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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."

Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, is the largest tobacco planter in the world. He had 3,000,000 hills of tobacco this year. The condition of the crop is good.

Greenville Reflector: Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Harry W. Whedbee and Miss Sallie Lipscomb on the evening of Oct. 4th at 9 o'clock in the Greenville Baptist church.

Wilmington Star: It will be no surprise to the Star if, three years hence, over half the land on and near the line of Wilmington and Weldon railroad now devoted to strawberries is planted in tobacco.

The grand jury of McDowell county criminal court has indicted two of Richmond Pearson's witnesses in his contest for W. T. Crawford's seat in congress for perjury. The charge is they swore falsely concerning the election last fall at Old Ford precinct in that county.

Geo. Sloan, ex-cashier of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Co., has returned to Wilmington. It will be remembered that Sloan skipped several weeks ago, taking only \$100 of the bank's money, for which he left ample collateral. His departure is attributed to mental aberration caused by overwork.

Willis Lee, white, who was shot by Deputy Sheriff Roberts of Wayne county, while resisting arrest, died in Goldsboro Monday. The coroner's jury finds that "Roberts" was acting in self-defense and no blame whatever can be attached to him, but that he rather should be commended for the faithful discharge of his duty."

Gov. Russell pardoned J. B. Barnes, of Nash county, last April. This pardon has just come to light. Barnes was sentenced in 1897 to seven years' imprisonment for criminal assault upon a woman, who at the time was his ward. The reasons given for the pardon included proofs of loose character by the woman, that the prisoner's death is probable, and his wife is the chief sufferer. Nine jurors petitioned for his pardon.

Greenville Reflector: Addison Parker, a colored man who worked for the Eureka Lumber Co., on their tram road a mile above Falkland, was killed about six o'clock Tuesday evening. The man was helping to unload a lot of cross ties as the train was moving slowly to distribute the ties, and one of the timbers knocked him off the car so that he fell on the track right in front of the wheels. The front trucks ran over his head, crushing it terribly. The man lived but a short while after the accident.

A thrilling tragedy occurred at the high trestle on the line of the Southern near Clifton Mills, No. 3, Monday afternoon. A force of bridge hands were working near the middle of the structure. John Shepard, colored, one of the force, lost his balance, shot through the air to the creek-bed below, a distance of 120 feet. The unfortunate man struck the water with terrific force, and for a few minutes disappeared. A few feet below where Shepard struck, the body of the unfortunate man rose. Several workmen climbed down and found that death must have been instantaneous. The trestle is the highest between Washington and New Orleans.

Where Does the Consumer Come In?

Charlotte News. This is a time of the greatest prosperity, the manufacturers tell us. The price of everything into which iron, steel, copper or leather enters has risen enormously in the past few months.

A buggy drummer told the writer that on September 1st there was a uniform advance in buggies of \$5 each; and he added that since that time he had not sold half a dozen buggies. How this kind of prosperity appeals to the people who use buggies, the manufacturers do not say.

Lumber and all building materials have advanced in price greatly in the past few months, and the lumbermen are happy. The people who are building houses and have to pay higher prices for the material do not look at it in exactly the same light.

All kinds of machinery have advanced from 10 to 40 per cent. This is probably very gratifying to the machinery men. But how about the man who is building a new factory? How does he like the advance?

In all this rush of prosperity where does the consumer come in?

Cotton does not advance. Nothing we have to sell in this section has advanced. And we are paying higher prices for most of the things we have to buy.

Is 8-Cent Cotton in Sight.

Atlanta Constitution. The general advance in the price of all products except cotton suggests that this one staple alone cannot fail to be benefited by the general advance.

Is 8-cent cotton in sight?

This question is not merely asked because it is our desire that such a price should be reached, but because of the assurances which we have that the spinners, through whose hands it has to go in order to reach the world, could afford to pay that price for it, and still make good profit. The natural market price of any raw material is that which leaves a sufficient margin for handling in its manufactured state. That this condition has been reached in regard to cotton is admitted by those best qualified to know, and hence the time has come for the farmer to get his dividend of the public surplus.

If 8-cent cotton should materialize, it will set in motion the greatest business revival we have experienced in years. The strongest whip the bears have held over the cotton farmers was that of debt. If our merchants and bankers will stand in with our farmers during the next few months, a period of great prosperity will be assured to the south.

Dreyfus Will Be Pardoned.

London, Sept. 13.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle claims to have good authority for the statement that Dreyfus will be pardoned, although the president will not exercise his prerogative until after the meeting of the council de revision. He adds that Capt. Beauvais and Maj. Breen were the only two members of the court who voted for acquittal and it was Capt. Parfait who insisted on the proviso regarding extenuating circumstances.

