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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

It is more than probable that work will speedily begin on a railway which will give Raleigh direct connection with Fayetteville, distant only about fifty-eight miles in an air-line.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: Mr. T. H. Hicks, one of Edgewood's good farmers, was here Monday and said that only part of the farmers of his community have commenced preparations for 1902.

News-Observer: A few days ago we published the census figures showing that North Carolina, which formerly led in the production of turpentine, now produces only 5 per cent. of the total output.

Fayetteville Observer: Mess. S. M. Taylor and E. H. Young, of this city, were on the southbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train Saturday afternoon bound for Florence.

Durham Herald, Feb. 14: It was learned yesterday that the case of R. J. Shaw against the Western Union Telegraph company, which has been in court some time, has been compromised.

The central campaign committee for promoting public education in North Carolina organized at Raleigh, Thursday, headed by Gov. Aycock, Superintendent of Public Instruction T. F. Toon, Dr. Charles D. McIver and forty odd of the most prominent educators, superintendents of schools, college presidents and others.

COVE ITEMS.

February 14, 1902.

Mr. W. G. Richardson, of Trenton, spent Sunday in Cove.

Farm work is very much behind. It is too cold to work the land.

Miss Lillie White, of Tuscarora, came this afternoon and will spend some time visiting friends.

Miss Hattie White returned from Tuscarora yesterday, after spending a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. Nancy Eubanks and children, of Hamlet, are spending some time here visiting her father, Mr. F. White.

Mr. C. D. Lane, of Newbern, came last Tuesday to take charge of the telegraph office here. Mr. J. B. Bowden, who has been here for some time, returns to Newbern, his former home, to work in the Western Union office.

The public school taught by Miss Bertha Tucker closed last Friday. The commencement exercises were the best ever seen in this neighborhood and the attendance the largest.

Our Friends, The Druggists. It is a pleasure to testify to the generally high character of druggists. But because of a few exceptions to the rule, it is necessary to caution the public to be on guard against imitations of Perry Davis' Painkiller.

BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

BY J. DAIL.

The beautiful, white, fleecy snow on the ground Has wrapped up the city and country around;

Like beautiful, soft fleecy wool it descends On mountains and valleys, on reefs and on fens;

Oh God, that our souls were as spotless and pure With minds and with wills that would help us endure; What a world of joy and of peace here below,

More like, yet less blighting, than "beautiful snow."

Evidences to Filipino Dislike.

Some evidence continues as to conditions in the Philippines. Mr. Bonnal, who has been out there and is a friend of the administration, says the Filipinos are hostile and that opposition to our arms is in reality as well organized as ever.

The Messenger had given before, and recently, the opinion of President Schurman as to the necessity of recognizing the independence of the Philippines.

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Cotton Market.

Futures on the New York cotton exchange closed today as follows: February, 8.63; March, 8.50; May, 8.55; August, 8.38.

Spot cotton on the Kinston market 8 cents.

The Opposition To Judge Clark.

Something of a campaign has opened in opposition to the nomination of Judge Walter Clark for chief justice, but notwithstanding the opposition Judge Clark appears to be gravitating toward the chief justiceship about as fast as possible for one who is not making an active fight.

ARY GROVE ITEMS.

February 14, 1902.

Preaching here next Sunday. We had a houseful of music here last night.

We hear some of the farmers complain of their tobacco seed being killed.

Miss Ruth White, of Institute, is visiting at Mr. R. F. Churchill's this week.

Mr. Hardy Hill left Saturday for Kananaville, to canvass for the Tyndall truck.

Mrs. Lemuel Taylor and daughter, Miss Mattie, spent last Saturday at Mr. William Taylor's.

We continue to have severe winter weather. We can say, as the fair maiden, "we long to see the beautiful flowers of May."

Mr. John Jones and Misses Myrtle and Ruth Tucker, of Kinston, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, of Ridge Spring, spent Sunday at Mr. Tom Worthington's.

Mr. Jesse Griffin, of Weldon, came Saturday and left Monday with Miss Callie Williams, to visit Miss Callie's sister near Weldon, and was married Wednesday.

Mr. Wheeler Got Rid of His Rheumatism.

"During the winter of 1898 I was so lame in my joints, in fact all over my body, that I could hardly hobble around."

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: Count Tolstol is slightly improved, but his condition is still precarious.

Booker T. Washington has been selected as commencement day orator for the University of Nebraska next June. He has accepted.

Ex-Governor Robert B. Lindsay died at Sheffield, Ala., Thursday. He was the first governor of Alabama after the reconstruction period.

One hundred and seventy-six acres of land in the northern suburbs of Baltimore have been unconditionally donated as a new site for the Johns Hopkins University.

At Milburn, N. J., Philemon Crain on Thursday shot his daughter and himself, fatally wounding both. His wife, whom he attempted to shoot, died from a hemorrhage.

Gov. Chandler, of Georgia, has appointed Tuesday, April 15th, as Georgia day at the exposition in Charleston, and will arrange for a great demonstration there on that occasion.

The New York grand jury returned a number of indictments against the persons held responsible for the rapid transit explosion and against two city officials on charge of criminal negligence.

Capt. William M. Swaine, one of the first infantry, in an engagement with Filipinos at Paranae, Island of Samar, recently captured thirty bolomen and four riflemen. There were no American casualties.

