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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."

James F. Davenport has been appointed postmaster at Pactolus, Pitt county.

The body of an unknown negro was found in the river at Wilmington Monday.

John Sutton, charged with killing a Tennessee sheriff, has been captured, and is in jail at Waynesville.

The rate of one cent per mile has been granted by the railroads to the State fair at Raleigh in October.

Gov. Russell expects to attend the "Dewey day" celebration at New York, and has invited several State officers to accompany him.

J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, sailed from New York last week for Europe, to take a short vacation of rest and recreation.

The first shipment of cotton from the Atlantic coast this season was made on Monday from Wilmington. The South Africa sailed with a cargo of 12,628 bales, weighing 6,384,262 pounds, and valued at \$414,976.

Twins—girls—were born to a colored inmate of the penitentiary Sunday morning. The woman has been in the pen for many years, and gave birth to a son in the prison several years ago. While the investigating committee are investigating they might make inquiries into this incident.

Walter K. Debnam, of Durham, has brought suit against the Southern Bell Telephone Co. for \$20,000 damages. Last May he was struck on the head by a pair of large pliers, dropped by a lineman up on a pole. Mr. Debnam was rendered unconscious from the blow and remained so for some time.

Goodman D. Brinkley, of Yadkin county, was found by a policeman Tuesday near the Norfolk and Western track, east of Winston. He had been shot, the ball entering the edge of his left eye and coming out near the temple. He was so intoxicated that he could not tell who did it. He is not expected to live.

The State crop report for September, from 1,200 correspondents, shows a heavy decline in the condition of cotton. This crop fell off 15 points in August, as compared with July, and now it declines 20 points from its August condition. Its present condition is only 75 per cent. of an average crop. Tobacco is 87, corn 85, peanuts 85.

Capt. B. G. Fisher, owner of the Benbow House at Greensboro, which was burned recently, has sued the Greensboro Water Supply Co. for \$30,000. He alleges that the loss of the Benbow House by fire was due to insufficiency of water pressure, and that during the first half hour or three-quarters of an hour of the fire the water could not be thrown higher than 10 feet.

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LENOIR COUNTY'S WEALTH.

Grand Totals of the Taxable Property Returned in June, 1899.

230,661 1/2 acres land, value...	\$895,835.00
985 1/2 town lots.....	518,519.00
1,505 horses.....	58,941.00
1,374 mules.....	54,805.00
3 jacks and jennets.....	330.00
841 goats.....	488.00
3,458 cattle.....	21,688.00
18,122 hogs.....	15,521.00
1,015 sheep.....	751.00
Farming utensils.....	13,192.00
Mechanical tools.....	3,302.00
Household and kitchen furniture.....	76,267.00
Provisions.....	70,712.00
Firearms.....	3,799.50
Libraries.....	3,818.00
Scientific instruments.....	1,275.00
Cash on hand.....	117,399.75
Solvent credits.....	141,445.00
Shares in corporations.....	34,970.00
Cotton.....	3,510.00
Tobacco.....	49.00
Turpentine and rosin.....	180.00
Dogs.....	185.00
Brandy and whiskey.....	1,340.00
Musical instruments.....	11,561.00
169 bicycles.....	2,156.00
Plated and silverware.....	986.00
Watches and jewelry.....	5,888.00
Other personal property.....	225,001.00

Lincoln's History of Himself.

"In the papers of the late Charles Lanman," says the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, "there is an autobiography of Mr. Lincoln written in his own hand. Mr. Lanman was editor of The Congressional Directory at the time Mr. Lincoln was elected to congress and, according to the regular custom, forwarded to him as well as to all other members elect a blank to be filled out with facts and dates which might be made the basis for a biographical sketch in The Directory. Mr. Lincoln's blank was returned promptly, filled up in his own handwriting with the following information:

"Born Feb. 12, 1800, in Hardin county, Ky.
"Education defective.
"Profession, lawyer.
"Military service, captain of volunteers in the Black Hawk war.
"Offices held: Postmaster at a very small office, four times a member of the Illinois legislature and elected to the lower house of the next congress."

He Needed a Shave.

He had been out so late the night before that he did not know at what hour he had come home. When he awoke, he was curious to learn just how "rocky" he looked. He accordingly reached out for the silver backed hand mirror that lay on the table beside his bed.

Instead of the mirror he got hold of the silver backed hairbrush. Not recognizing his mistake, he took the brush up and gazed at the bristles for a moment. Then he felt of the silver back and then stared back at the bristles.

"Good heavens," he murmured at last, "but I need a shave!"—San Francisco Argonaut.

