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NORTH CAROLINA NOTES.

WHAT OCCURS WORTH MENTIONING.

Choice Items Taken From Our Exchanges And Boiled Down For The Herald Readers.

Mr. A. B. Chestnutt, one of Sampson's old and most respected citizens, died suddenly Tuesday night.

Goldsboro Argus: The case and accuracy with which Judge Merrimon disposes of causes would lead one to conclude that he had judicial training.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The most extensive crop of onions from a small piece of land that we have heard of so far.

The Richmond and Danville railroad Company, have decided to take the stoves out of the passenger cars.

Raleigh Visitor: We learn that by the first of June next steel rails will be laid on the A. & N. C. R. R.

Bishop Key, of Georgia, writes to Raleigh Advocate: Now, let me say that for hospitality and whole-heartedness, North Carolina is not excelled in all my wide acquaintance.

Wilmington Star: We are informed that certain citizens and tax-payers of this city are about to, or have begun, an action against the Onslow Railroad Company.

Pittsboro Record: We much regret to record one of the saddest and most horrible accidents that ever occurred in this county.

Wilmington Star: A little child of Lucy Simpson, living at No. 10 North Eleventh street, was found drowned yesterday.

Col. Frank Coze, of this State, has the most comprehensive and impartial war record of any man in this country.

Litter and Trash.

(Scotts Neck Democrat.)

There is nothing a farmer can do that will pay a hand-cm-mer profit than keeping a hand and cart from the first day in the year to the last day hauling pine straw, oak leaves, trash, wood mould, swamp muck, rotten logs and stumps and the dirt from around the same in the fields.

And besides this, reclaimed and redeemed land is so much easier both on man and beast to cultivate, and you can cultivate so much more without breaking plows, stumping toes and sometimes loosing your sweet temper.

Skilled Farm Laborers.

(Cultivator.)

No idea has done more to repress farming progress than the idea that a farm laborer need not be skilled, that brute strength is the main requisite.

Healthful Indications.

A reporter of the New York Tribune has been making a tour of prominent business houses in various lines of trade and summarizes the result as follows:

The Suffering Poor of London.

The continued demonstrations of the thousands of unemployed workmen in London, which now end almost every day in a more or less bloody riot, promise to result in more serious disturbances.

The English authorities do not seem to be capable of coping with the difficulties of the situation. Bands of these desperate and starving men march to the Lord Mayor's house daily and demand that they shall be given bread or work.

The English legislators have spent so much time in trying to subdue Parnell and his friends that they have neglected their own affairs.

The Danger of Indifference.

There is no more dangerous condition of a free people than a state of indifference to politics, a carelessness with respect to the drift of sentiment touching matters of government.

We in North Carolina have especial reason to be up and doing in view of the contest surely coming though we may flatter ourselves that it is yet some distance away.

Meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee held at the office of R. H. Battle, Esq., chairman, in this city on Thursday of last week, there was a full attendance.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Democratic State Executive Committee that the internal revenue laws should be immediately repealed, and our democratic members of Congress be requested to use their influence.

THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

COMMISSIONER EDGERTON TAKES ISSUE WITH MR. OBERLY.

He Thinks the State Political Organizations Have as Much Right to Exist as They Ever Had.

Civil Service Commissioner Edgerton has returned to Washington from his sojourn in Indiana, where he has been confined by ill health for several weeks.

"I do not believe," he said, "in extreme or stained constructions of the civil service law. The law will accomplish its full purpose without irritating the public mind by extreme constructions.

A North Carolinian Killed in Georgia.

(Wilmington Star.)

A correspondent gives the following particulars of the fatal accident to Mr. Luther Sinclair, of Roberson county, N. C., at Eden, Ga., on the 16th inst.:

Among the passengers on the train which arrived there at 6.20 p. m. was Luther Sinclair, who has been for some time in the employ of Mr. K. A. Smith, of Bullock county.

Can't Dodge 'Em.

A Wayne County farmer, who had a little time to spare during the drought, went at it and created seven artificial mounds to resemble graves in a field close to the road.

Anti-Poverty Society.

