

PROPOSAL OF THE FUTURE.

When she proposed my heart beat fast;
My blushes came, with eyes downcast
I listened while she told her love.
While earth below and Heaven above
Had seemed to meet at last, at last!
She begged me not her hope to blast,
And shew the wealth she had amassed
Was for us twain more than enough,
When she proposed.
I could not turn from love so vast
When I was as an angel cressed,
And caught and kissed and called her "dove";
So while I thrilled with joy therof,
A trembling "yes" from my lips passed,
When she proposed.

THE NEWBERN FAIR.

Good Exhibits—Large Crowd Present
—Greenville Bringing off the Purse.

Greenville's two hundred excursionists to the Newbern Fair got back safe and sound pretty near on schedule time Wednesday night. The train left Greenville about an hour behind the time advertised, which caused it to reach Newbern correspondingly late, thus depriving the passengers of that much time promised them at the fair. Barring this and the discomforts of overcrowded coaches arising from the railroad's usual neglect to provide sufficient accommodations for such occasions, they all had a very pleasant day. Only five coaches were in the train, and two hundred people from Greenville alone, with the good additions from other points, caused many passengers to have to stand up through the entire trip.

Reaching Newbern at 11:30 most of the excursionist went at once to the fair grounds where they found things quite interesting. We have seen the exhibits in same departments fuller than at this fair, but on the whole they were very good. The crowd was immense and the prospects of a successful week were gratifying to the managers of the fair.

The races were the best that have been seen there. The entries were larger than at any former fair and great crowds gathered on the grand stand and around the track to witness the trials of speed. The Greenville "heelers" were strictly in it and were joyous over the good records being made by Capt. Studdert's and Smith & Hooker's trotters. In every race that a Greenville horse entered part of the purse came this way. Our horses won third money in two races Tuesday, and stood second on two of Wednesday's races, with one more heat to be made when the excursion train left.

The tight rope performance in front of the grand stand was as good as we ever saw, the performer among other marvelous feats, putting on an entire suit of clothes and taking them off again while standing in mid air on the rope. The balloon ascension was also fine, but the wind was so strong that the aeronaut, seeing he was being carried directly to the river, had to cut loose his parachute when only a few hundred feet high.

In one feature the fair allowed its usual good reputation to suffer somewhat by admitting the hookey-koochee dance (or whatever it is called) to the privileges of the grounds. There were also too many fake shows scattered around. However, the visitor to the fair need not patronize these things unless he wants to, and there is plenty to see and enjoy there without going into any of the side shows.

TOBACCO NOTES.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

The people of tobacco town are making preparations to have a water supply. The funds have been raised, and Messrs J. W. Morgan, G. P. Fleming and Oscar Hooker have been appointed a committee to have the work done.

The 1895 eastern tobacco crop is now almost a thing of the past, that is so far as affecting the sales on the eastern markets is concerned. Nearly all of it has been sold, though we understand that there are some men on some of the eastern markets who for the sake of trying to retain certain orders have reported that there is yet a good deal unsold. I do not believe there is one per cent of the 1895 tobacco still in the farmers' hands in eastern North Carolina.

With the coming of another year, there will be a largely increased demand for prize room. There are now nine prize houses in Greenville and as a matter of fact these will not suffice for the market another season. All during last summer, we were crowded for prize room and while nearly all the buyers have managed to get along yet it has been a bad make out and sacrifices have been made in order to make room.

During the year Greenville has sold five million pounds and that, too, was marketed principally from August 1st to January 1st, which necessitated the use of more room than if we had been all the year selling that amount. The present indications are that the main increase in the tobacco acreage in Eastern North Carolina this year will be in the territory east and south-east of Greenville, the natural back ground of the Greenville market, and with this increase and the natural presumption that the market will continue to increase its sales from the territory in Pitt and Greene counties along the Wilson line we can naturally expect and easily sell seven or eight million pounds here next year. With these well grounded prospects for the increased business of the market we should most certainly begin in time to make sufficient preparations to take care of the crop. I have talked with a good many dealers and exporters of the weed since January and they all have a preference for Greenville, over any of the other eastern markets. If sufficient inducement is offered these people I have assurance that they will come to Greenville themselves, if they do not come then they will have some one to represent them and they will want prize houses in which to handle their stocks.

