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Poetry.

THE WEIGHT OF A WORD.

Have you ever thought of the weight of a word That falls in the heart like the song of a bird.

That gladdens the springtime of memory and youth, And garlands with cedar the banner of Truth.

That moistens the harvesting spot of the brain, Like dewdrops that fall on a meadow of grain.

Or that shrivels the germ and destroys the fruit And lies like a worm at the lifeless root?

I saw a farmer at break of day Hoeing his corn in a careful way;

An enemy came with a drouth in his eye, Discouraged the worker and hurried by.

The keen-edged blade of the faithful hoe Dilled on the earth in the long corn row;

The weeds sprung up and their feathers tossed Over the field, and the crop was—lost.

A sailor launched on an angry bay When the heavens entombed the face of the day;

The wind arose like a beast in pain, And shook on the billows his yellow mane;

The storm beat down as if cursed by the cloud, And the waves held up a dripping shroud—

But, hark! o'er the waters that wildly came, Came a word of cheer, and he was—saved.

A poet passed with a song of God Hid in his heart like a gem in a clod;

His lips were framed to pronounce the word, And the music of rhythm its magic wrought;

Feeble at first was the happy trill, Low was the echo that answered the hill.

grand heroism ceases to affect mankind. But others showed a self-sacrificing spirit as sublime, if not so conspicuous—priests and ministers, sisters of mercy and sisters of humanity, doctors and students, and the race that so grandly proved, in the gloomy nights of deserted, dying, Memphis, how white a soul a black body could contain.

Thank God, the trial is over! Thank God, for the broader, deeper love that survives it!

And Mary Brent, in her happy home that looked down from the Walnut Hills on the spires and domes of busy Cincinnati, read the news from the fever districts with the sympathetic earnestness that always precedes action.

The only daughter of a rich, widowed mother—the daughter of a man, who, in gloomier days, had gone down to the South and had fallen, there was everything earthly to keep her back. But all earthly considerations were weak before the heaven-given impulse that drew her down to stricken Memphis.

"To go, my darling, is to die. You are all that is left me, Mary!" sobbed Mrs. Brent when her daughter had announced her purpose.

"The God of the widow and fatherless will protect you and me. To neglect what I feel is duty now would shadow and make wretched a century of life," said Mary, pushing back her mother's gray hair, and kissing the dear, smooth brow.

And so Mary Brent's sense of duty prevailed over maternal love, and she went to Memphis. She went alone but the rudest bearing of her mission raised their hats and cheered her; and lips to which prayer was a stranger, invoked on the beautiful, heroic girl the blessings of Heaven.

"You are unaccustomed to fatigue, Miss Brent, and could not bear the horrors with which we had grown so familiar," said the doctor to whom she reported. "Return, my child, or it may be too late."

"I came to work and cannot turn back. It comes under no blind impulse. Show me the suffering; tell me what to do and let me go to work," replied Mary. The weary doctors drew fresh courage from her enthusiasm and the news of her coming reached the fevered sufferers like a cool breeze from the Northern hills.

She went out on her mission of mercy; and dying men turned on their cots to bless her, and mothers, with the death-damp on their brows, consigned to her care the little ones to be orphans.

"Captain Parker who came from Mobile to help us is stricken down. Can Miss Brent take charge of his case?" asked one of the doctors, after Mary had been working without rest for ten days.

"Certainly, doctor!" I have a good corps of nurses organized. Give me the Captain's address," said Mary.

Whenever the fever seized its victim there they lay. Houses became common property; the rich often dying in hovels and tents, and the poor in splendid mansions.

Captain Parker was struck down in an old frame house not far from the depot. The other occupants had died or convalesced and he was alone.

Mary Brent found him on a mattress, in the corner of the room, a few wooden chairs being the only furniture.

He was a fine looking man of thirty, with a face that must have beamed with noble generosity before the fever flushed and distorted it, and dark eyes that still retained their intelligent expression, despite the fatal lustre that lit them up.

One night, when Captain Parker lay unconscious, his eyes closed and breath fluttering in the uncertain scale of life and death, Mary, who was sitting beside him, with her back to the door, heard a heavy step on the creaking stairs.

She turned her head and seeing nothing, she placed her fingers on the captain's wrist and watched his face.

On a table between her and the door lay the captain's gold watch, and some articles of jewelry of her own that she had taken off.

The door opened noiselessly, and a huge form, with a slouch hat and bearded face, came in. In one hand he carried a knife, and the other was extended to seize the booty on which his red eyes were fastened.

Another step and it would be in his possession; but before that step could be taken, Mary Brent again looked back at the door.

"Not a whisper, or I will kill you!" said the man striding toward her with uplifted knife, and seizing the articles from the table as he approached her.

"Wretch!" she cried, her courage and self-possession coming back. "Leave those things where you found them and get back, or I will shout for help!"

"Shout as loud as you please, my beauty! It will be your death-knell and his!" said the man, coming nearer, and nodding his head at the unconscious captain.

"Man, have you no soul, that you would do this thing?" she asked, her eyes fastened upon his.

"Soul! Wa-al, I don't know whether I have or not, and I don't care," he laughed.

Then he began backing toward the door. He would certainly have backed out, had not the doctor at that moment appeared in the same opening and taken in the situation.

The doctor was a salwart man, armed with a heavy cane, and this cane he brought down with such crushing force on the ghoul's head that he fell in a collapsed heap.

The articles were taken from the man, and he was sent to jail, where he afterwards died of the plague.

It would take long to tell of how Mary nursed the captain back to life, and how she, worn out with watching, was stricken down.

Captain Parker became nurse again, and Mary Brent was snatched from the jaws of death.

The story will become a tradition to the people of Memphis, and, in telling it, they will always close, to the delight of young and old by saying: "Miss Brent is now Mrs. Captain Parker and the widow Brent gained a son, when certain she had lost a daughter."

were blooming in the various yards around Greenville I may have been a little too fast, or rather, slightly mistaken in what I said concerning certain flowers, but I do not recollect ever to have seen at home the number of flowers blooming in the open air that I see down here every day.

In fact, this may be truly said to be a land of perpetual flowers, not a day in the year passing in which there are not to be found some of them. I have before me as I write this a bouquet of flowers containing a variety of the different kinds, among them pansies, violets, yellow Jessamine, &c.

Are the Jessamines in bloom in the woods of old Pitt? I think not this early. But do not think I regard this country as better than the Old North State. Far from such is my opinion.

I regard North Carolina as the best State in the Union, and Pitt county the garden spot of North Carolina. Yet, in the matter of temperature and flowers South Georgia is ahead of us.

The various kinds of fruit trees are in full bloom here now, and will soon put out their leaves. Some idea of the difference in temperature here and in North Carolina may be drawn from the fact that since I have been in Quitman—nearly two weeks—the thermometer has not fallen below 65°, and I noticed on several different occasions that it registered as high as 70°. It is as though one had been transported to an entirely different country.

In conversation with a citizen here a day or two since the question of the Western blizzards and snow storms came up and we were contrasting the difference between the two sections of country, and you can imagine my surprise when I was informed that there was no fall of snow here during the winter.

He said that there was one snow storm here several years ago, and that the day was celebrated as general holiday, not even the oldest citizens ever having seen the like before.

