, having enjoyed to the fullest extent a week of travel if not one of rest.

THE ablest address on the all important subject of education that we have had the pleasure of perusing for some time, was delivered by Dr. S. S. Satchell, of Pender county, before the Academy at Point Caswell and published by request in the Golsboro Messenger of recent date. More such addresses will do much to foster and encourage the cause of education in our State. In his address the doctor says:

No true and thoughtful citizen who loves North Carolina, and is devoted to the best interests of her people, can view, without sorrow and alarm, the painful fact that, in popular education she stands the lowest in the scale of all the States. If any of us can partake of the enjoyments of life by day, or enjoy the sweet repose of sleep by night, without being disturbed by this melancholy truth, we are either wanting in patriotic devotion, or have not given proper consideration to the significant fact, in the science of government, that education of the masses is the corner stone and life blood of free institutions. No free government, State or national, can prosper or stand unless its citizens have integrity and intelligence, without these qualifications no people can govern themselves. Unless the masses have sufficient intelligence to understand the principles of government, and to direct its administration, its foundation is shaky, and they become the willing dupes and victims of the various grades of charlatans, demagogues, and impostors, that infest every community of our ignorant stricken State. Not only therefore does a republican government demand a higher grade of intelligence than any other form, but education is essential to the very life and progress of civilization. This fact is recognized in the operations of despotic governments of the old world, as well as in our own free government.

A North Carolinian Murdered in Georgia. A Wilmingtonian, coming home from a Western visit, says in passing through Charlotte, a few nights since, he saw a corpse being transferred from some other train to the Carolina Central, and, upon inquiry, learned that the body was that of a young man by the name of McIntire, a son of Mr. D. C. McIntire, of Moss Neck, Robeson county, well known to all our business men. Further inquiry elicited the information that young McIntire had been in the turpentine business in Southern Georgia; that he had a partner, also a North Carolinian, and that they had finally concluded to dissolve the understanding being that the other man should withdraw and McIntire continue the business. When the transfer was made it was found that the other man owned McIntire some two or three thousand dollars, and had a difficulty in getting his partner to come to a set-

tlement. Finally one day he went to the house of his former friend and told him he had come for a settlement and that he did not intend to take his leave until he had had one; when the man drew a pistol and, saying "Here goes for a settlement for all time to come," he discharged the weapon twice in rapid succession, mortally wounding Mr. McIntire, and then fled.

A brother of the deceased had the body in charge and conveyed it to Moss Neck.—Star.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Wheat and Cattle fair at Winston was a grand success, so say the papers.

A Cincinnati newsboy has laid aside \$22,000 in 13 years. He is now 22 years of age.

...Vennor for September: The following are Vennor's weather predictions for the month of September: First week, entry cloudy, to cool, and showery generally pleasant and favorable weather, with cool evenings and nights; rains diminishing. Second week, very similar weather; warmer, with occasional showers, heat again. Third week, warm to hot and favorable weather. Cooler about the 20th or 21st, occasional rains, with foggy weather on lakes and Gulf St. Lawrence; still fair and favorable in the majority of sections.

...Clinton Caucasian: We are pained to announce the death of Mr. John Britt, son of the late Hardy Britt, which occurred at his home last Saturday morning. On Saturday, the 20th ult., Rev. J. E. Thompson closed an eight days' meeting at Goshen. Forty-four persons were received into the church, and others will join. One night last week some miscreant stabbed a valuable mule belonging to Richard Turlington. A mammoth apple is on exhibition at the store of Mr. A. F. Johnson. It is 13 inches in circumference and weighs 15 1/2 ounces. It is of the Buckingham variety, and was grown by Mr. Abner Robinson. Some days ago our friend John H. Tyler, Esq., while riding horseback was painfully but not seriously hurt by his horse stumbling and falling on him.

...Greensboro Workman: A woman and her husband, living near Black Mountain, N. C., went out one afternoon in search of berries, but, soon becoming tired, he stretched himself in the shade of the bushes and fell asleep. His wife, continuing the fruitpicking, was soon attracted by a large piece of mica lying on the ground beside her. Waking her sleeping lord, she told him she believed she had found a mica mine; but he only laughed at her and turned over to take another nap. The next day the woman took a pick and shovel, and, returning to the spot, succeeded in uncovering a fine vein of mica, from which they realized \$20,000. The woman formerly dug ginseng in order to furnish her husband with money to buy tobacco.

