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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Running Duel With a Desperate Negro Thief.

Shoots His Captor and Flees; Trying to Get More Deliberate Aim is Shot in the Mouth—Cowardly Assassination at Trinity—Probable Murder Victim Plowed up.

News and Observer: Jones county is to have a hanging at Trenton on May 21, unless something intervenes to prevent. Cyrus Dixon, who is to be hanged, declares the members of the jury which convicted him will all go to hell.

Lawson Parker, who lived near Trinity, was shot through the throat by Ed Sawyer and died later. Parker was on his way home after accompanying a young lady from a party, and Sawyer waylaid and shot him, the ball entering the right side of the throat and coming out at the back of the neck.

High Point special: It is now only a matter of form before High Point has free delivery of mail matter. The required annual receipts of \$10,000 have been passed and every day keeps growing. The inspector, who was recently here, says the High Point postoffice is making enormous gains and that every time he comes he is pleasantly surprised at some part of the service.

While plowing in a field on his farm in Montgomery county, Back Morris unearthed the skeleton of a man, which, from all appearances, had not been buried very many years. In fact, it is reported that some flesh still adhered to the bones and there was also some clothing on the body. As there was no burying ground anywhere near where the find was made foul play is suspected, but it has been so long buried that no clue can be had as to who the man is. Some six or eight years ago a man named Burgess mysteriously disappeared from the neighborhood, all traces of him being lost, and it is now thought by some that he was foully dealt with and that this is perhaps his remains.

An ugly tragedy was enacted Tuesday in No. 23 township, Cabarrus county. Mr. O. O. Overcash, a county merchant, and Deputy Johnson went to arrest John Bost, a negro, on a warrant for obtaining goods under false pretenses. Bost shot Mr. Overcash in the right breast and dashed out of the house, the officers opening fire on him and he running and firing back. Bost stopped to take shelter of a little fruit tree to aim a deadly shot at Mr. Overcash who, though pale and sick from his terrible wound, was pressing him undauntedly. Overcash however sent a bullet crashing into Bost's mouth and lodging about the throat. Bost fell to the ground and was secured and lodged in jail Tuesday night.

Reciprocity Bill Passed.
Washington, Dec. 19.—There was a fight in congress over an amendment to remove the differential from refined sugar during the existence of the reciprocity agreement. The amendment was adopted in committee, 164-111, and later in the house by a still larger majority, 199-105. On this occasion 64 Republicans voted with the Democrats for the amendment. The bill was then passed by an overwhelming majority, 247-52.

Good for Rheumatism.
Last fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures, I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I had seen advertised in the South Jerseyman. After two applications of this Remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle, was completely cured.—SALLIE HARRIS, Salem, N. J. For sale by J. E. Hood.

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DIED AFTER ASSAULT.

Fatal Quarrel Between White Farm Hands.

A telephone message to THE FREE PRESS from Snow Hill gives information of a homicide that occurred near Hull Road church about 8 miles from that place and 14 miles from Kinston, yesterday, the man killed being Luby Webber. The fatal assault was committed by Herman Stocks. Both were white and single, Webber being 21 years of age and Stocks 25.

The two were in a field plowing, Webber being in the employ of Stocks. The latter said something to Webber about his not running the rows straight and a dispute arose, which resulted in Stocks assaulting Webber, knocking him down with his fist and then stamping him with his foot.

This occurred about 10 o'clock in the morning. Webber, after his terrible beating, walked to Snow Hill and that afternoon died, shortly after his arrival. Stocks went to a magistrate and had a warrant sworn out against himself. It is not learned whether or not he knew of the death of Webber at the time of giving himself up.

A coroner's inquest is being held today. At 3 o'clock this afternoon it was still in session, and it couldn't be learned what was the direct cause of Webber's death, though it is presumed that he died by blood clotting on the brain as a result of the wounds on his head, the skull probably being fractured.

Stocks is held in custody awaiting the verdict of the coroner's jury.

THE HORSES.

Grace Hastings has been bred to Metallas, 2:11.

Royal Victor, 2:08½, will be tried again this season.

The pacer Little Joker, 2:12½, by Forest Hal, is now used on the road in Buffalo.

Chase, the fast green son of Keeler, 2:13½, owned by J. F. Drulen, is being entered by Scott Hudson.

Master—What do you mean, Jones, by this impudent caricature?
Jones—Please, sir, it isn't a caricature; it's a portrait.

A Sum of Happiness.

A young girl 5 feet 2 inches in height, weighing 114 pounds, can wait three hours straight without stopping, while a young man 5 feet 9 inches, weighing 190 pounds, can wait only 32 minutes. How many partners, averaging 170 pounds and 5 feet 8 inches in height, will the young girl exhaust in an evening of 11 hours, allowing 20 minutes for refreshments?—Life.

