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FRESH GOSSIP OF THE OLD NORTH STATE.

Odd and Interesting Happenings From Every Section.

Good Roads Movement Spreading Throughout the State—Life and Property Losses by the Flood—Cigarettes for Prince Henry—Crimes and Casualties—Variety Of Short State Stories.

Raleigh Morning Post: Prof. J. A. Holmes, State geologist, spent several hours in the city yesterday. He is working ardently now on the matter of the agitation of the good roads movement which was given such an impetus by the recent visit of the Southern Railway's good roads train to this State and especially by the general State convention held here early in February. The feature of the work with which Prof. Holmes is especially concerned now is the organization of branch associations in the various counties as proposed by the general organization perfected in Raleigh. He says a large number of counties have already organized along the line desired and are getting down to active co-operation with the State association. Many others are taking steps to organize very soon. He expresses gratification at the success which is attending the good roads movement the State over, and confidently expects great results in active road improvement as well as the ultimate enactment by the legislature of a general road law, fair and just to all sections of the State.

Law Library Lost in Flood.
The law office of Senator Pritchard at Marshall was washed away by the flood Saturday, and its contents, including the senator's library, destroyed. In the rush of waters at Marshall the building containing the library, valued at \$2,000, was swept away. A reward of \$1,000 was offered at once to have the books saved and men struggled to do this but the force of the water could not be overcome and they were lost.

Peppered With Shot.
John Holmes, a negro, was discovered early Friday morning stealing corn from Col. T. H. Bain's barn at Goldsboro. When he came out with a bag on his back the colonel banged away. Holmes fell, but got up and ran. Later in the day he was discovered by children lying under a stoop and said he had fallen off a train, but examination showed that his back was so perforated with shot the skin could be used as a porous plaster.

Store Breaker Shoots Captor.
A negro store-breaker was arrested two miles west of Hillsboro, but not until after he had shot Deputy Constable John Stone in the thigh, inflicting a painful, though not dangerous, wound. Constables Stone and Rosemond ran down the negro and he opened fire on them. After shooting Stone he turned the weapon on Rosemond, who seized it and escaped with a burned hand. He then overpowered the negro.

North Carolina's Gift to the Prince.
Among the souvenirs that Prince Henry will carry away with him upon his departure will be several thousand American cigarettes. As an attention to the distinguished visitor, who, he learned, is very fond of the little rolls of white, James B. Duke, "captain of the tobacco industry" and the president of the American Tobacco company, which has recently added Germany to its tributary trade territory and established several factories there, sent 2,000 cigarettes to the Hohenzollern for the Prince.

W. S. Hyams has been appointed clerk of the Federal court at Asheville.

To this date only 19 counties have made full settlement of State taxes for 1901.

Norfolk capitalists are contemplating the erection of a large modern hotel at Raleigh and say the plans will positively be carried out if Raleigh capitalists will take some of the stock.

The Apex Canning company is taking steps to induce the farmers to plant tomatoes so that they will have a full supply this season. The Apex News shows that at twenty-five cents a bushel tomatoes pay better than cotton at ten cents.

The growth of the Odd Fellows in this State continues to be remarkable. The receipts this year will be nearly \$11,000. There were received Saturday applications for new lodges at Jackson, Northampton county, and Wadesboro.

Postmaster general has requested

Senator Pritchard to name another man to be postmaster at Charlotte. This action was taken after an investigation of the charges against Postmaster Mullen. Charlotte business men want Mullen retained.

Thomasville had three incendiary fires on successive nights last week, and at the last one a negro was seen running away and was given chase. Five shots were fired but he escaped. Bloodhounds will be employed and if the negro is caught he will have a very busy minute.

Fayetteville is preparing to hold a big good roads meeting in April and Gov. Aycock has been invited to be present. It is proposed to issue bonds for \$100,000 for road improvement. Good roads advocates are taking great interest in this meeting, as it is hoped the results will lead to similar movements in other counties.

Bob Montgomery, colored, confined in the jail at Marion, called the jailor, and when he came to see what was wanted knocked the lamp out of his hand and ran down stairs, jumped through a window and made his escape. Nothing has been heard from him since. He had been sentenced to three months on the chain gang for fighting. Jailer Nichols was not seriously injured.

J. W. Wallen, who lives on Flat Creek, sixteen miles north of Asheville, was driven by the rising waters from his home Saturday morning. He took three children, aged 8 and 6 years and 9 months, to a tobacco barn, left them with a torch and returned to the house for his wife and another child. While gone the barn caught fire and burned to the ground, all the children losing their lives.

John Marsh of North Adams, Mass., is reported as having decided to locate a cotton mill at Charlotte, N. C. He has been in the city named during the week investigating with a view of building there.

