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NEWS NARRATIVE.

[This summary of all the more important events which have occurred during the past week is commended to those whose lives are too short to wade through the labyrinths of verbosity.]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20.

F. L. Harper, vice-president Fidelity National bank, Cincinnati, O., failed at Dayton.——Orlando B. Hastings, doing business under the firm name of Hasting & Todd, New York, assigned, with preferences amounting to $21,727.——Duncan C. Haywood, Raleigh, charged with forgery, plead guilty and was sentenced to 2 years' hard labor on the public roads of the county.——John McNurney, Pittsburg, Pa., beat his wife to death, shot and killed his son aged 21 for interfering in his mother's behalf, and then shot and fatally wounded an officer.——Six persons prostrated by the heat in Charleston, S. C.; several cases resulted fatally.——Frank Allen, Marble Hill, Tenn., committed suicide by cutting his throat.——Oscar J. Harvey, the treasury department forger, plead guilty, and was sentenced to 12 years' hard labor in Albany penitentiary.——In Atlanta, Ga., the bill taxing wine-rooms $10,000 passed the house.——Henry and M. A. Guggenheimer, wholesale tobacco and cigar manufacturers, Baltimore, made an assignment; liabilities $65,000.——James N. Lipscomb, of South Carolina, appointed chief clerk of the patent office, vice Schuyler Duryee resigned.——$150,000 fire in Cincinnati.——Emanuel Lewis, an escaped convict, was returned to the penitentiary.——The Standard Oil works, Constable Hook, N. J., burned; 10,000 barrels of oil destroyed; loss $1,000,000; no insurance.——The President and his party returned to Washington.

THURSDAY, JULY 21.

Wm. Johnson, a desperado, Mineola, Tex., shot and killed Baker, a saloon keeper, Tuesday night, and fled to the country. The sheriff pursued him with bloodhounds and found the criminal in a swamp; he shot three of the dogs and one of the deputies; he was finally captured and lynched.——Secretary Fairchild appointed W. A. Freret, of Louisiana, to be supervising architect of the treasury, at a salary of $4,500 per annum.——An Englishman attempted to ascend the Dravoliza mountain without a guide; he fell over a precipice and was killed.——75 deaths from cholera have occurred in Catania, Italy, during the past 24 hours; the people are panic-stricken, and robbers are pillering the houses whose owners have fled to escape the scourge.——A gang of Italian laborers were run into by an express train on the Erie railroad; 12 or 15 killed, others injured.——Democrats of Ohio nominated T. E. Powell for Governor.——Two men, one white the other colored, while walking on Buckroe beach, were struck by lightning and instantly killed.——$400,000 fire in Buffalo, N. Y.——The author, Sylvanus, died at his home in Hyde Park.——Jacob Simon, Breaux Bridge, murdered in his bed and his store robbed.——Stanly, the African explorer, reported killed by the natives.——Ten new cases of yellow fever at Key West, no deaths.

FRIDAY, JULY 22.

The coke strike in Pittsburg, Pa., ended after 11 weeks and 5 days' contest; the loss to labor and capital is estimated by millions.——Sharp's stay of proceedings postponed.——Terrific tornado in Wisconsin; immense damage done to the pine forests; roads in all directions blocked by falling timbers.——David Hoffman hanged in Nebraska City, Neb., for wrecking a train.——Steamship arrived at New York with 101,500 pounds of gold.——Nine new cases of yellow fever at Key West.——John D. Sheehan, who was tried at Laurens, S. C., for the killing of Bishop last July, was acquitted.——Woodside, of Phila., beat the English bicycle record for ten miles, covering the distance in 28 minutes and 34 seconds.——Geo. Hoffman, a prominent brewer of Baltimore, shot himself through the brain.——Mr. John Tyler, son of late President Tyler, is seriously ill from the effects of a sunstroke.——Severe storms in Maryland; bad washouts on the railroads, bridges washed away and roads rendered impassable.——Charles Willstadt, aged 25 years, and employed at Ridley's dry goods store in New York, committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple; jealousy of his wife was the cause.

SATURDAY, JULY 23.

