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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

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."

Donald Lassiter, a desperate negro, was convicted at Oxford last week and sentenced to be hanged October 4th, for a burglary committed 13 years ago.

Floyd Utley, a young white man, attempted to rape a colored girl at China Grove Thursday. He was arrested and bound over to court in a bond of \$400.

At Marion, Saturday, a verdict of \$6,000 damages was given against the three C's railroad for killing Mrs. Knipes. The road appealed to the supreme court.

Some of the Republicans are trying to have Mr. W. H. Chadbourn removed as postmaster at Wilmington, because he told the truth about conditions in Wilmington last fall.

It is said that the corporation commission will order the Southern railway to give better division in compliance with the Jim Crow car law—to furnish a service similar to the A. C. L. and the Seaboard.

Louisburg Times: The old Methodist church building is being torn down this week, and work will soon begin on the new church. We learn that the Methodists will hold services in the court house while the new church is being built.

Mr. Bass Lewis and Miss Jane Fulghum were going home from a picnic at Lee's Chapel, Wilson county, one day last week, when a tree being cut down fell in the road, contrary to the woodman's calculations. It killed the horse and broke both legs of the young man and young lady.

Raleigh sues the Southern railway for \$3,222. A young lady, the victim of a runaway accident, received her injury by being thrown against a trestle support. She got damages from the city. Now the latter sues the railroad, alleging that the distance between the trestle supports was improperly narrow.

Rufus Alston, Robert Rankin and John Clapp, all negroes, were arrested Saturday at Greensboro charged with criminal assault on Roberts McMurray, the 10-year-old daughter of a colored female school teacher. There was evidence of conspiracy among the three negroes. They are confined in jail to await trial in August. The girl is badly injured.

Fayetteville Baptist: If the Dukes were to give all they possess to Trinity College they could not atone for the damage they have done to the boys of the country. The cigarette is an evil, and no amount of philanthropy (?) by the manufacturers of them will lessen this evil. So long as the physicians declare the cigarette a neck and neck evil with whiskey we cannot help classing the manufacturer of the cigarette with the whiskey distiller.

Considerable interest has been developed at Hickory by the disappearance of D. W. Whiteaker, a well known citizen of Catawba, who lived near Hickory. Without any warning he left on the west-bound train Monday night. Some damaging reports about his conduct have been leaking out ever since. He was executor for the estate of Wm. Hawn, deceased, and it is said was short about \$1,500 in his accounts. He had been notified of a motion before the clerk to require him to give a bond, when he started off on his pleasure trip.

The Trust Business Not Doing So Well.

Charlotte Observer. Every now and then we have evidence to support the belief that the trust business is being overdone and that it is possible that the evil will largely take care of itself. The New York Journal of Commerce has recently given a list of such concerns which have suspended and another which it calls the doubtful list. The suspended list includes:

	Proposed Capital
National Woolen Co.....	\$50,000,000
Sheet Steel and Iron Mills.....	50,000,000
United States Varnish Co.....	50,000,000
Carpets.....	50,000,000
American Ry. Equipment Co.	22,000,000
Champagne Houses.....	50,000,000
Plumbers' Supply & Lead Co.	35,000,000
Eastern Jewelers.....	25,000,000
Gas Fixtures.....	15,000,000
Boston Breweries.....	15,000,000
Pacific Coast Biscuit Co.....	5,500,000
Saratoga Mineral Waters.....	4,500,000
Flour Manufacturers.....	6,000,000
Connecticut Oyster Plants.....	5,000,000

While the doubtful list includes concerns proposed to be capitalized in the aggregate at \$275,000,000.

Not only have a good many plans been suspended, while others are doubtful, but there are yet other consolidations which are going through at half or less than half the capitalization originally proposed. For instance, the United States Worsted company, which incorporated for \$70,000,000, is glad enough to begin business with \$36,000,000; the American Hide and Leather company will be satisfied with \$41,000,000 instead of \$70,000,000, and the manufacturers of fine writing papers, we are told, took out a charter for \$28,000,000, "though \$42,000,000 was counted on at the time of organization."

