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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

#### The Busy Burglar Continues to Busily Burgle in Durham.

Two Driven Off by a Plucky Young Lady and Two Highwaymen Rob a Cripple—High Point to Have an Educational Rally—Furniture Factory Destroyed—Big Shad Colony for the Neuse.

Lumberton Robsonian: Mr. J. McI. Brown, who lives near Philadelphia, has an orange tree in his yard which is full of fruit. The oranges are small, but are now ripening.

There was a highway robbery in North Durham Tuesday night. William McCloud, a deformed white man who sold tea and coffee, was overpowered and robbed of forty dollars by two white men. There have been no arrests, and so far as can be learned, no clues.

Thomas Moore died near Price, Rockingham county, a few days ago. He was burning off a piece of new ground with some neighbors assisting him, and he challenged one of them to wrestle with him. He was thrown and became unconscious, but rallied and went home, dying the next day.

A colored man named Halston was found a few days ago on Dan river not far from the town of Madison, with five bullet holes through his body. It is said that he had been accused of reporting some illicit distilleries to the federal government, and it is thought that this may be the reason for his untimely taking off.

Newbern Journal: Mr. Copeland, representative of the government, arrived here yesterday from Edenton, N. C., bringing with him 728,000 young shad from the fishery at that place. Mr. John B. Ives carried Mr. Copeland, with the young shad, about four miles up the Neuse where the shad were planted.

Internal revenue receipts for the month of April at the close of business in Durham Wednesday afternoon amounted to within a few dollars of a quarter of a million in one month. The exact receipts were \$249,856.78. This against \$141,994.94 for last month. The receipts this month were the largest in the history of Durham.

Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock in the midst of a furious storm, lightning struck the large three-story warehouse of the Lack Manufacturing company at Fayetteville and set it on fire. The building, which had in it much newly manufactured furniture, was totally destroyed, as were the books and personal effects. The loss is put at \$5,000 with \$3,500 insurance.

Durham Herald: A bold attempt was made to enter the home of W. D. Latta on Liberty street, last night just before 10 o'clock. Miss Daisy Latta heard the men—thought to be two in number—at one of the rear windows. She raised an up-stairs window and fired two shots at them. She saw the men as they ran off and made their escape.

Davidson Dispatch: At Fullers on last Sunday the large lead barn of Mr. David Thomas was destroyed by fire. Two excellent mules, a lot of feed stuff, farming implements and machinery were also burned. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin and Mr. Thomas had some blood hounds on the scene yesterday endeavoring to trace the miscreants who fired the barn.

An educational rally similar to the one held in Greensboro and other places will be held at High Point during commencement week. Governor Aycock, Dr. McIver, Superintendent Public Instruction Joyner, Dr. Venable and other distinguished educators will be on hand and deliver addresses. Besides these an invitation has been extended to all the college presidents and professors in the State, also superintendents of schools, many of whom are expected to be present.

The North Carolina Baptists are manifesting deep interest in the approaching meeting of the Southern Baptist convention, at Asheville. They have raised for foreign missions \$2,000 more than they did last year. Their contributions for home missions are about the same as last year's. The convention will elect a new president and for this position Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, is very prominently mentioned.

Dear Sir:—I am a great sufferer from severe nervous headache, and find in your medicine 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. COLLEMAN DURHAM

Information has reached Jonesboro that Mr. J. L. Boothe, a merchant of Lemon Springs, a station on the Seaboard Air Line, was halted Wednesday night in the public highway, while going from his store to his residence, by a masked man, who demanded his money or his life. The robber was armed with a double-barrelled shotgun and secured from Mr. Boothe about \$10 in change, all the money he had with him.

Reidsville Weekly: Mr. J. T. Barham, who lives in Guilford county, told us some days ago, while in the woods he happened to find a squirrel's nest in which there were three young ones, so young that their eyes were not open. He thought as their mother had probably been killed, he would carry them home for his cat to eat. But his cat, which had three small kittens, instead of eating them, adopted them as her own. When she moves, as all cats do when her kittens are bothered, she moves the squirrels first. This is a true story.

Winston Republican: The heavy frosts recently seem not to have injured the peach crop. We commented upon the fact to an old inhabitant when he remarked "that having bloomed in the dark of the moon no frost could hurt them."—Out in the Crater section of this county animals seem to live to a ripe old age. Mr. Emanuel Bodford had a fine dog to die a few days ago whose age was notched at 23 years, while Mr. E. F. Shutt, of the same section, trots out a cat, still in the possession of health and life at the age of 14 years.—It has been a hard winter on bees. Many apiarists lost a third, some one-half and others all of their colonies. The cold spring has greatly hindered those that did survive.—The Martin Mfg Co., at Walkertown, this county, will manufacture suspenders and expect to begin operations by May 1st.

