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THE DAILY FREE PRESS.

THE WEATHER:
Cloudy and showers tonight and tomorrow.

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PRICE TWO CENTS.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

A Circular Letter of Interest to North Carolina Veterans.

Havelock Woman Seriously Injured by a Runaway Horse at Newbern—Big Fishing Operations at Cape Fear—Suicide in Davie County—Wilson to Have a New Railroad Outlet, Wilkes New Court House

The capital stock of the Kesler cotton mill at Salisbury, of which Mr. F. L. Robbins, a Statesville man, is manager, will be increased from \$125,000 to \$187,500.

The Chronicle says the commissioners of Wilkes have let the contract to L. W. Cooper & Co., of Charlotte, to build a new court house for that county. It is to cost over \$12,800.

Preliminary surveys have been made for a railroad to be run from Raleigh to deep water at Washington via Wilson. The parties who are interested in the road are confident that it will be built, thus giving Wilson a competing line of railroad.

A message from Bill, a small postoffice in Davie county, tells the Winston Journal that Albert Harmon, a well known resident of that community, living with Joe Lambert, was buried at Bethel church Saturday after having committed suicide on the previous day. He shot himself through the head, dying instantly. Harmon had been in ill health for some time and out of work, and despondency growing from his fate led to the rash act.

Wilmington Messenger: The Cape Fear fisheries will soon begin operations and we understand that the concern will employ a thousand men. Their extensive new fish oil and scrap factory at Old Brunswick on Cape Fear is about completed and in fact is ready to begin work now. One of the company's steamers, the Quicketop, is already here and six are on the way. Seven steamers fishing for one Wilmington establishment will look like business.

Mrs. John Lockey, wife of John Lockey of the firm of Lockey & Cannon, of Havelock, North Carolina, while standing in front of the Atlantic & North Carolina depot at Newbern, Saturday afternoon was knocked down by a runaway horse. She was hurt very badly. The horse struck her on the head and back. She became unconscious. The blood poured from her nose and mouth. She was picked up by a gentleman who was standing near and taken to Capt. Hinant's boarding house near by. Drs. Jones and Primrose were called and rendered all medical aid necessary.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

The Reunion at Dallas Promised to be a Memorable Occasion.

Thinner and thinner grow the ranks of the old veterans of one of the most sanguinary wars the world ever knew, and the knowledge that they are steadily passing away, adds pathos and interest to each succeeding reunion. Hence it is but natural that religious and memorial services should become more and more the features of recurring anniversaries.

J. W. Jones, chaplain general, U. C. V., has issued a special and urgent call "to all our chaplains" to be present at the coming reunion at Dallas, Texas, which promises to be one of the finest and most interesting yet held. The hospitable people of Dallas have made great preparations for the entertainment of the "vets," and there need be no expense of living after reaching the city, as all the necessities and many luxuries will be provided at the camp. The parade will be under the chief marshaling of Maj. Gen. K. W. Van Zandt, commanding Texas division, U. C. V. The following general order concerning the memorial service will be found interesting:

Headquarters U. C. V.
New Orleans, La., March 29, 1902.
General Order No. 273.

I. The general commanding announces that at the Dallas reunion, after the convention is fully organized for business on the second day, the 23rd day of April, exactly at high noon, "memorial service" will be held for one hour; at that moment the convention will suspend business for this sacred purpose, without further notice and without regard to what is then taking place, and the flags will be draped in mourning as a mark of respect to the memory of the beloved "Daughter of the Confederacy," and to the memory of all our dear comrades who have preceded us into eternity, and prayers will also be offered for all the living.

The custom was established by the general commanding at the Charleston reunion, at all our reunions will be set apart for "memorial service," at which all the living in the holy ceremony

of paying honor to the cherished memory of that peerless woman whose name will ever be linked with the southern cause, and whose memory is enshrined in the hearts of every confederate survivor; and at the same time, pay honor to the memory of all our comrades who have joined the spectral throng, encamped amongst the stars since last we met; of those who sleep upon every battlefield, from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, many of whom shrouded and coffinless fill unknown and unmarked graves; of those who met the dread messenger: "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams,"

in northern prisons, and now rest far away from home and kindred and loved ones; of those who found sepulchre on the bleak hilltop, or in the deep tangled wilderness, in the valley of the beautiful river, or sleep under the vestal vigils of mother, wife or sister, in the corner of the garden, where the flower buds burst with imprisoned sweets; of those who repose in our beautiful cemeteries, which are cared for and decked with spring's choicest flowers by the glorious women of the South, whose wind swept graves are sentinels at night by the tranquil stars, and by day laden with the perfume of countless myriads of flowers, and the air filled with the melodious carols of a thousand beautiful song birds, and all guarded by the status of the matchless Private Confederate Soldier, that typical battle-crowned God of war, whose lips are as mute as ice, and as passionless as those of the heroic sleepers who rest so serenely under his guardian care.

