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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."

Lightning killed a negro and a mule near Milburnie, Wake county, Tuesday afternoon.

The saw and planing mill of G. W. Ford, near Louisburg, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. Loss about \$1,500; no insurance.

It is found that the state officials erred in observing Monday as labor day, as the law says the first Thursday in September, instead of the first Monday.

The village of Portsmouth, south of Hatteras, is to be abandoned and its residents will settle near Beaufort. The storm has drowned out the village and the surf comes up to the very doorsteps of the houses.

Rocky Mount will in the near future erect a water plant that will cost about \$50,000. Moore and McCrary, of Atlanta, have received the contract. Their bid was \$49,000. Work will begin in thirty days and will be pushed to an early completion.

Greensboro Telegram: By a dreadful mistake Mr. C. R. Doggett, a prominent citizen of Brown Summit, Guilford county, Saturday night administered a big dose of morphine, instead of calomel, to his three-year-old child. The little one died a few minutes after the dose was swallowed.

Monroe Journal: We are told that a certain farmer in this county, who, with the aid of his wife, cultivated a two-horse farm, resorted to an unusual method of taking care of the baby while the mother was helping in the field. He prepared a box for the baby, fastening it to the plow stock, so when the father was plowing and the mother hoeing, the baby was riding.

National League Games.

TUESDAY.

Washington 10, Philadelphia 18.
Chicago 13, Pittsburg 7.
Cincinnati 19, Cleveland 3; second game—Cincinnati 9, Cleveland 7.
New York 5, Brooklyn 16.
Boston 4, Baltimore 8.
St. Louis 4, Louisville 4. Called on account of darkness.

Cooper Union, New York, was jammed full of enthusiastic Democrats Monday night. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Bryan and the Chicago platform.

His Idea of It.

"Don't you fear the strong arm of the law?" asked the friend.
"Not always," answered the pugilist who was engaged in preparations for a meeting. "There's no doubt about the law's having a strong arm, but it's like the rest of us. It spends a great deal of time talking things over when it might be reaching for some one's solar plexus."—Washington Star.

Haunted.

Little Virginia—My mamma says you live in a haunted house.
Little Winnie—The ideal! We don't either. Nobody ever heard of a ghost being inside of our house.
Little Virginia—Yes, but it's always haunted by a crowd of collectors.—Chicago News.

Courtesy of the Game.

"To what may I attribute the honor of this call?"
"A pair of aces."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Application for a Public Road in Neck Township. The Tax Listers Ordered to Meet Sept. 9th. Jurors for the Special Term. Payments Ordered.

The board of county commissioners met at the court house in Kinston on Monday, Sept. 4, 1899, it being the first Monday in said month, all the members of the board being present.

It was ordered that James Dupree be appointed to collect the tax, included in the insolvent list for 1898, and that he be required to give bond.

George Curtis was released from paying poll tax for the year 1899.

It was ordered that Simon Aldridge be released from paying tax for the year 1898.

An application was made asking for a committee to lay off a public road in Contentnea Neck township, crossing Mrs. Pattie Hill's land, leading toward Grainers station. Action was deferred until next meeting to hear complaint, if any.

It was ordered that the listers of each township meet with the chairman of the county commissioners on Saturday, Sept. 9th, to confer with the taxpayers of Vance township concerning the valuation of real estate in said township.

Ordered that license be issued to Fred Fields to sell liquor at his present place of business—at his still in Institute township.

C. B. Taylor and James Williams were appointed as road overseers for Neuse township.

Geo. L. Kilpatrick presented his bond as cotton weigher, with Drs. F. A. Whitaker and H. O. Hyatt as sureties.

A motion was made and carried that Mr. Abbott make an investigation of the half fee bill.

JURORS FOR SPECIAL TERM.

The following were drawn as jurors for the special term of court, commencing Monday, Sept. 18, 1899: J. A. Rhem, V. A. Rountree, J. W. Worley, C. C. Dunn, E. M. Herring, E. H. Waller, R. E. Quinn, S. A. Wooten, Claud Bright, R. B. Howard, Parrot H. Mewborn, J. T. Kennedy, W. N. Perry, S. J. Kornegay, Ed Hunter, A. W. Taylor, J. T. Skinner, H. D. Stanley, Howard Phillips, Jas. H. Stallings, Zack Howard, N. B. Wooten, Aretus Jones, J. I. Davis, Albert H. Sutton, Aretus Williams, J. B. Loftin, A. J. Davis, T. R. Rouse, J. M. Aldridge, John H. Avery, John W. Pool, E. O. Allen, J. A. Croom, S. C. Gooding, A. G. Tyndal.

