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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1899.

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

There is an evidence that more public
spirit and enterprise among the people of
North Carolina, have developed within the
past two years, than our State has known
since the beginning of her history.

The formation of business and industrial
associations in various towns and cities of
the State, and a systematic advertising and
presentation of the attractions and advan-
tages of various localities, have occupied the
energies of active, enterprising men
from the mountain to the sea, in a manner,
and with the vim and go-ahead-attitude
characteristic of the live communities of
some of the younger States.

We attribute this to the young blood of
the old north state. The young men of all
countries are their salvation, and ours are
beginning to emancipate themselves from
the dominion of the Old Fogey element
which, from time immemorial, has stood
in the way of the material progress of our
people. This is a good and healthful sign,
and augurs well for the immediate future
of our section of the State.

North Carolina has much need of strong
push. Let the formation and development
of these associations continue. Our popu-
lation is multiplying too rapidly to permit
of the continuation of the old policy of
stand still. This population has to be fed,
clothed, educated and housed. Therefore
it must work; and to obtain work it must
have fields of enlarged and compensating
industry, and find congenial employment.

Things are quite different from those of
past ages. The progress and developments
of science, improved methods in every
branch of human endeavor, the spread of
education, a wiser conception of the destiny
of man and a better appreciation of his
more profitable existence, have swept away
the cobwebs of antiquated systems, and set
the column in motion. Whoever does not
fall in line and keep up with the procession
gets left, and is speedily lost sight of down
the dark ages of the past.

Some sections of North Carolina are on
the move more than others, and the march
of empire is distinctly westward. We of
the East are just awakening and there is
manifest that restlessness among the young
element which indicates that the slumber
of centuries is at last broken and that
the coming generation will move with more
activity and energy in the march of progress
than the present.

RALEIGH is fast becoming the center of
educational industry. St. Mary's and Peace
Institute have long stood in the front rank
among the female colleges of the South,
and she is now to have Trinity and the
Agricultural and Mechanical College.
Heretofore our State capital has been the
torpise in the race of progress, but though
moving slowly, she will reach the goal
side by side, if not ahead, of sum of her
neighbors.

News from all over the country reports
heavy rain falls and wind on Saturday and
Sunday last. In many sections much dam-
age has been done by the floods and wind,
lives lost and property destroyed. North
Carolina has suffered much, but nothing
to compare with many other states.

INDIGNATION meetings are being held in
the various towns throughout the State,
relative to the acquittal of Dr. Engene Gris-
son, in which the names of the most prom-
inent men appear. There seems to be a
general dissatisfaction throughout the
entire State.

It is said that Dr. McDow appealed to
the postoffice officials to protect him against
the anonymous letters he receives daily,
threatening his life or denouncing his con-
duct.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

BY REV. R. B. COLLIER.

The following resolutions were unani-
mously adopted to the memory of the late
Mr. Austin Farisher, of Sepperrunning Union,
Gunn Neck, Tyrrell county:

Whereas, It has pleased our heavenly Father
who is too wise to err and too good to afflict,
to remove the services of the Sepperrunning Union
and sever the life cord of Bro. Austin Farisher, and
therefore we feel grateful to our heavenly
Father for having blessed the world with one who
has done so much for the furtherance of His King-
dom in this part of His moral vineyard; therefore,
Resolved, 1. That we bow submissively to the
will of Him who will afflict none willingly in the
disposition of His providence.

2. That in the death of Bro. Farisher we have
lost a wise counselor, and one who, in his every
day life, exemplified the Christian virtues which
were made from none other than the bosoms of devout
Christians, who are living epistles, known and read
of all men.

3. That we will ever cherish, with fond remem-
brance, the memory of our faithful old veteran,
and tender to the surviving members of the family
and other relatives our most heartfelt sympathy in
their bereavement.

4. That the Union erect a suitable monument to
his memory, with appropriate inscription, and ap-
point a committee to carry out the last purpose.

THE LILLY OF THE VALLEY.

Written for the Beacon.

