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Tuesday，September \＄8，：：1877． R．MEANS DAVYS，Wdiltor，
jNO．S，REFNOLDS，ABBoolato Editor， The San Francisce Wall，of the 9 th insit．，says ：
Where is anow on oxhibition at 116 grapes from the great grape yine of Santa Barbara（a cutting from tho Thister sent to the Centenninl．） six feet in circumference ？and three feet long．The vine from which
this was crit is 16 yoas old，and pro－ this was cat is 16 yeas old，and pro－
duces annnally 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of grapes．This is probably głown，
Wonder if the grapes Caleb and Joshua brought back from the land flowin
this．

## The Fain．

The Agricultural and Mectatical Fair will be held in＇Colambir on the 3 th， $14 \mathrm{th}, 15$ th and 16 th of Novem ber noxt．Active efforts are making to ensure its success．That previon oxhibitions have been finahcial fail ares is undeniable，but the cause la both in the depression of the oountry attendarit upon the panio，and in th horrible political condition of the State，which paralyzed every indus－ try and destroyed all hope of the future．The latter embarrassin cause had been removed．The form er，let us hope is also diminishin Nothing will aid more to novin spirit of energy in developing our thibition of the xhibition of the products of the State，and the briagiag together of agricultarists and mechanics fron different sections．
While，however，the main object of the Fair is to develop the mate rial interests of the coantry，another important function it should exer cise is that of bringing the people together．In former days the South Carolina Colloge and the annua session of the Logislature exercised a powerful influence in expanding the views of the people．These influ onces will soon again be at work But they are not sufficient to com pensate for tho blighting effects of the dark days of，Radicalimm when the intelligence and decenoy of the State had no bommon resort．Dur ing that poriod the State went backward in public spirit，and sec－ tionalism and local prejudico were developed，we fear，to a large oxtent． The assombling of the young peo ple，especially，from tho entire State at the annual Fair in Columbia， a most important feature；and any
moans that will effedt this，should be employed．

For this reason we are inclined to view with favor even the much de nounced introduction of racing， that amusement be kept within proper bounds．That，of course should not be made the main feature of the Frir．But the introduction of a few races every afternoon for moderate purses，can do no harm Regulations oan be oasily passe lobidding pool－silling and opon betting on the grounds．Those
who are interested solely in the Fair， can have ample opportunity to ex amine the oxhibits．As a former
president of the aociety well said， prosident of the society well saic aces．A high board fence separate the ground from the course，and it costs extra money to visit the latter But is useless to conceal the fac that a large number of ladies and gentiemen attond the Fair only in pursuit or pleasure，and they are a casual glance at mammoth pota－ quilts＂O＂ their entrane money is jut con epta ing the grosn recelpts of the Fair A number of people will not httend a purely agricultural exhibition， who will go to Columbia if other musementa are promised．
As the object of the coming fair is facility should be offeded to plens－ ro－seokers．The main foature
shonld not bo swallowed up by subsidary attractions；but it cer－
tainly should not be loft bleak and ano．
Some distinguished stranger， Governor Vance，of North Carolina， for instance，should also be invited to deliver an address．This is tho hing our Northorn orethren money．
We tringt that Fairfield will be opresented both by products and hovild not be back daughters．She ral march of improvement．

## GERMAN MILLET

Kes srs．Editors
The following questions have been asked in your paper concerning German Millet：＂What soil is re quired；how it is prepared；how the planting is done；what should bo the average yield in hay and seed for an acre；and whether this crop exhausts land more than other

## Having having had some little

 xperience in its production，I will give the result of my observation as oits growth and culture．In the how fresh loam，or it must bo wighly manured．or it must bo ghy manar．it is noedless to ooct a good crop of millet on poor land．$\Lambda$ good piece of land having been secured，it should bebroken np with a two horso plough broken ap with a tivo horso plough
and thoroughly pulverized．Tho seed should then be sown on top of the ground，at the rate of about one bushol to tho acre，and covere ightly with brush or a harrow． Millet may be planted from the last of April to the first of August with success，but I would prefer the orrliest date for the surest crop An acre of land thoroughly pre－ pred before planting will yiel from three thousand to five
thousand pounds of good hay and com forty to seventy－fivo bushels of seed，but that is more than tho
average yiold for inexperienced far－ verage yiold for inexperienced I do not think that millet is more than usually exhaustive of the soil．A crop that grows with ach luxuriance must necessarily xhatrst the soil to some extent，but think not more than corn or oats． This，however，is a question I must therefore leave it to those whose experience may warrant a more
givo．

## Respectfully，

G．B．D．
SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS．
Pickens still has the mad dog
Pickens has drawn its
ment of the school fund．
A Pickens man has an acre will yiold sixty bushels．
The Darlington Neros has aban
onod the patent outside．
The Darlington Democratic Cour ty Convention，fixed for the 27 th been postponed

