

AUTUMN WHISPERS.

Tell It Not That Our Southland Is Proxy.

We Will Tell You About Many Important Happenings That Have Occurred During a Week.

VIRGINIA.

A spoke and handle factory is being erected at Fincastle.

The two-masted schooner Ellen May was wrecked off New Port News.

A Frederickburg citizen was fined \$14.50 for maltreating his child.

Resolutions were adopted in Stafford county, Wednesday, in memory of the late W. H. F. Lee.

Conductor T. N. Echols was accidentally killed by an engine at Pulaski City, Thursday.

A. S. Bacon, Superintendent of the Richmond Paper Company, was crushed to death in an elevator in his building Friday.

A mass meeting of citizens was held in Culpeper and suitable resolutions adopted in respect to the memory of the late W. H. F. Lee.

A white man was arrested at Buena Vista, Thursday, named John Campbell, who, it is believed, is wanted in Maine for murder.

The State W. C. T. U. met in convention at Richmond last week. Mrs. R. H. Jones, of Norfolk, was re-elected president.

Bellevue, Virginia, was appointed to represent Virginia at the National Convention to be held at Boston Nov. 13.

Winchester was chosen for the next annual State Convention.

Contract for macadamizing about seven miles of streets has been let at Rockwell. The work is to be completed in four months and will cost \$85,000.

The Forest Inn Hotel, the largest and finest hotel in the city, was destroyed Wednesday, also two adjoining cottages. The property of guests was saved.

Loss, \$50,000. Insured. The hotel belonged to a company of Boston capitalists.

A number of school teachers in Montgomery have been put on the "dividend" by the county superintendent, and some of them "barred out" by a failure to receive certificates.

Consequently a number of schools to which applicants have been assigned are vacant. Applicants from competent teachers to fill these vacancies are in order.

George W. Jones, of Rivermont, has some fine pippins this year from a tree that had never borne before. Last spring Mr. Jones determined to doctor it with a quinine. The drug was inserted in several places and seems to have acted like a charm.

The tree is now hanging full of magnificent fruit, as a result of the quinine it received. If quinine possesses this virtue it should be known to fruit growers.

The Buena Vista Company, from its mines and forests, sends a large quantity of raw material to be exhibited at the Fair of the State Agricultural Society, at Richmond, iron and manganese ores, fire clays, glass sand, ochre, &c.

In the collection of iron ores, there are two boulders of almost solid iron, weighing over fifteen hundred pounds apiece. The pink colored building stone that will appear in a miniature wall of rough ashlar and jointed masonry, representing the style of the new passenger station of the Norfolk and Western railroad approaching completion, at Buena Vista, will doubtless attract the attention of the public.

In connection with the contribution of the Buena Vista Company, there will be exhibited specimens of the various manufactured products which successfully conducted plants at Buena Vista, are turning out, namely: Sample of the pig iron, the several sizes for different purposes into which the pig iron is wrought, one specimen weighing over 200 pounds; a full line of the products of the gas works, the assorted products of the paper mill, a package having all the different classes of wooden goods turned out at the cast-iron mill, several specimens of the egg-crater, the different kinds of wagon turned out at the Wise wagon works, and saddles for both ladies and gentlemen as they came from the Willburn Saddle Company, running a large establishment at Buena Vista.

A mammoth scheme is on foot to turn all the machinery in Athens, Ga., by electricity. At Barnett Shoals, about eight miles from Athens, is enough water power to turn any number of machines. A party of Atlanta capitalists has made a proposition to the owners of Barnett Shoals to secure the use of ten thousand horse power. The company will grant this right, and an electric plant will be put in, from which, at a small cost, the motive power can be transferred to the city.

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ANOTHER FARMER VICTIMIZED.

His Nephew Says it Cost Him \$6,000 to Negotiate With Two Sharpers for His Farm.

CORTLAND, N. Y. (Special).—It came to light that George Pitts had been victimized to the tune of \$8,000. It has been an open secret for some time that he had received attention from a gang of sharpers, but the result was not known.

This morning Pitts' nephew announced the figure. Pitts is prominent farmer in Cortland, and is a stockholder in the Second National Bank of the village. A few weeks ago two strangers drove up to Pitts' residence and introduced themselves as nephews of the late Judge Boardman of Ithaca.

He fought shy of them at first, but they furnished such irrefutable proof that soon he had some of the strangers were on intimate and friendly terms. They were, they said, traveling the county purchasing farms, and showed him a number of deeds for those already purchased.

The entire forenoon and part of the afternoon were spent discussing the property, and toward evening one of the strangers and Pitts drove to this village, for what reason Pitts will not tell, but his friends say it was to raise money. When they returned to the Pitts home the three were in secret session for an hour, after which the two strangers drove away. They walked back to him. It is supposed that during the secret session the sharpers got Pitts' money, but he will not say so and refuses to talk about it at all.