Leaks in Gas Pipes.

A leak in a gas pipe may be located without the use of a light by painting the pipe with soap and water. Bubbles will indicate where the leak is.

If troubled by a weak digestion, loss of appetite, or constipation, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Every bottle warranted. For sale by J. E. Hood.

The Bargain Counter.

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THE NEWSPAPER AND THE TOWN

FREE PRESS POLICY: TO BUILD UP

Its Motto: Good Will Toward All; Malice Toward None.

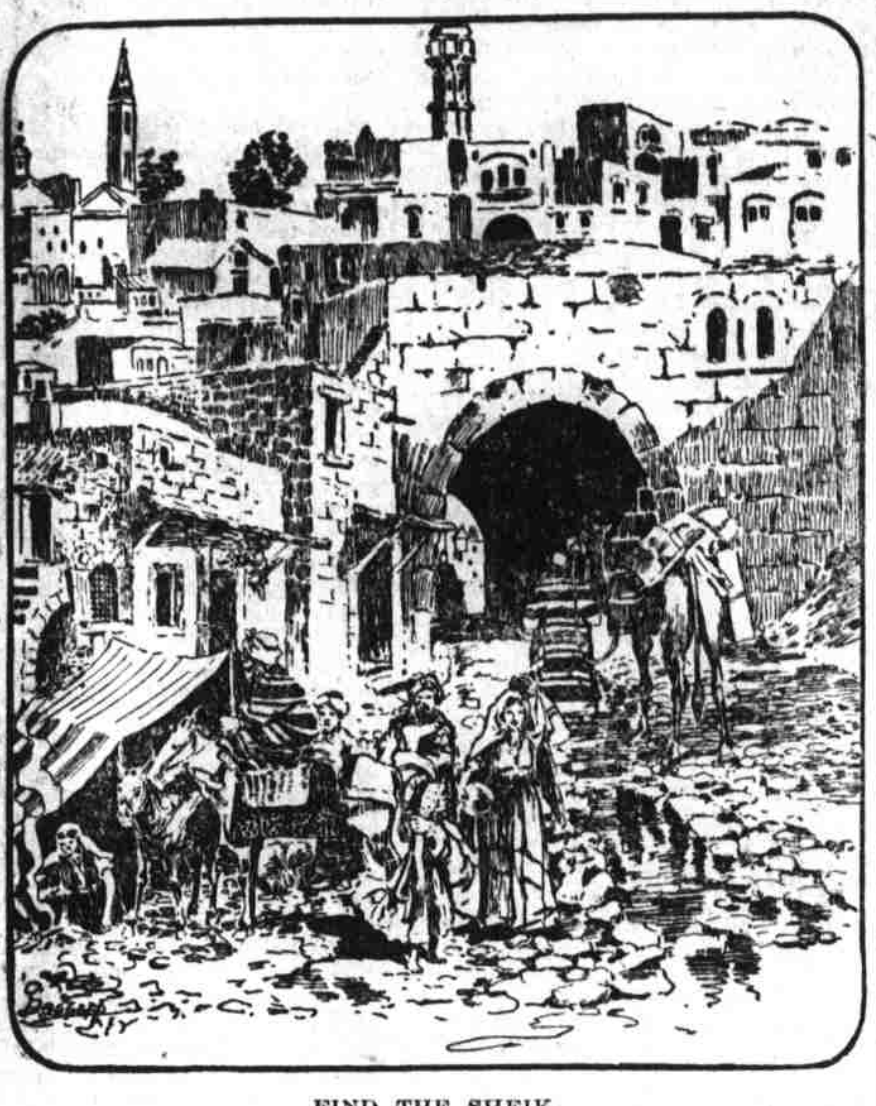
Strong Evidence that the Good Will Is Reciprocated—The Quick Formation of a Stock Company. Although Easy Here, Was Really Marvelous and Could Have Been Equalled in Few Other Towns.

Several subscriptions have been secured for FREE PRESS stock since the announcement of the assured success of the plan. In the hurry of getting up this company nothing like a thorough and systematic canvass was practicable. We don't wish any of our friends to feel that we slighted them, as anything so seeming is in seeming only, and not intentional. The \$6,000 of preferred stock has been placed in amounts of \$100 to \$200, nearly all in Kinston. In fact with more work soliciting stock a larger sum could have been placed had it been deemed safe and wise to do so, but the policy of the present proprietor henceforth shall be to go ahead not only along progressive but very conservative lines, as far as possible a happy combination of safe progress, just as has been the progress of Kinston.