### LaGRANGE.

May 1.—Mr. Archie McNeill, of Aurora, is visiting his father.

A mad dog was killed on the streets Wednesday by Chief Wells.

Mr. John Harper, who has been living here the past few months, has moved to Kinston. Dr. Greene has moved his family into the house vacated by Mr. Harper.

Dr. H. M. McDonald's handsome new fountain has arrived.

Mr. Edwin Wooten has filled his engagement with Miss Wooten & Wooten and is with them no more.

Mr. O. Taylor will begin shipping Saturday.

Up to the present there is no interest manifested in the town election. As editors are supposed to be prepared to answer all questions, we would like to ask you, Mr. Editor, whether or not the new law requires voters in municipal elections, to be able to show their tax receipts? [Yes. Ed.]

Miss Lizzie Moore, of near Glenfield, returned to her home today.

Rev. D. H. Petree preached Tuesday night in the Disciple church, taking for his text "The Seven Springs." One would naturally associate our popular summer resort with his subject, but his text was suggested by a passage of scripture.

Mess. K. E. Jutton, J. R. Wooten, John Willis Sutton and N. W. Creech, returned Wednesday from Havelock, bringing with them a fine lot of fish.

Didn't Reckon Foreigners. It was a little boy in an American Sunday school who in reply to his teacher's question, "Who was the first man?" answered, "George Washington," and upon being informed that it was Adam exclaimed, "Ah, well, if you are speaking of foreigners, perhaps he was!"—Stray Stories.

Forgiving and Forgetting. "Woman," said the crusty person, "may say that she will forgive and forget, but she will never let you forget that she forgave."—Baltimore American.

## THE BEEF TRUST IS IN A PANIC

### TRYING TO HEAD OFF LEGISLATION But it Never Occurs to Them to Cut Down Prices.

Representatives Rushing Into Washington and Those Who do Business with the Trust ordered to Keep Their Mouths Shut—Cattle Market Gone to Smash—Summary of Interesting General News. Chicago, May 1.—The cattle market has gone to smash and the beef trust barons are in a state of wild panic.

Many of the beef trust representatives are hurrying to Washington today in an attempt to head off the disastrous results of a national uprising against the lawless oppression by the trust.

Thousands of head of cattle have gone begging at the market prices heretofore kept up by the trust and its agents and have been hammered down twenty-five to fifty cents a hundred weight.

In fear of a widespread revolt against their methods, the trust men have turned to intimidation and have warned all persons throughout the country who do business with the trust to "keep their mouths shut."

This is taken to mean that the food trust is alarmed at the step being taken to bring it to book, and will fight to the end.

### After the Beef Trust.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox had a long conference yesterday concerning the beef trust. The attorney general made a full explanation to the president of the steps which have been taken to dissolve the alleged trust, and discussed the evidence which was secured preparatory to bringing action against the packers.

North Carolinian Killed in a Duel. James Spence was killed in an impromptu duel at Pine Bloom, Ga., with a log contractor named Smith. The two men had quarreled and each pulled a revolver and began shooting. Young Spence fell dead. Smith received one or more bullets through the stomach and died later. Smith is a native of North Carolina.

### Fitzsimmons-Jeffries.

New York, May 1.—Having decided to fight Jeffries for the world's heavy weight championship in California, Fitzsimmons will leave for San Francisco the latter part of this week to arrange final details for the fight with the champion. He will be prepared to go into active training just as soon as the battleground is settled and he will not return east until after the contest.

### Schley for President.

Norfolk, Va., May 1.—There is a possibility that Rear Admiral Schley may be made the president of the Jamestown Exposition company. He is known to be the choice of several of the principal incorporators, who have written him with a view to ascertaining whether he is in a position to accept it. It is proposed to make the celebration a national affair and it is claimed that Admiral Schley could do more to further the interests of the exposition than any one else.

### Cotton and Tobacco.

Washington, April 29.—The weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says: "The cotton states have experienced a very favorable week, and cotton planting has made rapid progress



EUGENE F. WARE, THE NEW PENSION COMMISSIONER. Eugene F. Ware, lawyer, poet, veteran soldier and ex-harness maker, is the new head of the pension bureau. He is a native of Connecticut, is 61 years of age and served throughout the war in Iowa regiments. As a poet he won fame under the nom de plume of "Ironquill."