The sharpers hired a horse from Hill's livery stable in Groton after leaving Pitts' house, and were not seen in town again. From Groton the men drove to Lincolnton, where they put up the horse and wagon, paid the livery \$1 to keep the horse and \$3 to drive the man with another horse to Deny, where they boarded the 4:15 p. m. train for Cortland. They were not seen in Cortland. They had evidently decided that, no matter what befell them, they would not be arrested as common horse thieves, for they wrote the Groton liveryman from there, enclosing in the letter a \$20 bill for the use of the rig and saying that the horse could be found at Lincolnton.

Some days ago when the British steamship Kora entered the port of Charleston the boarding officer of the port discovered that the captain had no manifest on board and reported the matter to Collector Johnson, who imposed a fine of \$500 upon the vessel. The captain appealed to the Secretary of the Treasury, arguing that he was ignorant of the law, and supposed that as she was in ballast he had thought it unnecessary to have a manifest. The Secretary has reduced the fine to \$20, which has been promptly paid.

Governor Tillman has granted a full pardon to old Dr. Bond, who has been in the State Penitentiary for some years. Dr. Bond was one of the men who was convicted in Charleston of defrauding the insurance companies. The method of procedure was somewhat original. Policies would be taken out upon the lives of obscure parties or of parties who did not live at all, and in the course of time Dr. Bond and his associates would buy a large number of policies, and in the end would collect and draw the life insurance. They were making money rapidly and the insurance men caught them.

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

A Texas Alliance Boycotts the Town of Ladonia.

The Northwestern Farmers' Protective Association Organized at Grand Forks, N. Dakota, to Handle Its Own Wheat.

BENHAM, TEX.—One of the latest moves of the Farmers' Alliance is the boycotting of the town of Ladonia, in the northeastern part of the county. The boycott was inaugurated because the Town Council enacted a law prohibiting the running at large of stock in the corporate limits. The boycott was brought about by the imposing of three horses belonging to G. W. M'Cook, member of the Alliance, on the Grand Forks, N. D. Alliance. The first to open war, and their resolutions are as follows:

"Resolved, That we forever sever our commercial relations with the town of Ladonia, and use our influence in behalf of other towns, unless said town of Ladonia shall amend its stock law, and return M'Cook's stock or the equivalent."

"That we petition the Alliance and good people in Delta, Fannin, and Hunt counties to take some action to secure the return of said stock and amendment to the Ladonia stock law."

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—The Northwestern Farmers' Protective Association has been organized in this city for the purpose of looking after the interests of its members in the disposal of their wheat and other farm products. It has a membership of over 800 in North Dakota and Minnesota. It has selected an agent or manager to be stationed at Duluth, who has a bond of \$75,000 for the faithful performance of his duties. He will receive and dispose of all the grain of the members at Duluth, or ship it to English markets, as deemed advisable.

An object aimed at by this association will be to ship pure No. 1 hard wheat, without an opportunity for mixing, directly to English markets, and, by thus establishing their grade there, to secure the highest market price, amounting in many instances to a considerable percentage over that of the mixed wheat usually shipped. Many of the members have large grain farms, and it is expected that the association will handle, from 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. They have one or two elevators, and are building others at various points.

FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS PRICES OF COTTON. In the present condition of the cotton market the following prices especially caught our eye from 1834 to date for the sake of proving of interest to our readers. The rates are on Middling Uplands in New York:

YEAR. PRICE. YEAR. PRICE. 1834-35, 17.45-1835-36, 16.50 1836-37, 13.25-1837-38, 10.14 1838-39, 13.36-1839-40, 8.92 1840-41, 9.50-1841-42, 7.85 1842-43, 7.25-1843-44, 7.73 1844-45, 12.00-1845-46, 7.87 1846-47, 13.00-1847-48, 8.03 1848-49, 7.55-1849-50, 12.34 1850-51, 12.14-1851-52, 9.50 1852-53, 10.12-1853-54, 10.97 1854-55, 10.39-1855-56, 10.30 1856-57, 15.31-1857-58, 12.23 1858-59, 15.00-1859-60, 11.00 1860-61, 15.01-1861-62, 11.29 1862-63, 67.34-1863-64, 161.50 1864-65, 68.38-1865-66, 43.80 1866-67, 31.59-1867-68, 24.85 1868-69, 29.01-1869-70, 23.98 1870-71, 16.95-1871-72, 20.48 1872-73, 18.15-1873-74, 17.00 1874-75, 15.00-1875-76, 13.00 1876-77, 11.75-1877-78, 11.28 1878-79, 10.43-1879-80, 12.02 1880-81, 11.34-1881-82, 12.16 1882-83, 10.63-1883-84, 10.64 1884-85, 10.62-1885-86, 9.18 1886-87, 15.00-1887-88, 10.18 1888-89, 10.41-1889-90, 11.28 1890-91, 10.90 to 7.62.

These rates are for averages in the years given.

It is thus seen that the present price is lower than any previous in the list, with two exceptions—1834-41, when it touched 7.25 and 1845-46 when it was 7.87.

REDUCE THE COTTON AREA. We are glad to record the fact that Alliance in Georgia and South Carolina have begun to sever in the matter of a marked reduction of the cotton area for 1892. This is, indeed, a step in the right direction. By co-operation, the State Alliance can put this movement on a solid basis and make absolutely certain a policy first suggested in 1887