South American Revolutions.

Whenever the South Americans desire a change of administration they hoist a flag on a pole and march into the main street of the city. If the crowd becomes too formidable to be overcome by a military demonstration, the administration capitulates, and the outs take the place of the ins. It is often the only way of changing the administration, because the ins have the military and can carry elections to suit themselves.—Baltimore American.

The Old Man's Retort.

"You don't have any ruins in this blawsted country," said the British scion to his future father-in-law.
"No," said the old man, "we don't. And you won't have any left in England if your noble army of titled paupers can marry enough rich Yankee girls to put new roofs on your old castles."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

OUR INDUSTRIAL ISSUE.

Some of the Nice Things The Press of The State Has Said.

Littleton News-Reporter: We are in receipt of Industrial Issue of THE KINSTON FREE PRESS of September 2nd. It is a handsomely gotten up 36 page paper; and does credit to its able managers as well as those who have contributed to its success.

E. City News: The current commercial edition of THE KINSTON FREE PRESS is before us. It is neatly gotten up, profusely illustrated, and truthfully points out the many advantages for investment in this thriving little city. Kinston is in the midst of the tobacco belt, is doing a large manufacturing and mercantile business, and THE FREE PRESS, in the hands of such an enterprising publisher as W. S. Herbert, with his corps of assistants, lets the world know it.

Raleigh Post: If seemingly a little late we are none the less sincere in congratulating our friends of THE KINSTON FREE PRESS upon the truly admirable piece of work recently issued by them as an Industrial Edition of their paper. The preparation of the matter which filled its pages descriptive of the town, business enterprises and business men, social, religious, educationally and county public buildings and institutions, was excellently done as the mechanical work was admirable, all displaying ability, good taste and skill. On the whole the publication was a revelation to those of us who have had no opportunity of personally witnessing the rapid development of that town and section. And too much credit cannot be given the public-spirited editor and publishers of THE FREE PRESS, whose daily edition would do credit to much larger communities. The Post sends greeting, with best wishes for FREE PRESS, its editor, its progressive town and section.

Candidates For Office.

Wilmington Messenger.
From a recent publication we learn that the number of senatorial self-sacrificing patriots who are willing to sit in Marian Butler's seat, is unusually large. But considering all things it may be a matter for surprise that the number is not greater. To be a U. S. senator with \$5,000 a year is not "to be grinned at," especially as the effort to make end's meet each year is becoming more difficult with the passing years. And then, let it be borne in mind Americans naturally take to office as a child to its mother's milk, and like the titles and the court paid by snobs and office hunters. The list is not yet complete perhaps, but at present the following names appear among candidates: Chairman F. M. Simmons, Gen. Julian S. Carr, ex-Thomas J. Jarvis, Josephus Daniels, Col. A. M. Waddell, Frank I. Osborne, B. Glenn, Locke Craig, and possibly others. The self-sacrificers who may be persuaded to be a candidate for Governor, if solicited by the State Convention, are said also to be numerous. They are given up-to-date as Charles B. Aycock, H. M. Justice, Lock Craig, Robert D. Gilmer, E. W. Pou, Frank I. Osborne, Charles M. Busbee, ex-Chairman Smith, ex-Chairman Manly, and our townsman, Col. Waddell, is named also for the place. He will hardly be a candidate for both places. There will be probably other aspirants in the field in the course of the next six months. You know as a general rule that wherever there is a Barkis he "is willing."

National League Games.

TUESDAY.
Philadelphia, 13; Cleveland, 0. Second game—Philadelphia, 8; Cleveland, 4.
Washington, 7; Cincinnati, 3. Second game—Washington, 5; Cincinnati, 4.
Brooklyn, 11; Pittsburg, 8.
Baltimore, 3; Louisville, 5.
New York, 5; Chicago, 12. Second game—New York, 6; Chicago, 5.

The Power of the Whale.

If the whale knew its own power, it could easily destroy all the machinery which the art of man could devise for catching him. It would only be necessary for him to swim on the surface in a straight line in order to break the thickest rope, but instead, on being struck by the harpoon, he obeys a natural instinct, which, in this instance, betrays him to his death.

Not having an air bladder, he can sink to the lowest depths of the ocean, and, mistaking the harpoon for the teeth of a swordfish, or a shark, he instantly descends, this being his manner of freeing himself from these enemies, who cannot bear the pressure of a deep ocean, and from descending and ascending in small space he thus puts himself in the power of the whaler.

