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OUR MAN ABOUT TOWN!

WHAT HE SEES AND HEARS DURING THE WEEK.

Our man finds it quite cool this week as he takes his usual stroll about town, but, he "gets there just the same"

The weather has changed from genial warm sunshine and April-like showers to cold north winds and rainy, and indications point to the idea that "winter will linger in the lap of spring."

Our man takes a walk in the upper portion of our town where he finds a number of improvements going on. Surely the old town is on a genuine boom, in the way of building—everybody has the building fever. Even some of the "old fogies" have the fever and are using some of their "old creaked coin." The town is building and our population is swelling. What we now need is more push and a plenty of it among our men of business. Edenton has a large number of business men, and if they would only throw off the yoke of lethargy and buckle on the "armor of progress" and work as they should, we have no fears in saying that she would soon attain to that eminence for which Nature intended her—the manufacturing and commercial center of Eastern Carolina. If our business men would practice more liberality, public spirit and sagacity they could give a new impetus to the growth and trade of this town. and at the same time would greatly enhance the value of their own possessions. If the money which some keep locked up for safety was employed in establishing

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they would not only entitle themselves to the gratitude of the public, but would themselves reap larger profits. The natural advantages of Chowan county are surpassed by those of no other county in the state, and we cannot understand why our people do not care for and develop them. All that is wanted is brain, capital, push and patience to win success.

We should work together, pull long and strong. "In union there is strength". We should take upon ourselves new life and do everything for the advancement of our place. Let everybody feel that a part of the success of the growth of the town depends on him alone. When a new fellow comes to town and wants to start a new thing, encourage him, if his calling is at all worthy. If you want to see your town take on new life try to do something to create new life. Let all pull together for one noble purpose. Burry every personal feeling deep in oblivion when in the way of our town's prosperity. Don't growl; that is natural for BEARS; speak well of the place in which you live and if business happens to be a little dull at the time, don't grunt, hogs do that, but go ahead and turn a new thing, that makes trade start. Above all, give your poor town newspaper a good word and a year's subscription, at least once a year, for it is a poor paper indeed that does no good.

Although it is twenty-five years since the war the "rebel yell" seems to throw some Republican editors in spasms yet.—Ex.

"PREPARE TO DIE."

ANOTHER THREATENING LETTER RECEIVED AT ROCKY MOUNT.

Another anonymous threatening letter has been received by a citizen of Rocky Mount. In it the writer notifies about thirty of the citizens of that place to prepare to die; that they will not live more than thirty days longer. The letter was mailed on the train running to that place.

Canal Work at Weldon Begun.

The long expected event which is to give new life and impetus to this community, the excavation of the canal which will give the great water power to Weldon, had its beginning on Tuesday, and the basin which heretofore has been in cultivation presents a busy scene as the workmen throw out the dirt. There are eighty of them and each with his shovel keeps hard at work all day long.

The canal is to be 35 feet wide its whole length, but when it gets within 100 feet of the Railroad crossing its width will be 70 feet and below the Railroad it will widen into a basin 200 feet across. It is in this basin that the work began.—Roanoke News.

Subjects of Taxation.

A case in the Supreme Court from Edgecombe involving the rights of towns to levy taxes on certain kinds of property say the Constitution requires all cities and towns to tax all stocks, bonds, mortgages, monies and credits, as state does. Hitherto the law has been construed the other way.—Roanoke News

Durham Wants Trinity.

Durham is making a determined effort to have Trinity College removed there instead of Raleigh. It is stated that W. Duke, of Duke Sons, of Durham, is interesting himself in securing Trinity, and says that he himself would give \$35,000, which is Raleigh's offer, and then put \$50,000 on top of it, making \$85,000. He says that other citizens of Durham will increase the amount to \$100,000.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health to use of the Great Alterative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c and \$1 per bottle at Dr. W. J. Leary's Drug Store.

Melon in February.

A few days ago a man named Crisp in Edgecombe was cutting briars with a hook in the corner of the fence and cut through a nice ripe watermelon preserved all winter by the weeds and briars.—Scotland Neck Democrat.

At Lincolnton, this State, a little boy bit his tongue in a fall and bled to death.

BONDED SALT TO BE USED ONLY FOR CURING FISH.

AN INSPECTOR VISITS EDENTON TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED IRREGULAR USE OF SALT WITHDRAWN FROM BONDED WAREHOUSES.