Electric Hen.

It is stated that an electric hen has recently been invented, which is claimed to be superior to the natural article of flesh, feathers and blood, except that it cannot lay eggs. When the electric incubator has produced the chickens an electric foster mother takes them in charge. The upper part is devoted to the freshly hatched, while the lower part is so arranged that the young can run around on the ground and at the same time find heat and protection when they require it.

To Protect Tobacco Houses.

The Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade is going ahead to provide protection against fire for the warehouses and prizehouses. A force of hands have commenced work on a large fire well located in a convenient quarter to all the buildings. The well will be 8 x 16 feet in size and 20 feet deep. It will hold an ample supply of water.

Try "Sweet Marie" for the best smoke, at J. S. Tunstall's.

Tough on Clothes



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GREENVILLE, N. C., Feb. 26th, 1896.
J. L. SUGG, Agent Victor Safe Co.,
Greenville, N. C.

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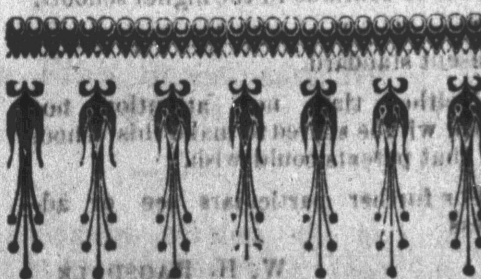
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1896.

Typhoid Fever—Its Causes and Treatment.

The causes of Typhoid fever are not, we believe, fully agreed upon by the medical profession. The germ theory is the one generally accepted and the germs, it is claimed, are transmitted in the main through the water we drink.

A new treatment for typhoid fever is reported. The method employed, it is explained rather suggestively, is "rational," that is the temperature of the patient is lowered artificially and sleep and rest are employed to build up the constitution that the fever is working down.

Detects Counterfeits.

From Cheney comes the story of a dog that ought to be attached to Uncle Sam's secret service, says the New York Recorder, since he has the remarkable gift of detecting the difference between good coins and bad.

The man who found "Tony" took him in as a boarder in his dry goods store, and in off moments tried to teach him tricks. But except in one particular the teaching was all lost.

threats nor coaxing could persuade him to pick it up again. That was the beginning of his counterfeit detecting, and since then Mr. Walker, who owns him, has made many tests of "Tony's" financial judgment.

A WARNING TO BRIDES.

Too Zealous for Her Own Good.

They had just returned from their honeymoon.

Of course, when George settled back in his old bachelor apartments with this innocent little sweetheart flitting about him like an ever-present deity, he did not feel like stirring out of the house for three days, but contented himself billing and cooing to his heart's delight, telling himself over and over again that he was the most happy man in the world.

On the fourth day he thought he must go down to the club and see a few old friends and give them his advice on matrimony, painting it in glowing terms. When he got back it was nearly time for dinner; and as he came into the darkened hallway the sweet little bride greeted him with as much enthusiasm as if he had been on a cruise to South Africa and had just escaped with his life.

"Yes, indeed, dearie, I cleaned up your desk and burned up a lot of old bills for wine and stuff that you bought to sell on commission, I suppose."

George's eyes grew glassy, "and all the drawers I drew out, and a whole lot of musty old letters tied with lavender ribbons written to your uncle and grand father, I suppose, and full of the most terrible gush imaginable, I burned."

George felt himself falling against the wall. "and your nasty old yellow meerschaum pipe I threw out in the ashbarrel, and then sent out and bought a nice new one for twenty cents."

