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The San Francisco Call, of the 9th inst., says:

There is now on exhibition at 116 Dupont street, a mammoth bunch of grapes from the great grape vine of Santa Barbara (a cutting from the monster sent to the Centennial.) This cluster weighs 125 pounds, is six feet in circumference and three feet long. The vine from which this was cut is 16 yeas old, and produces annually 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of grapes. This is probably the largest bunch of grapes ever.

Wonder if the grapes Caleb and Joshua brought back from the land flowing with milk and honey beat this.

The Fair.

The Agricultural and Mechanical Fair will be held in Columbia on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th of November next. Active efforts are making to ensure its success. That previous exhibitions have been financial failures is undeniable, but the cause lay both in the depression of the country attendant upon the panic, and in the horrible political condition of the State, which paralyzed every industry and destroyed all hope of the future. The latter embarrassing cause has been removed. The former, let us hope is also diminishing. Nothing will aid more to revive a spirit of energy in developing our material resources than a successful exhibition of the products of the State, and the bringing together of agriculturists and mechanics from different sections.

While, however, the main object of the Fair is to develop the material interests of the country, another important function it should exercise is that of bringing the people together. In former days the South Carolina College and the annual session of the Logislature exercised a powerful influence in expanding the views of the people. These influences will soon again be at work. But they are not sufficient to compensate for the blighting effects of the dark days of Radicalism when the intelligence and decency of the State had no common resort. During that period the State went backward in public spirit, and sectionalism and local prejudice were developed, we fear, to a large extent. The assembling of the young people, especially, from the entire State, at the annual Fair in Columbia, is a most important feature; and any means that will effect this, should be employed.

For this reason we are inclined to ment of the school fund. view with favor even the much denounced introduction of racing, if that amusement be kept within proper bounds. That, of course, should not be made the main feature of the Fair. But the introduction of a few races every afternoon for moderate purses, can do no harm. Regulations can be easily passed fobidding pool-salling and open betting on the grounds. Those who are interested solely in the Fair, can have ample opportunity to examine the exhibits. As a former president of the society well said, they are not compelled to view the races. A high board fence separates the ground from the course, and it costs extra money to visit the latter. But is useless to conceal the fact that a large number of ladies and gentlemen attend the Fair only in long. pursuit of pleasure, and they are not interested in taking more than a casual glance at mammoth potatoes, gigantic swine or patchwork quilts of marvelous pattern. Yet their entrance money is just as acceptable as anybody else's in swelling the gross receipts of the Fair. A number of people will not attend a purely agricultural exhibition, who will go to Columbia if other amusements are promised.

As the object of the coming fair is to draw a crowd to Columbia, every facility should be offered to pleas and has gone into the real estate possible to draw fair conclusions, ure-seekers. The main feature business.

The News and Berald should not be swallowed up by subsidiary attractions; but it certainly should not be left bleak and

> Some distinguished stranger, Governor Vance, of North Carolina, for instance, should also be invited to deliver an address. This is the way our Northern brethren do things, and they know how to make

> We trust that Fairfield will be represented both by products and by her sons and daughters. She should not be backward in the general march of improvement.

GERMAN MILLET.

How to Plant it, and What it Yields. Mes srs. Editors:

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

Having having had some little experience in its production, I will give the result of my observation as to its growth and culture. In the first place, the soil should be either new fresh loam, or it must be highly manured. It is needless to expect a good crop of millet on poor land. A good piece of land having been secured, it should be broken up with a two horse plough seed should then be sown on top of the French aristocracy. the ground, at the rate of about one bushel to the acre, and covered lightly 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 earliest date for the surest crop. An acre of land thoroughly prepared before planting will yield from three thousand to five thousand pounds of good hay and from forty to seventy-five bushels of seed, but that is more than the average yield for inexperienced farmers, who do things in a hurry.

I do not think that millet is such luxuriance must necessarily exhaust the soil to some extent, but I think not more than corn or oats. have not thoroughly tested, and I must therefore leave it to those whose experience may warrant a more accurate opinion than I can

Respectfully,

G. B. D.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Pickens still has the mad dog Pickens has drawn its apportion-

A Pickens man has an acre of

corn that will yield sixty bushels. The Darlington News has aban-

loned the patent outside. The Darlington Democratic County Convention, fixed for the 27th,

has been postponed. A Georgetown man has packed and shipped 300 barrels of mullet

this season at \$6 per barrel. Horry grows twenty per cent. more corn this year than ever be-

The Anderson grand jury have presented the jury commissioner for incompetency and drunkenness, and recommended his removal.