PAYMENTS ORDERED.

The following amounts were ordered paid out of the general county fund:
J. B. Temple, treasurer, for aged and infirm, \$178.75
J. C. Wooten, for taking lunatic to asylum, 16.80
R. C. West, 3 days as officer of jury, 6.00
W. H. Cobb, putting up court house bell, 29.62
W. D. Suggs, making out and duplicating tax list, 315.72
Stephen McCoy, keeping ferry, 2.00
W. J. Freeman, aged and infirm, 1.50
Mrs. H. C. Bailey, boarding jurors, 48.90
W. I. Sutton, arrest and sundry expenses of Herbert Moore, 16.70
Dr. R. W. Wooten, sundry coroner's expenses, 44.80
B. F. Herring, Jr., attending Hardy bridge, 3.00
James F. Hill, work for jail, 3.00
Sallie Bryant and Lynda Outlaw, aged and infirm, 2.00
J. D. Gardner, attending iron bridge, 7.00
KINSTON FREE PRESS, printing and publishing, 35.74
Sheriff J. C. Wooten, jail acct., 102.20
Dr. W. T. Parrott, medical attention to prisoners, 12.75
J. G. Cox, account filed, 6.65
H. Y. Williams, account filed, 5.05
Amelia Ventice, aged and infirm, 2.00
Einstein Bros., carpet for court room, 25.36

D. K. Stanley, aged and infirm, 1.00
R. K. Noble, one day as com. and 30 miles travel, 3.00
A. T. Dawson, one day service as com. and 22 miles travel, 2.60
S. H. Abbott, 2 days as com., 3.50
W. D. Suggs, 37 orders, 1 day as clerk to board and acct. filed, 13.59
Isaac Taylor and Ephraim Quick were paid \$2 each for aged and infirm.
J. W. Grainger, W. C. Fields and L. Harvey were paid \$2 each for 1 day on finance committee.

The following amounts were ordered paid out of the road-tax fund:
D. T. Fordham, work on road, 35.25
John F. Harper, " " 11.00
Jesse Tyndal, " " 3.45
Bryant Williams, " " 13.20
T. M. Aldridge, " " 6.00
Elias Sullivan, " " 12.82
J. F. Rouse, " " 10.95
W. G. Ubanks, " " 7.45
N. W. Herring, " " 2.25
Simon Foss, work on county road and lumber, 34.03
Moses Spivey, repairing Grifton bridge, 58.82
W. P. Gilbert, work on county road, 15.94
J. R. Croom, work on road, 2.00
John W. Foss, building bridge across Bear creek, 42.25
J. T. Harrison, work on road, 15.80
George West, " " 14.58
C. Howard, " " 5.20

The following amount was ordered paid out of the fence fund:
Wm. Garris, working on county fence, 2.61

On motion the board adjourned.
W. D. Suggs,
Clerk to Board.

Peril in Stamp Boxes.

A girl I know is betrothed to a young officer in the navy, and as his birthday is near at hand she has bought a pretty little stamp box in silver to give to him, but she is not going to give it to him, after all.
"Daughter," her father said to her, "if you wish that young man well, never give him a stamp box. You couldn't give him anything more dangerous. A man would better carry dynamite than stamps. One of the bravest officers in the navy has been for 20 years paying the penalty of his folly in carrying stamps. Everybody knows who he is. Years ago he received an order from the department which displeased him very much. He knew to whom he owed it, and he sat himself down that same night and expressed himself frankly on paper to the man he blamed for the obnoxious order. He had a stamp, and so he sent the letter off in that night's mail. If he hadn't had a stamp, he would not have mailed the letter till morning, and if he had kept it till morning he'd never have sent it at all and he would not have paid the penalty of 'sassing' the department.
"Don't send the young man a stamp box. The officer I've been telling you about says that his experience taught him never to carry stamps, but the trouble about the wisdom experience brings is that it usually comes too late to be of any use. Don't encourage the young man to carry stamps. It isn't safe."—Washington Post.

Close to Nature.

The West Virginia mountaineer lives very close to nature, and viewed from many standpoints the relation is characterized by pleasing amenities. Juicy berries refresh him along the road; nuts drop into his path; "sang" (ginseng), which makes one of his sources of revenue, reveals itself to his eye as he follows the cows to pasture; a cool brook springs up to quench his thirst when weary of following the plow; pine knots are always within reach to make light as well as warmth; mud and stones easily combine in his hand to shape a daub chimney and a trough dug out of an old tree furnishes a receptacle that is as good for dough at one end as for a baby at the other.—Popular Science Monthly.