It is the intention of the present proprietor and of those who are associated with him in the ownership of the common stock and the control of the enterprise, to pursue a policy that they consider best for Kinston and this entire section. We expect to make mistakes as do all human beings, but our mistakes shall be of the head, not of the heart. The policy of the paper will be to treat everybody right and to at least deserve the good will of every man, woman and child of this section; to do as little harm and all the good we can for this section and its people.

We shall be in the publishing and printing business to make money out of it as well as benefit the people, and shall endeavor, in our line, to serve this section well—better than can be done by anybody else. It is our intention, as heretofore, to steer clear of politics, so far as we personally are concerned. Many publishers go to wreck in boosting themselves into office through their papers. We have avoided this error heretofore and intend to continue avoiding it. We figure it will pay us and the community to attend to our business and let the other fellow fill political offices.

We know that we have made many mistakes in the past, but we truthfully say that so far as the paper is concerned we have always tried to conduct it in such manner as would best serve the community interest, and we have endeavored to act fair and square towards everybody, and we shall strive harder than ever hereafter to do so.



FIND THE SHEIK.

We have no envy or malice in our hearts toward anyone. We know, however, we have a few enemies among people who ought to be our best friends. We think they are wrong. But we are willing to let bygones be bygones, to rub out old scores, and turn over a new leaf, make fresh start and have peace and harmony and charity and co-operation prevail between the paper and every citizen of this section who is inspired with proper motives.

THE FREE PRESS never has been, nor will as long as the present proprietor lives be, the tool for any man or set of men to accomplish an improper purpose. It will be Democratic in politics, but liberal and charitable toward individuals of other parties. It will give its patrons as good service as possible at reasonable prices. It will ever be ready to lend a helping hand toward all the individual or co-operative enterprises of Kinston and this section. Will be ever ready to give its utmost aid to every reputable business or professional interest. Its policy will be constructive rather than destructive. We believe it better to build up than to tear down.

There is no person in Eastern Carolina, Kinston in particular, we would not rather help than knock. Hereafter, if THE FREE PRESS does any "knocking," it will be either in self-defense or for the community's interest. For the community we shall be, from our point of view, at least, wisely offensive in some instances perhaps, if nothing else will prevail. For the paper and its proprietor's interests our policy will be strictly defensive. We wish to be on good terms and friendly with everybody and, as already stated, to do as much good and as little harm as possible. We believe this to be good business sense, more satisfactory to our conscience, and best for all we believe it to be a winning policy, because we believe most firmly in the old maxim

"Honesty is the best policy."

We have digressed rather from our starting point, and will return thereto. Articles of agreement for incorporation have already been received from the secretary of state, and a meeting will be held next Wednesday afternoon to perfect organization of the company.

The plan of organization was changed somewhat at the last moment, the change being to capitalize at \$9,000 common and \$6,000 preferred stock, the common stock being held in three equal shares by W. S. and J. H. Herbert and F. M. Harrington. In the hurry of getting off the articles of agreement it was impracticable to obtain the signatures of all who had subscribed, some not being in town or at their places of business, and to expedite matters the remainder of the preferred stock was entered to W. S. Herbert. As the papers stand, the signatures of some thirty of our progressive business and professional men appear for preferred stock aggregating 40 shares, and 20 shares preferred to W. S. Herbert make up the total of preferred stock. The ownership of the common stock has already been explained. Additional subscriptions have been since obtained for preferred stock aggregating in all 65 shares, and there are quite a number of our business and professional men yet to be seen until we can issue this stock in amounts of not to exceed \$100. We

shall complete this canvass now very shortly, and our friends can aid us in completing it by volunteering subscriptions of \$100 each. If the subscriptions exceed the \$6,000 preferred stock we will make a list of those who volunteer subscriptions and issue them stock whenever any of the original stockholders tender their stock to us for redemption. As announced heretofore, our purpose will be to pay the guaranteed dividends of 7 per cent. (3½ per cent semi-annually) promptly on the day named every time; to purchase the stock of any who become weary of their investment or heed their money more than the stock upon 30 days notice to the company.

It is our purpose to prevent this stock being worth less than par, and we think the plan outlined will accomplish our purpose.

We would esteem it a personal favor for our business and professional friends who have not been seen (it was impossible to see all when we were so hurried) to volunteer subscriptions for \$100 stock even though we might be unable now to issue it to them. We will issue the stock eventually to the first 60 subscribers, if so many are obtained, and if there are more subscriptions than that number obtained we will issue such as may be brought in for redemption to those whose names may appear on our record, and, of course, our policy will be fair and proper, "first come, first served."

OVER THE OCEAN.

