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STATE NEWS.

The Week's Gleanings from Our Exchanges

Items of Interest the State Over.

Durham Recorder: The Trustees of Trinity were instructed to secure an agent for raising funds to endow the College. Gov. Jarvis will be selected if he can be induced to accept the position.

Franklin Press: At Balsam Gap, on the Western North Carolina Railroad, the snow is said to have drifted to a depth of about six feet. No trains have been run beyond that point since Saturday.

Graham Gleaner: Col. Thos. M. Holt, at Haw River, has his handsome new wave mill completed and the shafting is being put up. It will not be many weeks before he will have it full of looms and running.

Greensboro North Star: J. S. Carr is added to the list of candidates for Ransom's place. He is a worthy and deserving man and would do the State great credit. We believe he would suit us as well as any Democrat.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Elizabeth City fair, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. R. Creedy, president; G. M. Scott, secretary and treasurer; C. W. Grandy, Dr. P. John, D. B. Bradford, G. B. Thompson and W. W. Griffin, board of directors.

Wilmington Review: Charles H. Strode, the well-known detective, died very suddenly at about 1 o'clock this afternoon, at his residence on Seventh street, near the railroad. He was about his business in his usual health yesterday, and was taken violently sick at about 11 o'clock last night, and he continued to grow worse until he died at the hour named. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Charlotte Chronicle: News was received in this city last night from Cherryville, Gaston county, that the store of Meadlin & Bro., was burned on yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. This makes three stores that have been burned within the last month at that place. Without doubt it is the work of an incendiary. Dr. Howell was burned out one week ago. A grocery store a short while since was set on fire, but not burned.

Charlotte Observer: The barn of Mr. James A. Harris, at Mooresville, was burned last Saturday night, by an incendiary. Mr. Harris lost in the fire two horses, one cow, a wagon, several sets of harness and his year's supply of hay, corn and fodder. George Knox, a brother to the notorious Ford Knox, has been arrested as the guilty party and has been taken to jail at Statesville for safe keeping. Mr. Harris' loss is about \$1,400, upon which there is no insurance.

Wilmington Star: Master George Barden, a fifteen-year old son of Mr. B. C. Barden, of Magnolia, Duplin county, was shot and killed near that place last Saturday morning. Young Barden was hunting in company with several other boys of about his own age. He was in the act of climbing a fence, when in some way his gun was discharged, the whole load entering

just below his chin on the left side and lodging in the upper part of his head. Several of Barden's companions saw him fall and ran to his side, but his death was almost instantaneous. Mrs. Barden, the boy's mother, was in Wilmington at the time, visiting her sister, Mrs. Woolvin. Intelligence of the dreadful accident was telegraphed to her, and she returned home at once.

Fayetteville Observer-Gazette: freight depot of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad on Military Green is nearing completion. During the season just passed James T. Roper, of Laurin, S. C., raised 10,000 bushels of corn on one acre, upland; E. A. Edwards, of Cumberland 781 bushels on one acre, lowland, 861 bushels on one acre, lowland; E. H. Anders, of Bladen, 884 bushels on one acre, lowland.—Captain J. W. Strange died at his residence in this town on yesterday morning after a brief illness. He had been in declining health for some time, but only a few days since he took to his bed. Captain Strange was a gallant Confederate soldier. He organized a cavalry company shortly after the beginning of the war, and as its captain he served with honor in his country's cause. He was a true man, a worthy citizen, and a faithful Christian.

Raleigh News Observer: The unusual occurrence of cutting a watermelon on Christmas will take place at Messrs. Lee, Johnson & Co.'s drug store to-day. The young gentlemen of the house packed one away last summer and it is well preserved.—Miss Minnie L. Best, of North Carolina, has been promoted from a \$900 to a \$1,000 position in the Postoffice Department at Washington.—Mr. W. T. Pohl, of Heidsville, has been for some time State Organizer of the Knights of Labor for North Carolina.—Last night two of the long looked-for street cars arrived and today they will be placed upon the track, and the Christmas of 1886 will date the inauguration of a new enterprise in Raleigh.—No sentimentality should stay the foot of justice in this case. The murderer of Miss Turlington should be made to answer for his fearful deed, and promptly. In the name of the people we call upon the authorities to exert at once every effort to this end.

