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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."

It is expected that about half the members of the governor's staff will accompany him to New York and participate in the "Dewey Day" ceremony.

The Durham Herald has entered upon its eleventh volume. It has steadily improved and is a credit to the live town in which it is published and the live men who conduct it.

State Treasurer Worth, upon being asked the question whether the \$10 tax on laundries applies to Chinamen and negro laundresses, replies that it does not, but only to steam laundries.

J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, sailed from New York Tuesday on the North German Lloyd steamer Konegin Louise for Europe to take a short vacation of rest and recreation.

The space formerly occupied by the State board of agriculture at the State fair will this year be occupied by a monster furniture exhibit participated in by all the furniture factories of High Point, of which there are twenty-one.

Wilmington Messenger: Advices from Cape Hatteras are that the Merritt Wrecking company's expedition, sent there to save Diamond Shoals lightship, which was stranded during the recent hurricane, is experiencing great difficulty in the work of salvage. Should the weather become bad it may be impossible to save her.

The Smithfield Herald tells of some fine farming in Johnson county. Mr. Polie Gardner will make on ten acres twenty-five bales of cotton. The Herald says that the estimate has been endorsed by the opinions of old and experienced farmers. Upon 15 acres more he estimates that each acre will net one bale—thus resulting in the phenomenal yield of 40 bales upon 25 acres.

A very peculiar case of hydrophobia is reported by the Albermarle Enterprise. About two years ago a dog, seemingly in play with Charles Little, a young man who lived in Stanly county, dropped some foam on Little's hand. Sores broke out on his hand. The dog proved to be mad. Some time ago Little started to Albermarle, but after going a few miles refused to continue further. Later he became mad and was carried to the hospital at Morganton for treatment. The hospital physician diagnosed the disease as a very plain case of hydrophobia, and the young man died in terrible agony last Friday.

M. D. Brinkley was found at Winston Wednesday morning shot in the head, and died that night. He leaves a wife and four children. It is believed that after he was shot he was robbed, as it is thought he had about \$200 with him and it was missing. Eight white men, suspected of knowing something about the shooting were arrested Wednesday to await an investigation. Thomas Reed, Bob Cobler and Tom Hudson were tried before two magistrates Wednesday on the charge of being implicated in the killing of Brinkley. The evidence against Reed is damaging. The three defendants were committed to jail without bail to await the criminal court. Thomas Hudson, one of the three men charged with being responsible for the death of Brinkley, has made a confession. He said Thomas

Reed shot Brinkley; that they engaged in a fight when Brinkley threw one hand to his hip pocket, whereupon Reed fired and Brinkley fell. They did not stop to see how bad he was shot. Hudson says they were all drinking.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: Some of the old students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College played a practical joke on sixty of the freshmen last Sunday, by telling them they were under orders to go to the Baptist Tabernacle to attend the morning service. Four students, in uniform and with arms, appeared and escorted the 60 victims to the church. At the capital square three of the escort "fell out," saying they had to go on guard duty there, but one went on with the freshmen and quite a stir was created as they marched into the church. The solitary escort departed and the freshmen were left to get back unprotected. They told the president that they did not like their escorts thus leaving them.

### LaGRANGE NEWS.

THE FREE PRESS BUREAU, LaGRANGE, Sept. 14, 1899.

Mrs. H. E. Dillon returned from a visit to Wilson today.

Miss Lula Whitfield began teaching a private school Monday, 11th inst.

Miss Lillie Kirkpatrick will begin teaching music at home Monday, Sept. 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Copeland, of Kinston, are visiting at Mr. Shade Wooten's.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian and M. P. churches Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Katie Matthews, of Newbern, has returned to her home from a month's visit at Mr. W. L. Hardy's, in Trent town ship. She made many friends during her stay, who will miss her.

Rev. D. H. Petree spent several days here this week and succeeded in enlisting the co-operation of the business men of the town in establishing a newspaper, to be edited by Mr. Petree and called The LaGrange Sentinel. Mr. Petree has the energy, brains, newspaper experience and the support of our business men—the necessary elements that make success.

A pair of horses, belonging to and being driven by Mr. Bob Wyman, of Snow Hill, got away from him near Mr. D. W. Wood's and ran here, where they were stopped by running against the postoffice, crashing the pole through the window and throwing one of the horses. With the exception of a broken pole and the scare Postmaster Miller got, who shut the door to keep the horses out, the casualties were slight.