Mr. James T. Caulk, Special Inspector of Customs, has been in Edenton during the week, having been sent from the Treasury Department at Washington to investigate alleged irregular use of salt withdrawn from bonded warehouses for curing fish caught in the sound waters. Complaints have been made to the Department at Washington that gross irregularities exist at Edenton, N. C., and that persons are guilty of flagrant violations of the U. S. Laws by disposing of a good portion of the bonded salt to customers who use it for all purposes when the same should only be used for curing fish caught in the sound waters.

In order to protect the government from these irregularities, the authorities at the Treasury Department exact certain certificates from the receiver of bonded salt, together with the oath of another person actually employed in curing fish on shore, and to the quantity of salt used for that purpose. And all persons knowingly making misrepresentations in order to secure the cancellation of the bond given, places themselves liable to prosecution by the government.

Mr. Caulk has counceled with Collector Bond, of Edenton Port, with the view, if the complaints are true, that close supervision in the future will ally all complaints.

The Inspector favors the preventative policy and will return to Washington hoping the complaints will cease.

THE BREATHING CAVE.

A PHENOMENON OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Western North Carolina is a section full of wonders and curiosities. When all the freaks and strange things in among those mountains shall be discovered, the state will be in danger of being known as the "Museum State." One of the wonders is described by a recent tourist as follows:

In the range of mountains known as the fork range, "a most singular phenomenon exists. It is the breathing cave." In the summer months a current of air comes from it so strongly that a person cannot walk against it, while in the winter the rush of air inward is just as great.

The cool air from the cave in summer is felt sometimes for miles in a direct line from the mouth of the cave. At times an unpleasant odor is emitted upon the current from dead animals sucked in and killed by coming in violent contact with the walls. The loss of cattle and other stock in that section during the winter months is always great, and is accounted for in this way. They range too near the mouth and the current carries them in.

At times, when the change from inhalation to exhalation begins, the air is filled with hairs of the various animals not infrequently small dry bones have been carried for over a mile from the mouth of the mouth of the cave as though shot from an air gun. The air has been known to change quite suddenly during exhalation from cold to quite hot accompanied by a terrible roaring and gurgling sound.

Many scientific men have visited the place, but the phenomenon still remains unexplained: the residents of that section fear a volcanic eruption.—Ex.

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IN THE CHAIN GANG.

CROSS AND WHITE SERVING OUT THEIR TERMS.

Cross and White have been turned over by the Sheriff of Wake county to W. G. Allen, superintendent of the work-house. At once they were transferred to the gang at work in Raleigh township, on the roads, under Mr. McMackin. A reporter was told by Mr. McMackin that Cross and White were right at work, uncomplainingly and in earnest.

It is quite probable that a petition will be made for the shortening of their terms of sentence. They naturally have many sympathizers, and White has petitions with hundreds of signatures.

MEN AND THINGS.

The Boyle case will come up the last week in this month in Wake Superior court.

There are 51 colored masonic lodges in the State and about 1,200 members.

There are 220 inmates of the Deaf and Dumb Institution—a larger number than ever before.

New York put up fifteen millions for the World's Fair but can't raise one hundred thousand for the Grant monument.

Shad have already made their appearance in the Delaware. Fishing will commence this year a month earlier than usual.

The appropriation having been exhausted work on the Governor's mansion will be suspended until the legislature convenes.

The name of E. C. Smith Esq., of Raleigh, has been mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

There should be no secret sessions of the Senate. There should be nothing said or done that is unfit for the public to know, and it is greatly to be regretted that such is not the case.—Banner.

Dr. Eugene Grissom, who was arraigned at Raleigh, last Tuesday before Mayor Thompson, charged with assaulting George Williams with a pistol was bound over to the Superior Court in the sum of \$50. Dr. Grissom gave bond for his appearance.

Governor Fowle has issued a warrant for the execution of Jesse Brown, colored, at Newberne, April 4th. Brown's crime was murder, his victim being Flora Ann Harris, a negro woman, the wife of Freeman Harris.

The New Berne authorities broke the ice in the gambling business at fairs. "Faker's" and others thought to run the business at the Fish and Oyster fair there last week as they have been accustomed to do elsewhere, but they were arrested and made to give bond for appearance at court to answer the charges against them. Now, let every agricultural fair in the state do likewise this year, so advertise and stick to it, and it will be proved that a fair can be run without the presence of gamblers.—Scotland Neck Democrat.

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