An African Pocket Handkerchief. I must not forget one particular, unique of its kind, of the most simplified toilet of the Barotsi, the pocket handkerchief. This consists of a thin blade of iron, finely wrought, with the handle of the same material. The whole is perhaps four or five inches long by one or two inches wide, and is hung round the neck by vegetable fibers or tendons. In blowing their noses they use it as a spring with extreme dexterity, which I can say from experience is not a pleasant thing at a camp fire.—"The Kingdom of the Barotsi."

The Baby's Present. Mrs. Lash—What did you get baby for a birthday present? Mrs. Rash—I took \$4.99 out of the little darling's bank and bought him this lovely lamp for the drawing room.

SIMONTON'S COURT.

The Railroad Tax Cases Begun. Temporary Injunction in Favor of A. & N. C. R. R.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 13.—In the federal court here today, before Judge Simonton, the injunction cases of the Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railway, involving ten million dollars additional tax assessment on those systems, which the corporation commission recently fixed and the railroads are fighting, came up for hearing.

Counsel employed by the governor and corporation, commission to defend the suits did not file a formal answer, but submitted a number of affidavits tending to show that the railroads have not carried their just part of taxation, while the property of individuals has been assessed by the county assessors at its true and real value. Counsel for the State announced that a formal answer would not be made until a later date, and it is understood that they will ask that the injunctions be dissolved on the strength of the affidavits presented.

Attorneys for the railroads filed a large number of affidavits from residents of every section of the State, showing that various county officers, following custom and precedent, have only assessed property at two-thirds its full value, and in many instances it was shown that the assessments had been at half values.

Judge Simonton has granted an injunction restraining the State and county officials from collecting the tax levied on the A. & N. C. railroad until a hearing is had, and the road is ordered to pay taxes on the basis of the 1898 assessment.

The above injunction places the A. & N. C. on the same basis as the A. C. L., Seaboard and Southern. The cases for permanent injunctions in favor of none of the roads have yet been decided.

CANNOT KEEP COUNT.

There Are Now Between 300 and 400 Yellow Fever Cases at Key West.

Jacksonville, Sept. 13.—The Key West yellow fever situation is growing worse daily. According to reports today, there are between three and four hundred cases. The exact number is unknown, Dr. Porter, in charge of the situation, in a dispatch to this city today, said that physicians say they are too busy with the sick to report new cases. Two deaths occurred today.

No cases were reported today from Port Tampa or other parts of the State. The sick are receiving the best care and most of them are getting along well. Children now are taking the fever, and, though no deaths have occurred among them yet, Dr. Porter writes that many cases among them are serious. There seems to be no lack of medicines, but, as Dr. Porter says that he has only eighteen physicians, it would appear as if more doctors were needed to aid the great number of sick.

OUR INDUSTRIAL ISSUE.

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

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: On September 2nd THE KINSTON PRESS sent out one of the handsomest and most attractive issues that we have seen by any local paper in the State. It contained 36 pages, all handsomely illustrated. It was designed to show up the advantages of Kinston and Lenoir county, and the work was most admirably done. We congratulate Editor Herbert on his splendid success, and feel sure that it will benefit both himself and the community which he labors to improve.

The great council of the United Order of Red Men is in session at Washington, D. C., this week.

Elegant job printing is turned out at THE FREE PRESS office, at low prices.

Aluminum Clock Hands.

"One of the finest and lightest materials that are now largely used for making clock hands is aluminum," said a leading clock manufacturer recently. "Until recently the pointers of big clocks, when not made of wood, were composed of two thin strips of copper, which were capped or hollowed and then brought together, edge to edge, with the rounded sides out, thus giving strength as well as lightness. The aluminum clock pointers are made just in the same way as the copper ones, but they possess the merit of being twice as light and are far easier to balance.

"It isn't unusual on large clocks to see projecting from the base of the long pointer and in-line with it a rod with a ball at the end, this rod being perhaps a third as long as the big pointer. This rod and ball act as a counterweight for the big pointer, which, without a counterweight, would in its movement around the dial bear unevenly upon the arbor or shaft which carries it. On great clocks and often on big timepieces indoors this counterpoise is placed inside the dial out of sight on the arbor.

"The heavier the pointer the greater the weight required in the counterpoise; the greater the weight the more friction on the arbor, and the more friction the greater the power required to drive the clock. By the use of aluminum pointers these drawbacks are reduced to a minimum."—Washington Star.

It Shrunk.

