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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Charge That a White Man Was Worked to Death on Chain Gang.

Suits to be Brought Against Guards for Inhumane Treatment—Little Boy Sets Fire to a Barn—Another Outbreak of Smallpox in Charlotte—Wonderful Record of a Dalton Hea—Short State Stories.

Statesville, N. C., May 8.—W. T. Potter, a white man, hailing from Kentucky was last week sent to the chain gang, charged with drunkenness. On Friday afternoon he was taken violently ill and died the same night. Some of our citizens, believing that Potter came to his death as a result of the hard work required of him to which he was unaccustomed, demanded a coroner's jury to pass upon the case. After hearing several witnesses the jury rendered the following verdict: "The deceased came to his death from hemorrhage of the brain brought on by dissipation and violent exercise in the hot sun." Suit will likely be brought against the guards who were placed over the deceased for cruel and inhumane treatment.

Smallpox in Charlotte.
Charlotte Observer: In their rambles about the city yesterday the health officers discovered more cases of smallpox. Katie Smith, a colored woman, who lives near the old colored hospital in Ward 2, was found well broken out and was taken to the pest house, while four others were taken to the house of detention. The smallpox situation does not improve. It is as bad now as it was over a month ago. There are sixty-five people now in the pest house and the house of detention, while almost daily recruits are added.

The Boy and the Match.
Roanoke, May 8.—Our town was thrown into a state of excitement yesterday afternoon by the alarm of fire and a dense smoke rising in the very center of the town. It was the barn and stables of Mr. J. H. Clayton. They were entirely consumed in a few minutes. A favorable wind and the timely use of reel and hose prevented what might have been a very disastrous fire. A five-year-old boy stuck a match to some straw near the barn to see it burn and it flashed like tinder into the building.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

Greenville Reflector: The Imperial Tobacco company has commenced work on their factory here.
Tarboro Southerner: Farmer Pennington has sold his clover and, according to W. S. Clark, at the rate of \$75 to \$90 an acre.
Asheboro Courier: Nearly every resident white voter in Randolph county paid his poll tax and thus qualified himself to vote at the November election.
Scotland Neck Commonwealth: During a slight storm Tuesday night Mr. Ben Joyner's stables were blown down and two mules and a horse were killed. The storm was not very heavy generally in this community.
Greenville Reflector: From things The Reflector hears there will be more truck growing in this vicinity another season than in the past. This idea should have taken root long ago. Actually not enough early vegetables are raised around here to supply the home demand, to say nothing of the good money that could be made from shipments.

Winston Journal: A Journal letter from King, N. C., says: Mrs. Billy Boyles, who lives near Dalton, set a hen on 15 eggs; she set nearly four weeks and when she came off the nest had 18 chickens and had two eggs left in the nest. Mr. B. C. Meadows, who chronicles the event for the Journal, says if anybody can beat the record established by this particular hen he would like to be notified.

Don't Start Wrong.
Don't start the summer with a lingering cough or cold. We all know what a "summer cold" is. It's the hardest kind to cure. Often it "hangs on" through the entire season. Take it in hand right now. A few doses of One Minute Cough Cure will set you right. Sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, all throat and lung troubles. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. Children like it. "One Minute Cough Cure is the best cough medicine I ever used," says J. H. Bowles, Groveton, N. H. "I never found anything else that acted so safely and quickly."—J. E. Hood.

Merchandise Envelopes have been added to the materials carried in stock by The Free Press Job Printing Department.

FIRE AT AYDEN.

Destroys Eight Business Houses and a Barber Shop.

The town of Ayden, situated about 18 miles from Kinston, on the A. C. L. railroad, was visited by a very destructive fire yesterday morning and the main business portion of the town was burned to the ground.

The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock in W. H. Dew's (colored) barber shop. The alarm was given and an attempt to check the flames was made, but without avail, for they made rapid headway, spreading from one building to another until nine of them had been consumed. Nearly all the contents of the buildings were destroyed, but very little being saved. The fire raged until about 4 o'clock.

It is not known just how the fire originated. Some of the citizens of the town think it was of incendiary origin, while others believe it started from the explosion of a lamp in the barber shop.

The following buildings were consumed: The office and contents of the Free Will Baptist Publishing company, Dr. Dixon's office, Mrs. J. A. Davis' millinery store, Smith Bros. store, George Dall's store, John Smith, Jr.'s store, and two vacant stores owned by Mr. W. F. Hart.

The total loss will reach about \$28,000, with insurance of only about \$9,000.

Ayden is divided by the A. C. L. railroad, most of the business houses being on the east side, which was destroyed. The railroad saved the other side.

The citizens, while feeling the loss a great deal, are not discouraged, and the fire will not check the growth of the town to any extent. Plans are already being laid to rebuild the burned portion at once. It is probable that brick buildings will be erected.