He further said that if I waited here until I saw it snow again I would probably die of old age and then see any. This is surely a fine country for invalids and weakly constituted people, but I prefer the more bracing and colder temperature of my own State.

Winter is not half a winter to me unless I can see a little snow and ice and were the average Pitt county boy placed down here he would open his eyes with astonishment at the vast difference.

To-day is about an average of the days that I have experienced, and I find myself a little warm while writing this although my door and window are both open and my coat is off.

Children both white and black, are seen every day going about the streets barefoot, and they are remarkably healthy looking.

Of course there is occasionally some cold weather here, but it is of short duration. Only one day, since I have been in Georgia have I needed an overcoat to make me comfortable and that was on the Sunday that I attended the "Hardshell" meeting over in Berrien county, of which I spoke in a previous letter.

Enough of this kind of talk, however, let me tell you something of Quitman and Brooks county, of which it is the Capital. The town has a population of about 1800 people, and while it does not put on many airs or make a big bluff or bluster, is one of the solid substantial towns of this section of the State.

The people are kind, clever and hospitable, and seem to take delight in showing every attention possible to visitors.

The merchants here rank well in commercial circles, are solid, substantial business men, and it is seldom that one makes an assignment. There is quite a difference between this town and Valdosta, from which place I last wrote you, and on first coming here I was not very favorably impressed with the place.

There all is hurry and confusion and each person you meet seems to be busy with his own affairs and to have no time to devote to strangers or the affairs of others. Here there is more quiet, the people you meet seem to have more time to talk to you and there is a larger amount of sociability manifested.

A cotton factory was built several years ago but it is not at work now, I am sorry to learn the investment not having proven profitable. I cannot see why this condition of things should be for it seems to me that enterprises of that kind ought to pay here where the cotton is made.

In appearance this is a much prettier town than Valdosta, the situation being a better one, more level, &c., and the streets wider and better laid off.

And some considerable attention is paid to the care of the streets. The town, like the others in which I have been, has a first class school which is liberally patronized.

There are three good churches here, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian, all of which have good congregations. I have attended services in all three since I have been here and find that the Quittmanites are people who attend church pretty regularly.

While in the majority, the Baptist have no regular pastor now, the former pastor having gone insane some time since and his place not yet having been filled. And their church building, too, is, while an average house, not as good as those of the other denominations.

But they have a splendid Sabbath school, the best, in fact, that I have seen since I have been in Georgia, and of this the officers and teachers are justly proud. In addition to the attendance of children, a goodly number of young ladies and gentlemen and older people attend regularly, each Sunday.

And the grown up scholars seem to take as deep an interest in the school as do the smaller ones.

One thing badly needed in Quitman is a better and more commodious hotel building. The building here is too small for the necessities of the town, and is besides inconveniently located.

No better man for proprietor can be found than Mr. J. W. C. Critchell, who carefully looks after the wants of all guests and is as clever and polite as can be. He reminds me more of Dr. J. G. James in his manners than any person I have seen.

There are two things that will attract the attention of a stranger on coming to Quitman. The first of these is the handsome two-story brick building being erected by the town, which will contain the Opera House, and the other is the Court house park. The town hall is not yet finished, but enough of it is done for one to see that it will be a creditable structure indeed.

The Court House park is as pretty a place as can be found in Georgia any where, and with a little attention it can be much more beautified. The county has recently had the iron fence surrounding the park painted which makes it much more attractive.

A handsome granite monument to the "Confederate Dead" is erected in the park having been placed there in 1878 by the Ladies Memorial Association. And I learn that the ladies propose talking the care of the park in hand in which event they will make it much more beautiful.

As I am speaking of the ladies let me say that those I have seen here are as fine looking as I have found elsewhere, and they seem very pleasant indeed.

But I suppose I have said enough about the town for one time, so I will devote the balance of this letter to those who make a town prosperous, the farmers. However, I must mention one more fact concerning Quitman, and that is this: It is the home of Hon. Henry G. Turner, than whom Georgia has no more able or faithful Representative in Congress.

The readers of the REFLECTOR already know something of the representation of Mr. Turner, so I will not say anything about that. But one fact many of them do not know probably, and that is that Mr. Turner, like quite a number of the other citizens of this section of Georgia, is a native "Tar Heel."

He is much respected here and the only thing that can prevent his return to Congress is for him to decline to enter the race.

Now to the farmers, and of this class of her citizens Brooks county can justly feel proud. They are, as a rule, steady, reliable, hard working men, who live at home and make a little to spare, and as a natural consequence, most of them have a little spare cash. It is claimed that, take them all in all, Brooks county has the best farmers in the State, and I am not prepared to contradict this statement.

I can only say that from what I have seen of them they are apparently a thrifty, well-to-do set of men. Cotton is planted largely but is not the only crop for corn and other grain is raised in abundance.

"hog and hominy," seems to be the rule here. Another crop that is no small item is the melon crop, and many acres of them are planted every year. I do not know what the acreage is, but some idea of the melon crop can be gathered from the fact that 619 car loads of melons were shipped from this county last year.

The farmers are now planting their melon patches and there is quite an increase in the acreage over last year. The season for melons is over by the 1st of July, after which time it is unprofitable to ship them.

What think you of the idea of planting melons the middle of February and having the crops gone by the 1st of July? North Carolina melons are scarcely beginning to ripen when the season is ended here. I must stop now, for paper is exhausted—so I also expect is the patience of the printers and those who may read this article—and will therefore defer the remainder of my remarks for another occasion.

By the way, I forgot to mention the fact that Quitman has two good newspapers, the Free Press and the Herald. The latter is a new venture and promises well. Its associate editor, Mr. J. W. Haulan, seemed to place great stress upon a paltry service I rendered him on his first issue, and spoke in very flattering terms thereof. I see, too, that the last issue of the REFLECTOR contained the same too complimentary notices. I am almost ashamed of you Mr. Editor, for giving publicity to them. Enough of this. More anon. J. R. WHICHARD.

Temperance.

