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# **OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP**

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

The North State Manufacturing company's cradle factory at Thomasville was burned to the ground early Saturday morning. Loss \$8,500.

The Charlotte Observer says that John Pope, a reckless youth of Linwood, while beating a freight train from Lexington to Salisbury, meta horrible death Sunday afternoon. He was riding on a box car and while passing other cars on the siding at Linwood leaned out his head. which came in contact with the other cars. He was killed instantly.

Elkin Times: On last Friday wild ducks in hundreds passed here going up the river. Mr. C. H. Gwyn killed eleven during the day and a number more were killed by other parties. The ducks seemed to have lost their bearings in their migratory flight and were following the large streams.

Saturday morning about 2 o'clock the colored graded school building at Lexington was discovered to be on fire. It was a frame building and was soon totally consumed, fixtures and all. The total loss is about \$1,300, with \$700 insurance on building. The fixtures were not insured. Everything indicates that the fire was of incendiary origin, but there is no clue as to who fired the building.

Tarboro Southerner: Jim Higgins, at the Shiloh Oil Mills Saturday met with a most distressing and painful accident. He was in the act of putting a hand on when his right arm was caught in the belting and almost torn off at the elbow. The lower part of the arm was only hanging by a few tendons. He was amputated, and the wound dressed.

A Utics, N. Y., dispatch announces the election of officers of a bleaching and finishing company, organized with a capital of \$2,500,000 to operate in the south, the first plant to be located in seeds of a large number which we all me that he had proved that it only takes lings among a vastly increased number Fayetteville. There is North Carolina low to go to waste for this purpose. ident and B. N. Duke and J. B. Duke directors. How many plants they propose to establish is not stated, but probably several, one in each of the princt. pal cotton manufacturing centers.

Cleveland Star: Mrs. Mary Potest, of Mooresboro, had a stroke of paralysis and fell in her yard last Wednesday afternoon and died at 8 o'clock, that night from the effects of the stroke. At 4 o'clock next morning her husband, Mr. Francis M. Potest, died from an attack of heart fallure, brought on by his intense grief over the death of his wife. Both bodies were placed in the same

Weldon special to Raleigh Post: Milton Belfield, the negro who shot and killed Thomas Stephenson at Roxobel in Bertle county, was arrested here this morning. When Officer Dickens approached Belfield he made a spring into the air and ran. Dickens fired upon him, the ball taking effect in the back. Bel-field fell and was then taken to the room used for such characters, where his wound was examined and found to be crious and perhaps mortal.

Allen Cogedell, an old farmer of means, of Rutherford county, wants to die. He has prepared to commit suicide in a specplar manner. He has issued invitations to friends to a dinner to be given on the 10th of June. At 11 o'clock that day Cogedell will give his guests an oportunity of seeing him die. It is under stood that he will shoot himself at the table and for this purpose he has turned over his old army pistol to a gunsmith o have it put in first class order.

The postmaster at Four Oaks was en a preliminary hearing charged with being short in his money order acnt, in the sum of \$647, also with improper treatment of the mails, waived examination, giving bond for his appeares at May term of Federal court at Raleigh. About one-half of the shortage was made good and the balance is pos, ably provided for. Miss Ella Parker is now acting postmaster pending the de-partment's appointment.

who keeps some canned fruit on the closer investigation be found that poison put into them. Sus rested on a colored man
it work for Mr. Deloatch
had some friction a
little colored man was
under bond of \$100, COTTON STATISTICS.

by the Census Report.

The census bureau has issued a preliminary report on the cotton crop of 1901, in commercial bales gross weight, as returned by the cotton ginners, showing an aggregate crop of 9.952,982 bales. EASTERN CAROLINA IS UNEXCELLED This is 533,116 bales less than the 1900 crop. The 1900 crop, expressed in 500 pound bales, was 10,123,027, or 363,121 less than the number of commercial bales, the gross average hale weight being 483 pounds.

