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**County Officers:**  
Sheriff—C. M. McArthur.  
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Mayor—J. F. Phillips.  
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**ALLIANCE.**  
The County Alliance meets on the 31 Friday in January, April, July and October at Lillington, N. C. J. S. Holt, President, Wm. Sexton, Secretary.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

**Methodist Episcopal—Rev. J. D. Pogran, Pastor.** Church—Dunn, 3d Sunday school and 4th Sunday night. Sunday school every Sunday at 3 o'clock. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night. Black's Chapel, 1st Sunday morning. Aver's School House, 2d Sunday morning. Elevation, 3d Sunday morning. Denson, 3d Sunday afternoon.

**Baptist Church—Rev. W. E. Watson, Pastor.** Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., K. G. Taylor, Superintendent. 11 a. m., second and fourth Sundays. Prayer Meeting every Thursday 8:30 p. m. All offerings invited.

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**Episcopal—Rev. J. R. Tingle, Pastor.** Services every 3d Sunday morning and night. Sunday school, 2:30 o'clock every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

**Free Will Baptist—Rev. B. A. Johnson, Pastor.** Services every 3d Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday morning.

**LODGE DIRECTORY.**  
Lodge No. 118, I. O. O. F.—E. W. Taylor, Secy. Meets every Tuesday night. I. W. T. Lodge No. 4, G. K. Grantham, Secy. Meets every Tuesday night. I. W. T. Lodge No. 14, A. F. and A. M. Meets every 3d Saturday morning and Friday night. 1st Sunday, J. W. Taylor, Secy. Meets every 1st Sunday, J. W. Taylor, Secy. Meets every 1st Sunday, J. W. Taylor, Secy. Meets every 1st Sunday, J. W. Taylor, Secy.

## A LOVE SONG.

FRANK L. STATION.  
Sweetheart, there is no splendor  
In all God's splendid skies  
Bright as the love-light tender  
That dwells in your dear eyes.  
Sweetheart, there are no blossoms  
Like those that lips distill;  
Of all the world's sweet kisses  
The kiss of your sweet smile.  
Sweetheart, no white dove flying  
And as soft as a breast  
As this sweet hand that is lying  
Clasped in my own—at rest.  
Sweetheart, there is no glory  
That glimmers round my life  
Bright as this bright, sweet story  
"My sweetheart and my wife!"

## NEWS COMMENT.

California has 2,675 of the giant trees still left, and of these the largest is thirty-three feet in diameter.

Kentucky is said to be waking up to the importance of public education, and the number of new schools and school buildings is rapidly increasing.

A fine legal point has been raised in an Ohio Law Court at Cleveland. It is this: Is a man guilty of intoxication if he is not boisterous or fighting drunk?

The Shan Chinese, a people living between Burma and China, show their love for their parents by killing them and eating them to save them from the misery of old age.

A young woman of Nevada, who desires to get married, has caused her picture to be inserted in the Nevada Transcript, with the announcement that the original is in the market.

Among the petitions sent to the President asking for the pardon of E. L. Harper, the Cincinnati bank-wrecker, was one from Harper's little five-year-old daughter. It was a cabinet photograph of the little miss, on which was written: "Dear Mr. President, won't you please send my papa home again, and I will think you good."

## THE STATE CAPITAL.

WHAT IS TRANSPIRING IN AND ABOUT RALEIGH.

An Attempt to Break Jail by Prisoners—A Welcome Home—The Agricultural Statistics—Miscellaneous.

BY OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT.  
RALEIGH, August 15, '91.  
Col. F. A. Olds returned to the city last Monday from Wrightsville, where he has been in constant attendance during the past month or so discharging his duties as Quarter Master General of the State Guard. He was during the veteran's encampment acting as Commissary General, by appointment of Gen. Robert Ransom. He has had a most laborious time of it, but with his characteristic energy, kept things moving all right.