The following essay on Temperance was read before Prosperity Grange, No 94, on the evening of the 14th of February, and has been handed the REFLECTOR with the request to publish:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It would be a waste of words to insist in a truth that all sensible people admit without argument, that intemperance is an evil, and a curse. Temperance consists in instilling into the minds of men such views as will control their conduct. To be a temperate man, is not to use to excess, and means to abstain wholly from intoxicating drinks. Yet see what a number willingly indulge in these poisons, thereby injuring themselves, and distressing those that they come in contact with. Those indulgences are Satan's short, deceitful and cruel way of destroying better feeling of human nature. Filthy, loathsome, repulsive, costly whiskey injures those who use it to their own hurt and the annoyance of all around them. But with all the experience of these wretched consequences the saloon shops are well supported. Don't you know we could have better education if we could have a prohibition law and force it? Let us have laws against the liquor traffic, bury it to rise no more. Just think of the evil done by intoxicating liquors! When wine is in wit is out, and intoxicating drinks have spoiled more good men and ruined more homes than any ten curses. The liquor traffic is a foe to our citizens a curse to the homes, a burden to society and a crime against God and the State. Yet "red liquor" is preferred by millions to necessary food and raiment and the consequence is that millions are filthy, ragged, starved and filling drunkard's graves. Hear the pitiful cry of some good mother following her dearest to the grave that was robbed of his life by intemperance! Hear the cry of the widow and orphan! Home gone, health lost, honor forfeited, social and religious privileges abandoned. It is a sad thought that intemperance is making such terrible inroads in our social and family life. And still the laws of prohibition are not more fully understood and regarded. What vast amount of suffering might be avoided, how much done to make life happier and more worth living, if we could stop the liquor business. I have a reason to believe that a vast majority of heads of families who are to-night suffering, is from the use of "red liquor." Its a destruction of body, life and soul, and the one who touches it that is the end of him. I have known but few cases where the rum loving young lad ever became the sober, steady, God fearing middle-aged man. The terrible appetite for rum would at times creep upon him and then the love of self, family and friends and all that is good, pure and noble would sink beneath the flood and the man be lost in the desert. He had only one fault: What was that? Only intemperance. The ship had only one leak but it went down. The temple had only one decaying pillar, but it fell. So it was with many of our men. They had only one fault and that was intemperance. It is self-created appetite for alcohol. The young girl, who knowingly, willingly and contrary to her parents' advice unites herself to a drunkard, takes a fearful responsibility upon herself that may cost her a life of sorrow and unhappiness, and they deserve but little pity. I have known cases where young girls have become the wives of drunkards and dragged out lives of sorrow, flattering themselves that by the influence of their love they could bring about a reform. But vain hope! Never was there a greater delusion, never a more positive surety of failure. Such cases of reform are rare indeed, like angels' visits, few and far between. Don't you know the Bible says a drunkard cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven? Why don't the people do away with the liquor traffic? By doing this they not only obey the Lord but please Him also, for he says "those that drink no wine or other liquors should live long upon the earth, but those that do drink it their lives shall be cut off when not expecting it." Good friends and kind brothers and sisters you are all in favor of less drunkenness and more education, and in order to have these we must all join in one battle and fight against intemperance. The United States pay \$1,484,000,000 for the support of saloons, and only \$80,000,000 for the support of public schools, \$1,404,000,000 more paid for the support of whiskey than for schools. Is it not a shame that so much of our hard earned gains be swallowed up by the "dram shops"? Sixty per cent for alcohol and only thirty-two per cent spent to feed and clothe the people of our land. How many graves are filled with drunkards and Oh! where are their souls to night! Now shall we, knowing the evil of intemperance, suffer this great curse to remain upon us, and the rising generation? I am in favor of temperance, or no whiskey, and hope the day is not far ahead when we shall see the down fall of alcoholic drinks. Then, good friends, shall we being trained up in the nurture and admonition of the law suffer this great curse to remain upon us? Let us spring, as it were, a giant from his slumber, and declare that we will vote it out, and thus set an example to the world and let them know that we have our eyes fixed on that star which will make both our calling and election sure. Now is the time for action. After victory comes the hour for silencing down and singing "Glory! hallelujah!"

LADY ASS'T. STEWARD

Coal is said to be so high in a Western town that millionaires there put their diamonds in the coal-bin and lock up their coal in the fire-proof safe.—Norristown Herald.

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Let Us Go Forward.

On Monday we received a copy  
of the Garden City (Kansas)  
Daily Herald, sent with the com-  
pliments of K. S. Uzzell & Co.,  
Law, Real Estate and Loan Bro-  
kers. In reading the Herald we  
found a card to the public a por-  
tion of which reads: "Parties  
in the East receiving this paper  
are informed that it is subscrib-  
ed and paid for by the business  
men of Garden City, and that  
they will receive it for a period  
of thirty days absolutely free of  
cost. It is sent to them to call  
their attention to the beauties,  
advantages and resources of Gar-  
den City, Finney county and  
southwestern Kansas, and to the  
inducements offered homeseek-  
ers and capitalists in this great  
Mediterranean country of the  
southwest." There is pluck in  
those words. It shows unity  
among the business men and  
that they are determined to  
build up their city. Such busi-  
ness men are sure to attract the  
attention of the outside world.  
Whoever receives copies of the  
Herald will discover that the  
people there are enterprising and  
progressive and want newcomers  
to locate among them. Now we  
of the East can learn an impor-  
tant lesson from this. What  
could Greenville be made if our  
business men would come to-  
gether and show such a deter-  
mination to build up the town?  
Just such a spirit is needed—  
something to attract the outside  
world to our sections. Surely  
no locality has more natural ad-  
vantages than ours; no commu-  
nity is more healthful; no cli-  
mate is more comfortable, and  
no soil is more productive. We  
need newcomers here. We need  
new enterprises and new indus-  
tries. We need an aggressive,  
stirring, pushing, enterprising  
people. Give us these and  
Greenville can be made the lead-  
ing town in Eastern Carolina.  
Let the work begin at once. Let  
the citizens unite in building up  
and improving the town, then  
centre upon your local paper as  
a means of attracting the attention  
of the outside world to us. The  
REFLECTOR is ready to encour-  
age and push any enterprise that  
will help in building up our sec-  
tion. Ours can become a great  
section. Much can be done here  
and we stand ready to aid every  
improvement.

Besides a full exhibit of fish,  
oysters and game at the Craven  
County Fair of March 13th, 14th  
and 15th, there will be shown  
native woods, farm products,  
live poultry, marl, antique relics  
fancy work and art. Many val-  
uable premiums are to be offer-  
ed.

There are to be many interest-  
ing features at the Craven Co.,  
fish, oyster and game fair, which  
comes off on the 13th, 14th and  
15th of March. A tournament,  
a street parade of one of the  
most efficient fire departments in  
the South, and a glass ball and  
clay pigeon shooting. Special  
low rates over railroad and  
steamboat lines in the State, and  
excursion rates from points  
North have been secured.

Many were the ovations ten-  
dered to President Cleveland  
and Mrs. Cleveland along the  
route of their travels between  
the National Capital and the  
"Land of Flowers" last week.  
The Presidential party was con-  
veyed on a special train, and  
their passage through North  
Carolina was made memorable to  
many "Tar Heels." At every  
station hundreds of anxious peo-  
ple gathered to catch a glimpse  
of the President as the train pas-  
sed, and all along he was greet-  
ed with cheers. These manifesta-  
tions on the part of the people  
show with what appreciation  
they look upon President Cleve-  
land's administration.

Governor Scales has ordered  
the encampment of the State  
Guard this year to be held at  
Wrightsville, 9 miles from Wil-  
mington. That is an excellent  
place for the encampment and  
we believe the selection will give  
general satisfaction throughout  
the State. The encampment  
will begin July 15th and contin-  
ue seven days.

The ball will now begin. The  
State Democratic Executive  
Committee which met last week  
selected Raleigh as the place and  
the 30th of May as the time for  
holding the nominating Con-  
vention for State officers. The Na-  
tional Committee appointed the  
5th of June for the holding of  
the convention to nominate a  
candidate for President. This  
convention will be held in St.  
Louis.

Washington Letter.

Special cor. to REFLECTOR.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28th, '88.  
Washington has been the Me-  
cca towards which the eyes of all  
good democrats have been devot-  
edly turned during the past few  
days. Here the first steps were  
taken towards the great victory  
which is to be won this year again  
by the party. The Democratic  
National Committee which met in  
this city to select the time and  
place for holding the National  
Nominating Convention, held a  
three days meeting of intense in-  
terest and every rival city worked  
itself hardest for the prize.

