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CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

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

Concord beat Tarboro playing ball Tuesday, 5 to 2.

Charles Woodell was murdered in Robeson county Sunday morning from ambush. He was riddled with shot.

A case of smallpox is reported from Richmond county. The patient is Bill Luther, a negro who had been in the United States army in Cuba.

Congressman C. R. Thomas has nominated for appointment as cadet at West Point Mr. Wentworth N. Pierce, of Warsaw, Duplin county. The examination at West Point will be held August 23d.

News-Observer: Gov. Russell was allowed to name the new postmaster at Wilmington because he had appointed Senator Pritchard's father superior court judge. "You tickle me and I will tickle you."

Statesville Mascot: The crop prospect in Iredell and surrounding counties is a gloomy one. The rains were delayed too long for a full crop. Wheat and oats have yielded less than half what they should. With it all, the indications are that prices will again rule low.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Col. H. C. Wall, of Rockingham, whose untimely death is so greatly and generally deplored, was probably the wealthiest man between Charlotte and Wilmington. His estate is said to be worth \$250,000. Besides this he carried at least \$35,000 life insurance.

Gov. Russell offers a reward of \$400 and the town of Red Springs a reward of \$100 for the arrest of John and Charles Monroe, two mulattoes, for the murder of William Atkinson, the town marshal of Red Springs, on Friday, July 21. A negro has been arrested at Norfolk, Va., thought to be one of the murderers.

The dead body of a white man named Gregory was found by the side of the Norfolk & Carolina railroad Tuesday morning, about one mile from Tarboro. It is supposed that an outgoing freight train ran against the man, though there were clear signs of foul play. Many believe that the man had been killed and put near the track.

The Goldsboro Argus announces the death of Mr. Ed. B. Hood, treasurer of Wayne county, aged 62 years. He was the father of Mr. George E. Hood, of the Goldsboro bar, and Mr. Paul Hood, of the Western Union office. He was a fine officer, an unswerving Democrat and a devoted Methodist. The county commissioners elected Mr. George E. Hood to succeed his father.

Winston Tobacco Journal: It has transpired that at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association, held at Asheville, N. C., interesting action was taken. The story goes that it was duly resolved not to handle the goods of the tobacco, the sugar and one or two other trusts. This is not a bad lead off, and the presumption is that if these few are attended to all right that later on a boycott will be pronounced against trusts in general. The worst of the whole crowd have been picked out for the initiatory work in this line.

Wilmington Messenger, Aug. 8th: A comet or some other manner of strange heavenly body was seen last night, to the great startlement of many of our citizens. It was about 10:20 o'clock when

the fiery body loomed suddenly into sight in the eastern sky and went quickly zigzagging its path across the heavens and disappeared in the west, leaving behind a hazy smoke and many startled, and in some cases terrorized people. The luminous body resembled a comet and was blue in color. Its head and body combination was on the order of a star, and for about 20 feet behind streamed its bright blue tail, lashing about like the tail of a kite in the wind.

A special from Greensboro says: In some of the Sunday papers of the State there appeared statements in regard to the treatment of certain eastern companies in the firemen's tournament here last week, which are calculated to mislead those who are not acquainted with the facts. It is not true that the eastern companies were treated unfairly by the western companies, or that the Newbern or Goldsboro companies were robbed of any honors in Greensboro. It is a fact that members of these two departments left Greensboro Saturday morning in a very boisterous and ungentlemanly manner. At the depot they were swearing and drinking, making themselves nuisances to decent and law-abiding people. Members of the association tell me that, with the exception of the teams from Newbern and Goldsboro, there was less dissatisfaction and kicking at this tournament than has been known for years.

A Clever Little Dog.
A curious illustration of canine intelligence—and its limitations—was observed by a writer in The Outlook a few days ago. Passing down a street he saw a fine Alredale terrier lying down and with both forepaws and muzzled nose scrubbing the surface of an iron grating with a bone, as if to bring it to a high state of polish. The owner saw and explained. The grating is just over a cellar in which the terrier sleeps. His muzzle prevents him from attacking bones to advantage by day, so he brings the bones of his finding to the grating, hoping to push them through and gnaw luxuriously when unmuzzled at night. But the little chap had but the vaguest ideas of the size limits of the grating, and, as the ordinary sizes of bones go, he must have had at least two failures to every success. Yet, with real terrier ingenuity, he turned even his failure to account, for after vigorously trying every hole in the grating he would quietly stop, lick the entire grating clean of the grease and meat juice rubbed off the bone, then rub off another layer and repeat the licking.

A Millionaire Jockey.
Ancient Rome had its racing and its popular and well paid jockeys. Betting ran high, and the excitement of the people over the races and their favorite color frequently led to bloodshed. Caligula—he who made a consul of his horse—passed most of his time rioting with the charioteers.