A superficial observer of the inequalities
of life might suppose that there is a greater
variety of human happiness than corre-
sponds with the facts, the parade of power,
the pride of birth, and the magnificence of
wealth, seems to indicate an enjoyment far
greater than can subsist with the plain
attire, the frugal repast, the humble solu-
sion of the cottage. This would be a correct
inference if the mind could be rendered
happy by the parade of external circum-
stances, but a contented mind is the only
source of happiness, and consequently if
one is robbed in broad day, and moves amid
the refinement of society, and another is
clad in homely attire and occupies the so-
ber, quiet vale, or the recesses of the forest,
it is not certain that this variety of external
circumstances furnishes an equal variety
of happiness. God has given to one the lux-
uries and the honors of life, he has given to
another a meek and quiet spirit—Hath not
God chosen the poor of this world, rich in
faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he
hath prepared for them that love Him?
And is not that peace which flows from a
little to the heavenly entrance superior to
all the pagantry of an ungodly world?
So I thought when, in the bosom of one
of those western wilds, I was prompted
by humanity as well as by duty to visit
the lonely dwelling of a poor afflicted widow.
The path that leads to this cottage is in a
valley. I had not imagined that I should
so lovingly a being as I have named, the
lily of the valley. On a mat near the fire-
place, a boy, the support of his mother, with
foot half amputated by an unfortunate
blow from an axe. The wound had been
dressed by an empiric of the neighborhood
settlement; and the patient, left to the
care of his widowed mother, was perusing
a much worn tract, near by, upon the couch
lay his sister, the interesting form which
constituted the subject of my narrative.
The victim of consumption, she resembled
indeed the beautiful, but faded lily, con-
fined from the sun and air, her complexion
had assumed a delicate whiteness and the
slow, wasting fever had tinged her cheeks
with a most beautiful color. Her disease
had reached that stage in its progress which
gives a transparency to the skin and throws
around the female form the loveliness
of an angel, awakening those mingled emotions
which excite the earnest prayer that death,
having rendered his victim so pensively
beautiful, may relinquish his purpose. Her
expressive eyes spoke of happier days and
her wavy tresses that lay disheveled on
her pillow, seemed to whisper that this
flower was born to blush unseen, had it
been transplanted to the parterre, it might
have surpassed in beauty and fragrance its
sister flower, the gay and beautiful, whose
attention is devoted to the walks of pleasure
while they pity the afflicted sister of the
country will feel the importance of seeking
that religion which supported her in the
hour of affliction and which constituted
the loveliness of her character. The pious
fair too, who in their sphere of benevolence
resemble angels of mercy, will not in their
walks of usefulness forget the cottage of
the poor. The cottage will afford to the
benevolent mind a happiness far superior
to a visit in the halls of a palace. I love
to recur in my lonely meditations of this
dear departed saint for she now sleeps beneath
the shade and her spirit is waited in the
realms above, where peace and happiness
forever reigns. MISS ANNA N. LAWREN.
Plymouth, N. C., July 31, '99.

CONTENTMENT.

Written for the Beacon.

We must all acknowledge a tendency to
discontent, the rich, the poor, the old, and
young would all change their surroundings
if they could, it seems impossible to accept
our fate without complaint and bear with
patience the burdens of life. We all have
many sorrows, some imaginary, others
only too real and at times there seems no
limit to the weight the human heart can
bear; it throbs on yet every pulsation seems
more than can be endured; the quiet routine
of life hardly delayed goes on while we
find ourselves wondering how much more
we can endure. Our hearts throb with a
vain longing to become noble men and
women; we stretch forth our wearied hands
to heaven with a prayer for strength to aid
and comfort some suffering loved one, life
seems nothing but sorrow, and yet how
much brighter it would be if we looked
beyond the darkness in the distance, rather
than the dark clouds over-head, if we put
our entire trust in Him to whom we owe so
much.

I think the great cause of so much human
unhappiness is that we expect too much,
we should remember when trouble comes
that this world cannot be a paradise for any,
when our Saviour came to it only to suffer.
Bearing our burdens patiently and meekly
we should not forget that "Whom God
loveth he chasteneth," and thank Him that
it is only for a little while we must suffer,
and blessed are we if we are found worthy
to suffer for His sake.

