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Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All Of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

Greensboro was "dry" Saturday. The saloons were closed and the dispensary was not ready to go to work.

The flag on the capitol was at half-mast Saturday in honor of Lieut. Shipp, who was killed in Cuba just a year ago—July 1, 1898.

The editor of the Smithfield Herald received six cotton blossoms in two days. He cannot eat cotton blossoms and asks in a hungry tone, "Who will be the first to bring in a watermelon?"

The Salem and Winston postoffices were consolidated Saturday, making it one of the two first-class offices in the State. The clerks from Salem were transferred to the main office.

Greenville Saturday passed under an entirely white administration, the Democratic board of aldermen elected the first Monday in June taking charge of affairs. The new board elected J. G. Moya mayor and D. J. Whichard clerk.

The corporation commission Friday gave the railroads another hearing on the fertilizer question. The matter came up on exceptions to the new rates. Arguments were made against the new rate on the ground that it was too low to be just and reasonable. The commission, however, was of a different opinion. It overruled the exceptions and reaffirmed the new rates.

Lenoir Topic: The most amusing thing that has taken place during court was that of Mun Helton. He had no lawyer and conducted his own defense. He examined the witnesses in great style, and when through with Sheriff Boyd on the stand said, with all the dignity of a prosecuting attorney, "Stand, aside, sheriff."

He won his case, and the judge advised him to quit his devilment and go to practicing law.

The Wilmington Messenger says the farmers all over the country are complaining of the destruction of the corn crop by cut worms. At Mr. B. F. Keith's plantation at Keith, Pender county, where he usually has nearly 500 acres of fine swamp lands in corn, the worms have been so destructive that 150 acres of corn have been abandoned. Besides cut worms, army caterpillars and hard hill bugs are also contributing to the destruction.

Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic State executive committee, in an interview a few days ago, said the proposed suffrage constitutional amendment will be carried by a large majority. He said the machine Republicans are against it, but the rank and file of the party will vote for it. Many members are admitting they cannot defeat the amendment. The Democrats will vote for it almost unanimously, while a large number of Populists will support it.

The Republicans at Raleigh are hustling out all Democrats from positions in the revenue department, to make places for Republicans. About 200 changes have been recommended of storekeepers and gaugers in the eastern district. In the office at Raleigh James Young, colored, has been appointed to succeed J. E. Cameron, of Kinston, as clerk, salary \$1,000 a year. Cameron has been appointed general storekeeper and gauger, at a salary of \$3 a day and expenses.

The Elizabeth City Economist says: "The people of Currituck county propose to raise a memorial tablet to the memory of Aaron Thomas, a worthy man of the negro race, who recently departed this life on Powell's Point, at 82½ years of age. He lived through the civil war between states and did his part in caring for the families of the soldiers who were in the military service of the Confederacy. In the terrible reconstruction and carpet-bag period he was faithful to his old friends."

John W. Booth, an 84-year-old farmer living near Cary, was killed Saturday afternoon by a Southern passenger train at a crossing about four miles from Raleigh. Mr. Booth was returning home from Raleigh in a wagon. Just beyond the crossing there is a curve and a cut, both of which prevent the train being seen but a short distance. The engine struck the wagon with terrific force, demolishing it and killing Booth instantly. A great hole was knocked in his head and his right leg broken.

A News-Observer special, July 1, from Littleton, says: Tuesday morning last Dr. L. J. Picot, of this place, amputated a leg for Major Mills, who fell under a Seaboard Air Line train. Mr. Mills' mother lives at Summit, some six miles away. Today when Dr. Picot passed her house, he stopped in the road and called to the children in the yard to tell their mother to come to the road that he might tell her that her son was getting well. She started and got about 15 yards from the road and fell dead. The doctor saw her fall and heard the children screaming, and went quickly to her assistance, but found her dead.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Adjourned Saturday Afternoon at 4 O'clock. Sermon by Rev. R. B. John. Resolutions of Thanks. The Conference Has Been Pleasant and Profitable.

SATURDAY, 11:30 A. M.

Rev. R. B. John, of Newbern, preached an able and instructive sermon from Isaiah, 63d chap. and 3d verse: "I have Trodden the Wine Press Alone."

He pointed out the difference between the religion of Christ and other religions, and showed how Christ spent his life here amidst suffering and privations, unappreciated and misunderstood even by his disciples.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference opened with devotional exercises.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered to the people of Kinston for their hospitality, and to the other churches of the town for the tender of their houses of worship to the conference, and to the A. & N. C. R. R. for the reduced rates, and to the presiding elder for the able and christlike manner in which he has presided over the conference, and to the secretary, G. S. Pritchard, for his very efficient services, and to THE KINSTON FREE PRESS for its reports of the proceedings of the conference.

The license of Rev. J. V. Williams, Bro. Jno. A. Bryan, Thos. H. Carmine, Hugh Cummings and Divine Guthrie, local preachers, were renewed.

The conference adjourned at 4 o'clock a. m.

The conference has been a very pleasant and profitable one, and both preachers and laymen express themselves as having received much pleasure and profit therefrom.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

July 8, 1899.

Some of our farmers commenced curing tobacco today.

Mr. Bingham Isler, of Jones county, visited at Mr. W. I. Herring's Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson and little daughter, Miss Irene, returned from Kinston Saturday.

We were glad to welcome Dr. J. E. Patrick, of Inatitate, in our midst Tuesday.

Misses Almata and Mabel Kenedy, of LaGrange, visited at Mr. J. L. Kennedy's last week.