The Frank James Trial—Much Indignation at the Verdict. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

Kansas City, Sept. 7.—A special from Gallatin, says that upon the announcement of the verdict acquitting Frank James, applause came from certain quarters of the court room. The Court, however, quickly frowned it down, and singling out a young man who had made a movement to throw up his hat, called him to the bar and administered a severe reprimand. The youth proved to be Luther James, of Kansas City, a cousin of the defendant. A question as to the disposition of the remaining indictments against Frank James for conspiracy in the killing of Westfall at the Winston robbery and the murder of Sheeb, at the Gallatin bank robbery in 1868, was then considered and the cases were continued until October, the defendant being remanded to await further trial. It is announced that he will not attempt to furnish bail, but will remain in jail all next term. The prisoner received the verdict with perfect composure; as did also his wife. But Mrs. Samuels, his mother was much affected. In order to guard against any disturbance which might follow the only saloon of the place was closed. It can be truthfully said that the verdict was a genuine surprise to the community, and much indignation is expressed at its nature.

The Big Show.

The following from the St. Paul 'Pioneer Press' will be of interest to showing going people:

"We believe this is the eleventh annual perignation of the Sells Brothers, and it is but just to state that, like a rolling snow ball, their exhibition has increased with every succeeding year, until, at the present time, it has assumed a proportion which may be truly stated as colossal. The street parade yesterday was magnificent, nor did the bills overestimate its grand and imposing effect. The attendance, both afternoon and night, was simply immense, and the exhibition throughout was of such superior character as to insure equal crowds during the remainder of the week. The riding, gymnastic, acrobatic and ring performances were the best we have witnessed, and there was not a mediocre act in the performance, while the menagerie is chuck full of the rarest animals of creation, gathered from every part of the habitable globe, and the finest and choicest specimens. The time between the opening of the doors and the performances in the arena, can be interestingly employed in an in-

vestigation of the wonders and curiosities of the various departments, very many of which have never before been seen in a traveling exhibition. It is said that there is a seating capacity of ten thousand in the amphitheatre, notwithstanding which there was barely standing room last night for the immense multitude."

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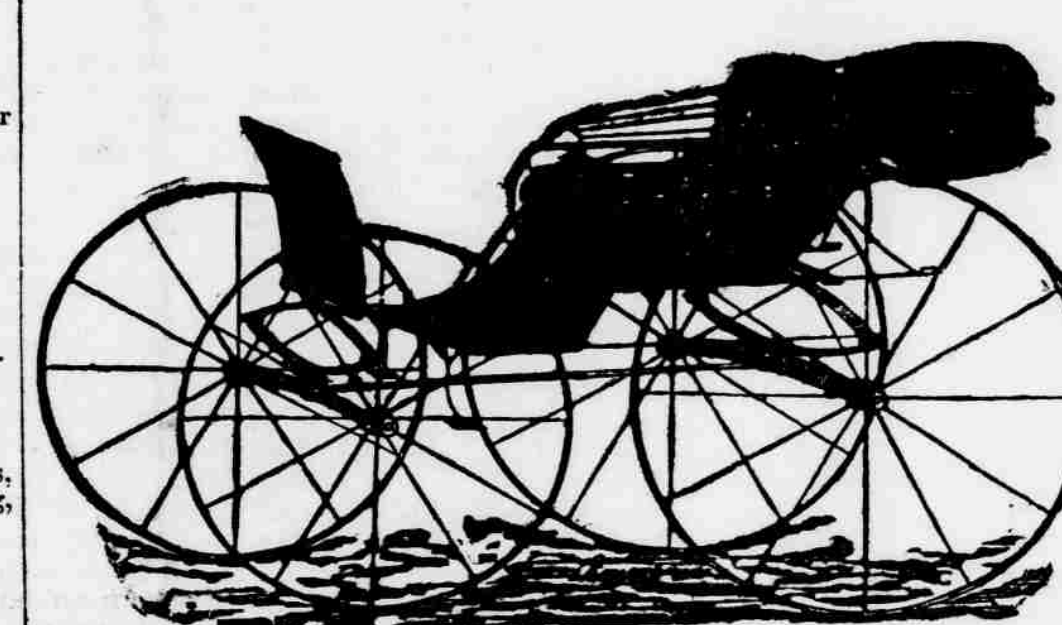
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