What a blessed thought it is that our
hearts are only being purified by our, sore
trials, for the great to-morrow beyond the
grave.

It is quite true that we cannot change
ourselves but we can cultivate patience and
with patience comes content; we can strive
earnestly to bear all sorrows meekly,
to think less of ourselves and more of others;
all wounds may at last be healed, all sor-
rows partially forgotten if we only learn to
say "Thy will, not mine, be done."

Although our lives are filled with sorrows
yet, how much, kind reader, we have to be
thankful for; how God has blessed us! Let
us all think of our kind friends, our pleas-
ant homes and loved ones and the work
God has given us to do and strive with all
our hearts to be content if never happy.
WILD ROSE.
Long Ridge, July 27, '99.

A SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

Wilmington Star.

W. H. Overman, of Wayne county, is a
farmer who does not believe in keeping his
meat house in the West. The Goldsboro
Argus informs us that he has recently sold
to a merchant in Goldsboro nearly a thou-
sand pounds of home-made bacon—hams,
shoulders and sides, and that he puts up
every year from nine to ten thousand
pounds of pork. We don't know Mr. Over-
man but we venture the assertion that he
lives at home, lives well, and don't give any
chattel mortgages for fertilizers to raise the
north. There are a good many farmers in
North Carolina like Mr. Overman who
believe in raising their own supplies and in
being independent, but there are too many
who do not, who scrimpings along with
what they call the "money crop" and buy
their bread and meat from the West.
This is the sort of farmer who find farming
a hard and unprofitable business, and he
will always find it so until he changes his
methods and keeps his own meat house
and granary at home.

The Flagstaff gold mine near Salisbury
has been leased to parties who will put in
the machinery and open up the property.

STATE NEWS.

Charlotte is to have a broom factory.

Raidville will soon have a flour mill of
50 barrels daily capacity.

The North Carolina State Alliance meets
at Fayetteville the 13th inst.

The people of North Carolina are deter-
mined to have a soldiers' home.

The Stanley Cotton mills are putting in
1,000 spindles for making carpet yarn.

Maj. Finger says that the Teachers' In-
stitutes have been well attended this year.

Robert Hancock has been appointed col-
lector of customs for the district of Pamlico.

The State Line Alliance, of North Caro-
lina, will discuss the desirability of ladies
joining the Alliance.

It is said that the late Mrs. R. B. Hayes
was a prominent friend of a large school for
colored girls in this State.

The North Carolina Conference has to
agree to the removal of Trinity College to
Raleigh before it can be done.

It will doubtless be the fall term of 1890
before the young men of North Carolina
can stop at Raleigh and attend Trinity
College.

The employees of the Carolina Central
railroad have started a movement to erect
a monument to the memory of the late
Col. L. C. Jones.

Washington county Alliance is some 300
strong and the membership rapidly in-
creasing. The county has only been organ-
ized about two months.

The Alliance of Rowan county, this State,
reduced the acreage of cotton and tobacco
one-fourth, and increased the acreage in
corn and peas one-fourth.

Dr. J. P. Munroe has been elected prin-
cipal of the Medical School at Davidson
College in place of Dr. Barringer, who goes
to the University of Virginia.

A young gentleman of Charlotte, now
visiting the Paris Exposition, writes to a
friend that the exhibit of minerals made
by North Carolina is the best on the
grounds.—Roanoke News.

In speaking of the new fair grounds at
Edenton, the Fisherman and Farmer says:
The track is completed, the exhibition hall
is assuming intended proportions, and the
whole place shows signs of early comple-
tion.

The burglars get in their work every
night in some section of the city. The
thing is getting to be monotonous, and a
party is now being organized to lynch the
first burglar caught in his work.—Wil-
mington Star.

Capt. T. W. Whisnant has been appointed
Superintendent of the Carolina Central
Railroad to fill the vacancy caused by the
death of Col. Jones. Capt. Whisnant has
served this company faithfully for thirteen
years and deserves the promotion.