George was struggling with his coat again and feeling for his hat. "Then I collected all the actresses' pictures that the horrid things had written on the back with gush to some of your horrid club friends, I suppose, and burned them in a pile."

George was staggering from faintness towards the door. "and wound up by"—But George had thrown open the door and was bounding down the brown stone steps two at a time as if fleeing from the wrath of the evil spirit, not daring to hear what the wind up of his calamities were.

"Is marriage a failure, George?" asks one of his old pals, noting his preoccupied and moody air. "Oh, no; not as long as a man can keep his wife from becoming addicted to the house cleaning mania during the honeymoon," sadly murmured the poor George.

Senator Peffer tells a good story on himself and seems to enjoy its ludicrous features as much as any one.

It is a prevailing regulation in high society that a married lady making a formal call must, on retiring, leave one of her cards for herself and husband, and also those of each and every daughter in society, for the lady upon whom she is calling and an assortment for each of her daughters.

A lady friend, of whom the Senator is a great admirer, was calling upon his wife. The Senator engaged her in an animated conversation until the time of her departure was at hand.

As the visitor was bidding adieu and turned to leave Mr. Peffer caught sight of the bunch of cards. In his simplicity, he imagined that she had laid them down

temporarily and neglected to repossess herself of them. Consequently he hastily gathered up the dainty bits of pasteboard, overtook the caller as she reached the door, and holding them in his extended hand, said: "Mrs. Bland, you have forgotten your cards, and here they are."

Comfort for Children.

Much of the outcry against candy is the result of wrong methods of use. It can often safely be taken at meal time with good results. Scientists say that the food value of sugar is very great. A pound of sugar contains much more energy and power to support animal life than a pound of meat.

Cats.

Cats are susceptible to little attentions, such as spreading a rug or laying a cushion for them, and exceedingly tenacious of their rights of possession. Besides their baskets, each of mine has a cushion, which is kept in one place, on which she is trained to lie to prevent her covering the furniture with hairs.

I have told you of the Spaniard who always put on his spectacles when about to eat cherries, that they might look bigger and more tempting. In like manner I make the most of my enjoyments, and though I do not cast my cares away, I pack them in as little compass as I can, and carry them as conveniently as I can for myself, and never let them annoy others.—Southey.

His Glad Birthday.

"Dear John, here's a silver match-safe, and I wish you many happy returns." "Thank you, dear Sophia." "Oh, yes, and mamma's coming today to stay two months, and the soft coal's out, and the hard coal's out, and here's the gas bill."—Chicago Record.

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Cotton and Peanut. Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

Table with columns for Cotton and Peanuts, listing grades like Good Middling, Middling, Low Middling, Good Ordinary, and prices per firm.

Greenville Market.

Corrected by S. M. Schultz.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Butter, Western Sides, Sugar cured Hams, Corn, Corn Meal, Flour, Family, Lard, Oats, Sugar, Coffee, Salt per Sack, Chickens, Eggs per doz, Beeswax, per.

GREENVILLE TOBACCO MARKET REPORT.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

Table listing tobacco prices: Topp—Green, Bright, Red; Lugs—Common, Good, Fine; Cutters—Common, Good, Fine.

Strong Testimony For S. I. C.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Dated Jan. 6th 1896.	No. 23 Daily.	No. 35 Daily.	No. 41 Daily.
Leave Weldon	A. M. 11 55	P. M. 9 27	A. M.
Ar. Rocky Mt	1 00	10 20	
Lv Tarboro	12 12		
Lv Rocky Mt	1 00	10 20	5 45
Lv Wilson	2 05	11 03	
Lv Selma	2 53		
Lv Fayetteville	4 30	12 53	
Ar. Florence	7 25	3 00	

No. 40 Daily.	No. 41 Daily.
P. M. 2 08	A. M. 6 20
Lv Wilson	7 05
Lv Goldsboro	8 10
Lv Magnolia	8 10
Ar Wilmington	9 45