BASEBALL.

STATE LEAGUE.

Durham 6, Raleigh 2; New Bern 3, Charlotte 1; Greensboro 1, Wilmington 0.
Games today: Greensboro at Raleigh, Charlotte at Wilmington, New Bern at Durham.
Relative standing of the clubs to-day:

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Raleigh	5	1	.833
Greensboro	4	2	.666
Charlotte	3	3	.500
New Bern	3	3	.500
Durham	2	4	.333
Wilmington	1	5	.166

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Cincinnati 8, Boston 5; Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 5; Pittsburg 8, Brooklyn 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Philadelphia 13, Baltimore 4; Boston 3, Washington 1.

NOTICE.

County Democratic Convention.

On Saturday, the 17th day of May, all the Democratic voters in each township are requested to meet at their usual place of voting and elect a new Township Executive committee and delegates to the county convention, which will assemble in Kinston at 12 o'clock on Saturday, the 24th day of May, to elect delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. This call is at the request of the County Democratic Executive committee.

J. W. GRAINGER, Chairman County Executive committee.

Dangerous if Neglected.

Burns, cuts and other wounds often fail to heal properly if neglected and become troublesome sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve prevents such consequences. Even where delay has aggravated the injury DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve effects a cure. "I had a running sore on my leg thirty years," says H. C. Hartly, Yanketown, Ind. "After using many remedies, I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes healed the sore." Cures all skin diseases. Piles yield to it at once. Beware of counterfeits.—J. E. Hood.

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE BETTER

And the Improved Weather Conditions Furnish the Reason.

Bradstreet's Saturday says:

"Improved weather conditions furnish the keynote for the more cheerful tone in distributive trade. Copious rains, while not repairing all the damage to winter wheat done by the recent drought in Kansas, seem to have put the rest of the crop out of immediate danger. It has also placed the ground in excellent condition for the later crops, such as corn and oats. The situation in manufacturing generally may be summed up in the one word 'activity,' the only important exception to this being noted in the woolen industry which is interfered with by strikes. The unsettled anthracite coal situation also overhangs the eastern trade situation, but the bituminous industry reports wide-open activity. Iron and steel trades are still pushed to the utmost tension to keep up with current demand. Building and all lines dependent thereon are active despite the increased cost of lumber and builders' hardware and the highest level of wages. Prices, particularly of food products, show practically undiminished strength, four-fifths of all staples being as high, if not higher, than a month ago, while only one-fifth are lower, while as compared with a year ago four-fifths of all prices have advanced. Railway earnings are really surprisingly good.

"Heavy liquidation occurred in cotton, the technical position of the market apparently favoring that, but strong basic conditions reasserted themselves later, with the result that a large part of the decline was regained, and the loss on the week is not a serious one. The feature in the dry goods trade this week is the improved demand at retail and the large re-order business, coupled with rather better buying for the fall season. Prices of the manufactured textiles remain as strong as ever.

"Business failures number 179 as against 193 last year."

COMFORT.

May 9.—Messrs. J. R. Jones, J. L. Hardy and F. G. Satterfield spent Wednesday night in Kinston and returned Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill Cox, of Catharine Lake, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brock, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hardy and little son, of Trenton, spent Thursday night with his parents, Mrs. Ann Hatch.

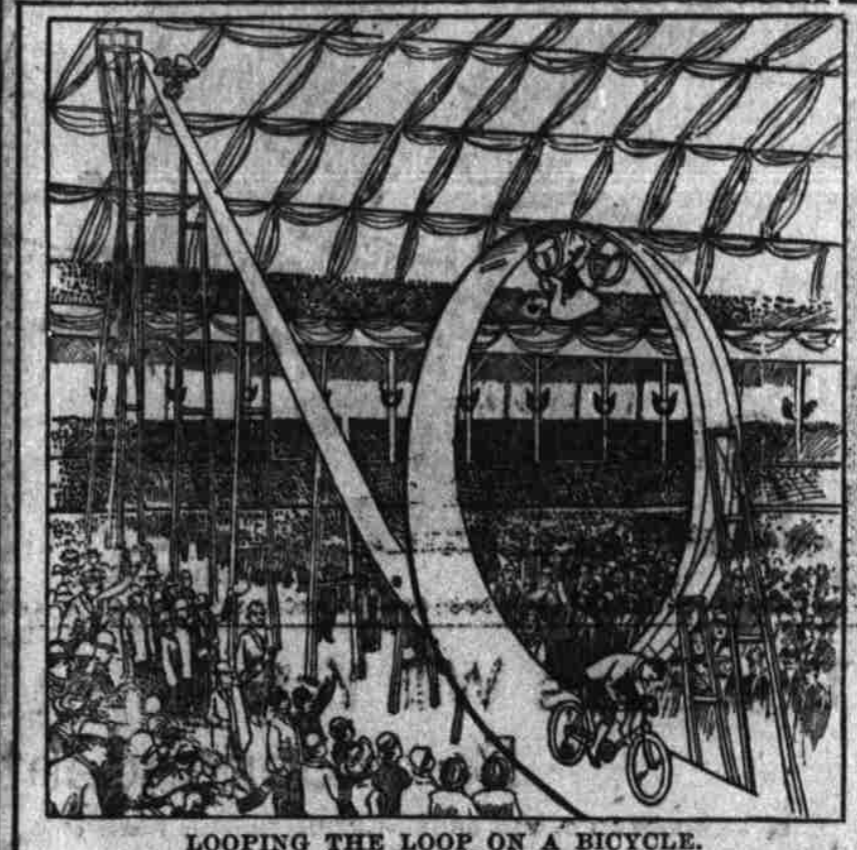
We had a little rain yesterday. It was needed very badly.