**WELCOME HOME.**  
The glad tidings are announced that our ex-Mayor, Hon. Alf. A. Thompson, is at home. He reports having had a pleasant, instructive and profitable trip, but amid all the excitement of such a journey he still had a yearning desire to be again with the far heels of his native North Carolina.

**THE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.**  
The reports from the several counties of the State to the Agricultural Department to be tabulated in statistical information about our crops, live stock and other farming interests, are coming in at a very satisfactory rate.

The statistician of the department informed a reporter last Tuesday that about two-thirds of all the counties had already sent in their reports and that they were coming in at the rate of eight or ten per day. As to details, they were as full as could be reasonably expected, and the department expects to have reports from about 90 per cent. of the counties.

This is a good sign and very encouraging, as one of our neighboring States tried the experiment some years ago and it was about four years before it succeeded in getting out a creditable report of the kind.

**ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE JAIL.**  
On last Sunday, the 9th, a most desperate attempt was made here to break jail and murder the jailor. About 9 o'clock in the morning, Mr. Miles H. Brown, the jailor, accompanied by Mr. J. T. Leary, who has charge of the cooking department, went in the jail to give the prisoners their breakfast. On entering the corridor, they pulled the door after them, and ordered all the prisoners into their cells. All of them went, apparently, but one, who had secreted himself beneath a pile of blankets. This was not noticed at the time, and after feeding the prisoners, Mr. Brown and his assistant attempted to leave. Suddenly the man who was concealed, sprang up and attacked Mr. Leary, seizing the keys from him and dealing him a series of blows across the face and head. He also turned on Mr. Brown, mercilessly assaulting him over the head. The scuffle was a terrific one, and Mr. Brown was thrown head foremost down stairs, receiving some very painful bruises on the shoulders, side and hands. The name of the negro is Jim Willoughby, who was sent to jail a few weeks since for forging an order for some corn. He is about 26 years old, and a man of great strength. He succeeded in getting down stairs, but was finally overpowered and taken back to his cell. The jailor and Mr. Leary are confined to their rooms, but their injuries are not considered dangerous.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
The Central hotel on the corner of Hargett and Wilmington streets has been put in first-rate repair, and will be ready to accommodate a large crowd at the Exposition. It is admirably situated in the business part of the city.

Electric bells are being placed in the new addition to the Yarboro House, and we suppose, by the time the Exposition opens the entire building will be furnished with the same convenience.

Poles are now being put up on the western extension of the electric railway. Everything will soon be all right and in working order.

Considerably over half of the claims for direct taxes in Wake county, have been presented. At least, this is the estimate.

**A Fatal Experiment.**  
Claud Worly, an 18 year old white boy, who lived at Buford, on the Air-Line road, was killed by the vestibule train which reached Charlotte at 9 o'clock last night. The accident occurred near Buford Station and was due to the foolish attempt of the boy to jump across the track in front of the engine.

The train was running at a schedule of fifty miles an hour. The boy was seen standing ahead by the side of the track, and when the engine was within fifteen feet of him he tried to leap across the track. He was a few seconds too late, for the engine struck him and sent his body flying through the air. The dead body of the boy landed in a field distant 140 feet from the track by actual measurement.

## A TRAIN RUNS AWAY.

Thrilling Experience of Passengers on an Ohio Road.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 13.—It is not often that a heavily loaded passenger train runs away, but that is what train No. 21, vestibule express, on the Pennsylvania road between Xenia and Dayton did.

The train was going from Xenia to Dayton, and had reached a point six or eight miles southeast of this city, where the track begins to descend from the hills on the steepest and longest grade in this section of the State. The train began going too swiftly, and Engineer Davis applied the air brakes, only to find they would not work.

Brakes were whistled for, but had no perceptible effect, and at awful speed the engine and eight coaches tore down the track.

The passengers became aware that the train was uncontrollable, and a scene of pandemonium ensued. Women ran shrieking up and down the aisles. Passengers prevented several people from jumping off. Two or three of the ladies fainted.

