

FRESH GOSSIP OF THE OLD NORTH STATE.

Odd and Interesting Happenings From Every Section.

Miss Helen Gold Sends the State Normal Two Valuable Paintings—Work begun on the Duke Dormitories at Trinity—Murders and Casualties.

The State Normal and Industrial College has just received from Miss Helen Miller Gold two very handsome copies of well known paintings by Lawrence Alma-Tadema, "The Coliseum" and "Reading from Homer." The latter picture is among the greatest works of artists.

Work has started on the foundation for the new dormitory at Trinity College, the gift of Mr. B. N. Duke. It is proposed to rush this work so as to have the building ready for occupancy by the opening of the fall session. Work is also going forward very rapidly on the library building, the gift of J. B. Duke of New York. This building will also be ready by the opening of the new college year.

Tom Johnson and Lum Hammond, white men of White Plains, Surry county, got into a row when Johnson struck Hammond on the head with a club. The wound inflicted resulted in Hammond's death. Johnson made his escape.

Lexington Dispatch: A man from the country applied at the postoffice asking the cost of mailing a letter. A little questioning drew forth the facts that he was 31 years of age, was married and had a family, and that this was the first letter he had ever written. He knew nothing about how to mail his letter, or how much it cost to mail it.

High Point Enterprise: Mr. Arthur Kirkman, proprietor of the High Point Bed Spring Co., has given the contract for a mammoth building for his springs and bathing machinery. It will be 40x100, three stories, on line with the two other buildings of the plant.

A special from Washington to the Charleston, S. C. News and Courier says that President Roosevelt will be in Charleston the second week in April. This is "North Carolina Week" and the visit of the president to Charleston at that time will increase the attendance from the State.

Fayetteville special: Mr. Colerider, a welcome new comer to Fayetteville, has shown to Mr. F. R. Rose, secretary of the chamber of commerce, letters from his former home in West Virginia, detailing the erection of extensive glass works, and asking for information about the advantages of this point for a similar enterprise. A New Jersey contractor, while the silk mill was in process of erection here, stated that he had given no little study to glass manufacture, and that the sand of the soil here was of the best material for the purpose.

Yulia Trice, mother of Van Fuller, the barn burner, was sentenced in the Hillsboro court to 20 years in the penitentiary, having pleaded guilty to being an accomplice of her son.

Burglars got \$200 in cash from the Beidsville postoffice Friday night and bloodhounds were put on their track.

Fayetteville Observer: Several of our 71st farmers are planting Spanish peanuts this year. The soil of that section is said to be well adapted to them, and it is a much more profitable crop than cotton at 8 cents. They average from fifty to eighty bushels to the acre and find a ready market at from 70 to 80 cents a bushel.

Washington Messenger: Not in history of the fishing business has the thirteenth day of March been known to pass and not a seine in the river. We are told that on account of the continual freshets in the river not a seine has been placed in the river from Tabor to Pamlico Point, and the prospect for remunerative fishing is the gloomiest since 1887.

A new city has been organized near Washington by local promoters, called Pamlico City after the early Indian name. Lots and streets have been laid off and land is selling rapidly. The locality is Wade's Point, near the mouth of Pamlico.

"C. C. C." on Every Tablet.

Every tablet of Cascara Candy Cathartic bears the famous "C. C. C." never sold in bulk. Look for it and accept no other. Beware of fraud. Druggists, too.

River. It is said a handsome hotel will be built overlooking the sound.

The body of Emma Thomas, a discolored white woman, was found floating in the river at Washington Sunday afternoon. The body, in the opinion of the coroner, has been in the river a month. The woman disappeared from a disreputable locality about six weeks ago.

A company has been organized at Pittabore with a capital of five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting and operating an up-to-date cotton gin, cotton seed and corn mill and saw mill.

Charlotte has three new cases of smallpox, two children and one barber who caught it by shaving a man just before the disease developed.

Two Underwoods, Ballard and Hales, working night time in the factory at Fayetteville, got off at six o'clock, took Driver's boat, went up the pond near Springs landing, and rocking the boat in sport, upset it. Both Underwoods were drowned, Ballard and Hales swam ashore.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

Monarch Cotton Mills, of Union, S. C., will build 80 operatives' cottages and a warehouse. This company has a 10,000 spindle and 300-loom mill.