Some of the farmers are through setting out tobacco except replanting, and have some plants to give away.

Chamber of Commerce, Kinston, N. C.

The committee on membership invite every individual or firm desiring to cooperate in the organization of the above named corporation to hand in their names to the undersigned. It will be impossible to call on every one in person. Some may perhaps be overlooked. But we solicit every one feeling an interest in the matter to come forward and be enrolled. A meeting of the charter members will be called in a few days and we ask the attendance of all citizens so they may be fully informed of the objects and aims of this association, which will be fully explained.

D. OETTINGER, E. J. BERTON, JAMES M. PARROTT, C. F. HARVEY, W. S. HERBERT, Committee.



LOOPING THE LOOP ON A BICYCLE. The latest sensational circus feat is performed by a daring bicyclist who loops the loop on a wheel. By reason of the great momentum gained as he descends his track he literally rides upside down during part of his thrilling journey.

GRIFTON.

May 8.

Frank Holton, who was hurt last week at the mill, is improving.

Mr. C. P. Gaekins, our best fisherman, came in the other evening with 50 fine perch—and it was a poor day for fishing.

We are glad to note that Mrs. C. J. Tucker is improving.

Several of our townsmen attended the administrators' sale of T. W. Stokes Tuesday.

Mr. Sam Ball, of New Bern, was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. Z. Brooks went to Kinston yesterday.

Mr. Charlie Kego, of New Bern, is painting the residence of J. S. Keen, Jr., which will be o. k. when finished. He has just finished Mr. A. L. Rastick's house near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kilpatrick left this morning for New Bern.

Mr. Paul Brooks left for Baltimore Monday.

Mr. L. J. Chapman went to Winston Tuesday.

Mr. C. H. Gaskins made a trip to Kinston Tuesday.

ORMONDSVILLE.

May 10.

Ormondsville High school closed with a party last Friday night. It was attended by a large crowd and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Misses Verna and Ollie Hill, of Fountain Hill, are visiting friends near here.

Miss Maybelle Dixon and brother, David, of Kinston, are spending some time with Miss Effie Grimley.

Miss Bessie Marrow and Mr. W. F. McCasless, who have been teaching school here, returned to their homes Saturday morning—Miss Marrow to Oxford and Mr. McCasless to High Point.

Misses Freeman and Will Hooker, of Kinston, are visiting relatives and friends here.

LAGRANGE.

May 12.

Mrs. Louie Hardy, late wife of Mr. Richard Hardy, died at her home in Jason, Saturday May 10, at 5 o'clock p. m. She was taken with heart trouble about 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The deceased leaves a husband, six children and a number of brothers, with all who knew her to mourn her departure. She was highly esteemed and beloved for her hospitality, cheerfulness and piety. Her death is sad to all but particularly so to her devoted husband. The remains will be buried in the family burying ground this afternoon.

Mr. John H. Rouse's horse became frightened Sunday afternoon and threw him out of the vehicle, spraining his ankle and bruising him up right much. He, with his little boy, was taking the cake out to Jason for the burial of Mrs. Hardy when the accident occurred.

KINSTONIANS LEAD ALWAYS.

A Kinstonian Breaks the Staging Record in the Yosemite.

Well, it's no use talking—we are the people! North Carolinians in general and Kinstonians in particular just can't help doing things wherever they are. Here we have a record of two Kinstonians breaking a record away off in the nation's grand natural park, Yosemite, "the valley of the gods." Staging records or anything done with horses means something in that region and it is no wonder that the feat won for the performers the enthusiastic plaudits of people all along the line. The whole story is told in a letter from Mr. W. L. Kennedy to his brother John, which THE FREE PRESS is kindly allowed to publish in full:

Yosemite Valley, Cal., May 2, 1902.