J. M. Greenfield, of Kernersville, N. C., writes that his knitting mill, recently established, included \$3000 building, twelve knitting machines, twenty-five operatives, and has capacity of 120 dozen pairs of half-hose daily.

Mess. John Rudisill and associates, of Lincoln, N. C., have incorporated the John Rudisill Manufacturing Co., with capital stock of \$75,000, for the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods. The charter permits beginning business when \$15,000 has been subscribed. Specific details have not been ascertained yet.

Fabio Romani.
This play will be presented in the opera house here this evening. It comes with high praise from every place in the State it has been presented and a large audience is assured. It is a romantic melodrama adapted by Mr. Chas. W. Chase from Marie Corelli's well known novel "The Vendetta," dealing with Italian love and vengeance and is said to be one of the best plays of that order now before the public. The artists presenting the play have been carefully selected for the characters assigned them and consist in part of such well known people as Walter Lawrence, Claude Seare, Edwin F. Gardner, Guy B. Hoffman, C. H. Ball and Miss Martha Beauford. The production as in the past eleven years is under the management of Mr. Aiden Benedict. All the scenery for the production will be the same as originally presented in New York city. Miss Ollie Cook has been engaged to present her dancing specialties.

A Bad Lethario.
A peculiar case is presented to the officers of the law at Kinston. A man is guilty of very wrong doing and no statute can be found under which he can be prosecuted. The circumstances in the case are as follows: Mr. Munros Lee, who came to Kinston some months ago, paid court to Miss Carrie Whaley. From the manner of his courting, the aunt of the young lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, mistrusted Lee, and wrote to the chief of police at Dunn, from which place Lee came to Kinston and made inquiry. The letter was answered, but was not called for at the office here and was returned to Dunn. The chief of police then wrote to Chief Ross at Kinston, inclosing the letter he had written to Mrs. Thompson, which stated that Lee had a wife and children living at Dunn. Fortunately the young lady had not married Lee. Lee wrote some very fine love letters to the young lady. He went to see her yesterday, unaware that he had been found out. He didn't stay long. They were on the eve of running away to be married, but this is all broken up now, and the young woman says she will send the love letters written by Lee to his wife. He is a bad, bad man and there ought to be some law under which he could be gotten for his evil

BUSINESS IN GENERAL, COTTON IN PARTICULAR.

Cotton Goods Said to be Facing a Serious Crisis.

Slowness of Delivery and Paucity of Supplies the Chief Complaint—Business on Spring Account Going Forward in Large Volume—In Cereals, Corn Makes the Chief Advance of the Week.

Bradstreet's business review for last week, issued Saturday: Current demand is of full volume for this season of the year, while business on spring account goes forward in large volume. This, too, in the face of unfavorable weather conditions in large sections of the country.

Iron and steel are quieter on the surface, but consumption remains undiminished. Short supplies of coke are still complained of in the west and furnaces are being banked for this reason, but the output of pig iron has been larger this week than for some time past. Structural mills are filled with orders, most of them being five months behind, and the same is true as to other products, orders for which extend well toward the close of the year. Prices show very little important change during the week.

The heavy break in wheat prices at the close of last week, contrary to expectations, did not bring to light the large waiting business on export account. Toward the close short covering was forced despite the heavy primary movement on reports that the growing winter wheat crop was suffering and had lost its covering of snow. Corn, among the cereals, noted the chief advance of the week. Hog products have been irregular in grain.

Cotton and cotton goods seem to be facing a crisis. Staple cottons also display exceptional strength. The chief complaint, in fact, is of the slowness of deliveries and the paucity of supplies.

The business failures for the week number 204, as against 127 last year. Canadian failures number 27, as against 28 a year ago.

Hester's Cotton Report.

Secretary Hester's monthly statement, issued Saturday, shows the total for February to be 732,456 bales, against 670,748 last year and 847,180 year before last. The amount of the crop brought into sight for the six months from September 1 to February 28, inclusive, is 33,000 bales over last year. The movement from the first of September to February 28, inclusive, shows receipts at all United States ports to be 8,468,516 bales, against 5,865,063 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada, 884,744 bales against 893,928; southern mill takings, exclusive of quantity consumed at southern outports, 992,000 bales, against 872,619, and interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season, 336,246, against 545,349. The total amount of the crop brought into sight during six months ending with the close of February is 8,661,604 bales, against 6,298,219.

Northern spinners took during February 288,429 bales, against 300,077

last year. Foreign exports for the six months of the season have been 5,119,771 bales, an increase over last season of 708,866. Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading southern interior markets on February 28 were 1,291,880, against 1,523,134 the same date last year and 1,486,064 the year before. Including port and interior towns stocks left over from season the number of bales of the crop brought into sight during the six months the supply has been 9,021,291 bales, against 8,350,753 last year and 8,338,195 the year before.

