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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Ex-Congressman Atwater denies that he has declared himself a Republican.

Lexington Dispatch: Last Saturday the State chartered the Elk Furniture Co., of Lexington, with a capital stock of \$40,000, to manufacture furniture, veneering, etc.

Raleigh News-Observer: There can be no doubt about one thing: The sentiment of the good road congress is strongly in favor of putting an end to farming by convicts and utilizing them in the public roads. The advocacy of that plan was heartily applauded.

The schooner Frank Herbert, with a cargo of pine lumber from Opeake, N. C., or New York, was abandoned in a sinking condition off Cape May, N. J., Thursday, it being the second vessel to fall a victim this week off this coast to the great ice fields flowing out of Delaware Bay.

Winston-Salem special to News-Observer: Jim Nelson, a white man, who has long had an unsavory reputation, submitted to a verdict of guilty in court Thursday. The indictment was black-balling, threatening to burn out two merchants if each failed to leave \$200 in a place designated by Nelson in his threatening letters. He was given one year on the county roads. Nelson has served a term in the penitentiary for forgery.

Among the items of the claims bill for property of individuals taken during the civil war, passed by the lower branch of congress Wednesday, were quite a number from North Carolina, of which we mention: Isaac W. Lewis, of Craven county, \$740; Hugh Murdock, of Carteret county, \$274; Benj. A. Parrott, of Lenoir county, \$1,995; Arrington Purefoy, of Craven county, \$358; William N. Rose, of Wayne county, \$680; Hardy Summers, of Wayne county, \$1,828.

Asheville Citizen: "Marion may soon rival High Point in the manufacture of furniture," is the interesting news that comes from that thriving mountain town. And why not? It has all the advantages that nature can bestow. Her progressive people need but turn their energies in that direction and the dream will be realized. Half a dozen years ago, and less, there was not a factory in the town; today there are three large ones, and another practically assured.

A negro named Lewis Gray, on Tuesday evening, eight miles from Mocksville, attempted to assault Miss Mamie Stafford, aged fourteen, while on her way home from school, but before accomplishing his purpose the screams of the young lady attracted the attention of citizens who went to her rescue. The negro fled with a posse in pursuit. Gray was arrested a few hours later and lodged in jail. The young lady is the daughter of Mr. Lee Stafford, and is of a splendid family.

Raleigh Post, Feb. 13: Fire broke out in the basement of an unoccupied dwelling on East Hargett street owned by Mr. M. T. Norris, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning and destroyed the building and a store house adjoining it, also owned by Mr. Norris. The loss was about \$2,500, protected by \$1,500 insurance. The buildings were beyond the city limits and out of the reach of the fire companies. The spread of the flames to nearby buildings was prevented by tearing away the fence thereabouts. There seems to be no clue to the origin of the fire.

Concord special to Charlotte Observer: A very distressing death occurred yesterday at the home of Mr. Hector Williams. One of his own small children and his two-year-old grandchild were taken suddenly and violently sick and investigation brought to light the fact of their having taken samples of medicine that had been shown over in the yard and that they had also helped themselves from a bottle of left-over medicine. The little one succumbed to the dose, whatever they might have been, and will be buried tomorrow at the Lutheran graveyard. The other child, it is thought, will get well.

Durham Herald: A short time ago there was a marriage in Lebanon township, this event marking the end of a long rivalry between two suitors for the hand of the same woman, both of whom had license to make her his bride at the time of the marriage. In the marriage the contracting parties were Miss Minnie Bowen and James Cook. Justice J. A. Henderson officiated and made them husband and wife. The rejected suitor is Elsie Riley. In conversation with the reporter Justice Henderson said that Mr. Riley was considerably wrought up over the change of affairs but said that he guessed all was "well in love and war" and that he would have nothing else to say.

The Free Press Job Printing Department has on hand a quantity of handsome lithographed check blanks and can supply them in your name and bank, so that it would require an expert to tell the difference between them and all lithographed checks. The Free Press is well equipped to supply all kinds of printing.

