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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."

At Charlotte Tuesday Union, S. C., beat Tarboro playing ball, 8 to 7, in an eleven innings game.

Conley Shadrack, a young white man of 20 years, was drowned in Mitchell's pond, Mecklenburg county, Sunday.

A bale of new cotton was sold at Wadesboro Monday at 7 cents. A bale of new cotton was sold the same day at Morven at 6 1/2.

Superintendent Summerville of the Northampton convict farm sues the News-Observer for \$5,000 libel for its article published charging cruelty to convicts.

President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, wants to become well acquainted with the farmers and their sons, and so, as soon as the college work is well under way, he will attend the farmers' institutes held in different parts of the State.

Charlotte News: The negro, Duran, who had his skull smashed by a wooden leg, has been discharged from the hospital and is nearly well again. This is quite an unusual case, as a piece of the skull four by five inches had to be taken out. The pulsations of the brain can plainly be seen through the hole in his head. The plate that is to take the place of the extracted bone will be put in next week.

The Burlington News tells of a lively scene and much interest at the depot one night lately. A corpse of a negro man was expected. One wife appeared in sorrow. Soon after her arrival there, another colored woman with a baby in her arms came in and sadly took a seat, holding a handkerchief to her eyes. She was there on the same sad mission. But as the train stopped, another colored woman carrying a baby in her arms stepped off the train. All three, each without noticing the other, marched up to the coffin, and there, mid the noise usual to a passenger depot their hearts gave vent to its feelings over the loss of a true husband. When it was discovered that the body belonged to all three of the mourning widows the train left for Haw River.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: The water-works company and the city have not yet settled the dispute over the bill for city water last winter when the water was so bad that it could not be used even for washing purposes. The city will put the company's property on the tax books, at a valuation of \$100,000, then enter suit against the bond of the company for breach of contract and forfeiture of franchise. It was not known before that the company was not on the tax books. Some claim that the \$100,000 is far too small a tax valuation. Its bonded indebtedness is \$250,000. Bonds for \$281,000 have been floated at 6 per cent. It costs the company \$25,000 annually to operate its plant. They pay \$14,000 interest annually on its bonded indebtedness.

Rubber Stamps, Seals, Etc.

The Free Press has taken the agency for one of the largest rubber stamp and seal factories in the country, and is prepared to show cuts of and quote low prices on rubber stamps of all kinds, check perforators, corporation and notary public seals, steel stamps, stencils, etc

A Vindictive Reptile.

The fer-de-lance is found on the islands of Martinique and Santa Lucia, where the natives counteract its virus with a decoction of jungle hemlock, and the basis of its grewsome reputation seems to be the fact that it does not warn the intruders of its haunts, after the manner of the cobra or the rattlesnake, but flattens its coils and, with slightly vibrating tail, awaits events.

If the unsuspecting traveler should show no sign of hostile intent, he may be allowed to pass unharmed within two yards of the coiled matadore, but a closer approach is apt to be construed as a challenge, and the vorator, suddenly rearing its ugly head, may scare the trespasser into some motion of self defense—he may lift his foot or brandish his stick in a menacing manner. If he does, he is lost. The lower coils will expand, bringing the business end, neck and all, a few feet nearer; the head "points" like a leveled rifle, then darts forward with electric swiftness, guided by an unerring instinct for the selection of the least protected parts of the body.

And the vindictive brute is ready to repeat its bite. For a moment it rears back, trembling with excitement, and, if felled by a blow of its victim's stick, will snap away savagely at stumps and stones or even, like a wounded panther, at its own body.—Popular Science Monthly.

A Silent Rebuke.

A curly haired small boy sat in a Fourteenth street car just at the time of the day when the cars are most crowded on Thursday afternoon. A worn looking woman, evidently his mother, sat beside him. At Fifteenth street a particularly buxom woman of middle age crowded into the car. There was no seat for her, and she stood glaring at the boy. Later her displeasure vented itself in words, and she expressed herself freely to the woman who stood next her about women who let their children occupy seats while ladies are standing. The worn looking woman flushed, but made no move to have the boy surrender his seat. The buxom woman still glared and still expressed herself with extreme frankness. The boy sat still. At N street the mother rang the bell. As the car stopped she put her arms around the boy and lifted him to his feet, half carrying him to the door.

"Won't you take this seat?" she said to the buxom woman. "I am just taking him home from the hospital."

And as the car rolled on the buxom woman looked warmer than the weather warranted.—Washington Post.

Dirt For the Dirty Ones.