There is a learned man in Michigan who would rather have a rare specimen from the animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom than a high political office. Working for him is a sympathetic son of Erin who professes as much interest as though he knew all about these things, a bit of shrewdness that nets him many favors. The other day he went rushing to his employer with a letter stating that it was from his brother Mike, a coal miner in Ohio, telling how they had dug out a serpent turned to stone 50 feet long and as thick as a barrel.

The savant never stopped to read. He took the first train and reached the little mining town by the shortest route. The next evening he was back and only grunted when his eager employee greeted him.

"Did yez find the schnake?" ventured his man.

"Yes. The snake in the case is that brother of yours. He's the greatest liar unhung. His serpent 50 feet long and as thick as a barrel was the petrified root of a tree 13 inches in length and half an inch in diameter."

"There's no loirs av our name, sor. It must be the thing shrunk, sor, after they put it in the sun."—Detroit Free Press.

Hard on the Customers.

Guy Duval told the following story to the New York Tribune as an illustration of the irresponsibility of the average Frenchman:

"I was riding one afternoon in the Bois de Boulogne," he said, "when I noticed a tremendous disturbance just ahead of my carriage. Two thoroughly angry tourists were standing in the street rubbing their heads and swearing with an ease and force which convinced me at once that they were Americans. Two empty cabs, which had evidently been occupied by the tourists, were standing near by, and the drivers were hurling indistinguishable jargon at each other, to the delectation of a crowd of onlookers. My driver immediately stopped to join in the excitement. With some difficulty I persuaded him to proceed, and when we were out of sound of the uproar I asked him what the trouble was.

"Why, monsieur," he said, "Jaspard ran into Pierre's cab and scraped some of the paint from the wheel. Pierre was naturally very angry and swore at Jaspard, whereupon Jaspard said, 'If you don't shut up, I'll hit your customer on the head with my whip!' and Pierre retorted, 'If you hit my customer, I'll hit your customer!' Then Jaspard struck Pierre's customer, and Pierre resented the insult by hitting Jaspard's customer."

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 Spill.

The national export exposition was opened in Philadelphia today.

Four men were killed and six injured in a head-on collision on the Rock Island road at South Amana, Iowa.

Secretary of State Hay makes emphatic statement that there is no secret alliance between the United States and Great Britain.

Thomas R. Roddy, a full blooded Irishman, will succeed Black Hawk, who died recently, as chief of the Winnebago tribe of Indians. The new chief's name will be White Buffalo.

Justice Smith, of the District of Columbia, had a negro man whipped. He was charged with attempted criminal assault on a colored girl. The constable executed the sentence in the court room.

Belleville, Kan., citizens stand ready to subscribe \$50 toward paying Capt. Thos. Pbelan's expenses to London to publicly insult Count Esterhazy, and will double the subscription if he kills him in a duel.

While crazed by drink Peter King killed his father and mother, both old people, at Fiskdale, Mass. They upbraided him for drinking. He became angry and got a club and hammered their heads into a pulp. The brute is in jail.

Baltimore, Tuesday, honored Capt. N. Mayo Dyer, former captain of the cruiser Baltimore, with the presentation of a handsome sword, a set of resolutions and a grand parade, in recognition of the service rendered by him at the battle of Manila bay.

Three men were asphyxiated and five others nearly suffocated in Big Bend tunnel, W. Va., Tuesday morning. The accident was caused by the breaking of an air hose on a heavy freight train while passing through the tunnel, causing the cars to stop and remain in the tunnel some minutes. As soon as the train was gotten out the crew discovered the eight men lying by the side of the track in the tunnel—three dead and five unconscious.

National League Games.

WEDNESDAY.
Brooklyn, 4; Pittsburg, 3.
New York, 13; Chicago, 2.
Philadelphia, 8; Cleveland, 2.
Baltimore, 3; Louisville, 2. Second game—Baltimore, 8; Louisville, 4.
Boston, 6; St. Louis, 3. Second game—Boston, 5; St. Louis, 3.
Washington, 4; Cincinnati, 14. Second game—Washington, 6; Cincinnati, 3.

A WONDERFUL CURE OF DIARRHOEA.

A Prominent Virginia Editor Had Almost Given Up, but Was Brought Back to Perfect Health by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Read His Editorial.

From the Times, Hillsville, Va.: I suffered with diarrhoea for a long time and thought I was past being cured. I had spent much time and money and suffered so much misery that I had almost decided to give up all hopes of recovery and await the result, but noticing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and also some testimonials stating how some wonderful cures had been wrought by this remedy, I decided to try it. After taking a few doses I was entirely well of that trouble, and I wish to say further to my readers and fellow-sufferers that I am a hale and hearty man today and feel as well as I ever did in my life.—O. R. Moore.
It is for sale by J. E. Ho-d.