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FRESH GOSSIP OF THE OLD NORTH STATE

Odd and Interesting Happenings From Every Section.

An Entire Family Poisoned-Meeting of the State Democratic Committee Called-Governor Issues another Pardon-Fig Tri-Gounty Pair Projected.

Dr. D. T. Tayloo and the eight members of his family were poisoned Tuesday morning at breakfast, All recovered during the day except the doctor, but he is now out of danger. Jim Walker, the doctor's negro driver, was arrested on suspicion and when a package of aresult was found in his pocket he confessed that he put a spoonful of the poison in the coffee pot to kill Mrs. Tayloe, Dr. Tayloe is a prominent physician and chair-man of the State medical board of examiners. There were threats of lynching and a policeman spirited Walker from the jail in the evening, and took him to the Martin county jail at Williamston.

The State Democratic Executive com mittee meets in accordance with the call of Chairman Simmons in Raleigh next Tuesday. Business of importance will be considered. Among the matters to be discussed and acted upon will be the time and place for holding the next Democratic convention, and the question of a senatorial primary to select a successor to Senator Pritchard.

Governor Aycock has commuted the centence of Ed Morgan, colored, from death on the gallows to imprisonment for life at hard work in the penitentiary Morgan was to be hanged March Blst in Cabarrus county for criminal assault upon a negro girl. It seems that since the trial and conviction of Morgan develop-ments have raised a serious doubt as to whether there was really any criminal

The management of the Fair Associations of Greensboro, Winston and Burlington is understood to be considering the advisability of uniting the three assorace meet in the history of North Carolina during the coming fall. The plan is to pool she premiums, purses and all other interests of the three fairs.

A dispetrous fire occurred at Lincoln ton, N. C., about one o'clock Tuesday orning, by which the Chester and Lenoir depot, one hundred bales of cotton and six box cars were destroye One theory is that the fire was started by tramps who were sen lurking around before the blaze was discovered. Char-lotte was called upon for ald about four o'clock in the morning and a fire brigade was soon en route, making the 32 mile run in less than 50 minutes.

The Pearl Bunters' Superstition. The pearl hunters of Borneo and the adjacent islands have a peculiar super adjacent islands have a peculiar super-stition. When they open shells in scarch of pearls, they take every ninth find, whether it be large or small, and put it into a bottle which is kept cork-ed with a dead man's finger. The pearls in the vial are known as "seed pearls" or "breeding pearls," and the mative Borncose firmly believes that they will reproduce their kind. For ev-ery pearl put into the vial two grains of rice fire thrown in for the pearls to "feed upon."

Some whites in Borneo believe as firmly in the superstition as the natives do, and almost every but along the coast has its "dead finger" bottle, with from nine to fifty seed pearls and twice that number of rice grains cure ily and evenly stowed away among

Rabert Toomine Advice. lawyer sent to Rabert Too and naked, what he should ch

man past fifty can do with le aleep than younger men. He can enfure greater steady and prolonged
strain. He can bear his burden day
after day with less need of recreation.
The young man can "aprint." but he
cannot "stay" like the man with brain
grown iron and nerves steel by many
years of training.

Elderly men are less temptable. They are of fixed moral habit. Appetite and passion are under control. For better or for worse they are a calculable quantity, with slight variations to be

Hiderly men are more loyal friends if they are friends. Their tachment to a cause or a commercial house is less changeable. They have, moreover, given bonds for good behavior in the persons of grown families whose respect is to them dearer than life. They know the difficulty of respection salesters. pairing mistakes.

Elderly men actually have experi ence. The older man best reads character. He is the wisest to select agents. -Washington Times.

Nebraska "Bug Enters." A Nebraska judge was asked how it was that the citizens of his state were

nicknamed "bug eaters."

"The name is applied to us some times in the east," answered the judge frankly. "It originated many years ago in a peculiar way, incident to a speech. Back in 1874 a swarm of grass hoppers descended upon our fair state and despoiled everything. Crops were swept away before this army of in swept away perore this army of in-sects, and the people were left desti-tute. An appeal went up for aid, and some of our eloquent Nebraskans jour-neyed east to plead our cause. One of these eloquent citizens in a flight of speech declared that the voraclous grasshoppers had even eaten the tires off wagon wheels and were devouring the railroad tracks. Why, our peop have nothing but grasshoppers and bugs,' was the climax of this orator's speech!" exclaimed the judge.

"And now you have the history of the sobriquet of 'bug eaters,' he con-cluded.—Washington Post.

