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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items
In Condensed Form.

Mr. Thomas Wright Meares, a prominent citizen of Wilmington, died in that city Wednesday.

Attorney General Gilmer has recovered so far from his recent very long and serious illness as to sit up.

Elon College gets as a gift \$32,000 endowment, \$12,000 raised in the south and \$20,000 given by F. A. Palmer, of New York.

Mrs. Annie Davis, aged 90 years, was burned to death near Germantown Tuesday night, her dress catching while she was sitting by a fire.

The flood in Roanoke river has again broken the dyke at the State farm and inundated a large portion of same. The dyke was swept away last May and the rebuilding completed in November at cost of some \$15,000.

James W. Reid died at his home in Lewiston, Idaho, Wednesday. He was formerly congressman from the Reidsville district of North Carolina. He had been practicing law in Idaho for sixteen years. His wife resides at Wentworth, N. C.

Referring to the financial statement prepared by the State treasurer for the council of state and recently published, Gov. Aycock says: "You can say for me that the State will meet all its obligations." It is said that there will be no extra session of the legislature to provide additional revenue or to issue bonds.

Hon. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, tells the Charlotte Observer that he will be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Fritchard, subject to the Democratic caucus. Capt. Alexander has represented Mecklenburg five times in the State senate and has served two terms in congress. The other Democratic candidates in the field are Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury; Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Winston; and Locke Craig, Esq., of Asheville.

Tarboro Southern: Probably the largest crop ever made on the A. B. Nobles farm, near McKendree church, was made last year by Frank Gorham. On 225 acres he made 215 full bales of cotton, with abundance of corn. He had a cropper that probably exceeded any one in the county or State for that matter. His name is A. E. Edwards. Mr. Edwards had only a one-horse (mule) crop, and here is what he harvested: On 17 acres in cotton, 27 bales, averaging 400 pounds; on 6 acres in tobacco he sold \$567.76; on 8 acres in corn 32 barrels of corn and three big stacks of fodder were gathered.

State Labor Commissioner Varner has completed his annual report. It shows an increase of 13% per cent. in value of farm lands in 21 counties, 77 reporting no change. Eighty-two counties report fertility of land maintained, 16 not maintained. Forty-six counties report increase in wages. The cost of production of cotton averaged \$26.80 for a 500 pound bale, profit \$3.30; wheat 61 cents a bushel, corn 45 cents, oats 31 cents, tobacco \$6.49 per hundred pounds. The educational condition is good in 3 counties, fair in 41, poor in 53. The financial condition is good in 1, fair in 43, poor in 53. To the query, "Do you favor a compulsory school law," 83 per cent. of the replies say "yes."

Special from Charlotte, Jan. 1st, says: "In full view of thousands of people and at a dizzy height of 170 feet, Sergeant Bendt, of the local police force, performed a feat never equalled here for daring. The painters, Walker and Peoples, were at work on St. Matthews steeple when the latter fainting and fell to the edge of the scaffold. He was in such a dangerous position that Walker jumped and caught him. Peoples had become delirious when Walker signalled across the way to the police station. When Bendt got to the top he found that the only way he could save the two men was by jumping from one scaffold to another, a distance of six feet, with nothing between him and the earth, 170 feet below. There was an even chance that Bendt would upset the scaffold by the jump, but he took the risk. Down below the crowd had gathered. Without hesitating, Bendt jumped. The scaffold was staggered but the officer gauged his distance well. When a rope was lowered Bendt got a grip on the two painters and they were hauled down."

Christmas Tree at Hebron Church.

Communication.

The Sunday school Christmas tree at Hebron church, Thursday night after Christmas, was a success. It was beautifully decorated with nice and costly presents. The exercises commenced with songs of praise. Deacon J. G. Smith read a chapter from the Bible. Supt. M. F. Westbrook led in prayer, after which the presents were taken off by Mess. Albert and Herbert Maxwell and Ralph Smith, and were presented to the owners by Supt. M. F. Westbrook. The exercises were much enjoyed by the spectators, as well as pupils.