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Dated Jan. 6th 1896.	No. 78 Daily.	No. 32 Daily.	No. 40 Daily.
Lv Florence	A. M. 8 15	P. M. 7 4	
Lv Fayetteville	10 58	9 40	
Lv Selma	12 32		
Ar Wilson	1 20	11 35	

No. 48 Daily.	No. 33 Daily.
P. M. 9 25	P. M. 7 00
Lv Wilmington	8 31
Lv Magnolia	9 40
Lv Goldsboro	10 27
Ar Wilson	1 00
Lv Tarboro	2 48

No. 78 Daily.	No. 32 Daily.
P. M. 1 20	P. M. 10 32
Ar Rocky Mt	12 11
Ar Tarboro	11 15
Lv Tarboro	4 00
Lv Rocky Mt	2 17
Ar Weldon	12 11
	1 01

Train on Scotland Neck Branch leaves Weldon 3 55 p. m., Halifax 4 1 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4 55 p. m., Greenville 4 47 p. m., Kinston 7 4 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7 20 a. m., Greenville 8 22 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11 00 a. m., Weldon 11 20 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 7 00 a. m., arrives Parmele 8 40 a. m., Tarboro 10 00; returning leaves Tarboro 3 30 p. m., Parmele 6 20 p. m., arrives Washington 7 45 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., via Albemarle & Raleigh R. R. daily except Sunday, at 4 50 p. m., Sunday 3 00 P. M.; arrive Plymouth 9 00 P. M., 5 25 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 6 00 a. m., Sunday 9 30 a. m., arrive Tarboro 10 25 a. m. and 11. 45

Train on Midland N. C. branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 6 05 a. m. arriving Smithfield 7 30 a. m. Returning leaves Smithfield 8 00 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 9 30 a. m.

Trains in Nashville branch leave Rocky Mount at 4 30 p. m., arrives Nashville 5 05 p. m., Spring Hope 5 30 p. m. Returning leave Spring Hope 8 30 a. m., Nashville 8 30 a. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 9 05 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Trains on Latta branch, Florence R. R., leave Latta 6 40 p. m., arrive Dunbar 7 50 p. m., Chio 8 05 p. m. Returning leave Chio 6 10 a. m., Dunbar 6 30 a. m., arrive Latta 7 50 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, 11 10 a. m. and 8 50 p. m. Returning leaves Clinton at 7 00 a. m. and 3 00 p. m.

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LIFE IN NICARAGUA.

Some of the Curious Customs of the Easy Going Natives.

The routine of daily life in Nicaragua is much simpler than in colder climates; there are no carpets to gather dust and moths, and there is very little furniture and few pictures and bric-a-brac to be dusted and cleaned. The clothing of the children is also much simpler, and the fashions are not variable. The children of the lower class wear no clothing until 12 or 14 years old, and in the upper class one garment, a sort of shirt, is enough for home wear, and children sometimes go on the street in this simple garb. What marketing is not brought to the door is done by the master of the house, and so the women are free to loll in their hammocks and nurse their babies.

The delight of going shopping is entirely unknown. If anything in the dry goods line is wanted a servant is sent to the shop, who brings home an armful of whole pieces of the desired goods. If none of these suits, or if the senora desires to look at others, these are carried back, and another and another armful are brought. This same servant can be trusted to pay for whatever is bought, for they are very honest in money matters, only indulging in small pilferings. One of the servants at the college was accustomed to go to the treasurer every month to draw the salaries of the teachers, and she used to have each one's money wrapped up in a different part of her dress, and she never made a mistake by giving the wrong sum to any one.

While the women are very affectionate, if death invades their homes that so often reign with us in like affliction; they seem to thoroughly take in their religious belief that their dear ones are translated to happier scenes and that the separation is only temporary. The women of the family do not go to the cemetery with their dead; only the male members and friends. There are no hearses, and the coffin is borne on their shoulders, and they are relieved by different relays every little way. Colored coffins are used for young people, blue being a favorite color. The coffin is usually rented by the lower class just for the funeral, and the body is removed at the grave and interred in the ground, with nothing to preserve it from contact with the earth. The wealthy have vaults, or niches in the brick wall surrounding the cemetery, but these are only rented, and it is nothing unusual to read an advertisement in the paper that if the relatives of such and such a one do not pay the rent of the vault, the body will be removed by such a date.

