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North Carolina News.

Joseph Drake, of Nash county, aged 17 years, weighs only 34 pounds.

It is said that the average salary of the Methodist preacher in North Carolina is only about \$575.

The Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company has bought from the Khedive the right to paint their trade-mark, a picture of the bull, on one of the pyramids of Egypt.

Returns from fifty-nine counties in the State show an increase in the valuation of property in these counties of \$31,860,513 over the assessment of 1882, an advance of nearly 33 1-3 per cent.

Capt. G. L. Dudley, private secretary to the Governor, has sent a copy of the new Code to the Governor of each of the States and Territories.—Raleigh News-Observer.

Our City Fathers have declared the 14th to be a public holiday, and the boys have permission to burn powder, and resort to other modes of making a noise on our streets, by way of celebration, on that day.—Newberne Nut-Shell.

Asheville is to have a new paper, The Weekly Register, to be edited by Mr. Sam. C. Herren. First issue soon. . . . The Post-prandial mineral spring, near Weaverville, continues to excite much attention. Recent tests of it have brought to light wonderful and unusual properties.—Asheville News.

"Jurdy, himself," in the Ruth-erford Enterprise, says: Our townsmen, Mr. J., has had his hair cut, mustache blackened, and is often heard singing: "Oh, my darling —." His wife is visiting friends in S. C.

At Statesville, on the 8th, deputy sheriff Wilson, attempting to collect taxes from William Pope, was attacked by the latter with a fence rail. To save his own life Wilson shot and killed Pope.

About 2,000 bushels rice were sold in our market to-day, at prices ranging from \$1 to \$1.10.—Newberne Nutshell.

Asheboro Courier: There were 85 conversions at the recent revival at Black Creek under Mrs. Moon.

Noah Summerrow, of Newton, caught a yellow rabbit last week and had it on exhibition Tuesday. . . . Mr. A. J. Hause has a stalk of cotton, planted June 7th, which had 65 bolls, all of which opened and the cotton picked from it weighed over a pound.—Lincoln Press.

One day last week while Mr. Jno. Forney was riding through the fields his horse in jumping a pair of bars, snagged itself in the side on a rail which penetrated the abdomen. The wounded animal walked a half mile to a neighboring farm house, where it dropped dead.—Morganton Mountaineer.

Only four marriage license were issued in this county during the month of October. . . . We learn that Mr. Trechler, a mill right from Rowan county, was killed last Saturday at the Shoals Mill on the South Yadkin river, in this county, while repairing the same. He was at work under the mill putting down the sills, one of which was propped up with a rock which turned and threw the sill upon his breast, killing him almost instantly. He leaves a wife and children to mourn his untimely death.—Mocksville Times.

The Masonic Grand Master of this State has caused the publication of the following notice for a special communication of the Grand Lodge: "A special communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., of North Carolina, is hereby called to be held in the hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Newbern, N. C., on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1883, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new court house of Craven co."

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