Remember the Sunday school conference to be held at Trinity church, July 8. The ladies will serve ice cream and cake for the benefit of the church.

Died.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ward, died yesterday at the age of nine years, after an illness of over a week. The remains were taken to Wilson this morning. Mess. George and John Ward and Mrs. Andrew Ward accompanied the remains to Wilson.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Frank Wood went to Wilson this morning.

Mr. Loyd LaRoque went to Wilson this morning.

Mr. C. A. Vick left this morning for Suffolk, Va.

Miss Anna Pittman returned to Grifton this morning.

Mr. J. M. Sitterson came from Williams-ton Saturday.

Mr. S. A. Quinerly came from near Ayden Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Moya, of Greenville, was in Kinston today.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Mallison returned to Pine Grove Saturday.

Mr. Hoge Irvine returned from Morehead City this morning.

Mr. J. B. Dawson returned from Lawrenceville, Va., Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Creech left this morning to cure tobacco at Richlands.

Miss Rena Haywood, of Trenton, is visiting at Mr. R. P. Claytor's.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Phillips left this morning for Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Felix Harvey and son went to Morehead City Saturday.

Master Dallas Ball went to Grifton this morning to spend a month there.

Mr. Chas. T. Harper and Miss Zella Waller are visiting near Snow Hill.

Mr. A. P. Gwynn, of Reidsville, came Saturday to visit at Mr. W. T. Barber's.

Mrs. Plato Collins and little daughter, Miss Lucile, went to Falling Creek this morning.

Mess. S. I. Wooten, of near LaGrange, and W. P. Korneyay, of Mt. Olive, were in Kinston today.

Miss Sallie Betts, who had been visiting at Dr. F. A. Whitaker's, returned to Ayden this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wooten went to Morehead City Saturday. Mr. Wooten returned this morning.

Mrs. V. A. Wilson, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Mewborne, returned to Pisfstown this morning.

Miss Maggie Rose, of near Fremont, came Saturday for treatment at Dr. Hyatt's Sanatorium. She returned this morning.

Misses Pattie and Hattie Parrott left this morning to attend the University summer school at Chapel Hill. Miss Pattie was recently elected one of the teachers in the Kinston graded school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Oettinger and daughter, Miss Clara, went to Newbern Saturday. Mr. Oettinger and daughter returned this morning. Mrs. Oettinger left for Penmar, Md., to spend the summer.

Negro Tried to Break In.

Anderson Hyatt, son of Dr. H. O. Hyatt, had a singular experience Saturday night about 12 o'clock. He was sleeping up stairs, with his bed next to a window, when he was awakened by a man coming in the window. He jumped from the bed and seized his rifle, but by this time the man fled. There is a large tree next to the window, which Anderson had nailed planks on. A person could climb up this tree easily and get into his room. Some think that Anderson had a bad dream, but he sticks to it that it was a negro man trying to get in his room.

Marriage Licenses Issued During June.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the month of June:

Not a license was issued during the month to any white couple in the county.

COLORED.

Spencer Dixon and Ada Isler, Lewis Greene and Bertha DeGraffenreid, Allen Geady and Leticia Patterson, James Lawson and Bess Davis, Julius McEly and Addie Underwood, David Whitfield and Berta Williams.

Old papers for sale at this office.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some is Fresh, Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spoilt.

A 13-year-old boy named Thomas killed his sister and aged mother near Athens, Alabama, Saturday.

The catch of shad on the American coast this year is estimated at 13,000,000, an increase of 150 per cent. over 1885.

Property worth \$300,000 on the river front in Brooklyn was burned Saturday. It took the firemen six hours to get the fire under control. The building was of brick, four stories high, in which was stored 12,000 bales of cotton, valued at \$300,000.

In the court of Patrick county, Va., Saturday C. J. Thompson, L. D. McMillan, Madison Montgomery, Jr., H. I. Montgomery, Robert Montgomery and W. M. Branch, all white, were convicted of murder in the second degree in lynching Lee Puckett, white, for attempted criminal assault on a young lady. Puckett was a discharged lunatic. Thompson was given six and the others five years each in the penitentiary. The jury was out only thirty minutes. This is said to be the first case of its kind in Virginia.

A disastrous flood occurred in the section around Calvert, Texas, Friday night. The streams and rivers overflowed their banks and much property was destroyed by the flood. A number of lives were lost. So far only five bodies have been recovered, all negroes. A large number of houses in the lower part of the city are flooded. The railroad bridges at both ends of the town were destroyed. It is reported that the Little and Big Brazos rivers have met. It is impossible to get between the two rivers to ascertain the extent of the damage in the intervening country. The water is said to be from sixteen to twenty feet deep in many places. In the Calvert coal mines camp the water is six feet deep. The damage to property is incalculable.

Union City, Ill., a small town built and occupied by miners, was burned Saturday night, after a battle between the union men and imported negro miners, who were fired upon at Fredonia Friday. Seeking revenge for the killing of a woman and the wounding of twenty men in their party, the negroes raided Union City at midnight. They opened fire on the homes of the union men. The latter promptly replied. The battle lasted until the union men were driven from their home and took refuge in a clump of timber close to the village. The non-union men at once applied the torch and the village was destroyed. The negroes then advanced on the woods, where the union men were concealed and until daylight a fusillade was kept up between the factions. No lives have so far been reported lost in the engagement. Reinforcements have gone to the aid of the union miners. Troops have been sent to the scene of trouble.

Special Notices.

Mince Meat and Gelatine at Hub Cummings'.

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