After a death in a house, the piano, if the family is rich enough to own one, is removed from the sala, or parlor, to the back of the house, and though it may be moved in a room or two nearer its former station during the year, it is not opened for that length of time. After the death of the wife of President Gavalá, his daughters lent their piano to Mrs. Guzman, the wife of the Nicaraguan minister to this country, who had just come there as a bride, so that it might be used during their year of mourning and not be spoiled by being shut up and gathering dampness, for during the rainy season everything mildews which is not exposed to sunshine occasionally. —Cor. Boston Transcript.

Superstitions.
 If you drive through a Russian village about 10 p. m., you will be struck by the absolute quiet that pervades the scene. Not a creature, man or dog, is visible moving about; the place has the air of a deserted village. Suppose by some rare untoward chance you come upon a group of men standing together, apparently in conversation, you will notice that they speak in subdued tones and whispers, and wait so long as you please you will never hear them laugh. The cause is simply this: These Russian peasants believe in evil spirits; but, unlike the Chinese, they believe that they are attracted, not frightened, by sounds. And so, if some unlucky fate decree that the mujik be out of doors after 11 p. m., he is a painfully silent man. This feeling also extends to some of the southern towns. Kiev, the holy city of Russia, is a model in this respect. After 10 p. m. you may practically have the streets to yourself. —Blackwood's Magazine.

Precepts and maxims are of great weight, and a few useful ones at hand do more toward a wise and happy life than whole volumes of cautions that we know not where to find. —C. Simmons.

"I—A—M—N—O—G—O—O—D."

"Fly" Telegrapher Unconsciously Promulgated His Coworkers' Opinion of Him.

"How lonely it must be for the operators in these little way station telegraph offices at night," a newspaper man remarked the other evening in the smoking room of the Southwestern limited as the train flashed past the switch, semaphore and office lights of one of the tiny country stations.

"Well, lonely, yes," remarked the stranger in the corner, who had up to this time not taken any part in the conversation, "but they have more fun than you'd think. I used to be one of them myself back in the eighties. I was at a little country station where about my only business all night long was reporting to the dispatcher the time of the trains as they passed, with occasionally a train order switched in.

"Once in awhile we would have a message to send on the 'commercial' wire, and the rest of the time hung heavy on our hands.

"Poor, ill fated Dennie Murphy, who was killed in the Hastings wreck, was a student in the office with me, and he was wonderfully fertile in schemes to make the time pass pleasantly. I remember a joke we played one night on a fresh young operator up the line that I never think of without a smile. It was Dennie's idea, and it worked like a charm.

"You see, the operator in question was one of the 'fly' sort of young fellows who fancy that an operator who works in one of the country offices must of necessity be a 'plug,' as we used to call a poor operator in those days, and that it is at all times advisable to sit down upon him in every way possible when there is the slightest excuse for it and frequently when there isn't. This particular operator was cordially detested all along the line.

"Well, Dennie and I fixed up a fake message to send him—and, by the way, it might be well to mention that the brass pounder in question was not half so good an operator as he fancied he was—and after we had the message prepared we sprung it on him when business was over.

"The message purported to come from Milwaukee, and we frankly signed the call of the repeating office at the western end of the circuit, first thoughtfully 'grounding' the wire west to avoid detection.

"Even in those days Dennie was a remarkably good sender, and the way he pushed that message into the unsuspecting 'fly' man must have kept the latter busy indeed. He broke a good many times, but finally had it all. Here is a copy of the message as near as I can remember it:

"12 | Paid | Night Rate.
 MILWAUKEE, Wis., 8th.

