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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Greensboro and Williamston Threatened by Fire in a High Wind.

Sudden and Violent Deaths by the Gun, the Knife and Poison—A Busy Day for Washington Surgeons—Son Poisons His Father to Get Rid of Work—Man Found Dead in His Buggy.

A white man named Miller killed a colored man named Powell a few miles from Lenoir Monday.

It is intimated that the Republicans will nominate a formidable candidate for chief justice of the court of appeals.

Cumberland county calls on the State for \$1,182 to keep its public schools open four months in the year, and Camden asks for \$86.

An unknown white man killed a man named Hays (also white) in Burke county Tuesday morning. He was arrested and taken to Burke jail.

The sale of fertilizer tags up to March 1 were \$8,000 less than to the same date last year. Week before last the sales were heavy, but last week they were small—it is estimated that the sales are now \$10,000 less.

The latest addition to the State museum is a collection of insects made by Franklin Sherwood, State entomologist. A number of each kind are grouped. There are also in special departments exhibits which show how insects sing, feed, eat, hear, etc.

Monday was "busy day" for Washington surgeons. A negro workman had a leg crushed and suffered amputation. Mr. Thomas Carrowan and John Wilson were badly injured by falling lumber, one negro was stabbed by another, and another negro in resisting arrest for assault accidentally shot himself.

Lucian Tripp, 40 years old, was found dead in his buggy about 12 miles north of Pittsboro Monday. He had been drinking heavily and was returning from the still. He was in company with a negro, who says he left the buggy for a short time, and when he returned found Tripp dead.

Jim Singleton, a young negro, was fatally shot by Charles Hall, another colored boy, Monday night at Wilmington. The two negroes were drinking and the shooting was the result of a quarrel. Hall made his escape after the shooting. Singleton was sent to the City Hospital. The ball passed through the lower abdomen and he is not expected to live.

Fire in a mattress factory near the Southern depot at Greensboro Monday evening threatened the destruction of much valuable property. The factory, a frame building, was destroyed and by hard work other buildings near by were saved. The depot, Hotel Huffine, and Huffine's bottling works were endangered. A high wind prevailed at the time and blew sparks in every direction, setting fire to the water tower.

A colored man named Isaac Johnson, who lives near Crowella, in Halifax county, was poisoned by his son some days ago and narrowly escaped death. The old man had rented some land and the boy had to do some of the work in cultivating it. He got tired of the job and thought he would get out of it by killing his father, so he put Paris green in his coffee. The old man was taken to Enfield, where the physician saved him.

Maggie Brown, a negro girl, entered the millinery store of Mrs. J. L. Council, in West Durham, Saturday night. She was seen to crawl through a window and was shot at as she ran off. Pursuit was given and she was captured and held until Sergeant Catts could arrive. It was discovered that she had been shot twice in one of her arms, one bullet going through her wrist and the other grazing the skin. She was discharged from the work house Saturday morning. Monday she was tried before the mayor and found over to court under a \$50 bond.

A negro man, named Archie DeGraffenreid, was shot near Jonesboro Tuesday afternoon by Mart McLeod, another negro, who was drunk at the time. It seems that DeGraffenreid was at the house of one George McElver, colored, and had just taken a seat, when McLeod entered, flourishing a pistol, and declaring that he intended to shoot. Accordingly, he fired, and the bullet to the occupants of the room was so great that they knew that any damage was done. The wounded man felt the blood down his body. He was shot dead.

Furniture factory of Martin Williams was entirely con-

sumed by fire Monday night and the entire town was threatened by the high wind. The warehouse and packhouse of W. M. York, one-fourth of a mile distant caught many times and was with great difficulty saved, and many dwellings and other houses between this and the factory repeatedly caught. All the factory buildings and machinery and much lumber on the yard were burned, the loss exceeding \$25,000, insurance \$11,500. The dwelling and contents of Turner Williams (negro) value \$500, no insurance, was also destroyed, as were other small shanties. The damage to buildings and property not entirely lost amounts to several hundred dollars.