In all sections, being practically finished in Texas. Much of the early planted throughout the cotton belt is up to good stands and cultivation is well advanced. Tobacco plants continue small, but are generally plentiful, except in Maryland. Transplanting is about half finished in South Carolina and is in progress in North Carolina.

### Hanged by a Kentucky Mob.

Brandenburg, Ky., April 30.—Ernest Dewley, a negro, who shot and seriously wounded Harry Dowell, a young white man, at Gaston, was hanged by a mob at 2:30 o'clock this morning and his body riddled with bullets. The mob battered the doors and secured the negro whom they carried about a mile and a half from town where they hanged him to a tree. After he had strangled to death the mob riddled his body with bullets and then quietly dispersed.

### Wireless Telegraphy.

Washington, May 1.—Lieutenant Beecher, the naval expert on wireless telegraphy, has returned to Washington from his trip to the North Carolina sounds, where he inspected the Weather Bureau system of wireless telegraph installed between Roanoke Island and a point on the mainland opposite Hatteras, a distance of 50 miles as the crow flies. The system was found to work over that distance with absolute accuracy and high speed.

### COMFORT.

April 30. The farmers will soon have their tobacco plants set out in this section.

Mrs. Susan Lies is very sick this week. Miss Lillie Hardy's twelfth birthday was celebrated Saturday 26. Several friends from Richlands and schoolmates from Trenton were present and enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. M. E. Rhodes and son Jamie visited her sister, Mrs. John French, near Newbern last week.

Misses Mary Humphrey, of Goldsboro, Mary Koonce, of Trenton, visited at Mr. J. L. Hardy's Friday.

Misses Mattie Venters and Bessie Koonce, of Richlands, spent Thursday at Mr. J. L. Hardy's.

Our little Sunday school is progressing rapidly. Mr. Henry Southerland is on the sick list this week. In the Methodist church, Cypress Creek, Thursday 24th, Miss Nellie Brock and Mr. Murriel Cox were happily married. Miss Mary Koonce being maid of honor, Mr. Linster Boggs best man. Misses Mary Cox and Mary Humphrey bride's maids; Mess. F. Brock and George Nobles groomsmen. In the afternoon the party left for their future home on Catharine Lake. We wish them a happy future.

### Electric Shocks.

It is generally supposed that electric shocks at 500 volts will invariably prove fatal, but that such is not the case was proved the other day by a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, who stated that even with wetted boots he had stood on the rails of the City and South London railway, sat on the live conductor and slipped the running rails with bare hands. He further said that, provided the day were dry and the skin not moist, it was quite safe for the average person to handle live wires. One man fell on a cable carrying a current of 5,000 volts and escaped with only a few burns. Another man was rendered unconscious by a two thousand volt current, but was soon restored unharmed. A one hundred volt current has been known to cause death, but such a case is quite a rare occurrence.—London Globe.

### Wisdom in City Directories.

The New York city directory for the early years of the nineteenth century contained an almanac and other features now considered to be extraneous to directories. The compilation was largely done by Abraham Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker had a habit of ornamenting the margins of the pages with quaint old "saw" of this character: A traveler should have a hog's nose, a deer's legs and an ass' back.

A little house well filled, a little field well tilled and a little wife well drilled are great riches.

A poor man must walk to get meat for his stomach, the rich man to get a stomach for his meat.

Tell a miser he's rich and a woman she's old, you'll get no money of the one nor kindness from t'other.

Love, cough and smoke can't well be hid.

### Some Famous Dunces.

Literary history is crowded with instances of torpid and uninteresting boyhood. Gibbon was pronounced "dreadfully dull," and the utmost that was predicted of Hume in his youth was that "he might possibly become a steady merchant." Adam Clarke, afterward so deeply skilled in oriental languages and antiquities, was pronounced by his father to be "a grievous dunce," and of Bolleau, who became a model for Pope, it was said that he was a youth of little understanding. Dryden was "a great nunskull," who went through a course of education at Westminster, but the "stimulating properties of Dr. Busby's classical ferrule were thrown away upon the drone who was to be known as 'Glorious John.'"—London Standard.