John Jones, Jonesville:
 Our receipts are too slow. If any more nice onions, get options October delivery.

PETER PAPER.
 "Now, we had purposely made the check 12 words, while the body of the message counted 14, and back came the curt response:

"'Check should be 14.'
 "'No,' wired Dennie; '12 is O. K.'

"Now, under the circumstances, it is customary for the receiving operator to 'letter' the body of the message back to the sending operator—that is, repeat the first letter of each word to verify the check, when usually the error can be quickly detected. So Dennie wired:

"'Letter it.'
 "'Back came the letters with a spiteful snap: 'O—R—n—t—s—l—a—m—N—o—G—o—o—d.'

"Over and over again we made him repeat this frank admission until every operator on the line was enjoying it. He finally tumbled and would not respond to our demands to letter it just once more, but it was a long time before he heard the last of it, and our connection with the joke never leaked out."—New York Press.

The Codex Upsal.
 The Codex Upsal differs from every other known manuscript in the fact that it was written with silver ink on violet parchment, the initials being of gold. The secret of the manufacture of this silver ink is not definitely known, though it is suspected that some solution of the metal was employed in the writing and then subsequently treated with chemicals to give the metallic luster and effect.

Discrepancy.
 "Isn't this a lovely new edition of Byron's works?"
 "New edition! Why, I thought Byron was dead."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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TRAIN AND BOAT SCHEDULES.

Passenger, and mail train going north, arrives 8:22 A. M. Going South, arrives 6:47 P. M.

North Bound Freight, arrives 9:50 A. M., leaves 10:10 A. M.

South Bound Freight, arrives 2:00 P. M., leaves 2:15 P. M.

Steamer Myers arrives from Washington Monday, Wednesday and Friday leaves for Washington Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Fair tonight and Friday.

FEBRUARY FANCIES.

Fun, Frivolities, Facts and Figures at One Finding.

Prayer meeting in the Baptist church tonight.

Pure North Carolina Butter 20 cents a pound at D. S. Smith's.

This pretty weather will shove up garden making.

Fine Oranges 25 cents a dozen at Morris Meyer's.

Go to the Old Brick Store for best Vermont Butter and Tarbell Cheese.

7x11.—See what a big Slate you can get for 5 cents at Reflector Book Store.

You all know what "Old Glory" cheroots are. Get them at J. S. Funtall's.

Fresh Mountain Butter 20c per lb
Fresh Pork Link Sausage at S. M. Schultz.

The glass broken out of the front windows of J. B. Cherry & Co.'s stores by the fire were replaced today.

Valuable City and Country Property for sale by Henry Sheppard, Real Estate agent.

There are eight colored people on the jury that is trying Barfield, the negro wife murderer, at Washington.

Pure North Carolina Butter 20 cents a pound at D. S. Smith's.

News.—The best Flour is Proctor Knott sold by S. M. Schultz. Try a 24 lb bag.

One of the REFLECTOR boys got left in Newbern and another is on the sick list today. Too much fair for them.

Cod Fish, Irish Potatoes, Prepared Buckwheat, Oat Flakes, Cheese, Macaroni, P. R. Molasses, at S. M. Schultz.

Pure North Carolina Butter 20 cents a pound at D. S. Smith's.

We have this day changed the style of our firm to The Bank of Greenville. The business will be conducted under the same management as heretofore.
TYSON & RAWLS.

Harding & McGowan have received their car load of Buggies which are the prettiest ever exhibited here. Prices are low down.

If you have not smoked the "Golden Seal" you missed something delightful. Sold by Jesse W. Brown at Cory's old stand.

As evidence that even a 3-line local in THE DAILY REFLECTOR pays, ask Herbert White how many accident policies, he wrote for people going to the Newbern Fair.

FAMILY AFFAIRS.

In Other Words Folks Whose Names Get In Print.

L. I. Moore went to Tarboro to-day.

W. K. Jenkins went to Oxford to-day.

John C. Lamb, of Williamston, is here to-day.