An order has been passed by court action for the sale of the Fayetteville, (N. C.) cotton mills, H. W. Lilly being temporary receiver, with Messrs. C. W. Broadfoot and H. L. Cook as commissioners. The plant has 3,125 spindles.

Woodruff (S. C.) Cotton Mills states that its plant is now entirely completed. The main building, 180x110 feet in size, contains the 11,900 spindles, 250 looms and other necessary machinery. The cloth-room is 50x80 feet. The company has a capital stock of \$200,000.

Shamrock Mills of Winston, N. C., is adding new machinery. The company has 100 knitting machines, and is adding enough knitters to make 350 down pairs of hosiery every month, and this capacity is to be increased as fast as the demand requires and operatives can be trained for the mill.

The plan of the Whitney Reduction Co. for developing its plant near Gold Hill, N. C., includes the building of 6 3-4 mile railroad, now under construction; the development of a waterpower planned to give at first 20,000 horse power, and eventually to be increased to 46,000 horse power. The plans include the building of a dam across the river, which Mr. Hambley states will be of granite, secured from the company's quarries. It will be 1,500 feet long, 40 feet high and 50 feet through the base. It is proposed that the power house shall be 300 feet long and 100 feet wide, and estimated to cost \$200,000, with machinery figured at \$600,000. The company has purchased about 30,000 acres of land in order to avoid any trouble with adjacent property owners in carrying out the comprehensive undertaking. Included in this is a gold and copper mine, on which it is understood about \$250,000 have been expended in opening up the property preparatory to its larger development when the water power has been completed. It is intended to utilize this water power for electric transmission to Salisbury and a number of other towns in the vicinity.

The Stormy Petrel.

A bird of immense wing power is the tiny stormy petrel, the smallest web-footed bird known. It belongs to every sea, and, although so seeming frail, it breaks the utmost fury of the storm, skimming with incredible velocity the trough of the waves and gliding rapidly over their snowy crests. Petrels have been observed 2,000 miles from nearest land.

A Paradox.

"I would rather be right than be president," said the statesman.
"Well," said the friend, "it's a little paradoxical, but I suppose it's proper. You say in substance that for the sake of being right you are willing to be left."—Washington Star.

Strong.

Wife—Are you sure you caught this fish?
Mr. Gayfelle—Of course.
Wife—It smells very strong.
Mr. Gayfelle—Strong? I should say it was. It nearly pulled me overboard.—New York Weekly.

Practically Starving.

"After using a few bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure my wife received perfect and permanent relief from a severe and chronic case of stomach trouble," says J. E. Holly, real estate business and agent of Mebane, Ill. "Before using Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she could not eat an ordinary meal without intense suffering. She is now entirely cured. Several physicians and many remedies had failed to give relief. You don't have to die. Has any good food ever done you any good? I am feeling better now than I have in years. Never griped or distressed. Eat thorough and gentle. The very best pills. J. E. Holly."

ASSASSINATED IN COLD BLOOD SITTING IN HIS OWN HOME.

HORRIBLE CRIME IN DUPLIN COUNTY.

Pete Lawson's Jugular Vein Severed by Buckshot.

Assassin Fired a Gun Through a Window and Ran Away—Murdered Man Was Chatting With a Caller and Wife Was Entertaining Neighbors.

Another cowardly assassination is added to the crime annals of this vicinity.

Mr. Pete Lawson was shot and killed at his home about 21 miles from Kinston, in Duplin county, just a few miles beyond the line dividing Lenoir and Duplin counties, Saturday night. He and Mr. Otis Gardner were talking in the sitting room of Mr. Lawson's home. Mr. Lawson's wife was in another room, playing the organ for the entertainment of a number of neighborhood people who were present. It was about 8:30 o'clock when the report of a gun and the crashing of window panes was heard, and Mr. Lawson, who was sitting within a few feet of the window, was seen by Mr. Gardner, the only one present, to drop to the floor. Mr. Gardner rushed out of the room to get assistance, but in the meantime the report of the gun had been heard by those in the other part of the house, and one of the tenants on Mr. Lawson's place, who was in the house, rushed into the sitting room and picked Mr. Lawson up from the pool of blood he was lying in on the floor. The murdered man expired in a few minutes, not speaking after he was shot. The fatal wound proved to have been delivered in the neck with buck shot, the jugular vein being severed.

Upon investigation tracks were found, evidently made by the assassin, a few feet from the window through which he shot. There were no shutters to the window, but there was a shade. At the time of the shooting this was pulled down, but it was torn and gave a small view of the room. Through this the assassin had shot Mr. Lawson.

