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FRESH GOSSIP OF THE OLD NORTH STATE.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

First Meeting of North Carolina Good Roads Association.

Plan for Road Education and a Practical Law—Educational Campaign Inaugurated—A Negro Poisoner Lynched—Candidate for Postmaster Arrested—Democratic State Committee Meets.

The first meeting of the committee of the newly organized North Carolina good roads association was held Monday morning in the office of Commissioner Patterson, of the agricultural department. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the intention of this association to advocate the employment by the State of a competent engineer to supervise the construction and repair of highways throughout the several counties.

"Resolved, That the president and the secretary and Col. S. L. Patterson, of the executive committee, be appointed a committee on the part of the association to revise the present road laws of the State with a view to submitting a practicable and desirable road law for adoption at the forthcoming legislature."

The services of Mr. W. L. Spoon, a good roads expert, have been secured to study the conditions under which the clay and gravel roads are being constructed and to assist the eastern and central counties in this work wherever they may desire to employ him, upon favorable terms.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the association at Raleigh on the second Wednesday in February, 1903.

A campaign of education will be undertaken by means of frequent contributions on live road topics to the newspapers from the secretary of the association. It is hoped to give regular weekly articles to the papers of the State on some good roads subject.

The governor, State Superintendent Joyner and C. D. McIver held a conference in Raleigh as the executive committee of the North Carolina conference of educators, organized here last month. The conference was to arrange a series of educational rallies and conferences of county superintendents on five or six central and many accessible points in the State as soon as possible. It is hoped to have a large attendance and a number of enthusiastic and inspiring educational addresses, with the superintendents of each group of counties at these central points. An institution of county superintendents lasting a day or two is to be held at each point, conducted by the State superintendent for the purpose of getting and giving information about the educational condition and needs of the counties represented, preparatory to inaugurating an educational campaign in those sections where the conditions are favorable therefor. The forces are to be concentrated on localities where sentiment and conditions are favorable to substantial school improvements. By aid of the southern educational board the railway fare of county superintendents attending will be paid and the meeting will be held at points where free entertainment for them can be obtained.

The body of James Walker, the negro who poisoned the whole family of Dr. David T. Tayloe, of the State board of medical examiners, at Washington, was found dangling from a limb of a gum tree on the Greenville road, just outside of the town limits early Tuesday morning. A man coming to town ran into the body which hung out over the walking path. He hastened to inform the authorities. Coroner Tayloe was summoned and he empaneled a jury who brought in a verdict that the negro came to his death by lynching at the hands of unknown parties. When some one attempted to use the wire to Williamson they found that the telegraph and telephone wires were both cut.

D. K. Pope, who was slated to succeed Postmaster Miller at Charlotte, was arrested in Roanoke Tuesday at the request of Postmaster Lewis, of Madison, N. C. It appears that Pope went to Madison and solicited campaign funds from Postmaster Lewis. The latter was persuaded to give two notes for fifty dollars each, payable in September. After Pope left, Lewis concluded that he was a swindler, and upon learning that the Charlotte man had gone to Martinsville, Lewis took the next train, reaching the place to find his man. Pope got

on the same train enroute for Roanoke. Just as he reached the car platform Postmaster Lewis called upon him to give up the two notes given him (Pope) at Madison. The Charlotte man hesitated until Lewis began touching a pistol. Pope then invited Lewis into the car, where he opened his valise and returned the notes. Pope was afterward arrested, but soon released. He said he was collecting campaign funds under authority of the State Republican executive committee.

The Democratic State committee held a largely attended meeting at Raleigh yesterday and last evening. There was a warm, but good natured fight over the selection of the place for holding the State convention, which was won by Greensboro, and the convention will be held thereon July 16. Hon. George Rountree submitted a lengthy opinion on the new election law requiring voters to pay their poll tax before May 1, saying that it applies to the fall election this year and is perfectly valid. This resolution was passed: "That the chairman of this committee shall, in his call for the next State convention, state that the said convention will determine whether the Democratic party shall choose its candidate for United States senator by primary, by the convention, or otherwise."

Winston-Salem Journal: Chief of Police Weeks, of Aiken S. C., was in the city after Wm. O'Brien, wanted by him for murder, and in another county for burglary. Mr. Weeks stated that a reward of \$100 was offered for O'Brien's conviction on the murder charge, and if he is not convicted he will be taken to another county and held for burglary. Chief Weeks left for Aiken with his prisoner.