Charlotte Chronicle: Mr. Johnnie P. Morris, of Crab Orchard township, was in the city yesterday carrying his left hand in a sling. The cause of this painful laceration of his hand was the explosion of a brass shell which he was capping.—Quite a sensation was created among the colored population of Fover on Thursday night over the killing of Till Murrah at the hands of Mr. Nicholas. It seems that a festival or party was held at the house of Nicholas, and Till, being under the influence of liquor, became boisterous and was ordered to leave the house, but refused, when he was taken out by his friends. After remaining out a short time he returned to the door and demanded entrance, but was refused. After promising to be quiet the door was opened by Nicholas, when he gave Till a shove with his right hand and at the same time drew his knife and stabbed him in the left breast in the region of the heart, killing him almost instantly.

Nicholes was arrested by deputy sheriff Turner, of Grover, and lodged in the Shelby jail.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

A School Party at Hookerton Collegiate Institute. Dec. 24th, the evening of which had been set apart for a "School Party" at Hookerton Collegiate Institute, found many hearts somewhat burdened with anxiety. It seemed that we were destined to go, if we went at all under a weeping sky, over a landscape made lurid by its tears.

As the hour that ever is sacred to song approached, the mists were cleared away and we charitably suppose the fair daughters of Greene devoutly repeated,

Since all the downward tracks of time,
God's watchful eye surveys,
O, who so wise to choose our lot,
Or regulate our ways?

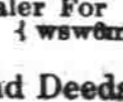
At 8:30 the spacious hall was a living picture of "From shore to shore." Old and young seemed to be living in the present. Judging from blushes that occasionally mantled the brows of some of the fair sex this "Wrapping nonsense round" soon grew stale and monotonous. Many of the nobler sex could not truthfully say

"I have nothing to do with to-morrow," for to one who cries
"Give me the face that varies with the
season's watchful eye surveys,"
was plainly stamped, in every lineament of those many faces, a longing to hear at no distant day the promise that, ere the shades of many such evenings fall, she'll exclaim

"I sh! all in all to me!" Presently strains of music fell upon our ear. Glancing around we found that preparations were being made for the special engagement of those who could "trip on the light fantastic toe." Thus an hour or more passed away. Next "The Committee of Arrangements" passed around a feast that all could enjoy—fruits that had drunk healthful and toothsome sweets from the bosom of "Mother Earth"—confectioneries—and all honor due to the temperance of Greene. "Limpid water from a living spring." Just as the clock was trembling under the protracted agony of twelve strokes, the crowd dispersed, declaring themselves well pleased with the enjoyment of the evening, for which they are indebted to the amiable and accomplished instructress, Miss Gertrude Hooker, and the unstinted generosity of the young men of Hookerton and vicinity.

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THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH.

Stricken Down with Another Attack of Rheumatism.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—President Cleveland has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism in his right knee since last Friday, and was, therefore, compelled to forego the pleasure of a Christmas dinner at Oak View. Mrs. Folsom's guests on that occasion were Mrs. Cleveland, Col. and Mrs. Lamont, Marshall Wilson, wife and daughter, and Mrs. Cleveland's cousin, Miss May Huddleston. The President is suffering from a relapse of the rheumatic attack of several weeks ago, and from which he did not entirely recover. He remains somewhat easier to-day. He insists in bed most of the time, although he occasionally sits up. The President is very desirous that the public should not be misinformed about his trouble, and instructed his physician, Dr. O'Reilly, to answer all inquiries by stating just how he is. Dr. O'Reilly says that the President is improving and could, he thought, be about to-morrow, but that he advised him to keep very quiet for a few days. He attributes the recurrence of the trouble to the President's unwillingness to remain quiet as long as he should when he was sick before. The President has, therefore, decided to see no visitors until perhaps Thursday. He is satisfied that there is no public business of importance demanding his immediate attention, as there was when he was suffering before, and this enables him to give himself up entirely to resting. His other attack came upon him before his message was completed, and he continued to work when he should have remained quietly in his room. The present attack is not as bad as the former one, and the pain is considerably less. The customary tri-weekly receptions to the public will be omitted for the present, but the President expects without doubt to carry out the programme for New Year's as it has been arranged.