If we include the pressure of the atmosphere, a body at the depth of 100 feet would sustain that of 60 pounds on the square inch, while one at 4,000 feet, a depth by no means considerable, would be exposed to a pressure of 1,830 pounds. We need not, therefore, feel surprised that on the foundering of a ship at sea, though its timbers part, not a spar floats to the surface, for if the hull has sunk to a great depth all that is porous is penetrated with water or is greatly compressed.—Omaha World-Herald.

The Tide Ran Away.

The humorist had been tied hand and foot and lashed to a pile that projected a dozen or more feet above the water at low tide.

He had dared to perpetrate an original joke, and the Paragraphers' Amalgamated union had decreed his death.

In vain he wriggled.
The cruel waters were rising beneath him. The tide was coming in.

"I'm afraid," he murmured as he looked down and noticed that the little waves were lapping at his shoe—"I'm afraid that one tied will not affect the other." And he laughed harshly. "Anyway," he added a moment later, "I'll stick to my post."

The tide rose faster. It was at his knee, his wrist, his elbow, his neck!

Just as it reached his chin he gave one final glance across the sparkling waves and muttered:

"Well, it seems to be up to me now."
Whereupon the tide turned and ran out.

He was saved.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Flowers Under Artificial Light.

Nearly all flowers in which there is a notable proportion of blue are unattractive when seen under artificial light. Hence purple and lilac flowers do not usually look well at night, though there are exceptions owing to the intensity of the red in some purples, which comes out well at night and causes them to appear as crimsons. Yellows invariably lose brilliancy, and pale yellows become bad whites under gaslights, but reds and crimsons and all shades of pink and white retain their beauty, and, as a rule, green leaves are pleasing under any light.

Their Appreciation.

The barnstorming crew had not eaten for two days and two nights. Suddenly the eldest soubrette appears with a quantity of eggs.

"Where did you get them?" breathlessly inquired the heavy man.

"I got them for a mere song," she replied. And it was even so. She furnished the song and the audience furnished the eggs.—Chicago News.

Paradoxical.

"Doctor," said the patient who runs to useless philosophical contemplations, "ague, it appears to me, is one of nature's contradictions."

"How so?"

"It gives you the shake and yet it stays right with you."—Detroit Free Press.

Out of His Sight.

"Get out!" commanded her father. "Don't let me ever see you here again."

"Very well," replied the confident young man. "Your daughter can tell you the nights I am to call, and you can arrange to be out until I leave."—Philadelphia North American.

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.

McGovern whipped Palmer yesterday at New York for the light-weight championship of the world, and a \$10,000 purse.

An insane man caused a panic in a church in Huron, Ind. As the minister began praying he began shooting out the lights.

A syndicate in Chicago has offered Dreyfus \$4,000 a night for fifty nights, or \$200,000 to come to America and lecture, in case he is released.

A dispatch from Manila says the mayor of Imus has disappeared, and it is supposed he joined the rebels on the promise of receiving a generalship. He was a colonel in the insurrection of 1897.

While 20 men were unloading a car of steel rails on the Cumberland Valley railroad, near Newville, Pa., Tuesday, a bolt broke underneath the car, upsetting it on the men. One was killed and five injured, some of the latter fatally.

The judges of the Dreyfus court martial have, by mutual agreement, expressed to the president of the republic, through Gen. Lucas, the commander of the army corps at Rennes, their sincere desire that Dreyfus would not be submitted to a fresh degradation.

Abraham Stringley died recently in Missouri, aged 93. He never gave a note, never took a dose of medicine from a physician, and never voted anything but a Democratic ticket. He voted for every Democrat candidate for the presidency from Jackson to Bryan.

A crowd of whites, full of whiskey, went to a negro camp-meeting in Lancaster county, S. C., Monday night, and fired into a crowded church. The negroes returned the fire and the whites scattered. Two whites and a number of negroes were seriously wounded.

BLACKBURN AND GOEBEL SPLIT.

Bryan, Altgeld and Stone Agree Not to Speak for the Regular Ticket.

Louisville, Sept. 12.—Senator Blackburn has withdrawn from active participation in the Goebel campaign, and the breach between Goebel and Blackburn is pronounced. Blackburn spoke today, but confined himself to national issues.

A bombshell was exploded among the Goebelites tonight when it was announced that Altgeld, Bryan and Stone had reached an amicable understanding and had agreed not to speak for Goebel in Kentucky. All will champion Blackburn's election to the senate. Altgeld agrees not to come to Kentucky to support Brown if this pledge is kept.

Bryan is said to be open in his belief that Goebel is in the McLean conspiracy to defeat him, and Blackburn has proof that Goebel has made a compact with Carlisle to defeat him.

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