The Alliance has made a remarkable
growth in North Carolina. There are now
1800 Sub. Alliances in the State, and still
the good work goes on. This is cheering
news. The more the farmers organize the
better their rights will be protected and
the brighter will be their future. We con-
gratulate the "Old North State" upon this
splendid record.—Farm and Home.

The number of North Carolinians as well
as people from other States frequenting
the Carolina summer resorts this year
is very large, the mountain resorts of
which there are many, and the seaside
resorts of which there are several, all being
well patronized. This is an indication of
the easier financial condition of our people
and is an index of increasing prosperity.—
Wilmington Star.

The Messenger is advised from Hatteras
that the great Ocean Light House on the
outer diamond shoal, about fifteen miles
from the land, is about to begin. Its erec-
tion maintenance will involve an expendi-
ture of millions perhaps, but nature having
made this place the starting point of trans-
Atlantic vessels, for the sake of humanity,
our Government should take a delight in
the establishment of said light. Senator Ran-
som is the prime mover in this great
scheme.—Ex.

DIED AT SNOWDEN.

How pleasant to look towards the West
on the evening of a dark and stormy day,
and see the sun burst forth in all his glory
as though just set free by his dark and
gloomy companions; such are the thoughts
which arise to my mind as I think of the
last days of my friend and brother, Mr.
James B. Stevenson who entered into rest
on May 24th last. What if man should
have found him many years of his life?
Should have sent his evil messengers to
tempt him in many ways? And tormented
many years of his life; yet how pleasant
to remember that God in His mercy gave him
strength to conquer. Oh! death where is
thy sting? Oh! grave where is thy victory?

Late in life the silvered locks were bowed
at the baptismal font, and there I prayed
that God would give him strength to battle
with "the world, the flesh and the devil,"
and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and
servant unto his life's end.

To all appearances the prayer has been
answered, the body and blood of Christ
has been received, and after a short period,
in which to show his sincerity, he passed to
his reward.

The clouds have passed away, and pre-
sented a calm and peaceful sunset.

To the living let me say that the great-
est regret of my friend was that he did
not devote the prime of his life to God's
service more faithfully. Reader guard
your life that you may not regret the
same. Peace to his ashes, and my deepest
sympathy to his bereaved family.

His friend and pastor,
W. LAWTON MELLICHAMPE.

ANOTHER EDITOR KILLED.

Call, July 20.

The last issue of the Marion (N. C.) Times-
Register gives between inverted rules, an
account of the shooting and killing of its
editor, Colonel Roger J. Page, on Monday
night last, on his arrival in Marion, on the
mid-night train. The name of the assail-
ant is not given, but he is referred to as
one of Marion's most prominent physicians,
whose wife Page had debauched. The of-
fice of the Times-Register is just opposite
the residence of the physician referred to,
and Page, who is described as a man of
culture and a fine conversationalist, was
received in the family as a visitor. To
make a long story short, the editor's visits
became more frequent, until stolen visits,
in the absence of the husband, were habit-
ually practiced, and the ruin of the wife
and mother was quickly consummated.
The Times-Register tells the whole story
in a straightforward, unvarnished manner
and without any attempt to palliate or ex-
cuse in any manner the conduct of its late
editor. But was the badge of mourning
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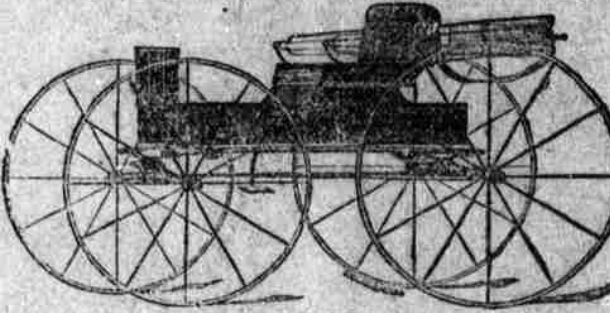
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