Superstition connected with the seenth child of a seventh child is con memorated by a tombstone in a village churchyard near Bridgewater, Somer set. This inscription runs: "Sacred to the memory of Doctress Anne Pouns-berry, who departed this life Dec. 11, 1813, aged seventy-three years. Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God." Doctress was not merely an epithet, but a baptismal name, for she operative in April, 1901. was a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter and was therefore credited with powers of healing. She practiced in herbs and charms. For king's evil this was her prescription: "Take the powder with pestle and mortar. Place the powder in a bag around the neck of the sufferer."—London Chronicle,

So far as research has been able to determine glass was in use 2,000 years before the birth of Christ and was even then not in its infancy by any manner of means. In the Slade collection at the British museum there is the head of a lion molded in glass, bearing the name of an Egyptian king of the eleventh dynasty. This is the oldest specimen of pure glass bearing any-thing like a date now known to exist. The invention now known as "bleez ing," the mode of varnishing potter; with a thin film of glass, is believed to date back to the first Egyptian dynas-ty. Proof of this is found in the pot-tery beads, glass glased, found in the tombs of the age above referred to.

Weeping Trees.

The literature of "weeping trees" is enormous, much of it being plainly mythical, but there is a large basis of fact upon which most of these marvelous stories rest. Many travelers have described the famous "rain tree" nave described the famous "rain tree" of Padradoca. Isle of Ferro. John Cockburn in 1735 described a tree at Vera -Pas, Central America, from which pure water continually dripped from every tent and branch.

A HOT LOCAL WAR

OVER STOCK LAW FENCES

A Car Load of Lumber and Some Fence Posts Burned.

Reward Offered for Apprehension Of Offenders-Fight to be Taken Into Court-Law Claimed to be Unconstitutional-Commissioners Between Two Fires.

A notice is published elsewhere in this paper by the county commissioners offering \$200 reward for the apprehension and of evidence to convict the party lumber belonging to the county that had been thrown off a car at Caswell station; This happened Sunday night. The reward also includes the party or parties who burned fence posts on the public the same night.

attempt on the part of the county com. land in any other county than Lenoir. missioners to erect a fence according to a law passed by the legislature of 1901.

- As is nearly always the case when a stock law is passed, there was diseatle faction among some of the people affected, when it became commonly known that this particular law was passed. In fact there has apparently been a great deal of dissatisfaction in this instance.

The law provides that the proposed ence shall begin at a point near Cobb's will church, in Lenoir county, run along what is known as the British road, run east with said road to Mr. Chas. Davis' land, thence in an easterly direction, as the county commissioners may direct, to Carmack's fort, situated on Mosely creek thence across Carmack's ford into Craven county, thence along public road lead-ing from said Carmack's ford to Lane's chapel, thence down W. B. Pierce's fencto Neuse river, including what is known as Jack Vause's territory in South West township and also as much of South West township as the commissioners may direct.

operative in April, 1901.

A number of people in the section affected came before a meeting of the county board at one of its meetings shortly after the act was passed and petitioned that it be not enforced. By nutual consent, so it was understood or stated at the time, the enforcement was postponed until the past January. This quieted the brewing storm until it beame time to enforce the law.

The commissioners tried when the time came to contract with the land owners along the line of the fence to con-

OPPONENTS RESORT TO LAWLESSNESS struct same, but this falled and the comloners adopted measures to atmpt to have it constructed other-

So far this has preven a f-linre, owing or the measurers adopted by the opponents of the lence being constructed of sking up poets, burning timber, etc.

A number of opponents to the fence be gerected have employed Mess. Wooten & footen, of Kinston, and Mr. T. D. Warren, of Trenton, to coursel them in their adeavors not to have the law enforced. The said attorneys say if their clients are concerned in the burning and detroying of the e unty's property, it is done against their advice and without sion and of evidence to convict the party their knowledge. They assert that they or parties who set fire to a car load of have advised their clients that the law passed by the legislature is unconstituional because it delegates law making powers to the commissioners, that the hence against the wishes of those or roads near Mr. Alex Tilghman's home on whose land it is to be erected without indemning and paying for said land, and These burnings are the results of the that the commissioners cannot conden

l'ably stated, that the law is not op-tional with them to enforce or not ence, but that they must fulfill the pro rision of the law, that they have been breatened by some of those affected nat if they do not have the law enforced onit will be brought against the county for damages, and they must do their

Those who set fire to the lumber an sta have violated the law and acted ry badly, and if apprehended they will oubtless be severely punished, as they eserve to be.

The Crocodile.

The crocodile's lower jaw is not ocketed in the skull, as is the case ocketed in the jaw, so that the ani mal can lift the upper part of its he as upon a hinge and so capture whatever prey may be at hand without go-ing to the trouble of getting upon its

What He Wanted to Say. re sentence is passed on you?"

The prisoner looked wistfully toward the door and remarked that he would like to say "Good evening." if it would be agreeable to the company.