Town Primaries.

The ward primaries will be held next Thursday night, April 3, at 8 o'clock. The first ward primary will be held at the Farmers' tobacco warehouse, the second at the mayor's office, and the voters of the third ward will meet in the court house. Each ward primary will nominate two candidates for aldermen.

At the several ward meetings a ballot for a nominee for mayor will be taken, and the result declared. Should no candidate for mayor have received a majority of the votes cast, a primary shall be held at the court house Friday, April 4, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. and closing at 9 p. m. to nominate a candidate for mayor. After the vote is counted, should no candidate for mayor receive a majority a stiller primary will be held Saturday, April 5, at the court house from 10 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. Only the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be voted on at the primary on Saturday.

Every white voter of the town of Kinston who pledges himself to vote for the nominees of the Democratic party for the office of mayor and aldermen will be allowed to participate in the ward conventions and primary. A ballot box for the majority primary at the court house will be provided, which will be under the control of the several pollholders, to be appointed by the executive committee.

RURAL DELIVERY BEGINS JULY 1

CONGRESSMAN KITCHIN'S GOOD WORK

Six Routes to be Established—Carriers Not Yet Appointed.

But for that, Delivery Could Have Begun Yesterday—LaGrange Gets Four Routes and two Other Places in the District Share in the Good Fortune—Increases Importance of Distributing Offices.

Hooray for Congressman Claude Kitchin!

He did not wait for any prodding from his constituents, but has kept the prod working in Washington to good purpose, and as a result he is enabled to send THE FREE PRESS and its readers in Kinston and LaGrange the good news that both towns have been granted rural free delivery systems according to the recommendations of Route Agent Ross, recently here, six routes from Kinston post-office and four from the LaGrange post-office. The department has not yet been able to act on the applications for carriers, owing to the vast number of applications from all parts of the country. But for that fact the routes might have been established Tuesday, as they are always inaugurated at the first of the quarter following the completion of the preliminary arrangements.

How effectively Congressman Kitchin has followed the matter up and how prompt has been the response to his efforts, may be gathered from the statement of the acting assistant postmaster general that the order was issued the day following his last call. The congressman's equally prompt transmission of the good news to the readers of THE FREE PRESS is also worthy of note. Both letters follow:

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., March 31, 1902. EDITOR KINSTON FREE PRESS: Knowing your interest and the interest of our people in Lenoir in the R. F. D. service, I send you under this cover a copy of a letter received today from the acting first assistant postmaster general, stating the date on which the service would begin for the routes named in this letter. I hope you will publish the enclosed letter for the information of all interested. The appointments of carriers have not been made, and I will let you know. These routes are established from the first of each quarter after all preliminary arrangements are made, which is not the case for the quarter beginning April 1, 1902. Sincerely yours, CLAUDE KITCHIN.

Washington, D. C., March 29, 1902. Hon. Claude Kitchin, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Sir: In accordance with your personal request of yesterday, I take pleasure in informing you that authority has this day been issued for the establishment of rural free delivery service from the following points in your district, effective from July 1st, 1902: Elm City, Wilson county, 2 routes. Kinston, Lenoir county, 6 routes. LaGrange, Lenoir county, 4 routes. Whitakers, Edgecombe county, 1 route. Other routes petitioned for in the district are now in course of inspection. Very respectfully, J. M. MASTEN, Acting First Assistant P. M. General.

Rev. J. B. Jackson to Wed. Rev. J. B. Jackson, who served several churches in this section in 1900, assisting Rev. C. W. Blanchard, will be married tonight in Goldsboro to Miss Addie Raspberry, of that town. The wedding will take place at the home of Mr. Benjamin King. The bride party will leave tomorrow night for the home of the groom's parents, in Winterville, to spend several days. Mr. Jackson is pastor of the second Baptist church in Goldsboro. He has many friends in Kinston and in this and adjoining counties, whose well wishes follow him and his bride in their new life.