TOWN ALDERMEN

Hold Their Regular Meeting Wednesday Night, January 1st. Liquor License Transferred.

Mayor Webb and Aldermen Brown, Cockrell, Crisp and Midyette were present. The unexpired part of the liquor license of T. D. Fields was ordered transferred to C. R. Tyson, Fields having sold his business to Tyson. Also the unexpired part of liquor license of Isaac Stroud, Jr., was ordered transferred to Smith & Turner, they having purchased the business of Stroud.

Job Huggins was released from paying poll tax.

The taxes paid by J. C. Wagner and property sold by tax collector was ordered refunded on account of error.

Chief Police Rouse reported the sanitary condition of the town as being good.

POLICE REPORTS.

Chief Rouse—Arrests, 12; fines imposed, \$18; fines collected, \$27.

Police Brinson—Arrests, 18; fines imposed, \$53; fines collected, \$16.

Police Heath—Arrests, 6; fines imposed, \$9; fines collected, 60 cents.

Police Dunn—Arrests, 4; fines imposed, \$2; fines collected, \$2.

Police Taylor—Arrests, 8; fines imposed, \$17.

Clerk's Report.

TOWN RECEIPTS.

Clerk Mewborne reported receipts from the following sources during December:

Gen'l prop. and poll tax	\$1,550.58
Fines	45.60
Privilege license	125.00
Dog tax	1.00
Market house rental	22.75
E. L. rental	375.56
E. L. construction	93.82
Sewer pipe	5.00
Garnishee Fees	1.25
Cemetery lots	2.00
School tax	669.90
Total	2,896.41

Treasurer's Report.

SCHOOL RECEIPTS.

By cash from Clerk Mewborne \$669.90 |

By cash from L. D. Merritt, house rent .75 |

By amount overdrawn 233.18 |

Total 908.83 |

SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS.

To amount overdrawn Dec. 1, 1901 \$220.10 |

To amount paid on order 688.73 |

Total 908.83 |

TOWN RECEIPTS.

By cash on hand Dec. 1, 1901 \$1,088.67 |

By cash from Clerk Mewborne 2,226.51 |

Total 3,315.18 |

TOWN DISBURSEMENTS.

Garbage \$ 41.02 |

Fine 169.07 |

Police 155.00 |

Interest on bonds 999.80 |

Expenses 18.95 |

Electric lights 535.88 |

Cemetery 28.99 |

Street 58.33 |

Clerk's salary 62.50 |

Balance on hand 1,247.54 |

Total 3,315.18 |

Against Transferring Liquor License.

Communication.

To the Editor of FREE PRESS.—I understand that there has been some transfers and assignments of license of some of our retail liquor dealers in the town by the authority of a part of the board of the town aldermen. I desire to state there will be a test case as to the right of assigning by the board to such assignments. Licenses of this kind are personal privileges and not assignable.

Jan. 3, 1902. A. J. LORTIN.

Quite the Reverse.

Osmond—Well, you've never seen me run after people who have money.

Desmond—No; but I've seen people run after you because you didn't have money.—Baltimore Jewish Comment.

Exempting an Adage.

"Yes," said the old conductor. "I have followed the railroad about all my life. I wasn't exactly born on a train, but I was married on one at the rate of forty-five miles an hour."

"That was a good deal like marrying in haste."

"It was. And we got tired of each other while we were making the return trip on a freight train."

"That was a good deal like repenting at leisure."—Chicago Tribune.

Grow Handsome.

Would you like to be truly beautiful? Thoreau says: "We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones. Any nobleness begins at once to refine a man's features and any meanness or sensuality to imbrute them." So there, now, you see visaged, plain faced people, go along about your business and grow handsome.—National Magazine.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Fire destroyed Heth's Union Square theatre and the Warton House at New York Wednesday. It caught from a cigarette stub thrown among trash.

Orlando Lester, the negro on trial at Oxford, Miss., charged with being an accomplice in the murder of the two Montgomerys, on Wednesday was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

An Atlanta dispatch says soap manufacturers are organizing for a consolidation of all plants south of the Ohio river. The organization will be known as the Southern Soap Manufacturers' association.