Not a Sensible Man. Daughter-Oh. mamma, I do wish I

were pretty! Mother—You needn't, dear. Sonsible en think very little about beauty. Daughter-But it isn't sensible I'm thinking about, mamma; it's Char-

FORCEFUL EXPRESSIONS.

The Power of Illustration in the

a wide halo of case and leisuro," the halo serves the purpose of an explanatory flustration.

President Garfield once said, "Nine times out of ten the best tiling that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to nink or awim for himself." The tossing overboard was the illustration. The sagadous president was it significance and

thing and being jestled and the albowing of original the world. This of life in see if they have appointed is a segment - Joseph Parker, D. D. in plants.-Ladley Home Journal.

Genesis of the Horseshoe, It is known that the hoofs of horses, were protected by boots of leather at a The Power of Hisatration Is the Turn of a Phrase.

James Russell Lowell said, "There's a deal o' solid kicking in the meekest looking mule." If the statement had been, "There's a good deal of obstinacy covered by apparent amiability," the remark might have passed without a moment's notice, but attached to such a figure as the poet used it will be difficult for the mind ever to get rid of it.

Mazzini says, "Labor is the divine law of our existence." This is little more than commonplace, but when he added, "Repose is desertion and suicide," the commonplace was transfigured into a memorable illustration.

A French writer said, "The really efficient laborer will be found not to crowd his day with work." That seems to be forgettable. When he adds "He will saunter to his that surrounded by a wide halo of ease and leisure," the halo serves the purpose of an explanatory flustration.

Were protected by boots of leather at a very early period in the world's history, —at a time which at least antedates. Piny and Aristotle, both of whom make mention of the fact. These leather to both with metal mills but more usually worn without extra triuming, the cheapment of the award to such a fitted with extra triuming, the cheapment of the owner of the steed to "reboot" him at any time.

Curiostty.

"I wish'l could hit on some scheme," said the merchapt, "to make people stop in front of my store as they pass, if only for a moment. I think it would belp business."

"I've got it," put in his friend. "Put up a sign 'Leok' Out For Paint,' and I'll bet my sailary against a penny cruller innety nine men out of a hundred will stop to see if it's dry,"—Baltimore News. very early period in the world's history

What Worsted Her.

Mrs. O'Brien-Good marnin', Mrs.

McCabe. An' phwat makes yes look so

Mrs. McCube-Shure, Dennia was gint to the pentianilary for six months. Mrs. O'Brien-Well; Shure, don't wurry. Six months will som pass.

hirs. McCube-Shure, that's what's wurries mo.—Leallo's Wenkly.

Affams Do you believe it is a si of good luck to find a horseshee on t

ad f.

Johnney-Of course. It is a sign of

Johnney-Of course, like a sign of

John of the some blacksmith.—De

The First Year of faw.
Young Physician—What is your paice inquity?
Young Lawyer—Domestic occurry
Chicago Novas

Tet I dream my dreams and attend to my castles in Spain. I have so much property there that I could not in conscience neglect it. All the years of my youth and the hopes of my manhood are stored away, like precious stones, in the vaults, and I know that I shall and everything convenient, elegant and beautiful when I come into posession. As the years go by I am not conscious that my interest diminishes. If I see that age is subtly sifting his snow into the dark hair of my Prue, I smile, contented, for her hair, dark and heavy as when I first saw it, is all carefully treasured in my castles in Spain. If I feel her arm more heavily aning upon mine, as we walk around the squares, I press it closely to my side, for I know that the easy grace of her youth's motion will be restored by the elixir of that Spanish air. If her voice sometimes falls less clearly from her lips, it is no less sweet to me, for the music of her voice's prime fills, freshly as ever, those Spanish halls. If the light I love fades a little from her eyes, I know that the glances she gave me in her youth are the eternal sunshine of my custles in Spain.—George voice sometimes falls less clearly from her lips, it is no less sweet to me, for shine of my custles in Spain.—George W. Curtis in "Prue and I."

Castles In the Alz.

Why a Limpet Sticks.

The limpet has gained notoriety by the strength with which it adheres to the rock on which it decides to rest, The force required to detach the limper from the rock has lately been tested by a well known naturalist, who found that more than sixty pounds must be exerted for the purpose. So this little sticks so tightly that a force equal to two thousand times its own weight is necessary to drag it away.

It was at one time supposed that at-mospheric pressure had something to do with the adhesive power of the lim-

A certain politician, eminent but not did not recognize them. That was all efined, made Samuel J. Tilden a business call at his Gramercy Park mansion. Wishing to be particularly nice to him, the old gentleman got out a bottle of Johannisberger Schloss, the rarest of Rhine wines, and began to decant the contents into a minute "Prisoner at the bar," said the judge, glass, sniffing the savor of the juice. In his opening argument Cou "is there anything you wish to say be- and taking great pains to indicate that McMullen said there was no orid malevolently and did not try to pro- against him, and the doctors' testing "Blast him! The next time he con I'll give him beer."-New York World.