And so there is hope after all of deliverance from some of what the Louisville Courier-Journal calls "this brood of devil's chickens."

Too Much Taken For Granted.

The publisher of a newspaper has one thing to sell and one thing to rent. He has the newspaper to sell and the space in his columns to rent, says the San Diego (Cal.) Tribune. Can any one inform us why he should be expected to give away either the one or the other? He can if he so chooses, and he does as a matter of fact, furnish a great deal of space free. But it does not follow that he ought to be expected to do so. It ought to be recognized as a contribution exactly as would be the giving way of sugar or coffee by a grocer. But, strange to say, it is not looked upon in that light at all, and yet everybody knows that the existence of a newspaper depends upon the rent of its space and the sale of the paper, as a merchant's success depends on selling his goods instead of giving them away.

National League Games.

SATURDAY.			
Pittsburg 6,	Washington 5.		
St. Louis 3,	Brooklyn 6.		
Cincinnati 9,	New York 8.		
Chicago 6,	Philadelphia 7.		

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Brooklyn.....	59	27	.684
Boston.....	53	32	.613
Philadelphia.....	51	35	.593
St. Louis.....	50	35	.588
Baltimore.....	50	35	.588
Chicago.....	46	38	.548
Pittsburg.....	44	43	.506
Cincinnati.....	42	42	.500
New York.....	35	48	.422
Louisville.....	34	48	.415
Washington.....	32	57	.360
Cleveland.....	15	72	.172

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JOHN R. SMITH ON THE STAND.

He Relates An Interesting Story: Persuaded to Swap Places and Then Not Given Promised Raise of Salary.

Raleigh, N. C., July 29.—John R. Smith, ex-commissioner of agriculture, was the witness today before the investigating committee, and was on the witness stand three hours. He said he had been requested by members of the board of agriculture last December to put some more fertilizer inspectors on duty, on the ground that there were frauds, the suggestion coming from members of the board. He put on three more, the latter to be members of the board, and put on Brady, Flow and another. His idea was that this was done to give the board men jobs. He said he did not know of J. M. Allen's bill of \$18 for buying and inspecting carpets and spittoons. As to farmers' institutes he said it was his custom to find out about what their expenses would be and give them a check in advance, and then make up a report. He had no control of any money at all, he said, except \$760 for farmers' institutes. There was some money, about \$450, drawn from the treasury by persons who held institutes. D. Reid Parker got \$4 a day for 68 days. John R. said he not only had no control of any money, but had to look out for his own pay. He was asked to show his itemized account of expenditures for institutes and said he had one, but did not know where it was. Secretary T. K. Bruner said he had made search for the account, but could not find it. John R. said Loge Harris took a great deal of interest in the department, but that he thought Loge was pretty well paid for his interest. John R. said rumors of extravagance had come to him, but that he had nothing to do with them. He expressed the belief that the agricultural department could be run much more cheaply than the fusionists had run it. John R. was asked why he had changed his office, from penitentiary superintendent to commissioner of agriculture, and in reply told a very interesting story, to the effect that Loge Harris went to the penitentiary to see him and suggest that he make the change; that his salary would be increased to \$2,500, so he would lose nothing by the deal. John R. said he had never had any direct conversation with the governor; that the governor and himself were not on good terms then. Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson had also seen him at Goldsboro and as his friend and the friend of the governor had advised him to make the change; had in fact insisted on his making it. Then Wm. H. Chadbourn, also a friend of the governor, had telegraphed John R. to go to Wilmington and see him. John R. went and Chadbourn assured him that the change would be better for him and that the governor desired it. John R. finally decided to make the change, and placed his resignation as penitentiary superintendent in Judge Robinson's hands. But his salary was never increased, he told the committee. He did not say anything about it, save to suggest to the board of agriculture that the latter ought to fix it. Matters went along, and there was yet no raise. Then he talked with a lawyer here about it. The lawyer talked with Loge Harris and the latter told John R. that he thought it would be best for him at that juncture not to press the matter. So poor John R. was buncoed out of his money. When he and Loge had this talk it was after last fall's election and things looked mighty bilious.