New York Cotton Market.

The market on Saturday was bullish. Reports that exporters and domestic spinners were once more urgently bidding for spot cotton in the south, where prices were up 1-16 to 1/8 cent. on slim offerings, did much to stimulate the bull support. Rumors of a near-by further advance in pig iron and predictions for a very light March in-sight movement, were prominent influences.

The President and the Exposition.

The results of the Tillman-McLaurin foolishness bid fair to be as long drawn out as the Sampson-Schley business. The board of directors of the Charleston exposition have passed a resolution, begging the president not to alter his plans and assuring him a kindly and enthusiastic reception, and a committee has been appointed to wait on the president. Senator Tillman visited Senator Platt, the famous "easy boss" in New York Saturday and urged upon him that it would be impolitic for the president to attend the Exposition owing to the public feeling and Platt promised to advise Roosevelt to be conspicuous by his absence. Of course the president will, as usual, do as he pleases in spite of Platt or the whole world, but it is evident that there is going to be a party row in South Carolina. And to add to the complications Major M. J. Jenkins now declines to accept the sword unless presented by the president according to the original program. Roosevelt says Tillman's letter can have no effect upon his movements, but does not say whether he will visit Charleston or not.

Preparing for Revival.

There was one conversion at the Christian church yesterday morning. The pastor, Rev. W. G. Johnston, made mention that preparations should be begun in anticipation of the revival meeting to be commenced at that church in April. A handsome collection was taken up at the morning service for modern foreign missions. The amount lacked at the morning service to come up to the apportionment of the Christian church at this place to the mission fund, was more than made up at the evening service and the amounts expected to come in later will run the fund higher.

Notes of the Churches.

Rev. R. B. Hines, of Mt. Airy, who is here in the interest of the Bankers' Union, filled the pulpit at the Methodist church last night. He held the close attention of his large audience, his subject being "A Mother's Prayer." The sermon was directed especially to parents;

showing their responsibility in teaching the young mind.

Rev. J. Paul Spence preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist church yesterday morning. A large crowd was present. Mr. Spence also attended the B. Y. P. U. services in the afternoon and made an interesting and instructive talk. The subject was "Christian Service." Mr. Spence left on the 4:32 train for Newbern. There were no services at night.

Those who failed to attend services at the Free Will Baptist church yesterday afternoon and night missed a rare treat. They were conducted by Rev. R. I. Corbett, of Ayden, and were intensely interesting. His morning subject was "Jacob's Dream." Evening subject, "Crowded Out." Mr. Corbett is quite a young man in the ministry yet he is an eloquent speaker, a good reasoner and exhibits a sound judgment. The congregation will be pleased to have him with them often.

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH.

North Carolina Steadily Getting to the Front.

The New York Commercial contains the following interesting reference to this State.

North Carolina is primarily an agricultural State, but the census of her manufacturing industries show that she has made wonderful progress in this field during the ten years closing with 1900. In 1890 she possessed only 3,667 manufacturing establishments, in which a capital of \$32,745,995 was invested. In 1900 the number of these establishments had grown to 7,226, and the amount of capital to \$76,508,894—more than double the sum invested ten years previously. This is certainly an encouraging record for a State that does not figure prominently in the discussion of great manufacturing problems. The number of establishments has nearly trebled since 1850, and the amount of capital has swelled to more than ten times its volume of that time—a very creditable showing for the half century of progress, during a good part of which the State was suffering from the depressing effects of the civil war.

North Carolina is a small State, when judged by the size of her population. That amount to but 869,089 in 1850, and has increased to 1,898,810, or 117.9 per cent in 1900. The number of her wage earners in the latter year was 70,570, as against 33,625 in 1890 and they earned \$18,868,430, as against \$6,552,121 ten years before. Of this number, 44,559 were men with a wage record of \$10,477,765; 15,644 women, who earned \$2,394,117, and 10,377 were children under 16 years of age, who absorbed \$996,248 of the total wages paid. The cost of materials used in the manufactures was \$53,072,388, and the value of the goods produced, \$94,919,663. The wage earners constitute 37 per cent. of the entire population of the State.

The leading industries of the State—cotton goods, lumber, flouring and grist mills, planing mill products, cotton seed products, furniture, railroad construction and tanning—occupied 4,071 of the establishments and the others were used by smaller industries. The value of their products was \$77,351,282, or 81.5 per cent. of the total, and they gave employment to 55,642 of the wage earners, or 78.7 per cent of the whole number, producing goods to the value of \$77,351,282.