The office has not completed the compilation of the number of pounds and the computation of the average bale weight for the crop of 1901, but using 422 pounds, the following are the figures of the crop of 1901, together with those for 1900, respectively. In commercial bales ton exposition edition of the Raleigh by states and territories: Alabama, 1,162,739 and 1,061,678; Arkansas, and 55,698; Georgia, 1,401,815 and for brief items concerning notable crops 1,270,597; Indian Territory, 280,175 and crop raisers. Many of the best of and 288,114; Kansas, 170 and 151; Kentucky, 140 and 133; Louisiana, 858,661 and 714,073; Mississippi, 1,055,968; in the Sunday edition. Mi-sourl, 27,987 and 27,980; North Carolina, 454.854 and 509.431; Oklahoma, 149.415 and 116.875; South Carolina, 730.603 and 780.782; Tennessee. 209.186 and 227.601; Texas 2,590,704 and 3,536.506; Virginia, 13,809 and 11.833.

A Shrub That Cures Leprosy.

Medical men all over the world are interested in the reports from Honolulu and Tahiti of successful results obtained in the treatment of leprosy from the active principal of the tua-tua shrub. The tua-tua's scientific name is Jatropha gossipifolio, and it comes from

Indian Uses For Plants. V. K. Chestnut in a recent bulletin

of the division of botany of the United States department of agriculture tells of numerous uses to which the Indians of Mendocino county, Cal., put various plants. The list is so large and includes such a variety of plants that it suggests the possibility that the white man might learn something of value in this regard from the aborigines. More particularly is this the case with food plants, as they seem to use the pital in this as B. N. Duke is vice pres. One curious fact he refers to is their practice of eating clover, not the flow er head, as white children sometimes do, but the stems and leaves, chewing them like herbivorous animals. He says it is no uncommon sight to see a party of Indians in a clover field eating it by handfuls.

#### Preliminary Report on the Crop of 1901 FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY

A Few Items Showing Diversity and Size of Crops

Two Contrasting Pictures Illustrating "This Little Pig Went to Market, This Little Pig Staid at Home"-Folly to Leave North Carolina-Fortune Waits on Industry Here.

In preparing for the magnificent Charles-News and Observer the editor sent requests to prominent business men and 736,740 and 828,820; Florida, 57,199 farmers all over eastern North Carolina these were evidently received late and crowded out of that edition and appeared In reading these items the edito-

of THE FREE PRESS was struck first with the diversity of the crops and the immensity of some, but more forcibly by a remarkable contrast between the North Carolinian who stays at home and digs out of the ground the fortune that the part of any man, and the North per acre from this method of farming. Carolinian who becomes possessed with a desire to roam in search of something better. Some of the crop items are here trasting picture which the News and Observer reproduced from the Winston there is greater reward for his labor in the far west than here at nome let him carefully consider the two pictures here presented and think again.

First Look on This Picture.

Prof. W. F. Massey: I know a man in North Carolina who has raised a family of nine; has educated his children and Is there any place north that can com-

near here, has five acres under cloth, heated steam pipes through the beds, the pipes used when necessary for water-



ing crop. He is now shipping a due crop partment concerning other crops that of lettuce which will in a few days be off are raised hereabout at great profit, and to be followed by a crop of cucumbers, there is no end to the evidence that no ready for market fully two weeks before the outdoor crop. I am told that it is is there to reward intelligent industry on not unusual to realize \$1,000 to \$1,200 North Carolina: lumber, salt and fresh

Washington special: The largest cargo of lumber ever shipped from a southern city, left Charleston today on the steamgrouped and are followed by the con- ship Egds, consigned to Wood Barker from the Goldsboro Argus: Co., of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, I. I. It contained two million feet Journal. If the reader has thought of yellow pine to be used in the construc Barker Co.