Mr. T. Haywood Best arrived on the freight this morning with the remains of his brother, Mr. B. J. Best, who died in Baltimore Wednesday morning, and left at once for Best homestead in Greene county, where the remains will be interred. Mr. Best was a good man, and belonged to one of the most prominent families of Greene county. A profusion of most beautiful flowers, artistically arranged, with a white dove perched above them, accompanied the corpse.

### Simonton Postpones Decision.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 14.—Judge Simonton will not decide the tax case within the next twenty days. He has given the attorneys that much time to file brief if they so desire. No commissioner will be appointed to take further testimony. He considers this as a full hearing, and any appeals from this decision must be to the circuit court of appeals.

### 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.

## 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 new American base ball association is being mooted.

Many prominent men are in attendance at the anti-trust conference in Chicago.

The Transvaal's reply to the last note of the British secretary has been received and is said to be unsatisfactory. War seems almost certain.

The U. S. warship Paraguay captured a Filipino schooner at Balmas, Philippine Islands, recently, after a sharp engagement, though there were no casualties.

Western farmers are intensely stirred over the power of the trusts and are now uniting to fight them. There are said to be 5,000,000 in the fight against these robbers and oppressors.

A negro was lynched at Ty Ty, Ga., Wednesday night by 200 men. He was positively identified as one of the two negroes who assaulted Mrs. Johnson Tuesday. Search for the other negro continues.

The Washington department of agriculture reports the condition of the cotton crop as worse than ever known before. On September 1st it was 68.5. Wheat is also bad off—68.5, as compared with 84 last month.

At Salem, Mass., 200 girls employed in canning factories received 4 cents per basket for peeling tomatoes. They asked for 5 cents, and when it was refused, they struck and paraded the streets, brandishing their knives.

Advices from Kalisch, in Russia Poland, say that 82 persons were crushed to death in a synagogue there, caused by the upsetting of a lamp. The victims were all women and children. Many others were injured.

A cyclone swept over the island of Bermuda Tuesday night. Houses were blown down and others were unroofed. No lives were lost, but heavy damage was done to public and private property, fruit and cedar trees. The causeway was injured badly and the government house was damaged. The storm was the worst known there since the hurricane of 1880. In fact many of the inhabitants say it exceeded the gale of 1880 in violence.

The White Star steamship Oceanic arrived in New York, after making her first voyage across Wednesday. She is 704 feet long—the biggest vessel ever built, registering 17,000 tons. Her engines were designed to develop 45,000 horse-power. Her coal capacity is about 6,000 tons, and she consumes about 500 tons of coal daily. She is rigged with three masts, and is equipped with two funnels, each of 26 feet diameter and 80 feet above her fire grates.

At Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, Mrs. Lula Jenkins filed three suits in the United States court against the sheriff of Ripley county and citizens of Versailles for damages because of the lynching of her husband in 1897. Mrs. Jenkins demands heavy damages. Her husband was lynched with four other men, and Mrs. Jenkins charges the sheriff with aiding and abetting the mob. A long list of citizens of Versailles are set forth as members of the mob.

The transport Tartar has been detained at Hong Kong by British authorities because of being overcrowded. It had 1,145 American troops and 55 cabin pas-

sengers. It is a British ship, but was chartered by the U. S. government. Some discharged volunteers are said to have complained at being overcrowded, causing clearance papers not to be granted. Since the above was put in type the Tartar has been allowed clearance papers. It is expected that she will proceed at once to the United States.

### To the Town Authorities.

The streets are very dusty; The sprinkler's getting rusty; The folks are complaining— Wish it would go to raining And lay this awful dust.

The merchants are kicking; To their wares the dust is sticking. They should have some protection From this great dust infection. Please lay the dust.

Now, our dear city fathers, This dust surely bothers The clerks who are dusting Because the sprinkler's rusting. Please lay the dust.

The above poetical effusion was handed over to publish by a "kicker." Sometimes people kick without cause and sometimes they don't. This is one of the times when they don't. The authorities should "raise the dust" and lay the dust. This is no joke.

### Will Be Pardoned Eventually.

Paris, Sept. 13.—Much surprise is felt here by unfounded rumors afloat in London that Dreyfus has been pardoned. It is fully believed here that he will be pardoned once the court rejects his appeal. It is considered a foregone conclusion that it will be rejected. It is believed that a pardon will be granted promptly if Dreyfus avoids requesting the minister of justice to allow his case to be carried to the court of cassation.