It matters not where they rest, under the smooth surface of mother earth, under the little mound of green grass, or under the marble shaft, they each fill a hero's grave. Not one is lost to fame; not one is "unwept, unhonored, or unsung."

III. The opening prayer on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. B. H. Carroll, of Waco, Texas; the oration will be delivered by Rev. J. Wm. Jones, Chaplain General United Confederate Veterans, of Chapel Hill, N. C.; and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. W. L. Lowrance, of Cliff, Texas.

By order of
J. B. GORDON,
Gen. MOORMAN, General Commanding,
Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

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BIG FORTUNES FOR TOBACCO GROWERS

GREAT POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO THEM

Soil About Kinston Adapted to Sumatra Tobacco Growing.

It is One of the Most Profitable Crops that Can be Raised—Yields as High as \$1800 per Acre—Opportunity Offered to Make Practical Tests in a Small Way Without Expense—State Will Aid.

Some time ago THE FREE PRESS published an announcement that it was probable that the U. S. Agriculture Department, by virtue of authority given it in a bill from congress, would assign four experts to this State to instruct farmers in the cultivation of Sumatra and Cuban tobacco.

At that time it was stated that the experiment was successfully tried in the Connecticut tobacco belt last year and that as high as \$1,800 was realized on an acre.

THE FREE PRESS then awaited developments with interest and with a view to securing a share in the experiments, if possible, for its friends among the tobacco farmers.

As the season was growing old and no further developments came, a letter was written last week to Hon. B. W. Kilgore, state chemist, asking for information as to the present status and further prospects. Mr. Kilgore has promptly and fully responded and his letter is reproduced in full:

State Aid Can Be Had.
N. C. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
RALEIGH, April 11, 1902.
Editor THE FREE PRESS,
Kinston, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 8th, in regard to the movement to investigate the suitability of our soil and climate to the growth of Sumatra tobacco is received. From the work that has been done in the examination of the soils of the State and from the character of tobacco which has been grown by a few



Chorus on the Fence: "What will the harvest be?" —Boston Herald.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Spring business is picking up all around.

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Sunday weather was all right but the zeppys were a little frisky and kicked up the dust in lively fashion.

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The naval reserves will reach home this evening and then we will hear all about it and get "the horrible details."

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That "violent change" in the weather presaged by the sun halo Friday has thus far failed to eventuate, and nobody will mind if it is indefinitely postponed.

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THE FLY.

I am the fly—
Little, but
Me, oh my!
I bring cheer;
You are glad
I am here.
Are you not?
I can sing
With my wings;
I can eat
Anything;
I'll repose
On your nose;
Please don't sneeze—
Such a breeze!
I will skate
On your pate,
Bald as fate,
While you wait;
And if you
Bid me "shoo!"
I will go—
Form, you know
But, for spite
I will light
There again
Nine or ten
Times or more,
Just to see you
Get sore.
I'm no clown
Though I walk
Upside down.
Pray don't get
In a heat
If I fall on
Your gravied mat,
Don't forget
It's a hot
Dose for me
Ton, you bet!
Will you please
Leave the lid
Off the small
Sugar bowl?
That's a dear,
Good kind soul!
Don't permit
Fly paper
(Gum on it)
Lying round:
Nor a net;
It's not
Etiquette.
I'm your guest—
Not a pest.
I will stay anyway.
I will go
When the winter
Breezes blow,
And say "good bye,"
But now,
I'm the fly—
Little, but
Me, oh my!

The many farmers in this section who have profited so largely by the raising of bright tobacco may recall that it was owing in part to the untiring efforts of THE FREE PRESS that that culture was introduced here and only after long urging.

In the face of their great success we trust it will not be necessary to use much argument in the present case to make them see the amazing possibilities we are placing in their reach, and that they will lose no time in getting in "on the ground floor." We trust that this article will lead to a rush for the few packages of seed we have on hand and that within the week a beginning will be made which within ten years will result in the richest farming community in all America and the world.

It is possible!
It is up to you, tobacco farmer, to make it so!

Come and get your seeds, your instructions and your books and "get busy."