North Carolina, according to these figures, is well on the road to a leading place among the manufacturing states of the Union. If she makes the same great progress in the next ten years, she will achieve a record that she may well be more proud of than she is of her present one.

Mayor's Court.

Mr. J. H. Holloman was fined \$3 and costs in the mayor's court Saturday on a charge of drunkenness.

Arch Bethel, colored, was fined \$3 and costs in the mayor's court this morning for drunkenness.

Babe Sherrod, colored, was tried Saturday for hitting John Grimes, also colored, with a brick bat. The mayor rendered his decision this morning, binding Sherrod over to court.

Mr. E. L. Pruden was fined \$3 and costs this morning on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. His disorderly conduct consisted in having an altercation with Dr. G. H. Taylor.

Saturday's Storm.

What was simply a heavy rainfall accompanied by a high wind in Kinston Friday night was a storm of violent character elsewhere all over the east. Wires were prostrated and railroad traffic paralyzed so that news of the storm came slowly. Many towns in this State are flooded and the storm left a track of devastation and ruin from Florida to the great lakes.

Small notice of the storm with illustrations. (Copyright, 1902, by the author.)

KINSTON FURNITURE FACTORY.

Out of the Embryotic State and On the Road to Success.

Officers Elected for the Year and a Campaign of Progress Mapped Out—To Issue \$12,000 Preferred Stock—Running Smoothly Now and Turning Out Fine Work.

A regular meeting of the stockholders of the Kinston Furniture company was held in the Library rooms on Friday, Feb. 28th.

After the disposal of the regular routine business, a resolution was offered to authorize the issuance of \$12,000 preferred stock, bearing 7 per cent. guaranteed dividend, for the purpose of retiring a portion of the indebtedness of the company and to increase the working capital.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. W. Grainger, president; L. O. Mosley, secretary and treasurer. Directors: E. T. Mosley, L. Harvey, J. B. Temple, S. H. Abbott, T. W. Mewborn, W. O. Mosley and J. F. Taylor.

Among the industries of Kinston there is none better equipped than the furniture factory. Like many other enterprises, at the beginning it had its setbacks. Our business men and others who took stock had but little practical knowledge of the manufacture of furniture, therefore they had to go through all sorts of trials and deal with all sorts of superintendents, unskilled labor, etc., and could not make satisfactory progress. Therefore the success that was hoped for at the beginning was not attained. The factory has passed through this trying experimental stage and is now on the high road to success.

The president and board of directors are good business men and they have now a man as general manager who has had 16 years experience and who is an active and wide-awake furniture man. The superintendent is a hustler and the foremen of the different divisions look sharp after their departments. The secretary and treasurer is an honorable young man and has the implicit confidence of the stockholders.

The Kinston furniture factory is now making and turning out the most artistic and substantial chamber suits of any factory in North Carolina, and we see no cause or good reason why this factory in the future should not be a paying industry. The disposal of the small amount of preferred stock it is proposed to issue will put this industry on a firm and solid basis, and we believe that henceforth it will be one of the most successful and profitable of Kinston's enterprises.

Greene County Court.

Mr. J. A. Albritton, of Snow Hill, was in Kinston today. He informs us that the court which has been in session at Snow Hill the past week, closed Sunday morning, the reason for going over Saturday being a disagreement of the jury in the case of George Streeter, colored, charged with attempted rape upon a colored woman. Judge Winston adjourned court Sunday morning. The civil docket was not touched with the exception of a few divorce cases. Jonas Beaman was tried for being an accessory before the fact to the murder of Patrick Phelps by Sue Glenn, all parties colored. The murder occurred at a negro festival several months ago. Beaman assisted Glenn in the fight and also assisted him to escape. Beaman was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to two years on the roads.

Things Kinston Should Have.

A chamber of commerce.
A water system.
A sewer system.
Macadamized streets.
Street numbers on houses.
The first, if properly organized and conducted would gradually bring about all the others.

Let's start the good work by organizing leading and progressive business men into a chamber of commerce.

Moved to Raleigh.

Mr. J. J. Rogers, who is State agent for the Security Mutual Life Insurance Co., moved his headquarters last Saturday from Kinston to Raleigh. Mr. Rogers will be on the road traveling in the interest of his company a great part of the time hereafter, but his family and his home will continue to be at Kinston.

SAY, MARK THIS!

or cut it out; anything so you won't forget that if you need anything in the

Farm Implement Line

we have them here, and a few

Two Horse South Bend Chilled Plows,

Boy Dixie, Atlas and Crown Plows for one horse.

Cutaway Harrows, Spiked Tooth and V-Shaped Harrows.

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