DEWET BROKE THROUGH BRITISH TROOPS.

Was Hemmed in for an Area of Fifty Miles. Hot Fighting.

London, Feb. 13.—The detailed accounts which have just reached here of Lord Kitchener's combined movement to drive out the Boers from the enclosure of blockhouse lines show that the conflict was very picturesque and the most exciting incident of the whole campaign. Although apparently surrounded by an impenetrable ring of fire and steel, the Boers' dauntless bravery and dashing charges resulted in the majority's escape from the meshes of Lord Kitchener's close drawn net.

The British commander's scheme was the most extensive ever carried out during the present war. It consisted of a continuous line over 50 miles in length. Lord Kitchener, who personally directed the operations, was in close touch day and night with every detail of the movement. The Boers though hard pressed, shrank from attempting to cross the railroad, which was patrolled through out the night by armored trains, equipped with powerful searchlights. The train lights were supplemented by stationary searchlights, and the spectacular effect, as witnessed from the trains, was most striking.

The battle at Hellborn raged from 9 o'clock Friday night until 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Throughout the five hours a fearful ring of fire from rifles, cannon and pom-poms swept along the British line in holding DeWet's Boers, who made repeated attempts to break out of the circle of troops. From various positions, behind rocks and kopjes, the Boers kept up a vigorous fusillade, hoping to find a weak spot in the line. Simultaneously others charged, but again and again were the Boers repulsed, leaving dead, wounded and prisoners in the hands of the British.

At the outset of the preparations the British realized that the operations were not merely an ordinary "drive" but a movement threatening them with total annihilation and General De Wet assembled his whole force and discussed the situation with the commanders, with the result that the Boers were split up into three forces. On Thursday night five hundred Boers, headed by Van Collers, rushed a force of the Imperial Light Horse, yelling "Storm Burgers." About 100 Boers got through, but the remainder encountering a tremendous fire, were turned back.

Friday night's conflict ebbed and swelled over an area of 40 to 50 miles in which the long hunted, harassed and desperate men endeavored to find outlets. The Boers, at one spot got within thirty yards of the British firing line, but the barbed wire balked the Burgers and forced them to retreat.

The firing never ceased. Aided by the electric searchlights, the British harrowed the surrounding territory with shrapnel, shells and maxim bullets. In the northern section the Boers made a desperate effort to get through. Collecting a number of cattle, the Boers drove them down on the British lines. Bending low in their saddles the Boers rode among the cattle, making it impossible to distinguish them in the darkness. The British pickets opened a terrible fire and the Boers were everywhere met with a relentless hail of bullets. A long line of flame ran up and down the firing line, nearly thirty miles in length, as the armored trains flashed their searchlights over miles of country.

This lasted for some twenty minutes, when gradually the rattle died down until only the crack of single shots was heard. Then all was again quiet.

The Boers' attempt to break the line had failed. A few broke through and among them was General De Wet.

BESTON ITEMS.

February 11, 1902.

Corn is scarce with the farmers and can't be bought at any price.

The party given by Miss Zona May Saturday night was enjoyed by all.

The farmers in this section are badly behind with their work, owing to the bad weather.

The tobacco crop in this section will be largely increased, judging from the new barns being built.

Miss Pauline Daily spent Friday and Saturday with Miss Zona May and left Sunday for Elroy.

The young people in this neighborhood will attend the Valentine basket party at Institute Friday night, Feb. 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips spent Sunday visiting relatives near Jason.

Miss Sallie Moye, of Walnut Creek, spent Sunday in Boston.

KINSTON MARKET.

Prices quoted for Country Produce are those paid by dealers.

Butter, per pound	20
Corn, per bushel	55
Wheat, per bushel	65
L. C. Sugar, pound	9 1/2
Ham, Country cure, per pound	14
Salt, per sack	85
Lard, Country, per pound	20
Chickens, per pair	25 to 30
Eggs, per dozen	75
Street potatoes	5 to 10
Peanuts, per bushel	50 to 75
Peas, per bushel	5.00 to 2.00
Lima Beans, per bushel	5.00 to 2.00
Hyacinth Beans, per bushel	5 to 10
Hyacinth, Green, per bushel	5
Beef, on foot, fat	2 1/2
Beef, Green salt	2
Truck Feed	7
Field Peas	25 to 30
Molasses	35 to 40
Flour	4 1/2 to 5 1/2

STOLE TOBACCO.