"Costly thy printing as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy; rich, but not gaudy, for the printing doth offend the eye."—Shakespeare. The famous poet displayed his wondrous wisdom in the above as well as other things. The people of this age have great advantages over those of Shakespeare's time, among others that of being able to get rich elegant printing at very moderate prices. Good printing is so low in price now at THE FREE PRESS office, Kinston, N. C., that it is real folly to take the risk of getting bad, smudgy printing from some "cheap John" shop that offers to do it for a few cents per 1,000 less. THE FREE PRESS does good printing at less prices than many hope charge for poor printing.

Individuals in the State, we feel that our conditions are favorable to the growth of this type of tobacco.

The State department of agriculture has obtained, through the United States department of agriculture, seed of both Sumatran and Cuban tobaccos and have furnished these to a limited number of tobacco growers, mainly in the eastern part of the State for test. The department has also put out a bed of Cuban tobacco on its test farm in Edgecombe county and will grow there this season four or five acres of Cuban tobacco, in an experimental way. This tobacco will be grown according to instructions furnished by experts in the growth of Cuban tobacco; by the first of July we hope to have one or two experts to take charge of the experiment and complete the growing and cure and ferment the crop. In this way we hope to get definite information as to the suitability of the soil and climate of Eastern North Carolina for this tobacco. It is proposed to continue the work with tobacco another year, and in fact, until the conditions for growing these better types of tobacco are worked out, or else it is shown that they are not adapted to our soil. Should our experiments in Edgecombe county prove successful I can see no reason why the section around Kinston should not also be well adapted to this tobacco, as there are types of soil in the two sections entirely alike. We know this from a careful examination of our soils, as well as those in Edgecombe county.

We are not yet fully assured of the assignment of experts to assist in this work this season. If the agricultural bill before congress gets reasonable support for the work, help will be given us, otherwise we will likely not be able to obtain it until another year. When the expert help is given we shall be glad to do anything that we can to assist the farmers of your section in this matter, and I think arrangements can be made for an expert to visit Kinston and give instructions with reference to this tobacco. I think it rather late this season for your section to do anything, as tobacco beds have been out for sometime. I have a small quantity of Cuban and Sumatran tobacco seed left over from the supply furnished us from Washington and I send these to you for such use as you may see fit to make of them. I am also sending you a copy of the New England Tobacco Grower, which is specially devoted to the growth of Sumatra tobacco in the Connecticut Valley. I am also writing Professor Whitney, chief of the bureau of soils, of the United States department of agriculture, to send you his recent publications on tobacco. You can obtain a special bulletin on this subject by writing to the director of the Connecticut Experiment station, at New Haven.

If we can be of further service to you in this or any other connection we shall be glad to have you call on us.

Very truly yours,
B. W. KILGORE,
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The Bargain Counter.

WE LIKE TO EAT.

So does every healthy person, especially when they have something nice. If you buy your groceries from us you will have it and it won't cost you more than it's worth either. Just stop our wagon or phone your order. It will have prompt attention.

LA ROQUE & BOUNTREE,
The Up-to-Date Grocers.

THE RIDING SEASON

is here, so come and trade your old wheel for a new one and make the exertion of life easy.

KINSTON CYCLE CO.

COME UP.

Yes, if you buy your Seed Oats from us they will be beyond a doubt. We also have a large stock of Hay, Grain and Feed. We are headquarters for everything in our line.

Come to see us.

NEUSE MILLING CO.
W. A. LaRoque's late stand.

ARE YOU ONE

who is going to build or anticipate building? If so we wish to let it be known that we can furnish on receipt of order Framing and Box Boards, cut from Long Leaf Pines, also all kinds of Dressed Lumber. Come and examine our stock and get our prices before purchasing. Thanking our customers for past patronage and hoping to renew same, we remain, Yours truly,

THE GAY LUMBER CO.
Prompt Delivery.

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We have some more of those Letter Heads, Note Heads, Bill Heads and Statements in fine quality colored bond papers, pink and blue. They are good value for price charged. If in need of some stationery examine these goods before making your selection. Letter Heads 500 for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$3.00. Note Heads 500 for \$1.35, 1,000 for \$2.25. Fine Old Hampshire Bond pink Note Heads 500 for \$1.65, 1,000 for \$2.65. Fine blue or pink Bill Heads, 7x8 1/2 inches, 500 for \$1.40, 1,000 for \$2.40. Statements, elegant quality bond papers in blue, pink, lemon or salmon, 500 for \$1.50, 1,000 for \$2.50.

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KINSTON, N. C.

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Give us a trial.

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

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