8. G. Worth, Edenton: The North Carolina Fisheries have been developed from the condition of a few large proprietors taking immense and unweildly catches lived comfortably on 36 acres of land. Into a widely divided industry which subdivides the catch, reduces the large pete with that? This gentleman told lump incomes and distributes the earn-4 acres of North Carolina soil to raise of operatives. Mr. W. H. Hampton, of and educate a boy, and his land was far Plymouth, N. C., is an example of the it pays to stay at home "on the old from being the best in the State natur- old regime, being still actively engaged in the operation of four seines, the Wm. Dunn: Mr. A. Satler, farming products from which have made him a man of noted wealth. Catches of shad recently made have reached 5,000, average weight 4% pounds each, at a single haul, and herring three to four hundred thousand, average weight 3 to 1 pound

D. S. Saunders, Beaufort: The water industry in this county is wonderful. Joe Lewis, on Cape Banks, has at least one to two thousand dollars on hand all the time catching mullets, trout, blue fish and mackerel. He has caught in one haul over \$100 worth of fish. Alex. Lawis is another fisherman who has quite a little sum on hand all the time. Ninetenths of our fishermen own their own domicile, boats and nets. There has been, and frequently, four men in one boat which would eatch one to two hundred dollars worth of trout in one haul of three hours. Clams are a big industry in this county; 20 to 30 thousand dol-

lars worth sold a year. Wm. Brogan & Co., Washington: Crop failures are unknown here. Mr. Jas. Ed. Clarke, Jr., Washington, N. C., who is one of the State's best farmers, makes money every year growing cotton. He uses about 500 pounds of fertilizers per acre-not because that quantity is necessary, but because it pays him to do so. He prefers a mixture of cotton meal, acid phosphate, kainit and a complete fortiliser. Even with a poor season like last year—too much rain—his profit was considerable, and he gathered nearly one bale per acre. He cultivates, all told, about 500 acres, and cotton is not the only erop that pays him. This section offers every inducement to capitalists and progressive farmers.

Washington Gazette: Mr. M. F. Willamson, ex-register of deeds, now of Smalls, sold 5,820 dozen eggs from April 15th, 1900, to April 15th, 1901. This is one of the small items of business carried on at Smalls. Mess. Lee & Prescott did about the same amount of

sitely—there is plenty of material right W. F. Stanley, of Graingers, last year netted over \$2,500 on 20 acres of tosacco, and this year has 60 acres. Numerous other farmers have for several years been netting from \$50 to \$200 per sere on tobacco and steadily increasing he average from year to year. Mon D. E. EDMARDS & CO. Items daily appear in our State news de-

section of the country offers such a diversity for money making as eastern water food, stock raising of all kinds and the greatest variety of small fruits, cereals and vegetables to be found anywhere. As to stock raising, note this

"There is an old saying that after the 10th of April cattle can make their own living, as the grass in the fields is suffition of a bridge from Charlottetown to ciently large to feed the cattle. Now the Hillsboro, P. E. I. Mr. M. R. McCullough winter we have just passed was a cold was the buying representative of Wood one, all the way through, and the spring death is as thin on the calmest day at thus far has been cold enough to kill and preserve pork up to this date. Still the for grass in fields and woods is about on "The town that stands on the solid time, and the cattle can make a living as usual on the 10th of April. Verily, we have a wonderful climate. Our possibilities for development and growth are simply marvelous."

Now if you have digested all, the foregoing morsels and become convinced that farm" and "keep everlastingly at it" dig ing your material salvation from the ground, you will einch the conviction by looking upon the other picture of the man who did not stay at home "by his old fireside."

The Contrasting Picture. Winston Journal: A sad lesson is to

be learned from the fate of poor Adams,

the Yadkin county man who yielded to

despondency and hanged himself on Sunday. Some months ago he converted his property into cash and moved to the west." There he was handicapped by new and strange surroundings, by the hustle and the push with which he was unfamiliar, by methods and markets and climatic conditions that simply appalled; and, bankrupt and dejected, he returned to the home of his father to begin again the struggle for existence. For a few weeks he meditated over his condition, brooding over fate, and then sought surcease from sorrow in a suicide's grave. Not many, perhaps, and very few we hope, will have so disastrous an experience as led Mr. Adams to despondency; but the fact, neverthless, is that the experiment of going west is fraught with danger excepting to those who are well supplied with money. One who succeeds there nowadays must have ample resources-money, enterprise and untiring industry-and we submit that these elements will enable a man to prosper anywhere, and that the man who can prosper in the uncertain fluctuations of western life ought to amass a fortune in North Carolina. This State holds out alluring inducements to the farmer who will adopt the up-to-date methods that be finds in the West, and offers equally as fertile a soil, better markets, a superior climate, and, something no part of the West can secure, good water and plenty of it. North Carolinians who are moving West are taking unnecessary chance with their futures.