Henry Wiggins, col., hanged in Palatka, Fla., for murder.——Land slide on the Pennsylvania road, near Maninka Chunk, washed away a dwelling and killed two women.——The steamer Mahratta foundered off Hoogly Point; it is believed that a large number of pilgrims returning to Calcutta were drowned.——F. M. Kellar, near Shellyville, Ill., killed his wife because of too many fingers and toes.——Miss Theresa Wall, near Sweet Water, Tenn., disappointed in love, committed suicide by jumping into a cistern.——Ed. Morris, the great left-handed pitcher, sold to the New York club for $2,000.——The French steamship La Campagne beats the record by sailing across the ocean in six days.——Robert Garrett and family sailed for Europe on the Etrusia.——Mr. John M. Wall, of the N. Y. *Tribune*, was presented with $1,030 by his Irish-American friends.

SUNDAY, JULY 24.

It is reported that Bulgaria intends declaring herself independent.——Lee Shellenberger, convicted of murdering his daughter, aged thirteen years, was taken from jail at Nebraska city, Neb., and hanged to a tree.——A waterspout at Copake, Columbia county, N. Y., destroyed much property and at least one human life.——Ex-Chief of Police McGarrigle, recently convicted of stealing public funds in Chicago, made his escape from Sheriff Wattson much in the way Tweed did in New York city.——Oscar Harvey was not content with robbing the Treasury Department; it has been discovered that he was just about to consummate a fraud on the Pension Office when he was arrested.——The carpenters of Chicago are contemplating another strike.——A white woman, the wife of a South Carolina farmer, has gone off with a negro, and a lynching party is in hot pursuit.——The rain storm extended all over the country, and the rainfall in several places, including New York, was over an inch.——It is asserted that the confessional is being used in antagonism to the adherents of Dr. McGlynn; absolution, it is said, is refused to those who do not indorse the action of the Archbishop in his case.

MONDAY, JULY 25.

A delegation from St. Louis, Mo., called upon the President, headed by Mayor Francis, of St. Louis, and invited him to visit that city in October next; the President replied: "I do not see how I can do otherwise than accept."——Lewis H. Blair, member of the city Democratic committee, Richmond, Va., requested by the committee to resign, on account of a series of articles published in the N. Y. *Independent*, advocating mixed schools and other undemocratic ideas.——$50,000 fire in New York city; forty-eight horses burned.——$10,000 fire in Gallipolis, O.; outfit and material of the daily *Sun*, together with the roller skating rink, were destroyed.——Wm. Morrison, of Eureka Springs, Ark., hanged by a crowd of his neighbors, on a charge of maltreating his two daughters.——The drivers and helpers employed by the Mutual Benefit Ice Co., New York, struck successfully for higher wages.——Forty-nine new cases of cholera in Italy and twenty-two deaths.——The Warren powder mill, Thomaston, Me., blew up; George Shepperd, age 30 years, was literally torn in pieces.——The yacht Thistle sailed for New York.——Col. L. P. Grant retired from the presidency of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad.

TUESDAY, JULY 26.

Bourke Cochran began his argument in the Jacob Sharp stay of proceedings; Sharp was too weak to be present in court.——Crawford Benson, a negro boy 18 years old, was lynched in Kauffman, Texas, for assaulting a nine-year-old girl.——Cattle firms failed in Fort Worth, Texas; indebtedness, $550,000, assets, $1,115,000; failure caused by overbuying and a depressed market.——One new case of yellow fever at Key West, Fla.; no deaths.——The great floods in Mass. are more wide-spread and worse than reported.——The President appointed W. J. Rossan postmaster at Starksville, Miss.——Mary Stanback, a little colored girl, died from convulsions on Manly street, Raleigh.——Governor appointed justices of the peace for Caswell county.

THE PRESS CONVENTION AND THE MOUNTAINS.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.,
July 23d, 1887.