The brother-in-law of Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, came to Kinston Sunday morning to secure a coffin for the murdered man and he will be buried today at Hebron church, of which he was a member.

The deceased leaves a wife and one child. He was well known in Kinston and Lenoir county, having been born in Kinston and lived here until he was a

young man. He was only about 27 years old at the time of his death.

This shooting occurred in a locality that has a notoriety for killings and murders. J. H. Tweedy, Jack Mills and Lawson make three killings that have occurred within a distance of 12 miles within the past few years. In the same section of the country a number of months ago Mr. W. A. Jones and son were shot from ambush. Fortunately this did not result fatally, though both were wounded. Suspicions are entertained by the people in the locality of the shooting as to who did the shooting, but no evidence has yet been brought out. It is to be strictly hoped that this case will prove an exception to the murders in this vicinity heretofore, and that the cowardly perpetrator of the crime will be made to pay for it with his own life.

The Quick Craze.
The quick craze is by no means new, but seems just now to be more intrusive than ever before. Here is a young woman practicing fourteen hours a day to cultivate her voice. Result, lost voice. Nearly all the pugilists active and retired, are writing volumes on "How to Get Strong Quick," and the readers are exercising two or three hours a day, when ten minutes are quite enough. Result, lost health. The get rich quick fellows, in jail and out, are hiring able lawyers to help them devise schemes that will defy the law and enable them to fleece lambs regardless of the code.—New York Press.

No Danger.
Coal Merchant—I say, Premium, I want to insure my colliery against fire. What's the cost of a policy for \$1,000?
Insurance Agent—What coal is it? Same kind you sent me last?
Merchant—Yes, it is.
Agent—Oh, I wouldn't insure it if I were you. It won't burn.—London Answers.

Elevating.
Northern Colored Man—But you ought to be a lawyer or doctor or something high. Isn't there some way in which you can rise above the cornfield?
Southern Colored Man—Yes, sabbath's many ways. Dah might be a hurricane, or dis mule might lift me wid his heels.—Philadelphia Record.

Chance For Heroism.
Adorer (anxiously)—What did your father say?
Sweet Girl—Oh, he got so angry I was afraid to stay and listen. He's in a perfectly terrible rage. Go in and appease him.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Pueblos and the Compass.
Among the Pueblo Indians six points of the compass are recognized, and each has its color. North is yellow, west is blue, south is red, east is white, the upper regions are many colored and the lower regions are black. All the prey gods are represented by their images in these six divisions.
For example, there is the yellow mountain lion of the north, the blue mountain lion of the west, the red mountain lion of the south, and so on. Likewise it is with the other beasts, and thus a very considerable number of deities is formed. All of them must receive worshipful attention lest they get angry and revenge themselves for the neglect.

Useful.
"Our church fair was a splendid success," said young Mrs. Torlina.
"Did you sell lots of things?"
"Yes."
"Anything useful?"
"Yes, indeed! Everything was ever so useful. I can't think of a single article that couldn't be saved up and donated to be sold at the next fair."—Washington Star.

His Opinion.
The Dear Girl—I am really astonished to hear you advance the proposition that a child should not be corrected in the presence of strangers.
The Savage Bachelor—He should not be, because he should never be in the presence of strangers; that's why.

For The Complexion.
The complexion always suffers from biliousness or constipation. Unless the bowels are kept open the impurities from the body appear in the form of unsightly eruptions. DeWitt's Little Early Balm keeps the bowels and bowels in healthy condition and remove the cause of such troubles. E. E. Hooper, Albany, N. Y., says: "I took DeWitt's Little Early Balm for biliousness. They were just what I needed. I am feeling better now than I have in years. Never griped or distressed. Eat thorough and gentle. The very best pills. J. E. Holly."

SPORTING NEWS.

The Boston base ball club will play the University of North Carolina on April 11. Joe Choyneki and "Kid" Carter are quibbled to box in Chicago on March 24.

Jim Jeffries is said to be still somewhat under the weather from lagrippe at his Los Angeles (Cal.) home.

The annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will be held on Lake Quinsigamond, near Worcester, Mass., this year.

Dan Patchen (2,046), the sensational pacer of 1901, recently purchased by W. H. Sturgis, of New York, arrived in that city Wednesday in good condition.