A score of frequently traveled country roads were dashed over without accident, and the train reached the edge of the city and shot itself across railroad and street car tracks, crowded thoroughfares, and past the station into the very heart of the city.

It is estimated the train made the run of about eight miles in a little over six minutes, and traversed half the city at sixty miles an hour.

## A GATE FOR LOVERS.

And How it Was Strengthened by an Obliging Father.

A Sedalia father with a family of daughters strengthened his front gate with an extra stout scantling, and then put a "lean to" on the top for the convenience of friends of the family. It consists of a bent rod of half-inch iron across above the gate, fastened securely enough to admit of some pressure. It is of sufficient height to allow short people to converse under it, and low enough so that tall people can bend over it.—Kansas City Star.

## A STORM OF MOSQUITOES.

Clouds of the Pests Make Life Miserable at Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH, N. J., August 14.—What was at first supposed to be a dense storm cloud, but which proved to be a mass of mosquitoes, hovered over Elizabeth last Sunday night. They scattered and filled the air, driving worshippers from church and drag clerks from their stores. Bonfires were built in several of the streets to drive the pests off, which were particularly voracious. Cows, horses and pedestrians were frantic. Telegraph operators were forced to engage the services of boys to diligently use fans in order that they might manipulate the keys. Old residents say the plague was phenomenal even for New Jersey. The recent heavy rains, it is said, sent the insects from the low lands and meadows.

## Practical Advancement.

Fish are much better preserved when kept hanging in a cold, dry atmosphere. Lying upon the ice they lose flavor and spoil more readily.

The low grades of molasses made on the Louisiana plantations are now sprinkled over the dry crushed cane and materially increase its usefulness as fuel for the furnaces.

An automatic life-saving belt that can be shaped into a ball, fired from a gun, or thrown by hand has recently been tried on the Thames. It rights itself upon contact with the water.

Watch crystals are made by blowing a sphere of glass about one yard in diameter, after which the disks are cut from it by means of a pair of compasses having a diamond at the extremity of one leg.

The addition of a compound called stearpate to the charge of iron and coke in a furnace changes the output to a compound of iron and steel without submitting the metal to any further treatment.

Recent experience in cold storage shows that different articles of food require different degrees of temperature for their preservation, varying from 33 degrees Fahrenheit for eggs to from 15 to 26 degrees for poultry and various kinds of game.

## From the Stage to the Bar.

Most actors and actresses are in the profession because they are in love with it, but among the members of the "Brass Monkey" company is a handsome and bewitching brunette who but six months ago made her debut on the stage as a stepping stone to some ulterior object in life.

This young lady hails from Chicago, and is just 17. She is an exceptionally brilliant linguist, has a fine voice, is graceful in the extreme, and is a clever little actress. Her intentions are to remain on the stage just one year, and then study law with a view of practicing as an attorney in Illinois. She is taking this preliminary course on the stage for the purpose of perfecting her elocution, aly powers and to cultivate an "at home" feeling with large audiences. The real name of this young lady is Fanchon Conyers, and it is safe to predict that she will be heard from some day in the legal arena like the cricket on the hearth.—Portland Oregonian.

## Preparing for the Seashore.

Cholly Cholmondeley—Now we're all prepared for our trip. But I seem to forget something.

Valet—Have you ordered engagement rings?

Cholly C.—Aw, that's it. Go to Timpny's and awler a dozen.

## TRINITY'S TOWER DOWN.

Damage of Thousands But the Blame is Not Yet Located by the Committee.

From the Durham Sun we learn the following in connection with the falling of the tower and walls of the main structure:

"The tower of the new college building, situated in the front and midway the structure, collapsed from some cause and fell down. It did not fall to one side as if the foundation had given away but came down in a heap to the ground, over the very spot where it was just completed Saturday afternoon. This tower was twenty-four feet square, about one hundred feet high and contained about 400,000 brick and 40,000 feet of lumber. The roof is not damaged only where the tower dropped, and the portion to which it was connected. It is an unfortunate accident and the immediate cause has not yet been ascertained, but is being looked into by those interested. The work of clearing away the debris commenced this morning. Rough estimates place the damage at \$10,000. The greatest energy will be used and Dr. Crowell informed us this morning that the two wings will be completed at the earliest possible moment, and the school will open the first of October, as advertised."