I have but very little to say of the Press Convention. There was very little of it. It was short, not very wide, not very deep. A few short discussions, the election of officers, collection of dues, adjournment. Of the people of Hendersonville, and their open-hearted hospitality, too much cannot be said. They did most completely minister to the wants and contribute to the pleasure of the small press gang that assembled. They had prepared to entertain as many more. Their homes were opened, their time was given, and nothing was considered too good for an "editor." I am sorry so few editors came, the people of Hendersonville are sorry, and they are sorry the few that did come left so suddenly and quickly. The visiting editors who came to "elevate the press of the State," and all that sort of thing, failed to elevate it, or if they elevated it, it was so heavy they did not hold it up long, but dropped it after the manner of the proverbial hot potato, and returned to the low-grounds of sorrow from which they came. If anybody can point out any good done by the meeting of this week, I will most heartily thank that body. I was not present on Wednesday, the first day of the session. I tried to find out what had been done. "Well, nothing much," was the answer almost invariably received. On Thursday, at an early hour, in a number of hacks provided by our hospitable hosts, nearly all the members of the association excurted to Boilston gold mine, situated about eight, eleven or fifteen miles, according to the speed of the team and the patience of the driver. I was one of the few who remained in Hendersonville. It was announced that the party would return by 3 o'clock p. m., and that a meeting of the convention would be held at that hour, and the necessary business of the association transacted. The mountain roads failed to deliver up the belated excursionists until about 5 o'clock, hence but little time remained.

Mr. Jordan Stone, the middle man in the Asheville *Citizen's* excellent trinity, read the Historical essay, or the Historiograph, or the Historiogram, as the case may be. This is my first attendance, and I hope I will be pardoned for failing properly to apply technical terms.

After waiting awhile for a few more members to straggle in, the election of officers was had. Mr. T. B. Eldridge, of the Davidson *Dispatch*, was unanimously chosen president; Mr. J. H. Lindsey, of the *News and Farm*, was unanimously, with cheers and thanks, re-elected to the office of secretary and treasurer. Three vice-presidents, an executive committee, and an orator were chosen. With calm forgetfulness of the time-honored truth *poeta nascitur non fit*, the convention elected a poet. Thursday night closed the exercises. Messrs. Wall, of the Rockingham *Rocket*, Josephus Daniel, of the *State Chronicle*, and Miss Mamie L. Hatchett, of the *Orphan's Friend* and the *Southern Home*, presented an essay, an oration and a poem respectively. At the close of these exercises a vote of thanks were tendered to the citizens of Hendersonville, and to the railroads, whose courtesy had made the convention what it is; after which hurried preparations were made, adjournment announced, and the editors got ready to go to Warm Springs; and the Press Convention of 1887 became a thing "as was."

HENDERSONVILLE.

This is a beautiful town. I don't say this to tickle some of the citizens of the town. I have tried to think why I say it. I have come to the conclusion that about the only reason I have for saying so is because it is a beautiful place. Don't shrink. I haven't the slightest idea of stealing any of the obsolete adjectives heretofore used to describe the condition, force and effect of big mountains. Col. Pat. Donan's adjective factory never sold me a line of its goods, and I content myself with saying I believe the town of Hendersonville is one of the most beautiful towns in the State. I was agreeably surprised when my eyes beheld it. I was under the impression that it was a little hamlet hung on the side of the mountain, with probably a mountain torrent for its main avenue, and a cave under a rock for the guard-house. The town is situated on a plateau, which I am told (I did not measure it) is 2,252 feet above the level of the sea. This plateau is almost perfectly level, and is about three-fourths of a mile wide and more than a mile long, furnishing a space for a large town. The population of the town proper is not large, but the suburbs and the country immediately surrounding the town, is full of handsome residences. About three miles from the town is the Flat Rock hotel, and surrounding the hotel for miles in each direction is a succession of hills or mounds, and on a great many of the hills, with magnificent grounds, beautified by flower-gardens, shaded drives and numerous artificial lakes and fish-ponds, are pleasant residences, owned and occupied in the summer months by citizens of South Carolina, Georgia, and probably other Southern States. Among the many magnificent residences and well-kept grounds, the residence of Rev. Mr. Drayton is specially attractive. Mr. Drayton is an enthusiastic horticulturist, and beautiful flowers of almost every species adorn the terraces that surround the house. Greenhouses are near by to protect from the severe cold weather, that always visits this section in the severe winter months, his rare exotics. The view of the landscape from most of the residences hereabouts is sublime. There are mountains which distance robes in azure and mellows with enchantment, and the near-lying "orchard, meadow and deep, tangled wildwood," combine with lake and stream, and mammoth rock, and gigantic trees to make a picture worthy the pen of a more ready writer than I profess to be.