PIKEVILLE ITEMS.

Well, the year 1886 is fast coming to a close! Christmas has passed, and the small boy who has been jubilant over holiday gifts and fun has again turned his face towards the school room, comparing his short vacation to the long and tedious hours to be spent until the next.

A most distressing accident occurred in this township within about four miles of Fremont, on Christmas morning. Mr. William Henry Williams and wife, and a neighbor, were shooting at a mark. Mrs. Williams proposed to shoot once; placing her finger on the hammer of the gun she remarked that she didn't know how to fit it, and releasing her bolt the gun discharged, lodging fifty-five shot in the head and breast of her husband, and causing instant death. Mr. Williams was a poor man, but very industrious, honest and upright, and his loss will be deeply felt by his grief stricken wife and four children, whose condition is truly deplorable. May the Lord look with pity and compassion on the innocent wife, who when last we heard, was under treatment of Dr. Person, heart-broken and almost frantic from the distress she has caused.

Mrs. P. R. Peacock has been quite

seriously ill at her residence in this township but under the skillful treatment of your townsman Dr. J. F. Miller, she is convalescent.

We hear that preparations are being made by two gentlemen of our neighborhood, to batchelor the coming year. We wonder if this is true? Rumor whispers the contrary. Time will tell.

The farmers are improving their soil and hope the season may be more beneficial in the next harvest than in the one past.

A few are preparing to try the cultivation of cane on a small scale, which will no doubt be profitable.

Mrs. Nannie Smith, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this community, will soon return to her home in Georgia.

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F. A. DANIELS, Commissioner. Dec. 13, 1886-dec20wsw-4w

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LATEST BY MAIL.

Navigation has closed on the Mississippi at Burlington, Iowa. About 40,000 barrels of coal oil are consumed daily on this earth. A. H. Smith, of Maysville, S. C., was suffocated by gas at Columbia, S. C.

A general strike is feared of the employees of the Reading railroad company. Negroes in Mississippi are steadily migrating to the Yazoo delta from the interior district.

Gov. Hill, of New York, left Albany Monday afternoon for a brief visit to President Cleveland.

Rev. Dr. McGlynn, of St. Stephen's church, New York, has been transferred to a county parish.

Hon. E. F. Dewing, formerly United States district judge in Louisiana, died in Natick, Mass., Saturday evening.

The resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill, from the British cabinet, caused much enthusiasm in Dublin.

The safe at Albaugh's theatre, Washington, D. C., was robbed of money and jewelry Wednesday night.

Forty laborers employed at a large tannery in Clearfield, Pa., were discharged for joining the Knights of Labor.

Another murder is reported from the Indian Territory, the murderer's name being Wofford and the murdered man's name Borne.

G. W. Myres and wife, of Keokuk, Iowa, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Sunday. He is 83 and she 81.

At a dance in Cook county, Texas, a dispute about who should pay the fiddlers, Ed. Russell was fatally shot by Marion Skinner.

Mrs. Charles Bruger, of Rushville, Nebraska, on Christmas evening in a fit of insanity killed her three children and then cut her throat.

John Foley, aged 15, is under arrest in New York charged with having stabbed and killed Dennis Carney on Christmas eve.

A strike has occurred in the Boston and Sandwich, Mass., glass works, owing, it is stated, to glass workers being docked on last week's work.

A fire at Oskaloosa, Iowa, destroyed a large amount of property, including the postoffice, the Times building and opera house. Estimated loss \$100,000.

Wm. J. Vonderlehr, a bartender in Washington, committed suicide on the steps of his father's house in sight of his father, by shooting himself.

Near Newtown, Conn., Wm. Warner shot and killed Mrs. Mary Lynch, a young married woman, and afterwards shot himself; all through jealousy.

Detectives claim that several of the gang which robbed the St. Louis Express Company are in custody; Frothingham's confessions led to the arrests.

Ten or twelve passengers were injured in an accident on the Ashville & Spartanburg Railroad; two very seriously, and one, a lady, fatally; the accident occurred 12 miles from Asheville.