Georgetown man has packed
shipped 300 barrols of this season at $\$ 6$ per barrel．
Horry grows twenty per cent． fore．
The Anderson grand jury have prosented the jury commissioner for
ncompetency and drunkenness，and ecommended his removal．
or Georgetown＇s school commission－ has ramosed the ranche，and office．
A Horriy man captured fifteen rarge sturgoon，ono night last week，
he largest of which was $7 \frac{1}{2}$ feet long．
E．W．M．Mackey，it is said，will ask for the oollectorship of Charles ton．
will memocrats of Pickens county of October to take mensures for the lection of a sheriff and coroner．
The fourth quarterly Conference for Wailhalla and Seneea City Cir－
cuit will be held at Rock Spring L．．Churoh on saturday and Sun 14 th
Mx．W．R．Otheart，the efficient
manager of the W：U．Telegraph in Columbia，has resigned his position， and has g
business．

The newest galoons are velvet and
thenille．
Jonquin Miller loves to hold Bret Harte composes slowly and

Little Belgium is fitting on rican expeditions．
One Rassian soldier in the flold osts as much as twenty－five Turke Wendell Phillips＇handsyriting is
arge and not very fine． Monogranis are now embroidered on the backs of gloves aid mittens． Paris daily papers have intro
duced sporting prophets on thoir staffs．
The Berlin tailors are trying to
invent a national dress for Ger－ invent
many．
One of the favorite colors is an oxtremely dark blue，colled＂Ad Professor Guyot，the geographer rations of the height of the Cat kills．
Herbert Gladstone，son of th Herbert Gladstone，son of the
e－Premier，has been appointed lecturer on modern history in Keble College．
Bishop Beckwith，of Georgin，i he pulpit star just now at Newport， of popular preaching
The Marquis of Bute，who has an ncome of $\$ 1,250,000$ a year，fis ex perimenting with grapes
vineyard of 6,000 vines．
vineyard of 6,000 vines．
C＇ourt Circular：－＂Many Ameri
an young ladies of fortunn an young lacies of fortuno hav to repent the vanity of a title，for they are never cordially，＂
the French aristocracy．＂
The Rev．Theodore Cuyler says ＂Novel－roading，like spices and
h rse radish，should be used sparing． y ，and only to season more solid food o thousands it is sheer poison，
both from the quantity and of the romances devoured．With are excentions fiction is the most phemeral form of literature．＂
One of the employes of a house Cologne in consequence of having pplied a piece of postage stamp paper to a wound on his neck，in－
stead of plaster．It is supposed that the adhesive matter on the paper poisoned the man＇s blood． The ways of English justice ar marvelous and at times past finding inker broke the leg of a freveling in long Lane．The man was sen－ tenced to three months hard labor．
On the same day，in the same On the same day，in tho same
street，a carman knocked down a treet，a carman knocked down
woman and beat her with a stiok until she became insensible．The same judge sent the man up for two months．
The improved Gatling gun must be rather a formidable．weapon to
face to seek the bubble reputation． It has now reached such stage o perfection that it can fire 1,000 foed and fire 600 shots per minuto feed and fire 600 shots per minute
In an official trial 64，000 rounds were fired from a single gun in
rapid succession，and without stopping to clean the barrols．

## The Callfornta Eleotion

Thore has，perhaps，not been in this State，since the organization of arties，an olection contest in which
the voter asserted his independence o ${ }^{n}$ greater oxtent than in that which has just passed．There was cross－firing ail through the State．
Counties that had heretofore Repubublican majorities went Demo cratic，and vice versa．Sonoma which has been as true as steel to he Democracy，this year olected Republican scnator，shoriff，superin－
tendent of schools and one of the tendent of schools and one of the
supervisors．Sacramento，Nevada nd Sierra，which have been set own as unwavering for the Repub－
icans，return Democratic senators， and are otherwise split up．In
severnl of the other counties there is $a$ division of the Legislative ticket between the two parties，
where politics were forgotien in the struggle to seleot suitable men． But the greatest disrogard to
politics is observed in the local politics is observed in the local contest．There were issues which concerned the taxpayers much moro
deoply than mere party adhesion Theoply than mere paitly adbesion to elect the men－other questions of morit being considered－in whom they had the greatest confidence to oxecate their will．Raroly in the intorior of tha State has a good officer been dofonted，and still more
rarely a bad one choson．In this rarely a bad one chosen．In this
city the sitation is not so cisfactory，for there exists doubt as
ist to the correctness of the returns this mistrust exists it will bo im－ possible to draw fair conclusions，
Sten Irancisco Call．

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