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Rubber Stamps, Seals, Etc.

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BONUS ITEMS.

July 31, 1899.

Mr. Joe Spence, of Dover, is visiting his uncle, Mr. Jim Gray.

Miss Laura Green spent the past week with Miss Ida Phillips and returned home yesterday.

Miss Ida Harrison has returned from Olivers and Newbern, where she had been visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. C. E. Forlines preached a very interesting sermon at Shady Grove yesterday and at Lynwood last night.

Let's Vote Bonds and Have Progress.

Some have an idea that it is showing manliness and big will power to fail to vote for bonds, because someone has told them not to notice intimations that they who oppose are "mossey-backs" and "unprogressive."

We do not wish to offend anyone, but it is a fact that Kinston's progress, especially in establishing co-operative manufactories has been in spite of secret work against such movements—blows struck in the dark at efforts being made by our progressive citizens along that line. The Orion Mills and the Kinston Cotton Mills were successfully established in spite of such opposition, and now all of our people see what aids they are to Kinston's prosperity and what good investments they are to the stockholders. Vote for bonds tomorrow, and future results will testify to the wisdom of your vote.

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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 Spillit.

There is said to be a combine of the duck cotton mills with a capital of \$16,000,000.

The glass trust has raised the price of glass another 5 per cent., making an advance of 30 per cent. since June 20th.

The plant of the La Crosse, Wis., Wallis Carriage Works was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Loss \$75,000; insurance \$25,000.

Bryson, Jameson & Co.'s timber yards and Samar & Co.'s grain warehouse, at Hull, England, were destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss £120,000.

The work of the Samoan commission is said to be of no real effect. There are renewed hostilities between the rival candidates for the kingship.

A trolley car ran away while going down a hill at Spring City, Pa., Saturday night, and dashed into a building at the foot of the incline. At least 25 persons were more or less seriously injured.

In an interview at Houston, Texas, Friday, Hon. J. W. Bailey said: "I am fully persuaded that the national administration has entered into a full and complete agreement for an alliance between England and the United States. This alliance, in my opinion, is to be both offensive and defensive. I think the reason it has not been published to the world is that for political reasons the president is afraid to do so."

The Washington Post says: Gen. Miles will ask Secretary Root for a speedy decision as to the relations existing between the general commanding the army and the secretary of war. He is now preparing his side of the case, which will be submitted to the new secretary. The condition which has existed in the war department since the campaign in Porto Rico is reviewed, showing that Gen. Miles, while major general commanding the army, has had little or no voice in the management of the affairs of the army, and it is stated that with the incoming secretary he hopes the present condition will improve.

A special from Jackson, Ga., says the three Mormon elders who were taken away from the home of Wm. Cunnard at Newton factory, Jasper county, Wednesday night, escaped from the mob while crossing a creek in that county and are now safe near Jackson. They are suffering from many bruises and injuries sustained in a fight with their captors. They swam down the creek, hotly pursued by the mob, finally escaping and making their way through the country to the home of friends. It is not thought here that the mob intended to lynch the Mormons, but was intent on escorting them out of the county.

Danville Stabbed Himself.

Durham Herald. All other markets in this State and Virginia having refused to join the Danville warehouse trust, there is a great deal of curiosity to know what that town will do about it and how the would-be trust is going to control the tobacco markets of the two states. At present it looks like that Danville, in her attempt to crush the other markets, has unintentionally received a stab from which it will be hard to recover.

Old papers for sale at this office.