FITZ FAVORS CHARLESTON. Telegraphs Jeffries That They Are Bound to Accept the Offer. New York, April 2.—Only one bid was received in this city yesterday for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight. It was that of the Charleston Athletic Club, which offered the fighters 75 per cent. of the gross receipts or a guarantee of \$26,000. The club agreed to hold the contest between May 15th and June 1st, and offered to give the contestants the entire proceeds from the picture privileges.

A report was received from Jeffries saying he did not think the contest could be held in Charleston, and he wanted the Charleston men to post the full \$26,000 as forfeit. Fitzsimmons immediately sent back the following telegram to Jeffries: "Charleston is the best bid and by articles of agreement we are both bound to accept it. Have every assurance of no interference. If you really want to fight accept or think up some better excuse than you have given. Your demand for \$26,000 forfeit is ridiculously unreasonable. I am ready to sign and post for, left now."

Peace Overtures. Boers and British May Soon Cease Hostilities. Pretoria, Monday, March 31.—President Steyn and Gen. De La Rey have been located and a meeting between them and Acting President Schalkburger is expected to be arranged without further delay. It is reported that General Botha will also attend the conference. Commandant Mearns has sent in word that his command will abide by the decision of the Boer government. Commandant De Villiers, who has been operating in the Kimberley district, has sent in a flag of truce, asking for terms. The peace movement, however, has in no way interfered with the military operations. The British are again sweeping the north-west districts of the Orange River Colony, where it is believed they have about a thousand of General De Wet's men within the cordon.

March Crop Bulletin. Washington, April 2.—The weather Bureau's crop summary for March says: The conditions were generally favorable for farming on the Atlantic coast north of North Carolina and in Florida. Oat seeding is progressing in the middle Atlantic states. Fall sown oats in the southern states have been winter killed to a great extent. Considerable corn planting has been done in the central and east gulf and south Atlantic states. In Texas and Florida cotton planting is well advanced, but in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana none has yet been planted and very little ground has been prepared owing to heavy rains.



GENERAL SCHALKBURGER IN CIVIL LIFE AND AS A SOLDIER. The famous Boer statesman and soldier who has been making peace proposals to General Lord Kitchener in the absence of President Kruger, the acting president of the South African republic. When General Piet Joubert died Schalkburger succeeded him as vice president, and President Kruger's flight elevated him still further.

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Most of the farmers are up with their work. Mr. John Phelps says the recent cold weather killed most of his tobacco plants. Rev. Jake Hill, organized a Sunday school at the public school house Sunday. The public school taught by Miss Lena Matthews closed Wednesday. Miss Zona May, who has been teaching at Daley's returned home Friday. Mrs. L. A. Robinson left Saturday to visit relatives near Coahoma. Mrs. Florence Phelps spent Sunday at Jason. Miss Mamie Hattell returned from Bull Head Saturday. Miss Ora Joyner, of near Shine is visiting at Mr. John Edward's.

Soldiers Killed in a Wreck. Pretoria, April 2.—Thirty-nine British soldiers were killed and forty-five were injured in a railroad wreck March 30th, near Barberton, Transvaal Colony. Passing of Senator Chairman Jones. Little Rock, Ark., April 2.—With ten counties yet to report, official and unofficial reports yield the following results on the United States senatorship: James P. Clark 69; James K. Jones 50; necessary to elect on joint ballot 67.