Attacked by Dog.

Two weeks since, as Mr. William Paterson, a farmer living two miles from Shelby, was returning home from town, was attacked by a rabid dog, which This picture might be added to indefi- bit him severely on the lower lip. Three days after this Mr. Patterson went to sere about Kinston. For instance, Mr. Charlotte and had the mad-stone applied. A few days after his return, he showed symptoms of hydrophobia, growng worse each day, and died Sunday norning in great agony. In his came noments he would beg his friends to till him and thus end his suffering.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Trying hard to clear off. Success to

Now don't delay in getting your adcopy ready for the double Saturday edi-

A local wit propounded this conundrum today at noon: "What is the most improbable thing on earth?" His own answer was: "A nigger going in the opposite direction from a brass

. . . There is great demand for rooms in THE FREE PRESS building to be constructed, more than can be accommodated, although the original plans have been greatly enlarged. There is a hint in this to men of capital.

Newbern's State league base ball team has two well known names on it's roster, David Crockett and Jack Frost. When the club gets in a tight place David will coach the batters with his old saw, "be sure you're right, then go ahead." Jack Frost's part is to freeze 'em out on

. . .

"Lest we forget, lest we forget." The naval recerve boys have learned by experience how easy it is to make good resolutions when in peril and how hard to keep them when one feels perfectly safe. And yet the veil that separates life from home as in the midst of a storm at sea,

May be swallowed up by the earth-quake's shock." ...

A man at the depot yesterday cautionaly asked a reporter what he was "putting people's nemes down fur." He was gravely informed that some of the Then the reporter asked the man his name, which was refused, the good fel low adding: "Well, I'll tell you this, and I mean it, too, that I'm shore gwine to leave if the train do." He rolled his eyes and shook his head in a threatening manner, showing that he "wuz gwine" or make trouble.

Goldsboro Argus: A directory of Goldsboro has just been issued by the Inter-State Directory Co., of Charlotte. It is neat in appearance and contains in-formation that could not be obtained through any other source. It will prove invaluable to business men generally. As was to be expected there are some few mistakes, which must occur with anytolerably fair, correct and will give satis-

faction.

Representatives of this concern have nearly completed a canvass of Kinston for a similar directory. A city directory is a positive necessity for a town of this size. THE FREE PRESS had been contemplating the publication of one in the near future, but when Mr. Griffith, of the Inter-State Co., called and announced that his canvass was already well advanced, we gladly welcomed the announcement and abandoned our own plan, for directory work is a specialty and we could not have hoped for better than to get out even. The Inter-State people are experienced in the preliminary work and have a printing plantespecially fitted up for directory work, so they could make money where a local enterprise would lose. Hence we cordially welcome the Inter-State and hope its representative will be encouraged.

In this connection we again refer to the Inter-State's remarkably favorable offer to put street signs at all corners and number all houses. Unless this is done a directory will be of little service, and it never will be done eatlefactorily unless done officially. We trust that either the old or the new board of aldermen at their last or first meeting will take decistve action on the matter and do the town a great and lasting favor. The street signs alone would ordinarily cost over four times as much as the Inter-State offers to do the whole business for. It is an opportunity for saving on a cessary work which does not con

often, and it would be foolish to let it allo

Mrs. Durham Cured.

THE PRESS JOB Printing Department has recently received over 100,000 hipping Tags. We furnish a good No. tag neatly printed in 10,000 lots at

## 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.

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WE WANT TO SEE YOU

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J. H. ALEXANDE

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