The climate is most delightful, and as a summer resort no place can surpass Hendersonville. The people here are complaining about the hot weather, but for me not a day since I arrived has been too warm, and the nights are perfect.

For several reasons I have enjoyed my visit to Hendersonville. I have met Capt. Posey, who was the member from Henderson county in the legislature of 1883, the only Democrat Henderson county ever sent there. He was one of what was called the "immortal seventeen" who voted for Capt. R. B. Peebles to retain his seat in House of 1883, when the Republican county of Northampton sent Capt. Peebles. Capt. Posey lives on one of the many beautiful knolls that abound here, and from his handsome residence can look upon the mountains to his heart's content. I also met Dr. Whitted, Henderson's member in 1885. He is a Republican, but one of the most genial and hospitable gentlemen of my acquaintance.

Mr. H. G. Ewart was the member from this county in the last House. I have been most delightfully entertained at his residence, his charming wife adding her kindness to the cordial hospitality of her husband.

There are few prettier residences than Mr. Ewart's. It is on the brow of a hill 300 feet above the town of Hendersonville, and therefore 2,552 feet above sea level. A winding road leads from the town, through an orchard and by a large artificial lake which is stocked with carp, bass and other fish. From his front porch one of the grandest views we care to look upon stretches to the east and south.

Superior court is in session here, Judge Boykin on the bench, Solicitor Brower, solicitor. A capital case has just been tried and after a retirement of over 15 hours the jury, this morning, returned a verdict of guilty of murder, and the defendant was sentenced to be hanged on September 9th. The prisoner's name is James Thomas, and is a perfect stranger to these good people, his own evidence upon the stand proving him to be a wanderer, now in Alabama, now in Georgia, etc., and he had been in North Carolina only a few days when he killed a man.

I saw something yesterday I'd never seen before. A lawyer in his argument to the jury closed by reading a newspaper telegram to the jury. The Asheville *Citizen* was the paper used, and I am happy to know that the press is becoming so important and powerful. To be an authority in a judicial investigation is an increase of influence for the press.

There is a case pending in court against T. S. Arthur. I opine this T. S. Arthur never wrote "Ten Nights in a Bar-room." If he did, the language he used to-day wasn't as elegant as he has used in his books that have so long been among the best books that we have. Jefferson Davis has also been here, not the grand old ex-president, however.

Judge Boykin is sustaining the reputation he has made. He dispatches business rapidly, his charges to the jury are clear and just long enough, and the punishment he inflicts is fair. He tempers justice with mercy when he can do so. The bar and the citizens are pleased with him, as they should be, for he is doing his duty well and deserves the support and commendation of the people.

I have not written as much about Hendersonville as I desire. I want to say a few more things about it next week; go into a few particulars.

W. G. B.

The Richmond & Danville railroad company has fixed the rate from all points in North Carolina to the Inter-State Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., at one full fare for the round trip. This action will enable many to attend who otherwise could not, and is highly commendable to the road.

Mrs. Linck, who was charged with being accessory to the murder of her husband by W. A. Potts, under a writ of habeas corpus, has been discharged.

About fifty names have been enrolled to form an artillery company at Salisbury, to be known as Battery A. It will be the only artillery in the State.

The Mount Airy *News* says that the cotton crop of Surry county will not be more than half as large as that of last year.

DURHAM GRADED SCHOOL.

The Graded School Committee of Durham, to the regret of the friends of popular education, have found it incumbent upon them to address a circular letter to the teachers who have applied to them for employment, and for the information of the public and the patrons of the school a copy of the letter is published below, as follows:

"A considerable number of letters of inquiry, and applications for situations, have been received by the Durham Graded School Committee, and to each and all of them this is intended as a reply. It is the very earnest and unanimous desire of the Committee to keep up the white Graded School, which has heretofore been in successful operation in our community, and added so much to the general prosperity and progress of our people; and in addition thereto also establish and maintain a good and sufficient Graded School for the colored children, in strict accord with the late decisions of the Supreme court, prohibiting race discriminations. But to run either of these public institutions requires public money which can be raised only by taxation. Certain of our fellow citizens, who are also tax-payers, have heretofore manifested hostility towards the white Graded School, and on appeal to the courts, have thrown obstacles in the way by raising certain constitutional objections to former laws on the subject. The last legislature, however, passed an Act, which was intended to accomplish the purpose of raising the necessary funds by taxation, and at the same time avoid the objections to the former laws and conform strictly to the constitution, and it is under this last Act passed by the legislature, and adopted by the people at the ballot-box, that the present committee is acting. As before stated it is the intention of the Committee to exhaust every legal remedy to carry out the will of the people as expressed at the ballot-box, and sanctioned by the legislature, before giving up the Graded School; but the effort to do so will no doubt be resisted, and the collection of the tax may be delayed pending litigation. We are therefore in this situation, that if teachers shall require prompt payment of salaries we cannot employ them and give such assurance. But if a sufficient number of good teachers shall indicate in reply to this circular-letter a willingness to accept employment under these circumstances, then the Committee will very soon thereafter determine what course to pursue with reference to the schools; otherwise there is but one course left for us to pursue, and that is to follow the law under which we are acting, levy the tax, collect it, if the courts will permit, and when we get the money into our treasury spend it for the purposes for which it was collected."

Requesting a prompt reply to enable us to act intelligently in time for the fall session of the school, I am,

Yours respectfully,
W. A. GUTHRIE,
Chairman.

If the opponents of the Graded School could faintly realize the harm to the business interests of Durham, to say nothing of the still greater harm and moral wrong they are doing to the poor little boys and girls (many of them orphans without means), we believe they would yield to a better sentiment of humanity and let the friends of the Graded School carry out the popular will, as expressed at the ballot-box, without further opposition. When we begin to write on this subject we first get mad, and then we find ourselves filled with lamentations over the results which must accrue to the rising generation of children who are powerless to avert the blow which inevitably must fall on them. But we will hope for the best, and that a brighter day may yet dawn upon the educational interests of Durham and our whole State must be the wish of every patriot.

Washington Notes.

[Special Correspondence to THE PLANT.]

A delegation of gentlemen from St. Louis has just arrived in this city to invite the President to pay that much-talked-of Western visit.

Gen. William McKee Dunn, late Judge Advocate General of the United States, died at his country-seat near this city Sunday morning.

The Secretary of War will this week sign the appointment of Mr. George G. Ransom to the military academy at West Point. The appointment was won by the young gentleman by a competitive examination at Weldon, N. C., and is made by Congressman Simmons, the popular and able representative of the second district. Mr. J. B. Spilman, of Halifax county, the second best man in the competitive examination, was named as alternate. The successful candidate, Mr. Geo. Ransom, is a son of Gen. Robt. Ransom, and nephew of Senator Ransom.

It is learned here that Gen. Robt. Vance, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, is critically ill at his residence near Asheville.

Senator Ransom arrived in this city Saturday, and will remain several days.

The President accepted the invitation of the St. Louis delegation and will visit the West during the fall. He will be met in North Carolina by Gov. Scales and staff on his way to Atlanta in October, and if possible will spend one day in Raleigh.

Among the latest arrivals are Messrs. Chas. Price, Wm. Carroll and Frances Patterson. The last named gentleman is Pat. Winston's successor as land agent to Idaho. Mr. Winston is here also from Idaho, and will become a permanent resident of that Territory. He is infatuated with it, and will deliver two lectures in Raleigh soon, taking the natural advantages of that section for his theme.

In Warren county there is a clover patch which it is estimated will make 12,500 pounds to the acre. The clover is 5 feet 11 inches high.

TALK OF NEW YORK.

Amos J. Cummings in Washington Star.

When anybody in New York does anything that entitles him to publicity, he very soon guins an idea of the immensity of that engine of human progress—the newspaper. More than forty reporters will besiege him, and his life will be made a burden until he ceases to be of public interest. One of the most striking recent cases illustrating newspaper enterprise in the metropolis was witnessed at the hanging of the murderer, Peter Smith. A New York afternoon paper had arranged to publish an extra as soon as the doomed man had been hanged. The execution took place in the yard of the Tombs. In accordance with the statute only twelve reporters were admitted to witness the hanging, and they were given ingress to the prison enclosure only as members of the jury of inspectors. They had to remain until the execution had taken place and then sign their names to the certificate averring that the criminal had been duly and thoroughly hanged. Not until each reporter had signed this document was he permitted to leave the jail yard, and it was fully twenty minutes before the forms of the law had been complied with.