"In several of the provincial towns," writes Mr. Ransome, "one finds hotels said to be conducted on the foreign principle and certain Japanese hotels have a foreign side. The European accommodation in such places is, as a rule, terrible. The rooms are dirty, the beds are rickety, the bedclothes are apparently seldom washed and the tables and chairs are seldom capable of standing on more than two legs at a time.

"When I first went to Japan I could not understand how, on the foreign side of the Japanese hotels, the accommodations could be so inferior, when the Japanese portion was kept scrupulously clean. One would naturally think that a people whose houses were so spotless would revolt at having a portion of their premises in a filthy condition.

"But, as explained to me by the landlord of one of these hybrid establishments: 'Foreigners are dirty by nature. They go about their houses in their boots, and consequently they cannot wish to have their rooms kept in proper condition.'—Literature.

Canada has a forest area estimated at 1,250,000 square miles, or 800,000,000 acres, the largest forest area, so far as the woods of commerce are concerned, of any country of the world. Its forest production is \$85,000,000 annually.

When a wise prophet predicts the end of the world, he invariably puts it so far in the future that no one he knows will live to contradict him.—Chicago Tribune.

NEGRO COLONIZATION.

A Proposition to Settle Them in this State.

Charlotte, N. C., August 14.—E. J. Young, colored, general secretary for the People's Benevolent and Relief association of North Carolina, with headquarters at Charlotte, has a practical plan for solving the race problem. He proposes to organize a colonization society in North Carolina. The society proposes to buy up waste land where it can be secured in large tracts, far away from any railroad, and to divide this land into ten acre and twenty acre farms, and settle families there where they may thrive by honest toil. He desires that the race follow more generally agricultural pursuits; that the idle of the race may be put to work, believing that putting men to work will leave no time for crime.

STILL FURTHER INCREASE.

More Regiments to Be Formed and Volunteers to Be Rushed to Manila.

Washington, Aug. 15.—While it has been definitely determined to raise five additional volunteer regiments, it is well known that Secretary Root has under consideration a still further increase and may decide to enlist seven, or even ten, regiments in addition to the thirteen now authorized. Plans contemplate sending all volunteers to the Philippines without delay, the five additional regiments to follow closely the ten now nearly organized. More transports will be procured, and the names of four have been submitted and they may be secured within a few weeks.

TWO BATTLES WITH INDIANS.

Mexican Troops Engage Yaquis and Defeat Them After Sharp Fighting.

Guaymas, Mexico, Aug. 15.—Mexican troops have met the Yaqui warriors and two battles have been fought. On August 10th Gen. Torres came upon the Indians at Vicam and some sharp fighting followed. Thirty-seven Indians were killed and the Mexicans lost 10 men. At 5 o'clock Friday a second engagement was fought, when Torres, with the twelfth battalion, came upon the enemy near an abandoned camp. There was hot firing for a time, but the Indians fled, leaving 70 dead. Torres was slightly injured. Three Mexicans were killed, 13 wounded.

BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

Chinese Troops Defeated and Many of Them Killed in the Fight.

Hong Kong, Aug. 15.—Official advices from Canton say that a desperate fight has occurred between a force of 500 Chinese soldiers and a band of robbers 1,000 strong, at Cotkon, on West river. The robbers were victorious, killing 250 soldiers. A force of 2,000 troops has left Canton for the scene.

Dominican Revolutionists Gain a Victory.

Havana, August 14.—General Juan Isidro Jimenez, the aspirant to the presidency of the republic of Santo Domingo, has received, it is reported, news of a decisive victory of the revolutionists near Monte Christi, which place is now besieged. The garrison there may offer some resistance, as the governor last year shot six adherents of Jimenez after the revolution that failed.

Her View of It.

The conversation had flagged a little, and he felt it his duty to say something.

"In an address made in Boston," he remarked, "a reverend gentleman greatly deprecates the use of arms."

"Bostonians are so cold, anyway," she returned spiritedly, "that love-making on that plan may satisfy them, but he fools himself if he thinks it ever will be popular elsewhere."—Chicago Post.

A Lucky Bit of Tin.

Telling of a narrow escape from death which he had recently experienced, a railroad switchman said:

"I was leaning up against the end of that blue box car over there, thinking of what I was going to have for dinner, when I thought I saw a silver dollar lying in the street about ten feet away from me.

"I knew there was a shifter on the same track, but I thought it was down on the wharf at that time. I hadn't more than stepped away from the end of that car when the shifter bunted into it and drove it ahead about 20 feet. Say, suppose I hadn't seen that silver dollar and started for it. Where would I have been now? Yes, a man that is working around the cars has got to pay strict attention to business.

"Oh, I forgot to tell you that that silver dollar was only a round piece of tin, but it served its purpose just as well as the real thing could have done. I'm going to wear it on my watch chain for a charm. It ought to be better than a rabbit's foot."—Portland Express.