The six-round bout between Peter Maher and Gus Ruhlin, which takes place at Industrial Hall on Friday night, March 31, is attracting attention among the lovers of the fistie game in Chicago.

Belonged Elsewhere.
That it is possible to have too good an appetite seems to be one of the morals of a story told by a friend to the Washington correspondent of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I am very fond of roasted ears of corn," said he, "and I eat it whenever I can get it. Some time ago, while I was in a restaurant in Texas, the waiter put a plateful on the table, and I just helped myself.

"When I had consumed the third, I noticed that a man across the table was eyeing me most curiously. I looked at him and told him that I considered roasted corn one of the most nutritious and palatable things a man could eat. Then I helped myself to a fourth ear and devoured it with relish.

"When I reached my hand into the dish for the fifth, the fellow across the table couldn't stand it any longer.

"Say, pard," said he, "don't you think you could save about a dollar and a quarter a day if you was to board at a livery stable?"

Fortifying a Lighthouse.
A lighthouse at the south cape of CORMORANT was built in a part of the island inhabited solely by savages and had, in consequence, to be fortified. The lantern was protected by steel revolving screens, and on the gallery of the tower, which was of cast iron, a machine gun was mounted on rollers.

Round the base of the tower was built a wrought iron refuge, or fort, communicating by bullet proof passages with all the rooms in the keepers' dwelling houses.

Both fort and tower were fitted with suitable accommodation for the staff in a case of siege, had water tanks in the basement and were supplied with a stock of provisions.

The station was further protected by a loophole wall and a dry ditch, flanked by two small towers, or caponiers, armed with eighteen pounder cannon.—Engineering.

Bulgarian Brigands.
The Balkan mountains have been the homes and haunts of many brigands through centuries of Bulgarian history. In the sixteenth century a national movement against the oppression of Turkey fell into the hands of brigand chiefs. They were known by the name of Haiduti. They were represented as friends of the poor, the protectors of the weak, the allies of Christians and the foes of the Mohammedans. In legends and in songs their names and fame were perpetuated. They increased from the ranks of the avengers and the worthless. Once identified with them a brigand's safety consisted in continuing with them. The Turks blocked the way to return to the ranks of common citizenship. Villagers often welcomed them as deliverers from their oppressors.—Leslie's Weekly.

Short of Experience.
Herbert Gladstone while yet a single man was addressing a woman's suffrage meeting in Leeds one afternoon, and he paid a graceful compliment to the eloquence of the ladies who had addressed the meeting. He gallantly remarked on the great pleasure which it gives the other sex to listen to women talking.

Pausing for a moment after this observation, Mr. Gladstone, like his audience, was thrown into an unexpected state of merriment by a male voice which proceeded from the back of the hall and proclaimed in the broadest Yorkshire dialect, "Eh, lad, thou'rt soon wed yet, I see'at!"—London Truth.

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NELL CROPSEY WAS MURDERED BEYOND DOUBT.

This Important Fact Established in the Wilcox Trial.

All Participants in the Autopsy and Inquest Give Corroborated Testimony to that Effect—Trial Will Last Nearly All this Week.

In the trial of James Wilcox for the alleged murder of Nell Cropsey one thing has been conclusively proven by the evidence of the first two days. She did not commit suicide, nor did her life end accidentally. She was clubbed and thrown into the river, according to testimony. As yet no word implicating Jim Wilcox has been said. An attempt to do that will be made this week. Leonard Owens will swear he saw Wilcox near the Cropsey home at a quarter to twelve on the night of her disappearance. Nell's sisters and New York cousin will swear he left the Cropsey residence at eleven five. The prosecution will be able to get in Wilcox's statement through another witness, and that will show discrepancies in time.

The case will not conclude before Thursday or Friday. The longest previous murder trial in Pasquotank county lasted four days.

It looks like Wilcox will not be hanged. Though District Attorney Ward is one of the best and fairest and most influential prosecutors he will not get a first degree verdict. Contrary to general belief outside it's possible for a second degree verdict to be brought in this case.

The cross-examination of Dr. Fearing was concluded Saturday, defense counsel endeavoring to show that death might have resulted from drowning, but all the proof points was directly opposite. There was unmistakable evidence of a blow on the head. Witness accounted for the body's excellent state of preservation by giving his opinion that the jumper in Pasquotank river had preservative qualities.

The two other doctors who assisted at the autopsy and several coroners jurymen who sat at the inquest testified during the day and all their testimony was corroborative of Dr. Fearing's testimony.

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