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THE DAILY FREE PRESS.

THE WEATHER: Showers tonight, clearing tomorrow.

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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, met a horrible death Sunday afternoon.

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.

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.

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 band on when his right arm was caught in the belt and almost torn off at the elbow.

A Union, 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 Fayetteville.

Cleveland Star: Mrs. Mary Potat, 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.

Weldon special to Raleigh Post: Milton Belfield, the negro who shot and killed Thomas Stephenson at Roxobel in Bertie county, was arrested here this morning.

Allen Cogsdell, an old farmer of means, of Rutherford county, wants to die. He has prepared to commit suicide in a spectacular manner.

A few days ago Mr. W. M. DeLoatch, who keeps some canned fruit on the shelves in his butcher shop at Scotland Neck, discovered that they were leaking.

COTTON STATISTICS.

Preliminary Report on the Crop of 1901 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.

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.

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 principle of the tree-tua shrub.

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.

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 lived comfortably on 36 acres of land.

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FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY

EASTERN CAROLINA IS UNEXCELLED

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 Charleston exposition edition of the Raleigh News and Observer the editor sent requests to prominent business men and farmers all over eastern North Carolina for brief items concerning notable crops and crop raisers.

In reading these items the editor 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 is there to reward intelligent industry on the part of any man, and the North Carolinian who becomes possessed with a desire to roam in search of something better.

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FIND THE TAVERN KEEPER.

ing crop. He is now shipping a fine crop of lettuce which will in a few days be off to be followed by a crop of cucumbers, ready for market fully two weeks before the outdoor crop. I am told that it is not unusual to realize \$1,000 to \$1,200 per acre from this method of farming.

Washington special: The largest cargo of lumber ever shipped from a southern city, left Charleston today on the steamship Egda, consigned to Wood Barker Co., of Charlotetown, Prince Edward Island, I. I. It contained two million feet of yellow pine to be used in the construction of a bridge from Charlotetown to Hillsboro, P. E. I.

S. G. Worth, Edenton: The North Carolina Fisheries have been developed from the condition of a few large proprietors taking immense and unwieldy catches into a widely divided industry which subdivides the catch, reduces the large lump incomes and distributes the earnings among a vastly increased number of operatives.

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.

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Washington Gazette: Mr. M. F. Williamson, 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.

This picture might be added to indefinitely—there is plenty of material right here about Kinston. For instance, Mr. W. F. Stanley, of Grangers, last year netted over \$2,500 on 20 acres of tobacco, and this year has 60 acres.

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partment concerning other crops that are raised hereabout at great profit, and there is no end to the evidence that no section of the country offers such a diversity for money making as eastern North Carolina: lumber, salt and fresh water food, stock raising of all kinds and the greatest variety of small fruits, cereals and vegetables to be found anywhere.

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

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.

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The Free Press Job Printing Department has recently received over 100,000 Shipping Tags. We furnish a good No. 5 tag neatly printed in 10,000 lots at 60c per 1,000.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Trying hard to clear off. Success to the effort.

Now don't delay in getting your ad copy ready for the double Saturday edition.

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 band."

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 its 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 second base.

"Last we forget, lest we forget." The naval reserve 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.

"The town that stands on the solid rock May be swallowed up by the earthquake's shock."

A man at the depot yesterday cautiously asked a reporter what he was "putting people's names down for." He was gravely informed that some of the people would be detained here awhile. Then the reporter asked the man his name, which was refused, the good fellow adding: "Well, I'll tell you this, and I mean it, too, that I'm shore going to leave if the train do." He rolled his eyes and shook his head in a threatening manner, showing that he "was gwine" or make trouble.

Goldboro Argus: A directory of Goldboro has just been issued by the Inter-State Directory Co., of Charlotte. It is neat in appearance and contains information that could not be obtained through any other source. It will prove invaluable to business men generally.

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 plant especially 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 satisfactorily unless done officially. We trust that either the old or the new board of aldermen at their last or first meeting will take decisive 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 necessary work which does not come often, and it would be foolish to let it slip by.

Mrs. Durham Cured. DEAR SIR:—I am a great sufferer from severe nervous headache, and find in CAPSICUM 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. COLLETTA DURHAM

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.

QUINN & MILLER.

WE WANT TO SEE YOU

at our store where we keep constantly on hand a choice line of Fancy Groceries. We are striving to please. Prompt delivery to any part of town.

J. H. ALEXANDER, General Store.

North Street.

HANDSOME BICYCLES, \$15.00.

Think of it! Only \$15 for a handsome wheel—"bran new." Come and see them. Wheels of all kinds. Repairing a specialty.

KINSTON CYCLE CO.

BARGAINS IN PRINTING.

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 stationary examine these goods before making your selection.

GREEN OR DRIED

ROUGH OR DRESSED

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Pries to Compete With Anyone!

Give us an order and you shall be pleased. Thanking you for past orders and hoping to serve you, we are,

D. E. EDWARDS & CO.