Ex-Sheriff Allen Warren went to Nashville to-day.

W. R. Smith returned from Jacksonville Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. B. Cherry and Miss Martha O'Hagan left this morning for Baltimore.

Some of the small boys had a fancy parade this afternoon, and were having great fun over it.

Dr. H. A. Joyner left this morning for Laurinburg to visit his wife and family. He will return next Wednesday and occupy his new office over the Old Brick Store, which has just been fitted up for him.

To-day Agent J. L. Sugg received checks covering losses from the Bethel fire, sometime ago, and also for several losses from the recent fire here.

Ex-Gov. Jarvis writes a strong testimonial for the Victor Safe that saved many valuable articles for him in the late fire. It is found in another column.

The Kinston Free Press announces that within a month or two it will begin appearing semi-weekly in 7-column size. The Free Press is progressive in every way. The paper has just closed its fourteenth year.

The handsome edifice of Grace Street Baptist church, of Richmond, of which Dr. W. E. Hatcher is pastor, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. The loss is \$80,000 with insurance only \$25,000.

W. B. Jordan, who many times visited this section as representative of the Wilmington Star, and was well known here, died Monday at Rocky Mount.

DASTARDLY ACT.

A Brick Thrown at the Excursion Train.

Wednesday evening as the fair excursion train was passing slowly by Littlefield, a flag station just below Ayden, some miscreant threw a brick at the train. The heavy missile struck the upper glass of a window to one of the coaches, crashing against the inner blind which was partially lowered and saved it from coming inside the coach. But for the brick striking so high doubtless some one in the coach would have been badly hurt. Miss Lizzie Spain sat nearest to the window, Mr. J. V. Johnson occupying the other portion of the seat. Fragments of the shattered glass flew about the young lady, but fortunately she received no injury.

The conductor was engaged in another part of the train at the time and did not learn of the occurrence until the train had gone a mile or two beyond. He said the railroad authorities would send a man down to try and ascertain who threw the brick. We hope the search for the miscreant will prove successful and that he will be justly punished.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Pitt County made at December Term 1895 in an action therein pending entitled "R. H. Garris against B. J. Heath and wife Rebecca Heath." I will on Wednesday, April 1st, 1896, sell at public sale before the Court House door in Greenville, to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract or parcel of land in Pitt County, described as follows: "Lot No. 1 of the Patty Moore tract of land which was allotted to Rebecca Heath, being 1-5 part of said division, containing 9 acres more or less, adjoining the lands of Frank Tripp, Warren Braxton and T. R. Stocks."

This the 26th day of February 1896.
ALEX. L. BLOW,
Commissioner.
Threatening and unsettled tonight and Thursday, warmer.

M. R. Lang has rented the store on the corner that Mrs. Horne has been occupying and in a day or two will go north to buy a stock of goods. As all his goods were burned in the fire he will have to buy an entire new stock. He tells us he will have a handsomer stock of ladies goods than ever before.

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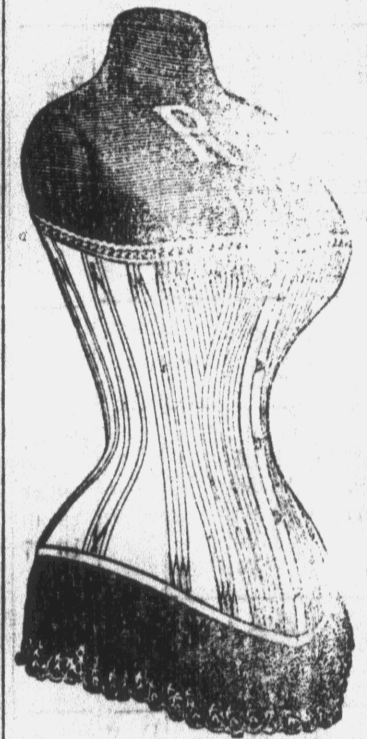
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