New York has an anti-poverty Society. Its purpose is to abolish poverty. This can only be accomplished by killing of more than their fare share, and decapitating those unfortunates of weaker intellect who allow themselves to be fleeced.

Horrible Accident.

(News and Observer.)

A horrible accident occurred yesterday the 18th inst., near the fair grounds just as the morning special train pulled up to the platform and stopped for passengers to get off.

Essential To Success.

(Goldsboro Argus.)

It is essential to Democratic success in this State that the party at once put into thorough organization. This can be better done before the nominations than afterwards.

A Lucky Printer.

A special to the New York Herald from Waco, Texas, says:

"Joseph E. Hamilton, a printer of Chicago, has fallen heir to an estate, the amount of which is over two million dollars.

Patriotic and True to Itself.

(Goldsboro Argus.)

The Argus encourages in every way the use of home production. In carrying out this idea, its office has been supplied with a home-made table.

A True Representative Democrat.

(Scotts Neck Democrat.)

We think our Democratic brethren in this State are wrong in raising a hue and cry after John G. Carlisle. He represents one section of the party and by all odds the larger section.

Being an Editor.

(Durham Recorder.)

Cleveland and Frances are given a hearty welcome all along their line of travel and at Chicago the enthusiasm knew no bounds.

WHAT THE WORLD IS DOING.

EVENTS WHICH HAPPEN WEEKLY.

News Items Which Are Gleaned From Various Sources And Prepared For Our Readers.

A riot occurred in the streets of London last week.

The Presidential party was royally entertained at Atlanta, Ga.

A large number of Italians are preparing to return home this fall.

The remains of Gen. Judson Kilpatrick was interred at West Point.

The Crown Prince of Germany is suffering from cancer in the throat.

Benjamin F. Butler has been retained as counsel for the condemned Anarchists.

A Chattanooga paint company is making paint that contains 55 per cent of metallic iron.

In Chicago a local assembly of steam engineers has withdrawn from the Knights of Labor.

Arbitration has failed and the printers' strike and the brassworkers' lockout in New York continues.

Mr. Gladstone addressed the Liberal Federation at Nottingham in criticisms of the government's policy.

Perry Taylor and his wife, who were thought to have been murdered by negro Masons, are alive in Mississippi.

Young Lee, the man who shot Banker Dawson, has been arrested and held without bail.

The City National Bank, of Selma, Alabama, has been designated as a depository of funds advanced to disbursing officers of the army.

Joseph Blew, who murdered the Dunham family last February for money, was sentenced by a jury at Koskuiso, Indiana, to ninety-nine years imprisonment on the 19th inst.

Secretary Bayard expressed his regret to the British Minister at Washington for delaying the release of the seized sealers, and fresh orders have been sent to Alaska for their release.

Lieutenant Foulke, a naval attaché of the United States legation in Corea, who was part of the time acting Minister, is engaged to be married to a Japanese girl at Nagasaki, who helped him to study her language.

Mrs. Charles Bullis, of Worthington, Minnesota, has sold the original ordinance of secession, issued by the State of Virginia, to George H. Treadwell, Commander Grand Army Republic of Albany, New York, for one thousand dollars.

A man (or rather a brute) who lives at Dayton, Tennessee, deliberately opened the mouth of his wife, placed a revolver in it and fired, the bullet lodged in her left eye. He is in jail; lynching is threatened; he ought to go that way.

Suit has been brought in the Supreme Court against Jay Gould and Russell Sage to compel an accounting for about \$6,000,000, arising out of the alleged misappropriation of Denver Pacific Railway stock held by them as trustees for the Kansas Pacific Railway Company.

Detectives Gregory and Fitzgerald have succeeded in establishing the identity of the woman mysteriously murdered at Rahway a number of months ago. The victim was Mrs. Annie Ingram, who, two years ago, came to America from Birmingham, Eng. She was married while in England, but her husband lived only a few months after their marriage.

While at Castle Garden she obtained a situation with Governor Martin, of Metuchen, and lived there nearly a year. She and Martin quarrelled a great deal. Annie was frequently under the influence of liquor. She went to Bound Brook and became acquainted with a man whom she married on December 8th. She left her husband on the next morning and went to Philadelphia.