

FRIDAY, September 23, 1893. In writing to change your address always give former address as well as full present address...

VERY IMPORTANT

During the past two months bills have been mailed to about sixteen hundred subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR. The aggregate amount due on these bills was very large...

WHERE NOW?

With the Cherokee Strip opened to settlement and occupied, there is an end practically to the public domain, as far as homesteads go...

But the day is not far distant when all these lands worth taking will be taken, as the public domain has been, and then the home-seeker will have to turn in some other direction...

We are not prejudiced in this matter, but it goes much against our grain to see these valuable properties go to adventurers for a mere song, while our own people stand by and see the transfers made...

The transfer of mineral lands is not such a serious matter although monopolizing these will retard progress. While working these does more in the way of development than the timber industry does...

Not whatever they may do the time is not far distant when the home-seeker will turn his eyes to the unoccupied lands of this section...

of people have been rushing for weeks to get in among the first and stake of a claim, and it is perhaps fight over it after it is taken off...

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MINOR MENTION.

There are few abuses which have been carried to a greater excess in the Congress of the United States (in both branches) than absenteeism. It very frequently happens that no business can be transacted for want of a quorum, and it sometimes happens that telegrams have to be sent all over the country summoning the absentees who are needed, and the Sergeant-at-Arms is sometimes sent to scurry around Washington with instructions to arrest and bring in the truants...

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NEWBERN AND WILMINGTON.

The Great Through Passenger Train on the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk Railroad-The Road Well Equipped and in Excellent Condition.

Following the example of the STAR of Tuesday, the Newbern Journal of yesterday brought out its roster and crowded lustily over the departure of the first through passenger train over the Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk Railroad. The Journal has the following interesting account:

Among the passengers on the first schedule train of the W. N. & N. R. R. who left here yesterday morning were: Messrs. E. E. Harper and E. M. Simmons, Mr. T. A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foy, Messrs. James A. Bryan, George Henderson, Capt. D. Lassiter and Mr. Nelson Whitford, of the city, Mr. John F. Zebly, of New York, president of the Newbern Water Works Company was also among them.

The run from McCarthy's store at the edge of the city to Folklocks was made in seventeen minutes. The Whiteoak was reached in just an hour from the time the train pulled away from the depot.

Upon the return trip almost as good time was made. The space from Folklocksville to Newbern was covered in eighteen minutes. This means that the entrance of the train into the city was to slacken speed.

The trip was much enjoyed. The view from the city shows well, and the fine forested hills in the distance, lies a little beyond. We noticed particularly beautiful bodies of pine and gum that lie at and near Mayville.

The elegant cars and the delight of the trip over the road. The second class cars are handsome, having many windows, seats covered with low priced plush and being finely finished in oak.

The first-class cars are vehicles of surpassing beauty and comfort. The aisle is covered with Brussels carpet. The sides of mahogany oak, all finished in beautiful style and highly polished.

The distance between the two cities is 87 miles. The train is run by the passenger train in 3 1/2 hours and by the freight and passenger in four and a-half hours. The former speed is 35 miles an hour in level runs, which is not bad for a new road.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Grand Jury Returns and Impannelled-The Judge's Charge-Saxton, the Negro Murderer, Sentenced to Thirty Years in the Penitentiary.

The Criminal Court convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge O. P. Meares presiding. The following grand jury was drawn and empanelled, viz: Chas. H. Schulz, foreman; Jno. G. Norwood, J. M. Farrow, Geo. A. Bishop, W. E. Springer, G. G. Lewis, A. M. Biggs, W. A. Walker, C. C. Williams, J. S. Barnes, T. T. Howard, S. Behrens, W. M. Hankins, E. N. Edens, H. H. Wobbe.

The Judge's charge was very rigid and exhaustive, charging fully on gambling, the liquor question, and the wrecking laws. After the charge Solicitor Moore set the bill for murder and the bills against the parties charged with removing articles from the barque Najaden to the Grand Jury for their consideration, and the Court took a recess until 8 o'clock.

At the evening session three cases were disposed of, viz: F. D. Capps, charged with willful trespass. Not guilty. Jos. C. Whitted—assault and battery—guilty.

Chas. Saxton, charged with the murder of Sue Cooper, (both colored) was arraigned, and pled not guilty of murder in the first degree, but guilty of murder in the second degree.

The Solicitor introduced testimony as follows: Alice Sampson testified that she saw Saxton walk up to Susan Cooper, throw the pistol and fire. Sue Cooper fell and Saxton ran. Belle Washington, colored testified, to about the same, and W. H. Brown, colored, testified that he first knew Saxton about three months ago. About three months ago one day Saxton came out of Simon Jones' wood yard and asked him if he had seen Sue Cooper go up the wharf. Brown reported that he had not. Saxton then said, "D—n her, she has two dollars of mine, and if I catch her I will kill her."