Three people were killed and two injured at Robbins, S. C., in a fight which occurred during a party given at the residence of Jesse Griffin. The participants in the fight were white and well known in the county in which they lived.

The Cuban elections passed off quietly Wednesday. Palma was elected by almost a unanimous vote, only about 5 per cent. voting for Maso. Palma was the candidate supported by the sentiment favorable to Americans. Many Cubans refrained from voting.

A disastrous railroad wreck occurred Wednesday to a freight train at Keithville, La., killing one man, seriously injuring two others and killing several fine race horses, one of which was valued at \$20,000, owned by J. W. Fuller. The wreck caught fire and twelve freight cars were burned to the trucks.

At Newport News, Va., Wednesday night, Frank Butler, a white saloon keeper, killed Joseph Hughes, a negro, by firing two loads of shot from a double barreled gun into his stomach. Butler had ordered Hughes out of place and the negro called Butler a vile name. This is the third shooting affair there in the last week.

The buildings and grounds of the Charleston exposition, with the exception of the race track, were practically turned over to the colored race Wednesday. The attendance was very large and the conduct of the crowd excellent. The negro building was turned over to the exposition directors by Dr. W. D. Crum, of Charleston, one of the most accomplished colored physicians in the south, with an address appropriate to the occasion.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s report shows that failures for the year 1901 were 11,002 in number and \$113,092,376, in amount of liabilities, while of banking and other fiduciary institutions, there were 74 insolvencies, involving \$18,018,774, a total of 11,076 defaults and \$131,111,150 liabilities. These figures compare very favorably with the 10,833 failures in 1900, with liabilities of \$174,113,288, of which 59 were banks, for \$35,617,568.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.

LaGRANGE, Jan. 2/1902.

Mr. Ed Patrick has moved his family to Ayden.

Mr. S. I. Sutton is still unable to be out, but is improving.

The Debnam-Kinsey school opened its spring term Thursday.

Mrs. M. W. Ball, of Bayboro, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. Charles Kennedy has moved into and become proprietor of the Pitt's Hotel.

Mrs. D. C. Murchison returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Rocky Mount.

Dr. R. H. Temple, of Kinston, was here Monday prospecting with a view to locating.

The Presbyterian Sunday school gave a pleasant party at the town hall Tuesday night.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds and family arrived Tuesday to enter upon the duties of pastor of the M. P. church.

Mr. Leon Harper has opened a livery stable just back of the ticket office. Leon is an experienced liveryman.

Mr. Will F. Sutton, a prosperous farmer of near here, has moved into Mr. J. W. Sutton's house on Washington street.

Rev. H. B. Anderson is expected to fill his first appointment, as pastor of the M. E. church, LaGrange circuit, here next Sunday.

Miss Carrie Wooten has returned from Asheville. During her absence she, in company with Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Newbold, visited the Charleston exposition.

Mess. R. M. Harper and R. G. Creech each have taken a third interest in Mr. O. Taylor's mercantile business and will do business under the firm name of O. Taylor & Co.

The Adolphian, edited by Rev. L. T. Rightwell, LaGrange, and devoted to literature of a high order, has made its appearance. While small in dimensions, it shows depth of thought and moral integrity.

Mr. James H. Mewborne and family, who, on Aug. 15th, left to make Reidsville their home, returned Tuesday and live in Mr. Alex. Sutton's house, on Casswell street. Jimmie says he heard many stations called out, but none sounded so sweet to him as LaGrange.

PROF. RHODES' SCHOOL.

A Meeting Held in City Hall Last Night to Effect an Organization to Devise Ways and Means to Establish the School. Committee Appointed for This Purpose.

A number of the subscribers of stock and other friends of the proposed Rhodes School held a meeting in the city hall last night to effect an organization, and to devise ways and means to promote the enterprise.

Dr. A. B. Miller was called to the chair, and Mr. Y. T. Ormond was elected temporary secretary.