A Conspiracy Between a White Man, L. B. Harding, and Two Negroes, Rob't. Nelson and Ed Jones, To Steal Tobacco From the Central Warehouse and Sell it on Other Floors.

Chief Police Rouse and Policeman Brinson have been working for a week or so past on a case in which three men were believed to have formed a conspiracy to steal tobacco from the Central Warehouse. The facts as known are as follows:

About two weeks ago one of the proprietors of the warehouse noticed wheel tracks at one of the side doors of the warehouse and some tobacco lying around the door. This aroused suspicion and the proprietors of the warehouse secured the services of Policemen Rouse and Brinson to make an investigation.

It was found that Ed Jones, a negro living near Kinston, had sold considerable tobacco at three warehouses, the Atlantic, Eagle and Carolina.

From other facts developed, suspicion pointed to a conspiracy between Jones, Robert Nelson, colored, and L. B. Harding, a white man, who was night watchman at the warehouse.

The parties became aware that suspicion rested upon them, and Jones and Harding left Kinston. Rob't. Nelson remained, and was a few days ago arrested. Jones was located at Wilmington and Policeman Brinson left a few days ago for the purpose of arresting him. He secured the services of the Wilmington police, located the house Jones was staying in, and also found that he was going under the alias of Thomas King. The house was surrounded at night by five police officers, when it was known that Jones was in. Upon the officers demanding entrance the lamp was blown out. The officers forced the woman who occupied the house to open the door and admit them. The lamp was relighted but the woman again blew it out and in the darkness, Jones, who had been in an upstairs room, made a break for liberty. He attempted to get through a window. An officer struck at him, but Jones dodged, and the blow broke the window to pieces. He then whirled and attempted to escape through the door, but instead ran into the arms of the chief police of Wilmington, who held him.

Jones was brought to Kinston Wednesday and yesterday heard and Nelson were given a preliminary hearing before Justice L. J. Moore. They confessed, and testified that Harding was the concealer of the conspiracy, that the plan was for Jones to bring his cart at night and Nelson to help load the tobacco. Jones would then have it sold on the other warehouse floors and give the money to Harding, who, according to the testimony of Jones and Nelson, gave them what he pleased of it. Jones testified that Harding gave him \$5 to go to Wilmington. They testified that about five or six steels had been made, all during the past two months, and that from 200 to 300 pounds at a time would be stolen. Justice Moore bound them over to court in the sum of \$300, in default of which they were committed to jail to await trial at the March term of court.

Harding left Kinston last Tuesday, he said for Washington, N. C. He is a married man and has a wife living in Kinston. Policeman Brinson left yesterday for Washington with papers for his arrest. No message at this writing has been received from the latter and it looks probable that Harding has not yet been apprehended.

RED TAPE DROVE HIM TO DIE.

Trolley Conductor Commits Suicide After Reading Rules.

New York, Feb. 11.—William Rogers, a young trolley car conductor in his first week of service, shot himself dead today at his home in Brooklyn. Rogers was very despondent last evening, stating that his was a "dog's life." He said he had too much red tape in his business. Keeping track of all his passengers, reporting the half-fares, fares and transfers, reporting all accidents and reporting the time of his runs was too much, and it netted him only thirty cents a trip.

He said also that he was numb with cold, and was given a summer hat to wear by the company, for which 75 cents was deducted from his earnings.

Twenty-five cents was also deducted for a book of rules, and he said that after reading part of them his head was nearly turned.