Deputy Sheriff W. W. King testified that some time in last month (about the middle) he had Saxton working about the jail. He (King) had two pistols, one of which was not in order. Saxton heard him say the pistol was "no account and wouldn't fire." He put both of the pistols together under his bed. On the 19th of last month, about 11 o'clock in the morning, he was at the jail, when he received a note from the house, and told her he had shot a woman and wished to get his pistol and found the old one was missing. He went to his house and found Saxton there. Saxton told him in the presence of constable Mills "that he did not intend to shoot Sue Cooper." "He had heard him (Mr. King) say that the pistol would not shoot," and "that he didn't know that it was loaded." He only threw it up and snapped it out of fun" when to his surprise it fired and killed the woman. He then ran, threw the pistol away and sent for him. That if he had intended killing the woman he would have gone to the woods."

Mr. King further testified that the pistol had been found, and that the cartridges had been snatched by Mr. McKeen on the Sound when the Sheriff's posse was looking for a prisoner just before the shooting, but none would fire. He further said that three months ago Saxton was in the hospital.

Judge Meares pronounced the sentence of thirty years in the penitentiary. It was only by the act of 1893 that Saxton escaped hanging, as it was a clear case of murder under the old law. Marsden Bellamy, Esq. was counsel for the defendant.

Newbern & Wilmington.

The Grand Jury's Bill—The Slender Case Ben Perry Submits.

The Criminal Court resumed business yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge O. P. Meares presiding. The Grand Jury returned the following bills, viz: against Jas. A. Hewlett, J. S. Walton, Lewis Whiteledge, Davis Foles, Wm. Sheppard, Joe Pickett, Jno. Sidbury, O. F. Corbett, Charles Mason, George Sheppard, John Pettitt and Timothy Peterson—true bills; against Tom Bon, for killing a cow—not a true bill; Ben Perry, slander—true bill; E. Salisbury, misdemeanor—true bill; William Holly, larceny—true bill; Mag Wilson, killing a cow—true bill.

The case of State vs. Jas. A. Hewlett, on motion of Marsden Bellamy, Esq., counsel for defendant removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. State vs. Wm. Holly; larceny. Guilty. State vs. J. E. Salisbury. Continued on account of absence of counsel.

State vs. Ben. Perry, charged with slandering Miss Maggie Coffee, was called, and the jury took the box. Messrs. M. Bellamy and A. J. Marshall appeared in behalf of the prosecuting witness. Solicitor Moore, represented the State and Herbert McClintock, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. Defendant's counsel moved for a continuance on account of the absence of a witness. Counsel stated to the Court that he wished to prove by the witness that the defendant had been told the words charged to be slanderous by another person. The State's counsel said they would admit the testimony as true. The Court said it would charge the jury that if they believed that the defendant spoke the words he would be guilty, as a slanderous and malicious remark of slanderous reports would make a person equally as guilty as the original slanderer. The defendant then entered a submission and at the same time filed a statement that he had only repeated the slanderous words as they had been told to him, but he had since ascertained that they were false, and that he believed the prosecuting witness to be a good and innocent woman.

Mr. Marsden Bellamy stated that all the prosecuting witness wanted was a vindication of her character and was now satisfied. The Court stated that it was always inclined to impose the severest penalties for slander; but after the statement of counsel, he would suspend judgment on the payment of the costs, which amounted to over fifty dollars.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Appointments and Nominations—Democrat Caucus—The President Unable to Visit the World's Fair on Chicago Day.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The Senate has confirmed the nominations of Henry M. Smith, of Graham, Va., to be Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States to Haiti; and the following Postmasters in North Carolina—Rob. W. Harris, at Union; Josiah Doar, at Georgetown; Thomas B. Crews, at Laurens.

The caucus of the Democratic members of the House this afternoon was brief and the vote, Mr. Hiram Ripley, of Tennessee, moved to amend by adding "and vote" after "sessions of the House," which was accepted by the Speaker.

Mr. Fritth, of Illinois, moved to add the following to the Speaker's resolution, and the caucus agreed: "The House meets on to-morrow it is the sense of this caucus that it remain in session continuously until a quorum is obtained voting in favor of the following resolution: Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that it is the duty of every Democratic member to attend the sessions of the House in order that the public business may be considered and disposed of."

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After adopting the resolutions as a whole, the caucus adjourned, having been in session but a little over an hour. Subsequently, in pursuance to the last resolution, Speaker Crisp issued a call for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Orders, to be held on Friday, the 23rd of October 1893.

National Banks that increased their circulation during the recent financial stringency are now beginning to retire from the market. The circulation of the National Bank of New York, for example, is now in excess of their normal circulation.

The President to-day nominated Wm. B. Hornblower, of New York, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice Blatchford, deceased, and James J. Van Alen, of Rhode Island, to be Chief Justice of the United States, vice Horblower, deceased.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Durham Recorder: A farmer told us Monday that he had a fine field of corn and had to prop a good deal of it up so as to prevent the ears from breaking, and the grain being so large.