Prof. Rhodes was present and explained the character of the school he proposed to establish.

Among other things he said his purpose was to establish a high school for both sexes, with a military feature for boys. The grades of the High School would be equal to the ordinary female college and would prepare young men for the advanced classes of the male colleges.

In addition to this there would be a business college, such as Massey's business college, where both boys and girls could be thoroughly prepared for any business they may desire.

There would be in the High School a competent music teacher, from some leading conservatory. Above all the school would be in reach of all. He said it is proposed to have arrangements whereby girls and boys could board themselves at small cost.

After some general discussion, a committee, consisting of D. V. Dixon, J. W. Grainger, D. Oettinger, Lovitt Hines and Dr. F. A. Whitaker, was appointed and requested to meet today, at 12 o'clock, at J. W. Grainger's office for the purpose of devising ways and means to promote the enterprise and to increase the amount of stock. This committee will have charge of the whole matter, and will cooperate with Prof. Rhodes. It is expected another meeting will be called in the near future.

It is hoped that the people of Kinston will rally to the support of this school. It is a grand opportunity for Kinston and promises much for both its material and educational development. There is no such school in Eastern Carolina as this promises to be.

Accident at Hines Bros' Mill.

There came near being a serious accident at Hines Bros' lumber mills yesterday afternoon about 3:45 o'clock.

The cause of the trouble was the breaking of a log, which was nearly sawed up, by the steam "nigger." This piece of machinery is a heavy piece of steel which is used to turn the logs on the log carriage. It is operated by steam and controlled by a lever at the sawyer's stand.

Mr. Geo. Kouts was operating the lever at the time and, wishing to turn this log, pulled the lever operating the "nigger," and from some cause the "nigger" struck the log hard enough to break it. One of the pieces flew between the two levers, the other of which operates the carriage, and, striking this, started the carriage and drove Mr. Kouts away from the levers. Before he could get to them again the carriage had gone back with terrific force and, jumping the track, pushed through the end of the building.

There were two negroes on the carriage at the time, Harry Watson and Whit Ray. They both jumped. Ray was unhurt, but Watson jumped on the side on which the carriage run off, and it knocked him down and dragged him about 10 feet and when found he was lying partly out of the opening in the end of the mill made by the runaway carriage.

It was at first thought that Watson was seriously injured and he was carried home and several doctors were summoned. Dr. W. T. Parrott arrived first and upon examination, found that beyond a few bruises the negro was uninjured.

The damage was repaired last night and the mill is again running today.

Special Notices.

Notices under this head 5 cents a line for each issue. Parties wishing to exchange, buy or sell anything will find this column of benefit to them.

A new farm cart for sale by FRENCH & SUEOS.

Ladies', Men's', Girls' and Boys' Over-shoes at H. W. Cummings'.

Price our "Trilby Heaters" before buying. MOORE & PARROTT.

Our second shipment of Queen Quality shoes just arrived. All of the ladies are invited to come in and see the new styles. S. H. LORTIN.

Infants' Fine Jersey Ribbed Bands—Australian Lambs Wool Wrappers—Fleeced Wrappers.

A. B. MILLER.

My shoe sale has been tremendous for the last few days, but I have a few more left. J. B. CUMMINGS.

J. B. Cummings has a big lot of Pants Goods he would be glad to dispose of in the next 30 days.

A tremendous lot of Tobacco to be disposed of at low prices at J. B. CUMMINGS'.

Try a can of home grown and home canned Tomatoes, grown and canned by J. C. Burt, of Cades, N. C. For sale at J. B. CUMMINGS'.

Don't forget! Plenty of corned meat on hand at J. B. CUMMINGS'.

NOTICE!

Delinquent Tax payers must come forward and settle at once or they will be called on for same by myself or deputy, as I can't indulge any one longer. All property will be seized and cost added.

D. F. WOOTEN,
Sheriff Lenoir County.

Christmas of 1901

is gone forever, but we have a few nice gifts suitable for

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Presents

which we are selling at cost. See them.

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J. E. HOOD.

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