The circus was the place for the racing. The largest of them, the Circus Maximus, about 21,000 feet long, could accommodate 480,000 spectators. Seven times was it necessary to race round the spina, a low stone wall running down the center of the circus. The jockeys drove in a light chariot—usually four in each race—and wore close fitting tunics and leather caps of distinguishing colors.

That the profession was a paying one we learn from ancient writers, money prizes and wages being paid. The jockey Crescens, at the age of 23, had amassed a fortune, and Diodes, king of jockeys, left to his son more than \$1,000,000.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Not the Usual Story.
"Say, there was an actress left \$5,000 worth of jewels in a street car here the other day."

"Oh, another of those advertising dodges, was it?"

"No. The jewels were worn by a lot of women who were returning from a South Side reception, and when the actress left the car the owners of the diamonds and other precious stones were still aboard."—Chicago News.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

Curbed to Its Present Area. No Danger Of Spreading. No New Cases.

Portsmouth, Va., August 8.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald wires to parties in Portsmouth this afternoon that Surgeon Gen. Wyman says: "The whole situation is most encouraging. The disease in the Home and at Phoebus is well in hand. The danger of it getting out, is practically over. No danger in Norfolk or Portsmouth."

In an interview today with a reporter of the Portsmouth Star, Dr. F. S. Hope, chief quarantine officer of Norfolk and Portsmouth, said: "I believe you can safely say now that there is no possibility of the fever spreading beyond the present point of infection. On this point both the health boards of Norfolk and Portsmouth quarantine officials and the United States marine hospital officials are unanimous in their opinion. Quarantine may be lifted next Sunday."

Official Advice.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Official advice from Old Point and Hampton, Virginia, to the marine hospital service state that no new cases of yellow fever have occurred in that vicinity since the one reported at the Soldiers Home yesterday and that there have been no deaths.

IN A SERIOUS LIGHT.

The Italian Authorities' Report on the Louisiana Lynching Atrocity.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The state department has received from the Italian authorities here a copy of the report made by the Marquis of Romano, secretary of the Italian embassy, on his investigation of the lynching of five Italians in Louisiana. The report presents the affair in a serious light and shows that the Italian authorities view the occurrence as one of unusual atrocity. It contends that there were no mitigating circumstances; that Dr. Hodges first drew a weapon, and the first shot fired by DeFatta was in defense of his fallen brother, and not a wanton attack.

Describing the affair in detail, the report points out that sometime after the first two men were lynched the mob made a second and then a third visit to the jail, from whence they removed and lynched the three other Italians, all of whom, it is contended, were in ignorance of the assault on Dr. Hodges.

Conceding some extenuating circumstances in the lynching of the two men immediately concerned in Dr. Hodges' killing, the Marquis of Romano contends that the lynching of the other three was a thing of particular atrocity.

A PROMPTED VERDICT.

Sent Jury Word the Prisoner Would Be Lynched if They Did Not Hurry.

Pulaski, Va., Aug. 8.—Noah Finley, the negro who robbed and attempted to kill Maj. Durst at Duplin, a few days ago, was sentenced today to be hanged September 14. The jury was out 15 hours. It was reported they could not reach an agreement. A party of citizens notified them if a verdict was not rendered by 10 o'clock this morning the negro would be lynched. The verdict was brought in promptly at the specified time.

Judge Townsend, in New York last week rendered a decision in favor of the International Tooth Crown company against Dr. James Orr Kyle, a dentist, in which the judge sustains the validity of the company's patents on all operations known as "tooth crowns" and "bridge work," and allows the company to collect royalties on all infringements. Claims estimated at \$10,000,000 are affected. The Dental Protective association has resolved to fight the decision to the bitter end. The dentists all over the country are deeply interested in this matter.

A Case of Confused Telepathy.
A very remarkable occurrence has been brought to my notice. Early last week a well known lady, who shall be called Jones, dreamed a ridiculous dream, as inconsequential as most dreams are.

Mrs. Jones dreamed that a dog of hers had died and that she received an official communication ordering her either to cremate the remains or to herself skin the animal and throw the body into the river. Mrs. Jones chose the latter alternative, but having half skinned the body and becoming tired threw it as it was into the water. The dog disappeared for an instant and then reappeared on the surface alive, and swimming across to the opposite bank trotted off, evidently in great suffering. There ends the dream.

The next morning the postman brought several letters. The first one was addressed to Lewis Jones, Esq.—there being no such person—and ran as follows: "Sir, your dog crossed the river last night on to my property, but being very severely injured it was found necessary to kill it. Should you wish to have the collar, which bears your name and address, I shall be happy to send it to you."