New lot of fine white Bond Note and Letter Heads just received, just what was needed to round-out and complete the very large stock of papers and materials for fine printing at The Free Press print shop. It would indeed be an "exceedingly hard customer to suit" who can't now find what he wants at The Free Press office, which is now prepared to supply promptly the man who wants either cheap, medium or fine stationery, and at very moderate prices. If the stationery you are using isn't what you want, come around and let's see if we can't get up something to suit you.

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The Free Press Job Printing Department has on hand a lot of about 20,000 cheap Note Heads it wishes to dispose of quick to make room for more desirable goods. They are cream colored, are strong but not good quality. If any customer can use the entire lot we will sell them printed and padded for only 75 cents per 1,000. In 1,000 lots for \$1.25 per 1,000, in 5,000 lots for 85 cents per 1,000.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A Kansas man has had two silver weddings. He married twice and lived with each wife twenty-five years.

The state department at Washington has been notified of the signing of the treaty between Japan and Great Britain to the Manchurian question.

Henry Thies, a seven-year-old boy, was struck and killed in New York city by an automobile, occupied by Edward B. Thomas, and three friends. Thomas was arrested, charged with homicide and was released on bail.

The first international woman suffrage conference and the 34th annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage association was begun at Washington, D. C., on Wednesday with an unusually large number of delegates in attendance.

The Chinese workmen at Silverton, Col., to the number of about 50, have been nearly all driven out of the place by the boycott of union laboring men. The others, it is understood, will be forced to leave. The Chinese minister has made complaint to the government at Washington.

A definite understanding has been reached by the River and Harbor committee, that the river and harbor bill now approaching completion shall be kept down to about \$60,000,000—the amount carried by the measure framed and defeated in congress last year. The committee is working daily, but the decisions on specific ideas are all tentative and open to revision.

The postoffice appropriation bill will be reported in a few days. It carries \$137,916,598, an increase of \$14,133,910 over the current appropriation and of \$3,185,022 over the estimates. The largest item is \$41,250,000 for railway transportation of mails. The rural free delivery service gets an increase of \$1,250,000 making the total \$7,529,000 and provision is made to place the rural carriers under a contract system, instead of salaries as at present.

Prof. Charles W. Pearson, whose recent utterances against the infallibility of certain portions of the Bible occasioned wide comment in Methodist church circles, has resigned as professor of English Literature at the Northwestern University. The resignation, it is stated, was voluntary. Prof. Pearson also asked for a letter of dismissal from the Methodist Episcopal church, but the request was refused, as compliance would indicate that he was in good standing in the church.

At Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday, Will Prince was found guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary. The special charge was complicity in the murder of Phillip H. Kennedy, who was shot and killed by his wife, Lulu Prince Kennedy, January 10th, 1901. Phillip H. Kennedy married Lulu Prince under compulsion one month before he was killed, but he refused to live with her. His wife's father and two brothers sought to compel him to support her and because of their threats against him and their demands upon him before the tragedy, Prosecutor Hadley, acting on the theory that they conspired against his life and influenced Mrs. Kennedy to fire the fatal shots, filed information against them charging them with complicity in the crime, although they were not indicted by the grand jury. Mrs. Kennedy, the first of the Prince family to be tried for the murder, was convicted and given a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. C. W. Prince, the other brother, is yet to be tried.

THE CRESCO SUNK.

Early Reports of Revolutionary Victory Confirmed.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 15.—A schooner which communicated with the Venezuelan revolutionary steamer Libertador confirms the report that the latter sunk the Venezuelan gunboat, Gen. Crespo recently near Camarebo. The captain and crew of the Crespo are prisoners on board of the Libertador. No confirmation has been obtained of the report that a naval engagement took place Monday last off the coast of Venezuela, though the sound of cannonading was heard here that morning.

The Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar is cruising in these waters. The Libertador is also off the island.

Prevalence of Smallpox.

Philadelphia Record. The report of the Marine hospital service shows that there are three times as many cases of smallpox in the United States at this time as there were in February, 1901. The danger is increased more than threefold by reason of the far greater number of localities in which the disease has obtained a foothold. There is no possibility of checking the further spread of the loathsome malady except by general vaccination. No place is so isolated as to afford complete immunity.

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