The only other business of im-  
portance transacted by the com-  
mittee was the election of Mr.  
Wm. Steinway, the piano manu-  
facturer, of New York city, to fill  
the vacancy on the committee  
caused by the death of Hubert O.  
Thompson. This selection was a  
great disappointment to the repub-  
licans, who confidently expected  
a great row in the committee  
over it.

Representative Scott, of Penn-  
sylvania, was in favor of holding  
the convention before the republi-  
cans held theirs believing that  
having possession of the Govern-  
ment, it was the proper thing for  
the democrats to take the initia-  
tory steps in opening the Presi-  
dential campaign. Senator Gor-  
man, of Maryland, opposed an early  
convention, maintaining that there  
was no reason why the democrats  
should change their policy of fol-  
lowing the republicans; that with  
a late convention they could take  
advantage of any mistakes of their  
opponents, whereas, by the pre-  
ceding the republicans it would  
enable them to make capital out of  
any blunders that might be com-  
mitted by the democrats. Senator  
Gorman's views were shared by  
nearly two thirds of the committee,  
hence the selection, at first, of Ju-  
ly 3. The next day reconsideration  
of this vote was secured and  
Mr. Scott's views accepted by  
adopting June 5th as the date for  
the convention. It was not until  
near noon on Thursday, that  
St. Louis was fixed upon as the  
place; up to that hour it was be-  
lieved that San Francisco was sure  
to win.

Mr. Mills, Chairman of the  
House committee on Ways and  
Means, has just returned from a  
flying trip to Providence, R. I. He  
says he is delighted with the spir-  
it of the New England people in  
regard to the revenue question.  
Throughout the manufacturing  
districts the tariff for revenue  
theory is popular and they are  
pleased with the President's tariff  
message.

It is now said that little Phil  
Sheridan's declination of the nom-  
ination for President was a case  
of "sour grapes." He is not eligi-  
ble. "Even granting that he was  
born as his mother says, several  
months after the arrival of his  
parents in this country," said a  
naturalized citizen of this city,  
"that would make him an alien,  
under the law, as his father was  
not naturalized, and no more eligi-  
ble to the Presidency than if he  
was born in Ireland. I know, be-  
cause I had a son born several  
months after my arrival in this  
country, and he was obliged be-  
fore he was allowed to vote, on  
reaching the age of twenty one,  
to take the oath of allegiance, as  
he was held to be alien born. The  
same law would apply to Sheri-  
dan's case."

Charges having been repeatedly  
made in a number of republican  
papers, that the Commissioner of  
Pensions had given the soldiers of  
democratic States an advantage  
over those of republican states in  
the amount of pensions allowed  
them; a table has been prepared at  
the pension Office, which effectually  
disproves the silly charge.

Another bad break is to be  
charged up to the republican lead-  
ers of the House. They see it  
now, but it is too late to stop the  
deluge. They proposed and passed  
a resolution to investigate the  
Government Printing, or rather to  
investigate Mr. Benedict, the first  
democratic Public Printer, prom-  
ising to show up many startling  
things. The proposition was  
readily agreed to by the demo-  
crats, after an amendment was  
added providing that the investi-  
gation should include the four  
years term of Mr. Benedict's re-  
publican predecessor. The com-  
mittee appointed under this res-  
olution, has already begun work,  
and enough has been done to make  
the republicans very sorry that they  
started it, and the indications are  
that their sorrows will continue to

increase. Here are some figures  
taken from the books of the Gov-  
ernment Printing Office, that  
speak volumes: In Jan. 1886 (un-  
der Rounds) there were 2,352 pen-  
sions on the rolls receiving \$168,826,  
and in Jan. 1888, under Benedict,  
there are 2,041 on the rolls receiv-  
ing \$153,457. Notwithstanding  
the great reduction in the number  
of employees—over 300—and the  
large saving in cash—over \$15,000  
in a month—there was more work  
turned out of the office in Jan.  
1888 than in Jan. 1886. Com-  
ment is needless.

Keelsville Items.

KEELSVILLE N. C. Feb. 1888

Editor Eastern Reflector:

Since my last letter we have had  
some very hard rains. The farmers  
have been very busy during the  
week doing nothing. It has been  
entirely too wet to do any farm  
work at all. We think "Uncle  
Pete" will have to build another  
ark if it rains much more.

Some of the trees and shrubs are  
beginning to bud and show some  
sign of spring being near at hand  
but before March comes and goes  
they will have to shed and "come  
again."

The death of Mr. James T. Ross,  
mentioned of which was made in  
last week's issue, cast a gloom over  
our whole community. He was  
as well as usual between one and  
two o'clock when he left home to  
go rabbit hunting with some of  
his neighbors, and was a corpse in  
about two hours. He ran a short  
distance after a rabbit and, becom-  
ing somewhat worried, sat down  
on a stump telling the others to go  
on for he had to rest awhile, but  
as one of them, Mr. W. B. Roe-  
back, was passing he told him he  
believed he was going to faint for  
he felt worse than he ever did be-  
fore. Mr. Roebuck began fanning  
him with his hat and told him  
that he reckoned he would not  
faint, when Mr. Ross fell, but was  
caught by some of the party, and  
died in about a minute. He died  
in less than five minutes after he  
stopped running. He leaves a  
wife and three small children who  
have our most heart-felt sympa-  
thies.

Mr. James K. Ross and Miss  
Addie Whitfield both of Martin  
county were married last Wednes-  
day. Our best wishes are ex-  
tended them.

One of Mr. W. R. Whichard's  
boys found a dead rabbit with  
only two feet yesterday. He said  
he cut off his tail and let him go.

Dunn on the Defense.

DUNN, N. C. Feb. 21st 1888

Editor Eastern Reflector:

I see in your latest issue that  
you have picked up the informa-  
tion that Dunn has only one lady  
and sixty young men. It might  
have had that number last sum-  
mer but it is far ahead of it now.  
Dunn is a new place. Within the  
last fifteen months there has been  
over one hundred buildings erected.  
It has about thirty-five stores. There  
is a demand far beyond the sup-  
ply for dwellings here. But I am  
wandering from the subject. I  
did not start out to give the statis-  
tics of Dunn but to say that  
there are over thirty-five young  
ladies in this place and they are  
coming every week and they will  
continue to come, for Dunn is  
growing and will keep on. Over  
3,300 bales of cotton were sold in  
this place last fall and over 5,000  
will be sold this coming fall and  
winter. Over 2,000 tons of Fertil-  
izers will go out from here this  
spring. I will close as I did not  
intend to harp on Dunn when I  
started out. Yours truly,  
E. G. Cox.

Florida Letter.

JACKSONVILLE FLA. Feb 22 '88.