No dog belonging to Mrs. Jones had died nor had she lost one.—London Truth.

Famous Old Gamblers.

In the latest history of gambling in England, just published, there are some astonishing revelations as to the amount of money won and lost by men and women whose names are as familiar as household words early in the present century. There are records of \$200,000 having been lost at a sitting, and the loss of £50,000 appears to have been a very common occurrence.

A gambling story is told of Charles James Fox that rather reflects on his honor. He was one of the ardent admirers of Mrs. Crewe, a noted beauty of her day, and it is related that a gentleman lost a considerable sum to this lady at play, and, being obliged to leave town suddenly, gave Mr. Fox the money to pay her, begging him to apologize to her for his not having paid the debt of honor in person. Fox lost every shilling of it before morning. Mrs. Crewe often met the supposed debtor afterward, and, surprised that he never noticed the circumstances, at length delicately hinted the matter to him.

"Bless me!" said he. "I paid the money to Mr. Fox three months ago."

"Oh, did you, sir?" said Mrs. Crewe good naturedly. "Then, probably, he paid me, and I forgot it."—Boston Herald.

Two Students and a Thief.

Some months ago two hungry university students in the south of Russia, coming home to their one bare room after a hard day's work for their living, caught a thief running off with their books. "Are you the fellow that stole other books of ours yesterday?" they asked.

"I am, little fathers, but hunger and want drove me to it. I am starving."

"So are we, brother, or next door to it, and you ought not to have hit upon us as your victims."

"Well, your door is more easily opened; that's how it is," was the answer.

"We want those books for our examinations, brother; so you must get them back for us. But as you are cold and hungry now come in and join us in our supper. It is not much, but such as it is you are welcome. Here are 20 copecks for the beer. Run and fetch it."

And the three ate and drank together, for hospitality is a religion and charity its foundation.—London Telegraph.

Judicial Ignorance.

"Did the clock stop when you dashed it down cellar?" asked the police judge of the man who was charged with being disorderly.

"Of course it stopped. Did you suppose it went through to China?"—Detroit Free Press.

Built That Way.

"The worm will turn," she said. "Of course," he replied. "The worm is built on a plan that makes turning comparatively easy. It's more or less of a turn itself."—Chicago Post.

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 Spilt.

Revolution has broken out in big force in San Domingo.

Ex-Gov. Wm. Y. Atkinson, former governor of Georgia, died Tuesday at his home at Newnan, Ga., aged 45 years.

Russia has abolished the Siberian exile system, which has been in existence for 308 years. In that time 1,500,000 persons have been banished to that region.

Near Greenville, S. C., Sunday night one white man and five negroes were wounded, as a result of the negroes rioting because they thought a member of their race was to be lynched.

The American delegates to the recent peace conference have offered on behalf of the United States to erect near the English church a peace chapel, with a stone to commemorate the conference. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

James Grant Hall, of London, who was in Chicago Monday said: "More than \$10,000,000 of English capital has been invested in Cuban tobacco plantations. English firms control the Cuban tobacco market and the importers of Havana tobacco will have hereafter to look to the English for the goods."

Admiral Dewey has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the city of Washington and elaborate preparations are under way to make the event notable. A feature will be the distribution as souvenirs of copies of the application which Dewey, then commander, made at the time of the Virginia affair in 1873, to be assigned the duty of capturing Manila, a task he brilliantly accepted twenty-five years later.

The New York Times says that the formation of a glove trust, with a capital stock of \$20,000,000, is assured. It will be organized on different lines from other combinations of capital, and its creation will mark an era in the glove trade because not only will the members engage in the manufacture of ladies' fine gloves, not heretofore attempted in this country on a large scale, but they will make a strong bid for foreign trade, which they believe will be successful.

F. B. Nichols, formerly vice president and general manager of the Old Howard Harrison Pipe Works at Bessemer, Ala., is heading a company which will build a new cast iron pipe works in Bessemer district. It will be built largely by local capital and will not affiliate with the trust. The plant will have a daily capacity of not less than 100 tons and will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. Mr. Nichols was thrown out of the Howard-Harrison company when it entered the trust.

A statement prepared at the war department shows that by October 22nd there will be at Manila, or on the way to the Philippines, 46,000 men. They will all reach the islands before the beginning of the dry season. The troops to be sent from this country are ten regiments of volunteers, amounting to 13,000 men; recruits for skeleton regiments organized in the Philippines, 1,900; recruits for regulars, 3,500; eight troops of the Third cavalry, 965; marines, 400. Beginning and up to October 22nd, there will sail from the Pacific coast seventeen transports, with a carrying capacity of 693 officers and 17,870 men, which will include nearly all the organizations above named.