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Normal School.

We publish elsewhere an article advocating the establishment and support of a normal school by the State, for the purpose of educating teachers and training them in the improved methods of instruction.

Homestead.

Judge Aldrich recently made an important decision in Newberry touching the exemption allowed to persons owning no real estate.

The homestead, in our judgment, has worked and will continue to work greater harm than good to the great mass of our people.

Under the homestead law the personal credit of every citizen, who is worth less than the amount exempted, is destroyed, and he is driven to the lien law with all its expense and all the extortionate prices asked for goods under it.

It has been decided already that cotton grown on rented land, or on land owned by the party but not set off as a homestead, is not exempt from levy and sale, because not one of the articles is enumerated in the constitution.

There is another feature of the exemption law which may entail the exemption of personal property still farther.

to the person entitled thereto or the head of any family, the personal property of such person of the following character, to wit, &c.

Cotton--Walhalla.

Our article in the last issue of the COURIER, upon the trade of our town and the importance of retaining and enlarging it, did not give general satisfaction to our merchants.

We stated in our last article, and we re-affirm it, that for cash our merchants can and do sell goods as low as similar articles can be bought anywhere in upper Carolina.

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The Census of 1880.

Congress has before it a bill to provide for taking the census in 1880. The New York Herald, speaking of the law of 1850, says it is inadequate, its methods objectionable and the objects at which it aims insufficient.

manufacturing and mining industry." The latter work requires a higher order of intelligence than the former and should be placed in the hands of experts, who should not be encumbered with the work of enumeration.

Enormous Crops of 1878.

The December Report of the Department of Agriculture, just published at Washington, gives the latest estimates of the past year's crop throughout the country corrected down to the first of the month.

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BITTEN BY A MAD CAT.—Mrs Haskell, of this county, mother of Associate Justice Haskell, was bitten several days ago by a mad cat.

A destructive fire has occurred at Newberry, C. H. Ten stores were burned. Loss, \$65,000. Insurance \$45,000.

There are 1,372 students in attendance at the Michigan University, a larger enrollment than any other college in the United States.

Eight colored convicts were sent to the State Penitentiary from Abbeville County at the recent sitting of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas.

"Cotton--Walhalla."

WALHALLA, S. C., February 24, 1879.

Messrs. Editors: I noticed in the last issue of the COURIER an editorial headed "Cotton--Walhalla," and think the author a good lawyer and an able editor.

A NEW DECISION ON POLL TAX.—An important decision was made by Judge Kershaw at the court in Aiken last week as to the payment of poll tax.

He said whatever is necessary to carry on the Government must be contributed by the community.

Prisoner remanded to Trial Justice for enforcement of sentence.

COLEMAN, February 20.—Mr. A. C. Terry, the Chicago manufacturer, whose arrival in Columbia was announced in the Keowee Courier two days ago, will leave for home this evening.

As the pioneer of Northern capitalists seeking investment of their money and skill in this section, Mr. Terry deserves the special recognition and encouragement of the people, and it is earnestly to be hoped, as it is reasonably to be expected, that he will receive it without stint.

INTERTEMPERANCE.—When men say that a person is intemperate, they mean that he drinks too much wine or strong drink, and is damaging his body by doing so.

It is a sin to honor our body. We have no business to put anything into it that would hurt it.

WASHINGTON, February 22.—Senator Wade has formally notified Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, that the committee on elections would on Monday move that the Senate take up for consideration the contest for his seat by D. T. Corbin.

Meeting of Northern Settlers at Highlands, N. C.

HIGHLANDS, MACON COUNTY, N. C., February 18th, 1879.

In compliance with the action of the Charlotte Convention of Northern people, resident in the South, which met on the 15th of January, and issued a call for delegates from all over the South of Northern people who have their homes in the South, to meet in the city of Raleigh on the 18th day of March, the Northern residents in and about Highlands met on the above date.

Whereas, it has been reported abroad that the society and situation in the South are unfavorable to Northern people; now, therefore, be it Resolved, by this convention of people from the North, who have located here since the war, and are now citizens of Macon County, North Carolina—

1st. That we have found the old citizens of the South a kind, intelligent and law abiding people.

2d. We have been welcomed among them and kindly treated in all our associations with them, and our political and civil rights have been respected as well here as in the North.

3d. We find here a climate more uniform and healthful than in the North, the summers being cooler and the winters milder than in any Northern State East of the Pacific slope.

4th. The soil and climate are well adapted to the growth of all Northern grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables.

5th. The country is bountifully supplied with pure cold water in unfailing springs and streams, and we have one of the best stock and dairy countries known.

6th. As the low countries to the South of, and near us, do not produce probably the crops most grown here, we can always be sure of a market and fair prices for our produce.

7th. We believe there is no other portion of the Union combining so many advantages for the intelligent and industrious citizens of the North, who wish to secure cheap and pleasant homes, where they can follow the pursuits indicated above.

After the adoption of these resolutions the following named gentlemen were elected as delegates to the Raleigh Convention: S. T. Keley, formerly of Kansas, Hon. C. C. Hutchinson and C. H. Allen, formerly of Maine.

The following resolution was then presented and adopted: Resolved, That a committee of three be elected to secure funds to pay the expenses of three delegates to attend the convention of Northern settlers at Raleigh, which resulted in J. J. Smith, formerly of Indiana, B. W. Wells, formerly of New York, James Soper, formerly of Pennsylvania, being chosen.

A further resolution was offered and accepted as follows: Resolved, That Col. John Ingram is hereby respectfully requested to solicit contributions for the above named object from old citizens of Macon county, who are desirous of encouraging Northern emigration.

The Secretary was requested to furnish copies of the things of this convention for publication in the KEOWEE COURIER, Western Reporter, States Abstract and the Raleigh Observer.

Remarks were made by Hon. C. C. Hutchinson and other gentlemen present and the best of feeling prevailed throughout the meeting.

BAXTER WHITE, Secretary.

Figures for the Workingman.

The following table gives the price-list of wholesale grocers and dry goods dealers in 1864, and the prices for the same goods at the present time show the difference—

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1864 price, 1878 price. Items include Crushed sugar, Cane sugar, N. O. molasses, Coffee, lb., Cotton, lb., Pork, bbl., Gold, Prints, Delaines, Ginghams, Checks, Best ticking, Balmoral skirts, Brown drills, Canton flannels, Bleached muslin, Brown muslins.

The footing of the list for 1864 is \$61.07, while that for 1878 is but \$13.45, for the same articles. In 1864 laborers received at the rate of two dollars per day, while now the same class of workmen receive from a dollar to a dollar and a quarter a day; but the dollar a day they now earn will purchase nearly two and one-half times as much as the two dollars they earned in 1864.

Words of Wisdom.

One is never conscientious during action; only the looker-on has a conscience.

Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.

A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners.

Small service is true service while it lasts. Of friends, however humble, scorn not one.

The sickness of the heart is most easily got rid of by complaining and soothing confidences.

The heart is like a musical instrument of many strings, all the cords of which require putting in harmony.

If one strives to treat others as he would be treated by them, he will not fail to come near the perfect life.

A beautiful smile is to the female countenance what the sunbeam is to the landscape, it embellishes an inferior face and redeems an ugly one.

Each inhabitant in the United States pays \$2.02 for the support of the public schools, and \$1.39 for military purposes. These two items of expenditure in other countries of the world are as follows: Prussia, 51 cents and \$2.29; Austria, 34 cents and \$1.39; France, 29 cents and \$4.50; Italy, 13 cents and \$1.57; England and Wales, 66 cents and \$3.89; Switzerland, 88 cents and \$1.