Editor Eastern Reflector:

If you will allow me space in  
your valuable paper, I will give  
you a few interesting points  
about Jacksonville. One of the  
most interesting now is the Presi-  
dent's visit. He arrived here this  
afternoon on a special train and  
was greeted at the depot with a  
salute of 21 guns and the acclama-  
tion of an immense concourse of  
people. The party was escorted  
to the St. James Hotel by the  
State Militia and a band playing  
patriotic airs. The carriage which  
carried the President and Mrs.  
Cleveland was a beauty—decorat-  
ed with flowers and evergreens.  
At 1:30 after the Presidential party  
had taken lunch, the procession  
was formed for the Exposition  
ground. The line of march was  
along the principal streets which  
were gay with decorations of all  
kinds, including evergreens, hunt-  
ing, festoons of oranges and or-  
ange flowers. masses of people  
in holiday attire lined the route,  
and it is estimated that 100,000  
citizens and visitors witnessed the  
procession, including thousands of  
northern tourists. On arrival at  
the Exposition building another  
salute of 21 guns were fired. When  
the Presidential party was seated  
and the crowd quiet, Col. J. K.  
Daniels delivered an address of  
welcome, which was warmly ap-  
plauded. The President made a  
short speech in reply which was  
greeted with most vociferous and  
long continued applause "The  
people being desirous of seeing  
Mrs. Cleveland the President took  
her by the hand and led her to  
the front. Then broke forth a  
perfect tempest of cheering and  
clapping of hands. This ended  
the formal part of the ceremonies.  
The President and party were  
driven back to their hotel where

a reception of two hours was giv-  
en in their honor. The Presi-  
dent will visit several towns in  
Florida, after which he will start  
back to the Capital. He will  
spend one hour in Charleston Sat-  
urday on his way home.

Florida has made quite a favor-  
able impression on me, especially  
Jacksonville. It is one of the  
prettiest cities I ever saw. Or-  
ange trees laden with the golden  
fruit are to be seen all along the  
streets. Many rose bushes in  
bloom and Tropical plants delight  
the eye on almost every turn. The  
weather is very pleasant and the  
country and growth seem as if it  
were summer. Jacksonville is  
very pleasant indeed, yet it is not  
home. Any one can't realize how  
much they love home until they  
leave it.

By chance I had the pleasure  
of shaking the hand of Mr. Ben  
Cobb in Savannah who is travel-  
ing in Georgia in the interest of  
the Cox Cotton Planter.  
J. B. TRIPP.

Zephyr Cotton Seed.

We have had our attention called  
to the good qualities of the  
new kind of cotton, "the zephyr"  
which has been raised in wake  
county for three years and given  
splendid results. In 1886 the  
yield of lint to the 100 pounds  
of cotton was 45½ pounds. Last  
fall, owing to the bad season in  
this county, the yield was only 36½  
to 39 pounds per 100 pounds. Mr.  
J. L. Stone has bought this cotton  
and is now selling the seed  
throughout this State. Mr. Stone  
has been prominently and favorably  
known for 15 years throughout  
North Carolina. That he should  
engage in selling these seeds, after a  
strict enquiry into their merits, is  
proof that they are as represented,  
and that there is no humbug in  
the matter. His name and trade  
mark on each package is a guaran-  
tee of their genuineness and good  
qualities. By the above it will be  
seen that this cotton made a fifth  
more than that generally planted.  
It cotton that will make this extra  
yield is planted this year, the  
good farmers of North Carolina  
will increase their profits over  
three millions of dollars. Believe  
that the use of improved seed  
is a matter of vital importance to  
our farmers, we have given the  
subject as much space as our crow-  
ded columns will admit—Progressive  
Farmer.

We know but little about cot-  
ton seed, but we do know the edi-  
tor of the Progressive Farmer, Col.  
L. L. Polk, and Mr. J. L. Stone  
who is selling the seed. We be-  
lieve what they say about the  
Zephyr Cotton, and think our  
readers may rely on their state-  
ments. We have seen the Zephyr  
Cotton and it is very pretty in-  
deed.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

OBITUARY.

Departed this life on the 11th of Feb.  
1888, Catherine Albritton, wife of Eld.  
B. B. Albritton, aged 72 years,  
and six months. She had lived a few  
weeks longer they would have been  
together as husband and wife fifty-three  
years.

She was a consistent member of the  
Freewill Baptist Church forty-five years,  
always filling her seat at Parker's Chap-  
el, her place of membership, every meet-  
ing unless prevented by some hindering  
cause.

She was a kind and faithful companion  
and devoted to the church and its cause,  
and continued up to death to encourage  
her husband to go forward in discharge  
of his duty in preaching the Gospel which  
caused him to be away from home for  
several weeks at a time. In the early part  
of her last illness she refused to leave her  
bed unless she would write what she prom-  
ised to do if she got no better, thinking  
at the time she only had taken cold and  
hoped to be better soon, but she grew  
worse, and according to promise he was  
written for, he answered the summons  
and returned as soon as possible, but  
found her fast falling and after being  
home only a few hours she breathed her  
last.

She was respected by all who knew her,  
and leaves many friends besides husband,  
one daughter and seven grand children,  
but we believe their loss is her gain.  
The writer extends his sincere sym-  
pathies to the bereaved ones, and especially  
to him who in his old age is left com-  
panionless, who no doubt feels the loss more  
than all others, but he knows her suffering  
of this life is over, and believes her joys  
of another have begun. She has passed  
over the river and is now resting under  
the shades of the trees awaiting the ar-  
rival of dear ones left behind. And may  
they all without exception so live they  
world without death, pain nor death  
can enter, but where joy, peace and hap-  
piness remain forever.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the  
Lord, that they will rest from their lab-  
ors; and their works do follow them."  
Feb. 26th 1888. FERNANDO WARD.

Notice.

I have purchased the Tivory business  
recently conducted by Keel & King, and  
about the 1st of this week will receive a  
car load of fine Horses and Mules for sale  
on moderate terms. Horses boarded at  
my stables at reasonable rates. Give me  
a call. ROBERT DIXON,  
Feb. 26th '88.

Notice to Creditors.

Having duly qualified before the Superi-  
or Court of Pitt county on the 27th  
day of February, 1888, as Adminis-  
trator of James T. Ross, deceased, notice  
is hereby given to all persons indebted to  
the estate to make immediate payment to  
the undersigned, or to the creditors of  
said estate to present their claims, prop-  
erly authenticated, to the undersigned  
on or before the 27th day of February,  
1888, or this notice will be plead in his  
recovery. This 27th day of Febru-  
ary, 1888. G. M. MOORING,  
Adm'r of J. T. Ross, dec'd

Important Land Sale

By virtue of an execution in my hands  
for collection against B. F. Sugg and others,  
issued from the Superior Court of  
Wayne county, I will sell at the Court  
House door in Greenville on Monday,  
the 5th day of March, 1888, the interest of  
said B. F. Sugg in a tract or parcel of  
land in the town of Greenville, contain-  
ing 43 acres more or less, and in which  
the Messrs. Shops and Foundry are situated,  
and also the interest of said B. F. Sugg  
in the Machinery in said shops, the  
interest of said B. F. Sugg being a  
joint interest with the said B. F. Sugg  
and others, in a tract of land in the  
county of Wayne, State of North Carolina,  
containing 100 acres more or less, and  
situated in the town of Greenville, State  
of North Carolina. Terms of Sale Cash.  
W. M. KING,  
Shops of the Foundry

**Paine's  
Celery  
Compound**  
For The NERVOUS  
The DEBILITATED  
The AGED.  
A NERVE TONIC.  
Celery and Cereals, the prominent in-  
gredients, are the best and safest  
serve Tonic. It strengthens and  
revives the nervous system, curing  
Nervous Weakness, Hysteria, sleep  
lessness, indigestion, and all diseases  
of the stomach, and aids digestion.  
AN ALTERATIVE.  
It drives out the poisonous humors of  
the blood purifying and enriching it,  
and so overcoming those diseases  
resulting from impure or impover-  
ished blood.  
A LAXATIVE.  
Acting mildly but surely on the bowels  
it cures habitual constipation, and  
promotes regular habit. It strength-  
ens the stomach, and aids digestion.  
A DIURETIC.  
In its composition the best and most  
active diuretic of the Materia Medica  
are combined scientifically with other  
effective remedies for diseases of the  
kidneys. It can be relied on to give  
quick relief and speedy cure.  
It is especially recommended for  
persons who have used this remedy with  
marked benefit. Send for circular giving  
full particulars.  
Price 25 cts. Sold by Druggists,  
WELLS, RICHARDSON & CO., Prop'r  
BURLINGTON, VT.