A Few Requisites.

The hired girl out of a job cast her eagle eye over the want notices of the newspaper. "Wanted, Wanted, Wanted," she read in one or two line ads straight down the column, shaking her head at intervals as if disappointed in her search. Finally her face lightened as she saw a headed notice in another column of more pretensions than its fellows.

She turned to it and read eagerly. Then she threw the paper from her.

"What's the matter?" asked the girl with her.

"Read that." And she gathered up the sheet and handed it over to the other one, who read this notice:

"Wanted—A young and strong woman of good disposition and habits, obedient and knowing her place, willing and ready, active and efficient, to cook, wash and iron, do general housework and take care of children. Evenings and afternoons off when possible. Apply, with references, etc."

"Well?" said the reader.

"It's not well at all," responded the one looking for work. "That man, whoever he is, is advertising for a wife, I should say from the advertisement, and I'm not looking for that kind of a job. Just a plain hired girl's place is good enough for me."—Washington Star.

He'd Better Trade Her Off.

There is a certain Yorkshire man who has won considerable fame and some wealth as an expert handler of horses. He is also the possessor of a pleasant home, a charming wife and a bright 8-year-old boy.

The latter is the delight of his father's heart, and the little fellow not only knows lots of horse talk, but takes a keen delight in a mild attempt at holding the reins over a fast gee.

The wee horseman has picked up the habit of calling his parents by their first names, and the way in which he utters them is decidedly cunning.

One day not long ago his father came home in a hurry and found the luncheon wasn't ready.

"What do you think of that, my small man?" he cried laughingly as he tossed the 3-year-old in the air. "Here's papa come home in a terrible hurry and no luncheon ready. What ought we to do with such a terrible mamma?"

The little fellow's eyes sparkled. "Trade her off, Harry; trade her off!" he shouted.—Pearson's Weekly.

Too Joyful.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat says that a woman with her colored maid was recently traveling on a train. When the train started, the girl appeared to be in a fever of excitement. The conductor, the plush seats of the car, the sights from the window—everything was of absorbing interest. To the surprise of her mistress, Sallie, when food was offered her, refused to eat. An hour or two went by, and a sandwich was again offered to her, but she still refused. "What is the matter, Sallie?" asked her mistress. "Are you sick?" The girl rolled up her eyes ecstatically. "Oh, no, missus," she answered, "I ain't sick; but I can't eat when I'm trabbelling! It's too joyful like!"

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.

The cigar manufacturers lockout at Tampa has been declared off and all the factories are at work.

The suspicious disease, believed to be bubonic plague, which broke out in Portugal recently, has become epidemic.

Through 1897 silver averaged in price 60 cents per ounce. Last year it was but 58 cents. It is now worth 60.07 cents.

There are pretty good indications that the war managers in Washington are planning to get rid of Otis as commander in the Philippines.

The damage done by the Texas flood is now placed by E. J. Holmes, statistical expert of the agricultural department at Washington, at \$7,414,000.

At Pineville, Ky., four Mormons were forced to leave by angry citizens. In Wise county, Va., Mormons were warned to leave but would not. They received severe whippings with awitches.

A fire Monday destroyed a large part of the business section of Borea, a village 14 miles southwest of Cleveland, Ohio. Twenty-one business places were burned. The loss will be about \$100,000, with no insurance.

Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta, has made a solemn promise to the councilmen not to take another drink during his term of office, and to resign if he fails to keep his promise, and proceedings against him have been dropped.

By the burning of the Tucson Springs hotel, near Red Bluffs, Cal., one life was lost and \$40,000 worth of property destroyed. Miss Belle McKenzie, an employe, aroused many guests, but tarried too long in the building and lost her life.

John A. Campbell died in New York last Friday. He was a "Christian Scientist," with two of the so-called healers with him. A legal investigation is to be made. Mrs. Annetta Flanders died at Chicago. She was a victim of "divine healing." Two disciples are accused and gave bail.

At least five volunteer regiments are to be raised for service in the Philippines in addition to those now organizing. Complete plans are being made for the transportation and equipment of these additional regiments, and recruiting will begin as soon as those now organizing are fully equipped. It has been thought best to have some regiments in reserve in case more than 50,000 men are needed in the Philippines.

Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, who was shot at Rennes, France, Monday, is now believed to be out of danger, and may recover quickly. An adjournment of the trial will be asked and granted to allow him to appear and confound the enemies of Dreyfus. The assassin is still at large. The pockets of the wounded man were rifled by a supposed accomplice, but the papers in the Dreyfus case were not secured, for Labori grasped them tight!

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