### Bodies Turned to Stone.

Human bodies buried in limestone countries are often turned to solid stone by the limewater which penetrates the graves. In other soils there are elements which sometimes so embalm the buried dead as to preserve form and features unchanged. Many such cases are on record. Robert Burns' body was disinterred in 1815 to be removed to a new tomb. To the surprise of all his friends the features were found to be as perfect as at burial. When the body of John Hampden, the famous English patriot and leader, was disinterred by Lord Nugent 200 years after burial, the form and features were as unchanged as if the corpse had been recently laid in the grave.

### One of Dumas' Jokes.

Just for a joke Dumas once addressed a letter to "the greatest poet in Paris." The postoffice sent it to Lamartine, the idol of sentimental readers. He hesitated to open it and took it to Victor Hugo, who protested that his brother had had far too humble an opinion of himself. After some conversation they agreed to decide by lot which of the two should open the envelope. The lot fell to Victor Hugo, who, taking out the letter, read, "My dear Alfred." It was written to Alfred de Musset.

### A Capable Student.

In one of the Philadelphia colleges a professor of chemistry asked a student the other day, "Now, suppose you were called to a patient who had swallowed a heavy dose of oxalic acid, what would you administer?" "I would administer the sacrament," replied the student, who, by the way, is said to be studying for the ministry and takes' chemistry because it is obligatory.—Argonaut.

### Reason For the Hit.

"Was Mrs. Gabbot's 'conversations' a success?" "Decidedly. Everybody chatted at a great rate." "How did she ever manage it?" "Oh, she had a musical programme, you know, that lasted all through."

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Say! Isn't Kinston going to have any observance of Confederate Memorial Day?

Kinston does not seem to care for excitement, for she is too busy to trifle with it. The advance agent for the liquid air exhibition, which is being given in all the towns around us, was in Kinston a week ago trying to make arrangements for it, but suddenly disappeared. Evidently he received no encouragement. Kinston missed an interesting and instructive exhibition.

Every citizen of Kinston ought to become an active member of the chamber of commerce. There is no "star chamber" business about it. It is just a plain, honest business proposition, to be taken advantage of by every honest man in Kinston, if he so elects. The man who stays out of it will injure himself more than he can damage the balance of the community.

Recently Timely Topics gave some facts and figures showing that Kinston is growing more rapidly than any other town in the State save only High Point. Kinston's growth is a healthy and permanent growth, but from conversation with a traveling man today we gather that High Point's present boom is founded on sand and is destined to come to a sudden end, or even to a retrogression, unless somebody slips a few solid rocks of common sense into the foundation.

The rock on which High Point's progress is likely to split is low wages. One of the men most active in "boosting" the town, who is interested in nearly all the manufactories and owner of one or two, is reported as openly boasting in a public place that the average wage in his mills is 25 cents per day, and he considers that the very sense of business sagacity and management. This man is in the town booming business from purely selfish motives, because it pays him.

Such growth can not be permanent and prosperous. Work people can never be contented with such wages and only inability to get money enough ahead to get away will keep them there. Of course they can only procure the barest necessities and consequently the trade of the town is not benefited in the least. It follows also that only the poorest class of help can be obtained at such wages.

We are pleased to state as a fact that the situation in Kinston is exactly the reverse of this. The wages paid here are at least equal to those prevailing in any other town in the State, with the natural result that we have a high class of workers who live well in comfortable houses, dress well, behave well, spend money freely in the stores and are valuable and desirable citizens in every way. Prosperity and contentment is in evidence on all sides.

Kinston has builded well, is building well and will continue to build well so long as the present spirit prevails among the employing class and it is realized that real business economy is in having intelligent, skillful and reliable help, which only good wages, good treatment and pleasant environments can secure.

It is strange that men with brains to boom towns and build great factories lack the wisdom to see that it is a losing investment to employ inferior help.

### Fate Wouldn't Supply Funds.

A woman left her husband a short time ago, giving as a reason for it that she had consulted an astrologer and been told by him that it was her destiny to be a great woman, but that in marrying she had committed a serious error. As long as she remained with her husband she would fail to achieve the greatness fate intended for her. She stayed away from home only four weeks, however.

"I see you doubt the astrologer's interpretation of your destiny," said her sister. "Not in the least," replied the woman, "but neither the astrologer or fate provided the money, and as I had to give up money or fame I chose to sacrifice the latter."—New York Press.

### The Love of Nature.

A real love of nature is one of the most valuable possessions which you can have, since it will continue to afford you happiness as long as you live. But in order to have this love you must get it while you are young—while you still have leisure to give it first place in your thoughts. Nature must be your first sweetheart or she will not be your companion at all.—Woman's Home Companion.



FIND THREE FISHES.