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So many stories have been published about Miss Stone that hardly anything is worthy of belief, and the following is only interesting as showing French inventive genius: Referring to the reported engagement between brigades for the possession of Miss Stone, the Constantinople correspondent of the Echo de Paris, says: "The captors of Miss Stone and Madame Telka have been attacked by another band of brigands, seeking to secure the prisoners in order to get the ransom. Twenty men on both sides were killed during the fight but the original captors of the missionary were victorious. Miss Stone was not hurt."

At Newport News on Thursday the jury in the case of C. Aylett Ashby, the lawyer charged with the murder of City Engineer Edward A. Marye, brought in a verdict of acquittal. It took the jury but eight minutes to reach this conclusion—just long enough to get from the court room to the jury room and poll the jury and get back to their seats.

Nine men are now known to have been killed in the fight between a posse and the Turner gang at Middleboro, Ky., Wednesday. The Turner gang are still defiant and more trouble is expected.

A dispatch Thursday says: Lee Turner, with his brother, "the general," and a large force are patrolling the district around the ruins of the "Quarter house" today and will allow no one from Middleboro to pass to the Mingo mines or elsewhere. Meantime the officers are reticent as to the next move. Lee Turner is now at the mines. He intends to rebuild his saloon and fort, and says he will remain if he has to keep a standing army of five hundred mountaineers within his palisades.

The Best Prescription for Malaria. Chills and fever is a battle of nature's Terrors. It is deadly and quick in its onset.

THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

Methodist Church. Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30.

Episcopal Church. Morning and evening services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Free Will Baptist Church. Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Presbyterian Church. No services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Christian Church. Morning Subject: "The Failure of the Jews." Rom. 2. Preaching again at night. Sunday school at 3 o'clock.

Missionary Baptist Church. Services morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. J. B. Y. P. U. 2:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 8:30 p. m.

The Chapel. Preaching at 8 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Brown. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Friday night.

Christian Science. Services are held in Canady's Building, Room 3, Sunday morning at 11 a. m., Sunday evening at 7:45 p. m., and on Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. Reading room open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.

The Hand in Health.

Let us shake hands with a man, and we will tell you something about his health. The firm, hearty handshake of a sincere man may be rather rough, so that one is taught he has a grip, but it indicates stamina. While denoting absence of tact and refinement, it points to physical strength.

Affinity Between Horses.

When the Duke of Wellington was fighting in Spain, there were two horses which had always drawn the same gun, side by side, in many battles. At last one was killed, and the other, on having his food brought as usual, refused to eat, but turned his head around to look for his old friend, and neighed many times as if to call him. All care was in vain. There were other horses near him, but he would not notice them, and he soon afterward died, not having once tasted food since his former companion was killed.—Our Dumb Animals.

Chinese Typesetting.

When a Chinese compositor sets type, he places them in a wooden frame 22 by 15 inches. This frame has twenty-nine grooves, each for a line of type, and the type rests in clay to the depth of a quarter of an inch. The types are of wood, perfectly square, and the compositor handles them with pinchers.

Remember The Maine.

Havana, Feb. 15.—It was four years ago today that the ill-fated battleship Maine was blown up and sunk in Havana harbor. The anniversary was observed by the display of half-masted flags on public buildings and the holding of special memorial services in several of the churches.

KINSTON MARKET.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Beans, Corn, Meal, Lard, Eggs, Potatoes, etc.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family."

BARGAIN COLUMN.

A HORSELESS PROPOSITION.

I have a fine Mule, Harness and Buggy that I wish to sell for cash or on time with good security. The Mule, Buggy and Harness are in good condition.

YOU DON'T MEAN IT!

I certainly do, and it is good for either Bread or Pastry. How can he do it? He simply bought one car load at the right time and the right price, and it is right Flour—\$4.50 per barrel while it lasts—at

WHITE LAWN.

Having bought a large quantity of White Lawns considerably under price we offer: 30c quality at 25c. 20c quality at 15c. 12c quality at 10c. 10c quality at 7c.

COME UP.

Yes, if you buy your Seed Oats from us they will be a good buy. We also have a large stock of Hay, Grain and Feed. We are headquarters for everything in our line. Come to see us.

NEUSE MILLING CO.

W. A. LaRoque's late stand.

IF YOU ARE

once a customer of ours you will always be. We keep a full stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries and can fill any of your housekeeping wants in that line. Give us a trial. We'll treat you right.

J. H. ALEXANDER,

General Store.

WE LIKE TO EAT.

So does every healthy person, especially when they have something nice. If you buy your groceries from us you will have it and it won't cost you more than it's worth either. Just stop our wagon or phone your order. It will have prompt attention.

SPRING HAS COME.

We mean, of course, our line of Bed Springs. You should inspect them. You will find them all bargains. We have a complete stock of Furniture and can supply any of your needs in that line.

ARE YOU ONE

who is going to build or anticipate building? If so we wish to let it be known that we can furnish on receipt of order Framing and Box Boards, cut from Long Leaf Pines, also all kinds of Dressed Lumber. Come and examine our stock and get our prices before purchasing. Thanking our customers for past patronage and hoping to renew same, we remain, Yours truly,

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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.