**A REVOLT IN CHINA.**  
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## 50 FEET OF RATTLESNAKES.

A Party of Men Stumble Into a Den and Kill Thirteen.

STROUDSBORO, Pa., August 14.—Charles Everitt and a party of friends were enjoying themselves in the woods yesterday, when they suddenly found that they were in a den of rattlesnakes. On every side were big black rattlers, making the air ring with the weird music of their tails.

Everitt and the others pitched into the snakes with clubs and stones, and succeeded in killing thirteen. Double that many more escaped.

When the rattlers were counted on the dead reptiles it was found that they numbered 142, while the total length of the snakes was over fifty feet.

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## THE STATE SURVEYED.

NUMEROUS NEWSY NOTES FROM OUR BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

What Has and Will Happen of Interest Throughout the Old North State—Industrial and Otherwise.

Rocky Mount had a \$20,000 fire a few days ago.

Tarboro voted a tax last week for graded schools.

The papers are going for Evangelist Leitch with both fists.

Another rich gold find has been made in Montgomery county.

An iron foundry is reported as to be established at Walnut Cove.

W. H. Holloway, of Raleigh, has his carriage and wagon factory running.

A shirt factory is reported as started at Newbern by Mrs. N. E. Kirkman.

Ground has been broken for the new Second Presbyterian church at Charlotte.

The amount so far paid out of the Refunded Direct Tax is a little over \$75,000.

The Salisbury Watchman says the ice factory in that city will be ready for business soon.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: The roads leading out of Rocky Mount are in a most disgraceful condition.

The Farmers' Alliance of Person county has decided to run a warehouse next year, for the sale of tobacco.

J. L. King, of Oak Ridge, will, it is reported, convert his tobacco-box factory into a roller process flour mill.

The Mecklenburg Alliance has agreed that each member will not plant more than ten acres of cotton next year.

A Pennsylvania party is reported as having purchased and as to develop mineral property near Walnut Cove.

A beautiful spot with superior natural advantages has been allotted to North Carolina in the grounds of the World's Fair.

W. H. Doss, of Surry county, who ten years ago started on nothing has since then made \$40,000 in raising tobacco.

Mr. J. H. Vanstony, of Olin, accidentally shot himself while trying to shoot a chicken recently. He was a good citizen.

The organization of a co-operative manufacturing company for the purpose of erecting a cotton mill is talked of at Belmont.

W. B. Hester & Bro., of Elizabethtown, are repairing their saw mill recently damaged by fire, and will put in some new machinery.

W. G. Wooten was murdered near Turnersburg, Iredell county last week. The Landmark says J. M. Cass is thought to be the slayer.

Mr. John Davis, a young man from Fayetteville, who was spending some time at Jackson Springs, died suddenly at that place last Monday.

Windsor Ledger: A cyclone struck the farm owned by Rhoden Ward, colored, Sunday evening and blew down the stables and several other houses.

Thomas Joyner, of Cabarrus county, on Thursday, went out in the yard to kill a chicken for dinner, laid down the axe, walked off and has not been seen since.

Hon. George W. Sanderlin will deliver an address at the Old Soldiers reunion in Shelby on the 28th. Senator Matt W. Ransom will also address the Soldiers.

Weldon News: In the Gaston neighborhood the hogs are reported to be affected by a peculiar disease, which reduces them considerably in flesh but does not prove fatal.

Greensboro Record: The Fisher Hill gold mining property was sold under decree of court, for \$6,926 to John T. Shea, of Syracuse, N. Y., a real estate broker. This is very valuable mining property.

## A Georgia Item.

We grieve to