Wilmington Messenger: The city hands who are working in the rock quarry to East Wilmington, are unearthing fossils every now and then. Mayor Waddell has at the city hall what appeared to be the petrified head of an animal with a hooked bill, resembling the head of a tapir, and a petrified snake in coil. He intends to send them to Professor Holmes, the state geologist.

RECORD-BREAKING TUMOR REMOVED FROM A WOMAN

OR WOMAN REMOVED FROM TUMOR

Woman Weighed 120 Pounds. Tumor Weighed 165 Pounds.

Largest Tumor Before Recorded Weighed 150 Pounds—Twenty-Five Gallons of Liquid Drawn—All the Organs Exposed—Operation Was Successful and Woman is Expected to Live.

Dr. Edwards, of this place, yesterday was one of the chief operators in one of the most remarkable operations in the history of surgery and far and away the most remarkable of its kind. The operation was performed at Pittman hospital-Tarboro, and associated with Dr. Edwards were Dr. Baker, the resident physician and surgeon of the hospital, Dr. Harrell, of Aulander, where the patient lived, Dr. Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, and Drs. Baker, Thigpen, Hart, Winn and Bass, of Tarboro.

The woman was recently brought to the hospital from Aulander. She is about 60 years of age. She weighed before the operation 285 pounds and after it about 120 pounds, which indicates that the tumor weighed 165 pounds, and it was a case of removing the woman from the tumor rather than the tumor from the woman. The largest tumor previously recorded was by Dr. Keller of Johns Hopkins hospital in his book—that one weighed 150 pounds.

The woman presented a monstrous appearance before the operation, her abdomen being extended to the proportions of a balloon, the sack extending from the breast and resting on her knees.

Besides being a marvelous and interesting operation it offered the doctors an



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY W. L. MOODY. Mr. Moody, who succeeds John D. Long as the navy department's head, is a Harvard man, a lawyer and a bachelor and has been in congress since 1895. He is a native of Massachusetts and resides in Haverhill.

unusual opportunity to study the workings of the internal organs, the heart being laid bare except for its thin covering and the liver being entirely bare, in order to remove the cyst which adhered to it. Eight buckets, holding three gallons each, were drawn full of fluid matter, which with what was spilled made over 25 gallons. The tumor had been tapped twice before recently and a total of 64 gallons had been drawn off.

It was an ovarian tumor and the operation consisted of drawing the fluid, laying open the abdominal walls and removing the cyst, which adhered to the intestines and organs from the diaphragm to the liver. Several ribs had been crowded out of position by the pressure. The patient stood the operation well and was in a favorable condition when Dr. Edwards left the hospital.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

There are 3,546 millionaires in the United States.

The peace footing of the armies of the civilized world is in all 4,000,000 men.

The paper currency of Spain now stands at 43 per cent loss on the gold standard.

Only 50 per cent of the 1,170,000 males over twenty-one in London are on the register of voters.

The material used in the great wall of China would build 100 such structures as the pyramid of Cheops.

The Hundred Years club in New York proposes to silence city noises and stop the adulteration of food.

The elken thread is spun from two orifices in the nose of the silkworm, the two threads being united by a gelatinous substance.

The largest sum ever spent in improving one street was \$14,300,000 on the Rue de Rivoli, Paris. New Cannon street, London, cost \$2,950,000.

So much destitution prevails among the Moscow university students that half their number have petitioned to be excused paying their university fees.

Hanover, Germany, now has six football teams that play the Rugby game. They are trying to carry out the Kaiser's order not to use English sporting terms.

The presence of the pipe in public in Paris is not anything like as marked as in England. The French still regard this mode of consuming tobacco as infra dig.

The white convicts employed on the breakwater at Cape Town are sending a loyal address to King Edward praying his clemency on the occasion of the approaching coronation.

It is estimated that there are nearly 250,000 voters in New York city who decline to become identified with either of the great parties, while there are even more who take no part in making nominations.

Only eight states do not now require examination by a state board of those who wish to practice medicine. They are Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota and Tennessee.

British railway travelers cannot recover damages if they have their fingers in the carriage door when the porters suddenly close it. "A railway company," says the judge, "cannot act as dry nurse to every passenger."

Investigation by the state veterinarian showed that the high death rate among horses in Maryland is due to cerebro spinal meningitis. The disease is the result of poor food, bad drainage and generally insanitary environment.

The revolver with which President McKinley was shot was a .32 caliber, and since that time dealers have noticed an increase in the number of calls for weapons of that caliber and, it is said, of the particular make used by the assassin.