CARRYING THE NEWS BY BASE BALL.

The representative of an evening paper, foreseeing this delay, arranged in a unique manner to send the news of the execution to his journal. He purchased a big base-ball, which he carried in his pocket within the high walled inclosure of the Tombs. By a preconcerted arrangement at the office a boy stood outside the inclosure, having been warned that as soon as he should see the ball come over the wall he should note the time and run to the office of the paper, five blocks away, and carry the news, thus enabling his paper to get out an early extra edition announcing the execution. The boy stood outside the high walls that surround the Tombs, and never turned his eyes from the point where he had been informed the ball would be tossed over. The instant that Smith was hanged the representative of the paper, whose boy stood outside the prison wall, dashed away from the gallows and hurled the ball over the Tombs' wall. The boy, seeing the ball come over, noted the time, ran to the office and gave the news. Within five minutes after the murderer had been hanged an extra edition of the paper in question, announcing his death, was being sold on the streets.

THE PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEWER.

There are in New York more than twenty newspaper men who are professional interviewers. It requires a special order of talent to be a good interviewer, and a thorough knowledge of public affairs. It demands, too, a special knowledge of human nature. Every man except, perhaps, Roscoe Conkling, can be interviewed. Mr. Conkling is so stern and frigid that a newspaper man is seldom able to get a word out of him.

The professional newspaper interviewer in New York, as elsewhere, has certain rules which govern his conduct in approaching a difficult subject. He appeals to the vanity of a man whose face seems to indicate self-esteem, to the combativeness of a person who appears to be quarrelsome, or to the religious sentiment of the individual who is apparently of a serious turn of mind.

One of the most remarkable instances of newspaper interviewing was that of a man now in New York, who one night received a dispatch at Toledo, where he was then at work, to the effect that a lady who had gone down in the train at the terrible Ashtabula accident, and escaped unscathed, would arrive in Toledo, on her way westward, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, on the Lake Shore train. The person who sent the telegram forgot to give her name, and the interviewer had to find her by natural instinct. The train stopped in Toledo but fifteen minutes. The reporter approached a lady in a sleeping-car, and by the merest chance hit upon the right person. She said that she was the woman who had gone down with the train at Ashtabula, but when she learned that her interrogator was a newspaper man, she very curtly declared that she would not talk, as she had decided objection to having her name and declarations in print. The interviewer, who was a shrewd student of human nature,

STUDIED THE LADY'S FACE

a moment, and thought that he discovered in it markings of a strong religious sentiment. He acted upon his judgment, and began to congratulate the lady on the miraculous deliverance that a kind Providence had given her from a fearful fate. Her soul was moved, and all forgetful that she was talking to a newspaper man, she related a graphic story of the terrible accident. She told it in an artless manner, grew earnest as she progressed, and did not cease talking until the trian was moving out of the depot. Then the reporter arose, touched his hat, and said to the young lady: "I beg your pardon, but despite your objections, you have been interviewed." The young lady tried in vain to call him back, and not until he had gone did she realize that his adroitness in appealing to her religious sentiment had led her to talk in spite of herself.

The average journalist is a good person to interview, but the politician is ordinarily chary of the newspaper interrogation. Col. Ingersoll has lately adopted a rule to the effect that he will not be interviewed. He is, however, very courteous to newspaper men. Recently a reporter wrote out twelve questions for a stated interview and handed them to Mr. Ingersoll. He wrote the replies at considerable length, and the article, which pertained entirely to the great American system of interviewing, was one of the brightest productions that ever proceeded from Mr. Ingersoll's pen.

Five wolves were killed last week by a daring hunter, Sam McGuire, in Macon county. He was paid a bounty of $5 for each scalp by the county commissioners.

Two negroes at Greensboro quarrelled, when one threw a hatchet at the other and fractured his skull.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Chatham News.

[Condensed from Pittsboro Papers.]

Sheriff Brewer accidentally injured his right ankle a few days ago, and has been confined to his house ever since.