An Ugly Story of Uruguay.

Here is one of Robert Crawford's stories about Uruguay. "Two men surprised a farmer and his wife in their little hut while it was broad daylight. The man was seized and bound, and the two villains proceeded to torture him to make him disclose the hiding place of his hoard. The wife begged and pleaded as the horrors increased, the man proving obdurate.

"Finally she said she would tell them where the treasure was if they would follow her. One of the two accordingly went over to the chest in the corner with her. She opened it, fumbling about inside of it for a moment until she found what she was looking for. In another moment the thief at her side was dead and his fellow covered by a large revolver in the hands of a small but eager woman of the people. He got away before she could quite make up her mind to shoot him too.
"Then the husband was released and the neighbors, some miles away, called in. Word was finally taken to the central police authority of the state; the officers came, viewed the dead thief—and identified him as their attorney general. It is not unlikely," Mr. Crawford adds, "that his accomplice was the judge of the criminal court."

A Thrifty Damsel.

A spirit of thrift was shown by a young woman who entered a car with sundry boxes and bundles. Another young person came in at the next station and recognized her.
"Oh, my, who is to be married?"
"Nobody, and me last of all."
"Then what are the flowers for?"
"A funeral. Our teacher died, and we girls put together to get this wreath."
"Poor thing! Did she know she was going to die?"
"I don't think so." Then, after a pause, she added cheerfully, "But she does by this time," all being said in a most unconscious way.
"How much was the wreath?"
"Two dollars and sixty cents. I only had two twenty-five."
"Did you pay the difference?"
"Dear no. I made him give me it for \$2, so I saved my own quarter I put in, but I'm going to make the girls think I paid two sixty."
"Well, that's right; the wear and tear is worth a quarter surely."—Observer.

Investigating Grandpa.

A grandfather, well known in the English house of commons, was chatting amiably with his little granddaughter, who was snugly ensconced on his knee.
"What makes your hair so white, grandpa?" the little miss queried.
"I am very old, my dear; I was in the ark," replied his lordship, with a painful disregard of the truth.
"Oh, you are Noah?"
"No."
"Are you Shem, then?"
"No, I am not Shem."
"Are you Ham?"
"No."
"Then," said the little one, who was fast nearing the limit of her Biblical knowledge, "you must be Japhet."
A negative reply was given to this query also, for the old gentleman inwardly wondered what the outcome would be.
"But, grandpa, if you are not Noah or Shem or Ham or Japhet, you must be a beast."—New England Home Magazine.

A Slight Misunderstanding.

"Smithkins," said the employer, "you may take a month off."
"Oh, sir," replied the clerk as soon as he could command his voice, "it is so good of you to suggest it! I have felt the need of a rest for some time, but have hesitated to ask for it, knowing how busy we are. But it will do me no end of good, and I thank you most heartily for your consideration."
"Smithkins," said the employer, "are you crazy?"
"Why, no, sir. Didn't you say I might take a month off?"
"Certainly that is what I said. This is the first of the month, while last month's calendar remains over your desk. Take last month off and keep up to date. That's what I meant."

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 sail boat was sunk Monday night near the mouth of Halifax, N. S., harbor and seven lives were lost.

There is to be a big match company to fight the match trust. It will enter the field with \$1,000,000 capital.

Atlanta claims to have overcome the mosquito nuisance by oiling the pools about the city in which they incubate.

People going to Philadelphia during the exposition this fall may expect, so far as the exposition is concerned, to "rest on the Sabbath day and keep it holy." The authorities have determined to keep the place closed on Sunday.

A dispatch from Newport News, Va. Sept. 4, says: Fire destroyed the Hampton Female College this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$30,000. The building was valued at \$20,000 and the furniture and library at \$10,000. A stock company owned and conducted the institution. Insurance \$10,000.

One of the most successful collectors in Cork Ireland, has just died. He was a big St. Bernard dog which belonged to a children's hospital, for which he collected. He carried attached to his collar a little barrel into which contributions were dropped. His collections amounted to something over \$5,000.

The manufacture of "artificial lumber" is one of the new industries in this country. The lumber, which is intended mainly for inside work in building and railroad cars, is made by some patented process, and is said to be fire-proof. A \$12,000,000 company has just been organized under the laws of Delaware to control the business.

A dispatch from Brunswick, Ga., Sept. 4, says: Last night a band of negro men called out and flogged a negro woman who had been living with a Chinaman. The woman was warned that she must not return to the Chinaman's house. Several other negro women have been warned that their relations with Chinamen must cease. The black regulators have determined to draw the color line on the Orientals.

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