**THE MAN IN THE MOON**  
CANNOT BE SEEN EVERY DAY, but the man who keeps a fresh supply of  
**Groceries, Fruits, Confections, Cigars,  
TOBACCO, CANNED GOODS, &C.**  
Can be found whenever wanted. You only have to look for  
**V. L. STEPHENS,**  
And all your wants in the above goods can be supplied.  
BOXES OF CONFECTIONS PUT UP TO ORDER.  
FINE CIGARS A SPECIALTY.

**THIS BEING ELECTION YEAR**  
And LEAP YEAR has nothing to do with the price of  
**GROCERIES.**  
I you desire to purchase a first-class article in either  
**FLOUR, SUGAR, COFFEE, MEAT,**  
Or anything in that line, call on  
**J. C. TYSON,** - - Greenville, N. C.  
Provisions, Canned Goods, General Family Supplies,  
Tobacco, &c., Always on Hand.

**THIS MONTH**  
We Will sell  
**Dress Goods,  
GINGHAMS,  
BOOTS AND SHOES,**  
For Less than Their Value.

Dress Goods worth 40c for 27 " " 22½ " 16½  
" " 22½ " 16½ " " 15½ " 10  
Ginghams " 10 " 9 " " 8 " 7

**THIS IS NO CATCH!**  
WE MEAN IT!  
The "Girl" Champion and the "Atlas" Turning  
Plows always on hand.

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**E. C. GLENN.**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT.  
STANDARD GUANO, ACID PHOSPHATE, KAINIT,  
PULVERIZED OYSTER SHELL,  
SHELL LIME, PURE DISSOLVED BONE,  
COTTON SEED MEAL AND  
Tennessee Wagons, for sale.  
GREENVILLE, N. C., Mar. 23d, 1887.

**The Greenville Carriage Works,**  
**R. GREENE, JR. Manager.**  
WE are now fitted up in FIRST-CLASS order and are prepared to man-  
ufacture upon short notice any kind or style of  
**RIDING VEHICLES.**  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ALL REPAIRING.  
We also keep a nice line of  
**READY MADE HARNESS.**  
Come and see us. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

**W. L. BROWN**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
AND AGENT FOR THE TARBORO OIL MILLS.  
Highest Cash price paid for Cotton Seed or  
Meal given in exchange. Has for sale  
Acid Phosphate, Shell Lime and Cotton Seed Meal  
Either for Cash or on Time.  
**FARMER'S BONE FERTILIZER**  
A SPECIALTY it is guaranteed to be superior to any fertilizer on the market.

**Land Sale.** IN THE SUPERIOR COURT,  
Pitt County.  
By virtue of a decree of the Superior  
Court of Pitt county dated February 1st  
1888 and made in a certain Special Pro-  
ceeding entitled Robert Dixon Executor  
of J. S. Dixon against E. S. Dixon et al  
and numbered 567 upon the Special Pro-  
ceeding Docket of said Court, I will on  
Saturday the 10th of March, 1888, on the  
premises near Black Jack Church in Chic-  
ocot township, sell at public sale to the  
highest bidder a certain lot or parcel of  
land in Chicocot township, Pitt county, de-  
scribed as follows, to-wit: Beginning at  
a stake on the Greenville and New Bern  
road 16½ poles from the fork of the road  
leading from Black Jack Church to Boyd's  
Ferry in Pitt county, adjoining the lands  
of Henry Campbell, Samuel Davis, J. O.  
Proctor & Bro., containing about fifty-  
two acres more or less. About ten acres  
of said land is cleared. F. E. NELSON,  
Special Commissioner.

**STOP!**  
Don't go further un-  
til you have exam-  
ined our elegant line of  
Samples, just in, for  
Spring and Summer Clothing.  
PLACE YOUR ORDERS with us and we guarantee  
to give you a Suit that is a PERFECT FIT and  
SATISFACTORY IN EVERY PARTICULAR.  
**H. MORRIS & BROS**  
GREENVILLE, N. C. Feb. 20, 1888

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**HARRY SKINNER & CO.,**  
SUCCESSORS TO JOHN S. CONGLETON & CO  
GREENVILLE, N. C.  
**THE LEADERS IN  
ALL KINDS OF STAPLE GOODS.**  
Our FALL and WINTER stock of Dry Goods,  
Clothing, Shoes, Hats, etc., have arrived, and all  
friends and customers are invited to call and ex-  
amine goods and prices.

Having purchased the entire mercantile business of John S. Con-  
gleton & Co, including notes, book accounts and all evidences of debt  
and merchandise, we solicit their former and increased patronage.  
Being able to make all purchases for cash, getting advantage of the  
discounts, we will be enabled to sell as cheaply as any one South of  
Norfolk. We shall retain in our employ J. S. Congleton as general  
superintendent of the business, with his former partner Chas Skinner  
as assistant, who will always be glad to see and serve their old customers.  
A special branch of our business will be to furnish cash at reasonab-  
le rates to farmers to cultivate and harvest their crops, in sums of \$100  
to \$2,000 with approved security

**J. L. SUGG,**  
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At lowest current rates Give us a call when in need of LIFE, FIRE  
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STILL TO THE FRONT!  
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WILL CONTINUE THE MANUFACTURE OF  
**PHÆTONS, BUGGIES, CARTS & DRAYS.**

My Factory is well equipped with the best Mechanics, consequently put up nothing  
but FIRST-CLASS WORK. We keep up with the times and the latest improved styles.  
Best material used in all work. All styles of Springs are used, you can select from  
Brewster, Storm, Timpinkin, Coil, Ram Horn, King.  
Also keep on hand a full line of ready made  
**HARNESS AND WHIPS,**  
the year round, which we will sell as LOW AS THE LOWEST.  
Special Attention Given to REPAIRING.

Thinking the people of this and surrounding counties for past favors, we hope to  
merit a continuance of the same.

**TAILORING!**  
Recent improvement which we have made in  
Custom Clothing, enables us to place  
**FIRST-CLASS GARMENTS**  
within the reach of all, and which are superior  
to those generally obtained at higher prices  
elsewhere. Every garment made on the prem-  
ises.  
**JOHN SIMMS,**  
LaGrange, N. C.  
**100 TON ACID PHOSPHATE  
25 KAINIT,  
AGRICULTURAL LIME,**  
FOR SALE BY **HARRY SKINNER & CO.**

THE EASTERN REFLECTOR

THIS PAPER MAY BE FOUND AT THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE PUBLISHERS...

Local Sparks

Last day of February. 1000 Bushels Seed Oats for sale by E. C. Glenn.

A little snow fell here Monday morning. A few more thoroughbred Game Chickens for sale by J. J. Cherry.

County Commissioners will meet next Monday. We have still a few desirable goods on hand that must be closed out soon, regardless of cost.