A piece of virgin gold weighing 82.15 ounces troy was put in the melting pot of the United States assay office at Helena, Mon., negotiations for its preservation in nugget form having failed because of the impossibility of an exact assay.

In Haiti a new species of tobacco has been produced by cross fertilization which grows from five to seven feet in height, bearing a leaf twenty-five inches long by fifteen in width. Three or even four cuttings can be made from one plant between November and March.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Suggestions for the Primaries.

A meeting of the Democratic executive committee of the town is called to meet at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock, to call conventions to nominate candidates for aldermen and mayor. The following compose the committee: First ward, G. W. Sumrell and T. B. Brown; second ward, D. Oettinger, chairman; C. M. Jordan and P. A. Hooker; third ward, M. H. Wooten and J. C. Wagner.

The usual time for holding the convention is the first Monday in April. Last year at the conventions held in the three wards of the town to nominate aldermen, the candidates for mayor were also voted for, but no one candidate received a majority, and a convention of the Democratic voters of the town was held in the court house.

It has been suggested that the town has increased so greatly that the court house will not hold all the Democratic voters who wish to participate in the nomination for mayor; that many good and busy citizens do not participate in the nominations because of the loss of time and the inconvenience it put them to in spending several hours in the court house on the night of the convention.

For several years the convention has been large and unwieldy, and more so each year.

During the past twelve months the town has grown so in population that it is doubtful if all who wish (and are entitled) to help name the mayor can get even standing room in the court house.

Many of our best citizens will remain away because of the anticipated crush. These citizens are fairly entitled to a hearing. A way can be provided so they can be heard, and a way should be provided.

Why not a genuine primary?

We think the executive committee has authority to decide on a primary; and we suggest that they call an election; that the voting for mayor be held by fairly appointed (and fair, of course) pollholders, who shall hold the polls open from say 10 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. If no candidate receive a majority because of the multiplicity of candidates, that the result be declared from the court house steps as soon as the count is completed; and, beginning at 10 a. m. the next day, that another ballot may be taken, the candidates except the two highest being dropped.

We believe that a properly prepared plan something like the above would be fair to all and would result in selecting for mayor the man wanted by a majority of the people.

It would not inconvenience our business people or mill employes to take part (as they ought to) in municipal government.

It would cause many to take part in the nomination who haven't time to do so under the old plan.

Pollholders would, of course, have to be paid for their services, but the cost would be slight. One candidate says he would be willing to pay his share of this expense. All the candidates for mayor might confer and see if they could agree in favor of this plan and are willing to stand the expense. We believe that if they would that the board of aldermen should and would vote payment of the cost from the town treasury. We think it would be right for the town to pay it.

A primary on the above plan we feel sure would be right and satisfactory to the voters.

Charlotte News: THE KINSTON FREE PRESS is of the opinion that Kinston is too far along to abide with a four-page Saturday paper. The improvement in the Free Press of late is marked and the News extends its congratulations to Editor Herbert and Kinston.

Many thanks for the complimentary words for both paper and town. The eight-page paper is not a permanency as yet, but with the many improvements contemplated it will be at no distant day.

A dentist may be a tender hearted man, but he hurts one's feelings.

This is planting time for the farmers. The undertaker plants all the year around.

The Easter hat tempts the woman's pocket book, but it is the man's that foots the bill.

The Bargain Counter.

SPRING HAS COME.

We mean, of course, our line of Bed Springs. You should inspect them. You will find them all bargains. We have a complete stock of Furniture and can supply any of your needs in that line. Give us a trial.

QUINN & MILLER.

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J. H. ALEXANDER, General Store, North Street.

BARGAINS IN PRINTING

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We have recently opened a plumbing and metal working shop in Kinston, on Gordon street, in store previously occupied by B. W. Canady & Son.

Copper, Galvanized Iron and Steel Metal Workers, Sanitary Plumbing, Hot Air and Water Heating, Lightning Rod and Pump Work, Cornices, Skylights, Finial Ventilators and Ridge Roll, Tin, Slate and Paper Roofers. Steel and Hoisting Machine Work a specialty. Roof Painters. Stove Pipe at wholesale.

Tobacco Flues!

Our farmers will make a big mistake not to see us before placing an order. We are fitted up with the latest appliances to do work, all of which is guaranteed. We ask your patronage because we believe that we are in a position to give you better satisfaction in work in our line than others. We do work in an up-to-date, modern way, and if not as first represented you don't have to pay. Isn't this fair? Call or write.

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