### Conditional Demand for the Pardon of Dreyfus.

Boston, Sept. 13.—The Post today announces that it has received the following private dispatch from Paris: "Generals Roget and Mercier have offered on the part of the army to demand from President Loubet the pardon of Capt. Dreyfus, if the Jewish committee will drop the matter, and on the condition that Dreyfus shall live away from the large cities of France for three years."

### Amnesty to Be Granted Dreyfus and Others.

Paris, Sept. 14.—The judge advocate of council of revision received the dossier today. It is believed the council will render its decision in a fortnight when, it is rumored, the government will immediately grant amnesty to every one connected with the Dreyfus affair, including Dreyfus, Colonel Picquart, M. Zola and General Mercier.

### He Took the Hint.

General Harrison, in 1880, sent Dr. Bedloe of Philadelphia to Canton as consul. During his term the doctor was spending a month or two in Washington and was largely in evidence in social and political circles. About this time the Gridiron club gave a dinner and both gentlemen were guests. The doctor told a few stories early in the evening, and later on the president made a speech. "I was charmed," he said in his soft, graceful way, "to hear the clever anecdotes from our distinguished consul to—I mean from Amoy." Then he passed on to other topics, but the doctor took the hint, and the next steamer carried him back to his post.

It was not the first time that Dr. Bedloe had experience with presidents at club dinners. Once President Cleveland was a guest at the celebrated Clover club in Philadelphia, of which the doctor is a famous wit. The Cloverites always interrupt their guests when they rise to speak. Knowing this, Mr. Cleveland began:

"Go on, gentlemen; I am prepared for the worst." There came an instant's pause, and the doctor cackled shrilly: "So are we."—Philadelphia Post.

## THE FILIPINOS' REPLY.

Filipino Congress Returns Thanks For Offer of Autonomy, But

### SUSPICIOUS OF AMERICANS.

Proposal to Enlist Chippewa Indians as Scouts for Service Against the Filipino Insurgents. Morong is Abandoned on Account of Unhealthiness.

Manila, Sept. 13.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has obtained a copy of the reply adopted by the Filipino congress to the American offer of an autonomous government. The author of the reply was Ambrosio Rianzares, who was offered a position in the supreme court, but who failed to appear and was supposed to be detained by the insurrectionists. The document repeats the arguments contained in the recent appeal to the powers for recognition, and the Filipino congress claims that Americans were the aggressors in the war, and concludes:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, in which we could have accepted your sovereignty and autonomy if we had not seen by the behavior of the Americans in the beginning that they were strongly opposed to us through race prejudice, and their high-handed methods of dealing with us, made us fear for the future in your hands. Finally, we thank you for your offer of autonomy under sovereignty."

### Chippewa Indians for the Philippines.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Col. James H. Tillman, of South Carolina, a nephew of Senator Tillman, was at the white house today, and asked the president to authorize the organization of an independent company of Indian scouts for service in the Philippines. It is proposed to make Mr. Tillman, who was colonel of the First South Carolina regiment during the Spanish war, captain of the company, and Jos. H. Woodbury, "Hole-in-the-Day," chief of the Chippewa Indians, of Minnesota, first lieutenant, and some member of the regiment of "Rough Riders" second lieutenant.

It is said that many more than a company of Chippewas are ready to enlist, in case they are allowed to go to the Philippines as an independent organization. It is understood the president referred his caller to the secretary of war.

### Morong Abandoned.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Morong, one of the points on Laguana de Bay, captured by Gen. Otis some months ago, has been abandoned, and the garrison sent to Calamba, the latest point on the bay to be captured. Morong is said to be a very unhealthy place, and of little value as a base of supplies. The insurgents south of Calamba are believed to be moving east and are said to be concentrating at Santa Cruz, on the southeastern shore of Laguana de Bay.

### National League Games.

WEDNESDAY.  
Philadelphia, 8; Cleveland, 0.  
Baltimore, 5; Louisville, 6.  
Boston, 1; St. Louis, 11. Second game—Boston, 4; St. Louis, 7.  
Washington, 7; Cincinnati, 2.  
Brooklyn, 7; Pittsburg, 5. Second game—Brooklyn, 7; Pittsburg, 1.  
New York, 8; Chicago, 8. Game called on account of darkness.

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