It is rumored that the daughter of one of the most respected citizens in the eastern part of this county eloped a few days ago with a married man, who was born and reared near this place and recently moved to Pitt county. It is said that his wife is at her father's, near Holly Springs.

Mrs. Julia Burke, of Hickory Mountain township, died very suddenly on last Sunday, aged eighty-three years. She had been in her usual good health, and after eating a hearty dinner had retired to her room to take a nap, and when found by the family she was dead.

We are again called on to chronicle the death of another of Chatham's oldest and most respected citizens. Mr. Owen Lindley died at his residence, in Hickory Mountain township, on last Saturday, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was one of the pioneer nurserymen of North Carolina, having been extensively engaged in the business for more than half a century. He was an uncle of Mr. J. Van Lindley, the well known nurseryman of Guilford county. He was one of the most energetic and industrious old men that we have ever known.

Miss Etta Dismukes, a daughter of Madison Dismukes, died on last Friday evening, and was buried at Rock Spring church on Sunday morning. She had been an invalid and a sufferer for about six years, but her end was peace.

John Campbell, living near Leota, while asleep on his porch, on Saturday night, was attacked by some nnknown miscreant and badly wounded with a knife in the region of the heart. Suspicion attaches to a negro, who had made some threats.

The farmers in the vicinity of Liberty are waking up to the importance of combination, and they propose holding a meeting in the town on the 9th of August. We thank them for the compliment of an invitation to meet with and address them, and whether the editor is able to go or not, they may rest assured of his earnest sympathy, and whatever he can do for their welfare, and to raise farming to a higher plane of success, shall be done.

Orange County News.

[Culled from Observer.]

From Thursday of last week to Tuesday night of this week, we had the hottest weather ever known in Hillsboro. The thermometer registered from 90 to 106 in the shade at different times and places.

Bishop Lyman preached at St. Matthew Church Sunday morning. Rev. Wm. L. Reaney, of Burlington, was ordained priest, Revs. Marshall, Bush and Murphy uniting with the Bishop in the laying on of hands at the ordination. Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, of Raleigh, preached on Sunday night. Rev. F. L. Bush, of Pittsboro, assisted in both services. Bishop Lyman confirmed two young gentlemen at the night service.

Rev. W. F. Wilhelm announced from his pulpit Sunday morning that he would be absent for several weeks, probably until the latter part of August. Mr. Wilhelm and wife left here Wednesday for Virginia, where they go to visit the mother of Mrs. Wilhelm. We wish these good people a pleasant visit and a safe return. Mr. Wilhelm is one of the finest preachers in the State.

Mr. A. Stokes Cheek, of Orange, died at Greensboro last Sunday. The remains were interred at Mebane Monday.

Ralph Maxwell, aged 4 months and 24 days, infant son of Mr. Ernest D. and Miss Emma Cheek, died Sunday night, of whooping cough associated with pneumonia. Rev. J. L. Currie conducted the funeral services from the Baptist church Monday evening.

Mr. J. J. Ward died at his home a few miles west of town, Thursday night, July 14th. He was buried Friday at Mars Hill.

Sallie, infant daughter of Mr. R. C. and Mrs. Sallie Strudwick, died Saturday night at the residence of Mr. F. N. Strudwick, near town, of whooping cough associated with pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Wilhelm from the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Person County News.

[Condensed from Courier.]

The meeting at Mill Creek Baptist church closed last Sunday after morning services. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. H. Lamberth, administered the ordinance of baptism to 23 candidates, in the creek, just below Ramsey's mill; there was a large crowd present to witness the baptism, and everything passed off in a pleasant, orderly way, the whole scene being solemn and impressive. Mr. Lamberth was ably assisted in his labors by Rev. J. M. Luck, of South Boston, whose sermons were unexceptional, each one being eloquent, earnest and touching. There were 30 professions during the meeting, the house being full of attentive, quiet listeners. The singing was very fine for a revival season, and altogether the meeting will be a memorable one in the history of Mill Creek church.

One day last week Arthur Bradsher, 5 years old, son of our excellent and esteemed townsman, Dr. C. E. Bradsher, went fishing at a pond near here and caught 27 of the finny tribe—small perches. Quite a small angler is he.