Lenoir Topic: From all parts of the county comes the report that the corn crop is damaged a great deal by the recent frosts. The prospect for a large crop is not good. The farmer has just sawed several years and he was splitting it up for kindling wood when he found the ball. The wood was perfectly white, having no signs of how the ball got in there could be seen. It may have been shot in the tree when it was very small.

Newton Enterprise: If anybody was to see peach seeds by the hundred bushels jump into Samble chive & Co.'s and J. R. Gaither's warehouses. Mr. Gaither has one pile of 600 bushels and another of 400 and has shipped 200 or 300 bushels. The two firms together have bought from the farmers of this section this season not less than 2,500 bushels of peach seed. The price paid for the seed is about \$875. The trade at other places in this section has been in proportion to that in Newton. The peach seeds, which used to go to the West, are now being sold here for \$3.00 or \$3.50.

Charlotte News: The flow of tramps Southward is now rising rapidly and each train dumps off larger numbers. Yesterday evening there were fifty tramps, having enough to fill the rail-tracks of the R. & D. in the city. Most all of them were going to Texas, they said. One of the tourists told a story about their going had taken in the World's Fair, New York city and Baltimore, beating their entire fare from place to place, and that they now proposed to go to Florida, thence to Texas, where they would work as hard as they could like it and could get something to do that suited them exactly.

Carthage Blade: Died at his home, about 8 miles west of Carthage, on Tuesday night, 19th inst., Mr. D. D. Harris, aged 42 years. Mr. Harris was engaged in saw-milling, and was a successful business man. He had an attack of typhoid fever, from which he was rapidly sinking, when he was taken with a congestive chill and an acute attack of pneumonia. The county has another citizen, which was born to Miss "Sinner" Maness. Her day last week in the jail. This makes two babies in a row. Mr. Martine Fry, one of the county's oldest citizens, died suddenly on Friday last of a fall. He was upwards of 70 years of age.

Raleigh News and Observer: At the State Treasury yesterday \$5,000 of old bonds were exchanged for new four per cent. The Governor has been notified that Montgomery county, which has been captured in South Carolina and is now in custody. Gov. F. P. Blair yesterday honored a request of the Governor of Kentucky for Dr. Walker Hill, who is wanted in Kentucky on the charge of poisoning Andrew J. Fisher. Hill was in jail at Asheville when he was arrested and started for Kentucky with him yesterday. A little 6-year-old son of Mr. Rufus Brown was drowned in Drake's pond, Saturday evening. His father had taken him to the pond to fish, and left him for a few minutes to go and catch a fishing pole. He fell in with the sad result as above stated.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Walter Potts died at his home on East Sixth street, last night at 9:30 o'clock, of consumption. Deceased was a son of Mrs. Potts. He was about 38 years of age. Mr. F. Easton, of New York, Mass., is in Charlotte looking into the feasibility of establishing a factory for the manufacture of cigars. The material for use in cotton. The gentleman is from the firm of Eastwood & Co., of Fall River. This firm now supplies a large quantity of cigars to the Southern cotton market, and is a large Northern business. Surface Hill seems destined to be a veritable El Dorado. Everything one touches there turns out to gold. A barrel of sour kraut was packed at Mr. W. L. Kerr's, a rock being laid on it as a weight. Mr. Kerr noticed something was wrong, and on investigation, proved to be gold. He had it worked, and it produced 13 pennyweights.

Durham Sun: Mr. Sidney S. Strowd, of Baldwin township, Chatham county, who met with such a horrible accident at the World's Fair, was pronounced in yesterday afternoon's Star. It will be remembered he fell from his tobacco barn, sticking his head and a tobacco stick in his left eye to the depth of three inches. His son pulled it out and he walked to the house, a short distance away. He became unconscious soon after reaching there and never regained consciousness. We learn that the Duke branch of the American Tobacco Co. is now filling an order for 6,000,000 cigars. This is an order for 6,000,000 more to be filled in the next few days. Twelve million cigars from Japan from a Durham factory seems to be kept up all our foreign relations pretty well.

Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. John Robinson, Commissioner of Agriculture, after a very careful investigation, together with personal observation of the present condition of the cotton crop in the State, says that it is his opinion that the recent storms in this State, together with the damp weather since, have depreciated the cotton crop from 20 to 25 per cent. The dead body of a negro man named Needhag Lee was found yesterday morning on the Riverbank at the Millville. The body was found by the section-master, Coroner A. J. Buffaloe visited the body and inaugurated an inquest at the court's house. The dead man proved to be a brakeman on the freight which came in from Goldsboro the night before at 8:30 o'clock. The body was badly mutilated, the skull being crushed and the breast mangled in. His right arm was torn off near the shoulder and the left arm at the elbow. It is supposed that he fell from the train, but almost the entire train passed over him.