There is no doubt that certain flies are best adapted to different seasons, times of day and conditions of weather, but a dozen flies of different annes will fully answer all of these requirements. An angler's files resemble ing when cast upon the water. They are simply a something which attracts the trout. Color has more allurement than form, and as there are not so many colors there is no use for many The general rule is for light flies on dark days and dark or darkish flies on light days. Sizes are more to be considered than form and mixture in makeup. A large trout wants some thing worth his making an effort to se cure. It is doubtless true that an arbitrary cast of files cannot be made up which will be adapted to all waters.

People who are subject to catarrhal allments have special need to be particailments have special need to be particular in regard to their feet covering. They should see to it that their feet are comfortably clad, their shoes should have substantial soles and should come well up the ankles and not be laced or buttoned tight. Light merino stockings or half hose may be sufficient for warmth, but whenever by reason of much exercise the feet have become damp, and especially if the leather has absorbed wet, it is wise for a change to be made in both stockings and shoes.

The Hardworking Farmer.
"I used to think that all farmers were overworked until I went to the county falt."
"And what did you see there?"
"They had chairs covered with old ostage stamps and line crosses cut at of performed configurate and one stamp had a quit with 5,000 pieces in a weather tell me possibility that are

DEAR SIR — I sin a great sufficient from a construction of the state o

MINE COLUMBUS DURBAM.

THE STATE'S CASE AGAINST WILCOX FALLS FLAT

So Weak Defense Counsel Introduce No Witnesses.

Conviction Can only be Obtained On Indirect Oiroumstantial Evidence and the Elegence of Prosecuting Lawyers-End Will Come Thursday.

The State yesterday rested its case pletely. The feature of yesterday was the applause which greeted the conclusion of Judge Cropsey's evidence. He was Nell's father. As his deep feeling, controlled during all his examination about the details of the tragedy which snatched away his daughter, began to assert itself by emotional and elighty raised topics their way are trained. tones, there was rapt attention on the part of spectators who packed every portion of the large place of justice to its standing capacity. When he finally told about Wilcox's seeming indifference in his great troub'e, his lack of sympathy, his failure to lend aid or consolation, there was a subdued rumble of mingled sym-

nospheric pressure had something to do with the adhesive power of the limpet, but it is now generally agreed that the creature exudes a kind of giue for this purpose. If you place your finger on the rock immediately after a limpet has been detached, you will feel that the surface is sticky, and if you allow your finger to remain there for a short time you will notice that it is beginning to stick quite tightly.—Pearson'a.

Unappreciative.

A certain politician, eminent but not did not recognize them. That was all the court room.

A number of witnesses testified as to connect him directly with the crime. Colleb T. Parker, from whom so much was appected, gave testimosty which was of an importance whatever. He can and woman near the Cropey gate and

of the murdered girl, gave, unimpor testimony and then the district a announced that the State rested its case "That's the case for the defendant" or

aproded Wilcox's chief counsel. a treat was coming. A tray with some large glasses was at hand. The politician reached for one and, grasping the precious bottle by the neck, dumped half the contents into it and drank it all at one gulp. Mr. Tilden eyed him long the visit. When the door closed he admitted the first and denied the behind the guest, he said with a snap: others. He believed that Miss Cropsey loved Wilcox and Wilcox loved her. He thanked God Nell's life was blamejess and Wilcox's conduct not indicative o guilt. "In the name of sternal jus I sak for a verdict of not gullty." he

> Mr. Turner, for the prosecution, came next. He said it was an extraordinary case. A fair young girl budding into womanhood bad been taken away, not by Almighty God, her mother bending over and attended by sisters, but taken with a murderer for a pall bearer, the waves for a coffin, the river bottom for a grave. The dead body of Neil Cropsey called for vindication. It was a disgrace to North Carolina, a burning shame that a woman should be knocked in the head like a dog. During the argu-

> ments Miss Lettie Oropsey cried.
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> Turner said he would present twenty-two-points against the suicide theory, and he defied the defense to deny them.
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> "If we don't convince you, gentlemen of the jury, that Nell Cropsey was killed and that Jim Wilcox, did it, then turn him loose."

and that Jim Wilcox did It, then turn him loose."

Former District Atturney Leary followed for the defense. He began by saying that he should appeal to the jury's reason rather than their passions. He believed that the jury would find before they came out of the box the evidence was not strong enough to convict a dog.

After the oratory is over Judge Jones' charge will consume everal hours. Defense counsel hald they introduced no evidence became most of theirs was