A splendid chance for cash purchases to secure bargains. T. R. CHERRY & Co. To-morrow March will blow down upon us.

D. M. Ferry & Co's. Garden Seed at the Old Brick Store. We will see if March comes in like a lamb this time.

Zoeller will soon close his Gallery in Greenville. The English sparrow must go. Let the boys shoot them.

50 barrels seed Potatoes, cheap at the Old Brick Store. A number of interesting letters in this issue. Read them all.

Point Lace Flour has been tried and is the best and cheapest at the Old Brick Store. Is this a blizzard we have been having for the last two days?

Forty Bushels Spanish Peanuts for sale by J. L. Ballard. No trouble to get fresh fish now and they continue to grow cheaper.

500 bushels early Spring Oats, cheap, at the Old Brick Store. Monday was a fickle day. It snowed while the sun was shining.

FOUND.—A patent door key, number "B 907." Owner can get it at this office by paying charges. The old Tar is on another rampage. Another big freshest this week.

E. C. Glenn has a few tons of Boykin & Carner's Chemicals for Horse Fertilizers, at \$10 per ton cash. The mails have become irregular again, the trouble being with the railroads.

The sale of the Boss Fanions Lunch Milk Biscuit during 1887 exceeded the sales of the former year by 380 701 pounds. Try them, at the Old Brick Store.

Don't talk about the weather being settled. It just won't get that way. For a pleasant smoke try the Oyster Cigar for sale by V. L. Stephens.

The Edenton Enquirer says the fishermen are getting gloomy over the small catch of fish. A new lot of Seaside Library just received including the "13th Hussars," by Emile Gaboreau, at Alex Heilbronner's News Stand.

We now call it spring, and hope the weather will conduct itself in accordance therewith. If you want a Barrel of first class Flour try "Best in the World." For sale by V. L. Stephens.

The man who predicted this would be a dry moon did not know what he was talking about. H. F. Keel has bought the livery business of Keel & King and has a notice in this paper.

The man who advertises is always more prosperous and happy than the man who does not. The main floral attraction just now is the large crimson japonica in Mrs. V. H. Whitchard's yard.

Attention is called to the notice to creditors by G. M. Mooring, Administrator of James T. Ross. The REFLECTOR is laboring for the interests of Pitt county, and every man in Pitt county should take it.

Our advertising patronage continues to grow which is very encouraging. There are always room for more. The farmers of this section are buying large quantities of seed oats. We hope a large crop of them will be made.

Have you a neighbor who is not taking the REFLECTOR? If so see if you cannot induce him to become a subscriber. Don't let the canning factory, the railroad or any other object that will help the town, die out. Keep up the agitation.

On the 14th inst. Miss Ophelia Hardison, of Williamson, was married to Mr. J. W. Watts. Her many friends here offer best wishes. The Progressive Farmer, of Raleigh, has entered its third volume. It is a genuine farmer's paper and should circulate largely among them.

One very good thing about Greenville is that it matters not how much it rains or how hard it rains, give us two days of bright weather and the streets are all right again.

Personal. Dr. F. M. Rountree, of Kinston, 1-dead.

Mr. Alex L. Blow was at Henderson last week attending Vance county Court.

Mr. Atwater, of Chapel Hill, father of Mrs. R. B. John, spent last week in town.

We are glad to see Mr. W. G. Smith out again after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Claude Owens, of Plymouth, who had been visiting Mrs. Dr. Frank Brown, left for her home last Thursday.

Miss Georgia Harrison returned from Washington Saturday and has resumed her duties at Mrs. Cowell's millinery store.

We learn from the News and Observer that Governor Seales has commissioned Mr. J. J. Bernard as First Lieutenant of the Governor's Guard. Mr. Bernard is a Greenville boy.

Hon. T. G. Skinner, of Hertford, ex-Congressman from this District, has been in town a few days visiting his brothers, Messrs. Chas. and Harry Skinner. We were glad to have a call from him yesterday.

The regular monthly temperance mass meeting for last Sunday was postponed on account of the services in progress in the Baptist Church.

Mr. John A. Smith, of Chocotown, tells us that he killed four hogs on the 14th that weighed 1087 pounds. That was not a bad weigh.

The new organ in the Baptist Church is a handsome instrument and possesses purity and sweetness of tone. It is the Wilcox & White make.

Our business men are learning the advantages the REFLECTOR offers to advertisers. Look over these columns—they speak for themselves.

Another bar-room was broken into last week. Some one went into the shop of Mr. Noah Forbes, got what change there was in the drawer and some whiskey.

Mr. Warren is doing a fine business with his Nursery and is now filling many orders by mail. He recently sent fifty James grape vines to one man in Georgia.

Brown & Hooker have a new advertisement in to-day's paper. They have just received a large stock of spring and summer goods and want you to call on them.

The skimmers put in their nets last week and caught many shad. The run was good. Some of our people go down on the bridge evenings to watch the fishers.

We return thanks for complimentary tickets to the fish, oyster and game fair at New Berne, March 13th, 14th and 15th. It promises to be an attractive and interesting fair.

Immense carts loaded with fertilizers are seen going out of town every day. The use of foreign fertilizers and mortgaging practices we would rejoice to see our farmers abandon.

The Greenville REFLECTOR, one of the brightest and best weekly papers in North Carolina, has commenced its 7th volume. Brother Whitchard has attained success because he deserved it.—Orange (Va.) Observer.

The REFLECTOR was issued upon the first day and the last day of February, both days occurring on Wednesday. Somebody who has time to make the calculation please tell us how many years will elapse before this again occurs. We want to know how old the REFLECTOR will be then.

Last week we sent out a large supplement on State Finances. It reached us after our mail for the Southern portion of the county had been sent off and for that reason enough of them were reserved to send this week. Every Democrat in the county should give the supplement a careful perusal.

Unpassable. Quite a number of people living on the North side of the river were placed in a predicament Monday. They had come into town during the morning and when the draw to the bridge was opened about noon for the boats to pass it became injured and could not be closed, thus rendering it impossible for the people to get back to their homes. The trouble was repaired yesterday.

Too Good. The EASTERN REFLECTOR, of Greenville, has entered its seventh volume. Bro. Whitchard is a fearless advocate of right and his pungent pen keeps evil doers in continual dread. The REFLECTOR is doing much for Greenville's advancement, both in a material and a moral point of view. Long may the paper live to reflect its editor's noble sentiments.—Washington Gazette.

District Grange. We learn that Hon. W. R. Williams, Master of the State Grange, organized a District Grange on the 25th inst., at Bell's Ferry, comprising four Granges in Pitt county and two in Lenoir county, representing about five hundred farmers. After the installation of the officers the large crowd assembled at the new Methodist Church where they were addressed by Mr. Williams. He urged farmers to organize by joining the Grange, the oldest, the best and the only National farmer's organization.

Discontinued. Mr. G. B. King has discontinued the publication of the Standard, and hereafter will devote his whole time to the study, mastery and practice of his chosen and favorite profession, that of the law. We understand that he wishes to sell the newspaper outfit, and will do so on reasonable and easy terms. May be met with much success in his practice.

February 7th, 1888. The Board of Commissioners of Pitt County met this day according to adjournment. County orders were issued as follows:

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C C Farror being charged with \$6,075 valuation on land in Bethel township when said valuation is excessive, it is ordered to be reduced to \$4,000 and the Tax Collector receive credit therefor.