Mrs. Durham Cured. DEAR SIR:—I am a great sufferer from severe nervous headache, and find in CARBONIC speedy relief. Also when feeling nervous and all broken up, a dose sets me all right. I take pleasure in recommending it as a thoroughly satisfactory remedy. Sincerely, Mrs. COLUMBUS DURHAM. Red, green and yellow shipping tags, with metal eyelets, have been added to the stock carried in THE FREE PRESS Job Printing Department. They are strong and durable—just the thing for tobacco buyers to use in sending off samples of leaf tobacco.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

IN APRIL. Out of earth a song came Soft and sweet and low,— A fragrance faint of melody Such as the angles know. Entranced I turned to see Whence came the fairy sound,— And lo! I saw a violet Come peeping from the ground. —Lippincott's

That is up in Northland, Where winter breezes blow, And spring's delayed by ice and hail and sleet and snow. If you were down in Dixie, And took a look around, You'd see corn, tobacco, and "taters" Just a spouting from the ground.

More frost. Did the April Fool catch you? Spring trade is badly sprung. Spring suits—nobody this year.

When will the green things get a chance to grow? Local politics "am a warmin' up," and uneasy lies the heads of numerous candidates. We shall have to make up for this frigidly later on by an over supply of baked atmosphere.

But after all, as usual, Kinston is not getting half as bad weather as most of the rest of the country. We have received a spring poem contribution, but we consider it altogether out of season just now. Give us something on the freeze.

Interest is awakening in the Pete Lawson murder, and well it should, for a more brutal, cold-blooded and cowardly crime was never committed. The FREE PRESS welcomes to this column letters like that of "First Warden." Responsible citizens are invited to air their views on any matter of local interest. It's a free forum for all, but of course the paper is not responsible or necessarily in sympathy with the views and theories expressed.

LISTEN TO "FIRST WARDEN." DEAR MR. EDITOR: As they say in the legislature, I rise to a question of personal privilege to ask a few questions about town politics. You know, Mr. Editor, just like every body else knows who watches the current of events, that we have been electing six commissioners and only having four to do the business. There is the street commissioner, he draws \$50 extra, the electric light commissioner, the graveyard commissioner and the town treasurer, they all get their \$50 extra. These are the men who stand together, get themselves extra pay, put in the police and do whatever they please. The other two commissioners they are just honorable aldermen, that's all. Somehow, we don't understand, the first warden commissioners are not in it when the \$50 extra is being handed around. Now either one of them knows enough to have grass weeded out of a graveyard and either one of them knows enough to tell Harlow Phillips to take some hands and work the streets. We don't think the right thing has been done to the first men. There ought to be two more extra offices made to give them a job and extra pay. How would a commissioner of agriculture and one of transportation do? We throw this out as a suggestion. If that doesn't do, why not consolidate all these extra offices in one and give it to some poor and honest man? They say the \$50 pay is not an inducement to run for the office. They do it just for patriotism, but they vote the salary extra pay and all just the same. We heard an unregenerate say the other day that Kinston paid her law makers the highest salary in the world when we come to value the work done by them. Another darn fool standing near by said you hadn't thought of the advantage there is in getting your friends on the police force.

What we want to know is, will the first ward get one or two of these extra offices? The other wards have been having these extras. We want some for our men.

FIRST WARDEN

The Bargain Counter.

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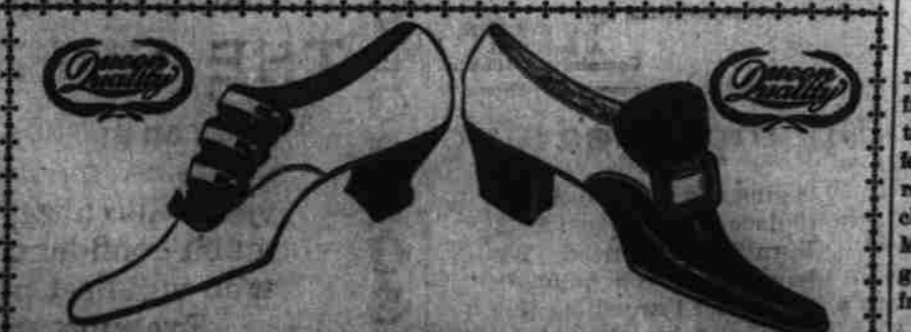
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