Georgetown's school commissioner has vamosed the ranche, and there is a desirable vacancy in that

large sturgeon, one night last week, the largest of which was 71 feet

E. W. M. Mackey, it is said, will go to Washington in a few days to ask for the collectorship of Charles-

The Democrats of Pickens county will meet in convention on the 6th of October to take measures for the of merit being considered—in whom election of a sheriff and coroner.

The fourth quarterly Conference for Walhalla and Seneca City Circuit will be held at Rock Spring M. E. Church on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th.

Mr. W. R. Catheart, the efficient

BRIC-A-BRAC.

Joaquin Miller loves to hold a lady's hand.

Bret Harte composes slowly and laboriously.

Little Belgium is fitting out African expeditions

One Russian soldier in the field costs as much as twenty-five Turks, Wendell Phillips' handwriting is

large and not very fine. Monograms are now embroidered

on the backs of gloves and mittens. Paris daily papers have introduced sporting prophets on their

The Berlin tailors are trying to nvent a national dress for Ger-

One of the favorite colors is an miral's blue.'

Professor Guyot, the geographer, has been taking geometrical observations of the height of the Cat-

Herbert Gladstone, son of the ex-Premier, has been appointed College.

Bishop Beckwith, of Georgia, is the pulpit star just now at Newport, the Bishop being a master of the art of popular preaching.

The Marquis of Bute, who has an income of \$1,250,000 a year, tis experimenting with grapes and has a vineyard of 6,000 vines.

Court Circular :- "Many American young ladies of fortune have married French noblemen and lived to repent the vanity of a title, for and thoroughly pulverized. The they are never cordially received by

> The Rev. Theodore Cuyler says: Novel-reading, like spices and h rse radish, should be used sparingy, and only to season more solid food. To thousands it is sheer poison, both from the quantity and quality of the romances devoured. rare exceptions fiction is the most phemeral form of literature.

> One of the employes of a house of business died the other day at Cologne in consequence of having applied a piece of postage stamp paper to a wound on his neck, instead of plaster. It is supposed that the adhesive matter on the paper poisoned the man's blood.

The ways of English justice are marvelous and at times past finding more than usually exhaustive of the out. At Southwark, a traveling soil. A crop that grows with tinker broke the leg of a fowl in Long Lane. The man was sentenced to three months hard labor. On the same day, in the same street, a carman knocked down a This, however, is a question I woman and beat her with a stick until she became insensible. same judge sent the man up for two

The improved Gatling gun must be rather a formidable weapon to face to seek the bubble reputation. It has now reached such stage of perfection that it can fire 1,000 shots per minute, and one man can 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 barrels.

The California Election.

There has, perhaps, not been in this State, since the organization of parties, an election contest in which the voter asserted his independence to a greater extent than in that which has just passed. There was cross-firing all through the State. Counties that had heretofore given Republican majorities went Democratic, and vice versa. Sonoma, which has been as true as steel to the Democracy, this year elected a Republican senator, sheriff, superintendent of schools and one of the supervisors. Sacramento, Nevada, and Sierra, which have been set down as unwavering for the Republicans, return Democratic senators, and are otherwise split up. In several of the other counties there A Horry man captured fifteen is a division of the Legislative ticket between the two parties, where politics were forgotten in the struggle to select suitable men.

But the greatest disregard to politics is observed in the local contest. There were issues which Plow. concerned the taxpayers much more deeply than mere party adhesion. Their effort was, as a general thing, to elect the men-other questions they had the greatest confidence to execute their will. Rarely in the interior of the State has a good officer been defeated, and still more rarely a bad one chosen. In this city the situation is not so satisfactory, for there exists doubt as to the correctness of the returns manager of the W. U. Telegraph in from some of the precincts. While Columbia, has resigned his position, this mistrust exists it will be im-

Bishop Haven caught a malarial fever in Liberia and described it in The newest galoons are velvet and this way: "An African forest was growing up within me, the tops whereof were made visible. When the scrapings from the roots of the tongue were placed under a microscope, their roots were in the spleen and liver. Black specks moving swiftly up and down these ferns and gross trunks and branches were probably monkeys leaping from tree to tree of this inward African forest.

> A SUNDAY SCHOOL scholar recently speaking of the death of a school mate, remarked, "She will get a plenty of preserves in Heaven." On being asked her authority for pared and sold this statement she quoted the Ga. A thousand answer in the catechism, "Because merits. He makes, preserves and keeps them." The teacher passed.

The report came from Chat-tanooga while the President was extremely dark blue, called "Ad there, that he would appoint Judge Northrop U. S. District Attorney for South Carolina. Northrop would be much more acceptable than Carpenter.

The wife of Senator Bonanza Jones had a \$3,000 set of jewelry stolen from her room at a summer lecturer on modern history in Keble hotel at Norwalk, Connecticut, recently.



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