The Sunday School Conference of the Person circuit was held last Saturday at Mt. Zion church. A large crowd is reported as being in attendance.

Last Wednesday our genial friend, Mr. Nat. Williams, led Miss Ida Trimm, a fair specimen of Person's beautiful daughters, to the hymenial altar, and there took the sacred vows of matrimony. May their life be a long, happy and prosperous one.

On last Sunday, at Lea's Chapel, by Rev. L. L. Nash, Mr. P. P. O'Briant, of Durham, was married to Miss Susie A. Whitfield, daughter of Mr. G. W. Whitfield. May they happily glide through life together in peace and abounding joy. The bride and groom left last Monday morning for their future home in Durham, accompanied by the following couples: Mr. A. O'Briant and Miss Pattie O'Briant, Mr. Tuggle O'Briant and Miss Ella Coleman, Mr. Wm. Whitfield and Miss Jennie Whitfield.

At his home in this county, last Saturday evening, Mr. Jesse Chambers, one of our wealthy and influential citizen, breathed his last. He has been quite feeble for sometime, though from old age principally. He was about 86 years of age. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his death, but he is now relieved of this life's suffering and hardships.

Alamance News.

[Gleaned from the Gleaner.]

John Bill Bason, a negro man aged 40 or 50 years, was drowned at Haw River last Saturday morning. He was crazy from drink, having been drinking to great excess for a day or more. On the previous night he lay out. He had waded the river below the dam. On the morning he was drowned he was attempting to cross the river above the dam and got in water twelve feet deep, and before help could reach him he was drowned.

The watchman at the Plaid mills at Burlington observed a man strike a match and try to fit a key in the office door. He fired upon him with a shot-gun. The would-be house-breaker disappeared, but dropped a match-box with shot holes in it. This was Monday night.

Mr. Campbell, of Burlington, aged about forty-five, was sleeping on his porch last Friday night, when a blow was dealt him which went crashing through his shoulder. He awoke and beheld an axe in the hands of his son, a young man about 17 years of age, of unsound mind. It was a serious wound. We heard some conflicting reports as to the number of wounds received.

STATE NEWS.

[Culled from Exchanges.]

Fayetteville is to have a tobacco factory.

A cotton factory is to be built at Sanford, Moore county.

Two moonshiners have been captured in Cleveland county.

Seven horses and mules died from the effect of the heat around Enfield last Saturday.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in this State will hold its annual Conclave at Greensboro, August 2d.

A little girl near Monroe lost one eye and injured another by falling with a cup of lye and dashing the liquid into her face and eyes.

Wahab Bros., of Hyde county, report to Commissioner Robinson 1,300 acres in corn and 1,100 acres in rice, and that both crops are excellent.

Shelby *New Era*: Mr. Robert Hallyburton, the well known railroad contractor, last week shot his cook, a white woman. The shooting was purely accidental and the woman is rapidly recovering.

Wilmington *Review*: There is some kind of a bug that is playing havoc with the flowering plants and vines in some portions of the city. It is a strange looking bug, such as has seldom been seen in this city.

Goldsboro *Argus*: The machinery and material for the broom factory have arrived and work will begin in a very few days. The third story of the *Argus* building has been secured for the work and thus does the good work of building up our city go steadily onward.

Daily Workman; A lady in South Greensboro had set a hen on eggs in the barn loft, but on account of the heat or something else, the hen forsook her nest after setting just one week. Two weeks afterwards the chirping of chickens was heard in the barn loft, and on examination seven little chicks were found. They were taken and placed in a bird cage where they are doing well. The chickens can be seen at any time. Thus it will be seen that South Greensboro is determined to keep in the lead.

Franklin *Times*: Our entire community was shocked last Sunday by an occurrence that resulted in the untimely death of Mr. Geo. Strickland. It seems that he and his little son had been out to his father's on a visit, and on returning got up in Mack Green's buggy that was coming over towards town. The horse became frightened at a cow and began to run, the little boy jumped out and escaped unhurt, but the father jumped out from behind, and as he jumped his feet got caught in the curtains, his head struck the ground and caused concussion of the brain. He never regained consciousness, but died in about an hour. The deceased was a good citizen, a kind father and an affectionate husband, and will be sadly missed by a large family to whom he was devoted.

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