There are only a hundred public telephones in all Belgium.

Co-operative stores of all kinds are rapidly multiplying in Italy.

Only 80,331 of the 700,000 British subjects who died last year had anything to leave by will.

The sea borne traffic carried by the Manchester ship canal has increased in the past eight years from 686,000 tons per annum to 2,635,000 tons.

Australia, with a population under 4,000,000, is governed by fourteen houses of parliament, two in each state and two for the commonwealth, and seven ministers.

The Red sea coast of Arabia from Jeddah south to near the strait of Bab-el-Mandeb is infested with pirates, who have lately shown great activity and have captured many native trading vessels.

There is to be erected to a dog a magnificent monument in the very middle of the Alpine glaciers. This noble preserver of life was a magnificent St. Bernard and had saved during his lifetime no fewer than forty people.

Assemblages of all kinds are being prohibited in Turkey, the authorities regarding them as dangerous. A ball which was to have been given by a high Christian official was interdicted after some of the guests had arrived.

"A neighbor ran in with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when my son was suffering with severe cramps and was given up as beyond hope by my regular physician, who stands high in his profession. After administering three doses of it, my son regained consciousness and recovered entirely within twenty-four hours," says Mrs. Haller, of Mt. Crawford, Va. This Remedy is for sale by J. E. Hood.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Well, it's just this way, Mr. Advertiser, if you are not well represented in THE FREE PRESS today you are missing a good thing, for it goes to nearly every house and will be read by everybody in town who can read.

Once more, have you paid that poll tax? The days are slipping by and the first of May is near at hand. If not paid by that date it will be all over with you so far as voting this year is concerned. It is your fault if you fail to pay your poll tax; you can't plead ignorance. You might plead republican "prosperity" but that won't let you vote unless you drop your poll in the sheriff's safe for the benefit of the school children of the county.

When Gov. Aycock facetiously remarked in his speech at LaGrange that if Kinston isn't the biggest town in the State now it will be next year, he did not know how near to the truth he hit. It is not probable that Kinston will be the biggest town in the State next year, but if it grows during the next five years in the same proportion as it has since the taking of the census in 1900 it will then be among the biggest towns of the State, and as it looks now it would be the largest, as only one town of its present class is keeping pace with it in growth, and that is High Point, at the other end of the State. The statistics dug up by the canvassers for the new directory will not only surprise Gov. Aycock and others throughout the State, but Kinstonians themselves. We have all known that the town was increasing—the evidence is on every hand, not a single street but has one or more buildings in course of construction, and still there are none to rent—yet no one imagined that the increase of total population has been over 25 per cent. each year. Yet such is the fact. The 1900 census credits Kinston with 4,106 total population, white 2,578; colored 1,528. The directory canvass reveals by actual count that the total population is now 6,368, of which 4,457 are white and 1,911 colored. This shows a white gain of 1,875 and a colored gain of 343—total gain 2,262.

Mr. Griffith, who has conducted similar canvasses throughout the State, and of course is wholly disinterested, says Kinston's ratio of increase is equalled by but one place in the State, High Point, the next being Durham and Concord with ratios about one half that of Kinston, while Kinston's increase is about ten times greater than that of Goldsboro. The family average here is about 5½.

Mr. Griffith gives some further local statistics which are interesting. Kinston has 32 miles of streets, 124 stores and 1,296 dwelling houses.

These facts and figures are inspiring and prophetic. Let us keep on building up and climbing, steadily, steadily, steadily, without any spurts or plunging, sticking to the methods which have brought the town to its present point, and the growth will continue to be steady, normal and permanent.

It is better to grow more slowly that way than to grow like a mushroom and fall of our own weight.

Be progressive, yet conservative, and we will eventually lead the procession.

These facts and reflections have inspired the Timely Topics' muse to describe the effect and explain the cause thus:

Kinston was a hamlet town
A dozen years ago,
When, without apparent reason,
It began steadily to grow.
It grew to east, it grew to west,
In either wet or drought;
It grew to north, also likewise
It spread out to the south.

"What makes that town so swiftly grow?
Its rivals wildly cried—
We've heard of its great increase,
But we thought the records lied.

"It hasn't good location,
It's on a sandy plain
Beside a sluggish river
Sixty miles from ocean's main."

The reason's plain. Its great increase
In every kind of weather
Is solely due—now mark this please—
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The Best Blood Purifier.
The blood is constantly being purified by the lungs, liver and kidneys. Keep these organs in a healthy condition and the bowels regular and will have no need of a blood purifier. For this purpose there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, one dose of them will do you more good than a dollar bottle of the best blood purifier. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at J. E. Hood's drug store.