The contract for the public printing of the county was awarded to the EASTERN REFLECTOR at the sum of \$104 for the year 1888.

The Sheriff and Tax Collector asked for further time to settle and was granted until first Monday in March, 1888.

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In reference to the establishing of a free ferry across Tar River at Yankee Hall, motion being lodged by Latham & Skinner, att'ys for a portion of the citizens on the South side of the river that the Commissioners give the matter a rehearing on first Monday in March 1888, the Clerk of the Board was ordered to publish notice of the motion in the EASTERN REFLECTOR, and at three public places in Patoles, Chocot and Carolina townships, and at the Court House door in Greenville for 20 days, up on the payment by Latham & Skinner of the costs of such advertisement.

Land Sale. In pursuance of a decree of the Superior Court of Pitt county made in a certain Special Proceedings case, entitled Nancy E. Turnage and husband, Sam'l T. Turnage and Zilpha Phillips, minors by their guardian, J. G. Price, ex-parte, the undersigned Commissioner will sell at the Court House door in Greenville, on Monday, March 19th, 1888, to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract or piece of land lying in Contentment township, Pitt county, adjoining the lands of S. A. Krittall, J. F. Crawford and others, containing about thirty-three (33) acres. Said land is conveyed to the above named parties by a Deed of Gift from Moses Beppard. This sale is made for partition. G. B. KING Commissioner. Feb. 24th, 1888.

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But before that comes we want to tell you of the unparalleled bargains we are offering on

NOTIONS, BOOTS, SHOES,

and all other goods in our line Our Mr. HIGGS is now visiting Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia to purchase a large stock of Spring and Summer goods and our present stock

MUST BE DISPOSED OF in order to make room for new goods. Our Spring purchases will be made for the CASH which will enable us to give all patrons benefit of the very lowest prices. We are always glad to serve you.

HIGGS & MUNFORD

We make a specialty of A. A. BATTLE'S \$2.50 Calf Shoe.

NEW YORK. The Racket Store.

Step by step the RACKET moves on, and step by step its law of low value demonstrates the principles of mastery in business. Solve the problem of success as you will, surround it with all the mystery possible, put in it all the fine spun theories you can invent and boil them down into a nut-shell, then put them into practice and you will find that you have no better one than the law of the RACKET. Master your business when you buy, keep the mastery when you sell. Never mark an item eight cents when you can afford to take seven. Having purchased largely from several merchants retiring from business at 50 cents in the dollar and some goods for less. We propose giving our customers the benefit of the bargains. The law of small profits and quick sales is the only legitimate road to successful career in business. To do this it takes dollars—dollars when you buy—for no man's credit is equal to dollars, dollars when you sell, for no man can sell you goods as cheap on time as for cash. And if anyone avers to you that your credit is as good as your money, look out, for the business man who does it, knows full well the power of ready cash, or has not learned enough of the principles of business to rank him with a twelve years old school boy. Men sell goods on time; of course they do, and thoroughly duffed merchants in that line do it, but they make you pay for it. If they did not they would fail. And a great many do fail, for the reason that the law of it is the higher prices, the more certain defeat. Big profits kill, small profits master the mercantile business. The credit system is a failure, it encumbers the producer, the farmers with debts that he may never expect to pay. He gives a mortgage on his horse and cow and everything save his wife and children, and when he has done this, he is no longer a free man. He agrees to pay just what the merchant charges, and this is compelled to be an exorbitant price to make up for those who never pay. At the end of the year if he has been very fortunate he pays up, if not he goes on the same basis for another year, and thus it is year after year. Below we quote some of our leading bargains. We can save you money on anything you may want in our line.

- C. S. Parson's best Brogan Shoes at astonishing low figures Best Calico's 5 cents 2 Paper Pins 5 cents 2 Papers Sharp's Needles 5 cents 2 Spools of Cotton for 5 cents 2 Cakes of Toilet Soap 5 cents 4 oz Bottle Machine Oil 5 cents Hemstitched Ladies Handkerchief 5 cents All Silk Ribbon 5 cents per yard Men's Unlaundred Shirts Lamen Bosoms 50 and 59 cents 3 Balls Sewing Cotton 5 cents Towels from 5 cents up Ladies Breakfast Shawls for 15 cents Men's Suspenders at 15 and 20 cents Table Cloths at low figures Ladies Hose 7 and 12 cents better quality 15 Men's Pants from \$1.00 up Note Paper 10 cents a quire Good Envelopes 4 cents a pack Buttons 3 cents a dozen and up Ladies' Handkerchiefs 2 for 5 cents better quality for 5 cents Ladies' Bustles 39 cents usual price 60 Pocket Books 5 cents Hair Brush 15 cents Combs and razors most any price Hairbrushes 18 cents Good Hammer 15 cents Corsets for 25 cents and up Good Rubber Elastic 5 cents better quality broadened 8 cents Ladies' Chemise well made 48 cents 5 Lead Pencils for 5 cents Tin and Glassware at prices that will astonish you

Give us a call and be convinced that a dime saved is a dime made. Come one and all, little and big, we will send you home rejoicing. Very respectfully yours

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ARRIVING DAILY AT THE MAMMOTH EMPORIUM. Come and be convinced that our selections cannot be surpassed. Watch our column and we will keep you posted as to the arrival of New Goods in all departments.

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WHITE GOODS

At Greatly Reduced Prices. A Big Job In

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I have just received a large lot of Knickerbocker Braces for boys, girls, ladies and gentlemen. They need only to be tried to give satisfaction.

I can now offer to the Jobbing Trade superior advantages in GEO. A. CLARK & BRO'S SPOON COTTON which I will sell at 35 cents per doz., 6 per cent. off.

I keep on hand a large supply of ROSS-FORD'S BREAD PREPARATION, which I will sell at wholesale prices to merchants. The patronage of the public is very respectfully solicited. apply

UNDERTAKING.

Having associated B. S. SHEPPARD with me in the Undertaking business we are ready to serve the people in that capacity. All notes and accounts due me for past services have been placed in the hands of Mr. Sheppard for collection. Respectfully, JOHN FLANAGAN.

We keep on hand at all times a nice stock of Burial Cases and Caskets of all kinds and can furnish anything desired from the finest Metallic Case down to a Pitt county Pine Coffin. We are fitted up with all conveniences and can render satisfactory services to all who patronize us. FLANAGAN & SHEPPARD, Feb. 22nd, 1888.

WOOD.

I will deliver PINE WOOD any where in town at \$1.75 per cord. JOE RICHMOND. Feb. 21st 1888.

Notice.

The firm of Keel & King having been dissolved on the 17th day of February, 1888, the undersigned hereby gives notice that he will not be responsible for any future debts contracted in the name of the firm. Feb. 22nd T. E. KEEL.

MONEY TO LOAN.

I am now prepared to effect Loans at 8 per cent. interest on good farm property as security. J. B. YELLOWLEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Feb. 21st, 1888 Greenville, N. C.

NEW JEWELRY STORE.

I have just opened a Jewelry Store at the stand of G. L. Heilbronner and will keep on sale a nice line of

WATCHES, CLOCKS, and Jewelry.

Am also prepared to do all kinds of repairing on such articles in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner. MONES HEILBRONNER.