DEAR JOHNNY: North Carolina breaks the record! Your brother and sister made the quickest trip yesterday by stage from the railroad station at Raymond to the Yosemite valley that has ever been made by any tourist. The distance is 71 miles across mountains from 4,500 feet to 6,200 feet high. The mountains are still covered with snow and the road is very wet, muddy and rough. A liveryman at Raymond told me it would take his best pair of horses four days to make the trip. It takes a wagon drawn by 10 horses seven days—it usually takes the stage one and a half to two days. We left Raymond at 6:15 a. m., stopped for dinner on the way and arrived here at 6:30 p. m., driving 40 horses on the trip, four at a time, changing nine times after the start. It was a trifle expensive, but we made the trip, which has never been done before. A message was sent along the line and we were greeted with waving of flags and handkerchiefs, and a great demonstration on our arrival here. It is regarded here as a wonderful performance. Sometimes it looked like we would fall on the horses and again like they would fall on us. We rounded curves at half speed, when it looked like we were going over precipices thousands of feet high. We shut our eyes and held our breath thinking the end had come, but we are here in this beautiful valley safe and sound. Your brother,

W. L. KENNEDY.

Chamber of Commerce.

To ALL GOOD CITIZENS OF KINSTON:

Don't wait to be specially asked. Don't say later on the committee promised to call on you again, and didn't. If you mean to join the Chamber of Commerce come up and join. Don't hesitate. You are wanted, but you are not indispensable. If you are in doubt about its purposes come to the first meeting and its objects will be explained. If you expect a lithographed card of invitation tendered you on a silver waiter you won't get it. Nor will Brinson's bloodhounds be turned loose to search for you to bring you to time. Drop your "don't care-ness." You are not so big that you can afford to be indifferent, nor so small that you may not be benefited or be of some benefit to others. This organization is a first great effort to bring our business people and bread earners together, to get them acquainted with one another, to unite them in a purpose of general improvement and incidentally to enable them to assist one another. You cannot afford to isolate yourself; you must not stand aloof. We need you. And you need us. Come up and be enrolled.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEES.



FIND THE EXPECTED GUEST.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Pretty damp, cold weather this morning.

There are many building projects in contemplation, but none of the builders seem to give any attention to Kinston's sore need of an up-to-date opera house.

Towns not nearly so large nor otherwise so progressive as Kinston have pretty theatres with completely furnished stage and scenery and are entertained by companies that could not be induced to come here. Kinston needs intellectual recreation.

Who will provide it?

A-MAYING.

We went a-Maying, she and I,
'Neath smile of sun and blue of sky;
Her hand in mine, we wandered where
The breath of blossoms fills the air.
We sat us down upon a hill
And biled and cooed as lovers will;
No creature 'er was so divine
As her whose hand I hold in mine.

I would have asked my love to wed,
But suddenly, with stealthy tread,
A big male sheep came up behind;
We saw it not, for love is blind.

With footstep fleet we hurried hence
And perched upon the nearest fence,
No more 'neath sun and azure sky
Will we go Maying, she and I.

As to house numbering good authority informs Timely Topics that Kinston has the very latest, most up-to-date and perfect system—the best in the state except Salisbury, which was recently numbered on the same principle.

No numbers less than 100 are used and there is a two-fold object in this. Houses are numbered on the same system that rooms are numbered in great city buildings in which the numbers indicate the floors: 100 first floor, 900 ninth floor, and so on. Our houses begin with 100 on the first block from the starting point and thus a searcher knows that if he wants to find 900 it is nine blocks away, or if he starts in at 300 or 400 he knows just how many blocks he has to go. The secondary reason for this is it makes the town appear larger and three figure numbers look better on printed stationery than No. 1 or 5.

This system is being adopted even in big cities which have been numbered for years and all new numbering is done on this system.

Being "virgin territory" Kinston has got the latest and best.

Timely Topics considers it about time to make "a holler" about postoffice facilities.

The Kinston postoffice is now a second class office so far as receipts are concerned, but unfortunately the "promotions" are made on April 1 and take effect on July 1, so we must wait 14 months on probation before being taken into full membership.

But that is no reason why we should not have a new postoffice with plenty of room and proper facilities long before that time.

We need it.

We've got to have it!

The postoffice we now have is suitable only for a backwoods town. It is not half big enough because it is not and cannot be properly arranged and subdivided. It is unattractive and dilapidated in appearance. We apologize for it before pointing it out to a stranger.

You read in THE FREE PRESS last Saturday of the plans that are to be passed out to several other North Carolina towns provided they are not headed off, and that is not likely.

Among the setowns is Goldsboro, which gets a promise of \$15,000 for a post-office!

Now Timely Topics wants to know on what ground Goldsboro gets a \$15,000 postoffice and Kinston gets—nit.

Goldsboro has also just been given free postal delivery.

Kinston's population has doubled in eight years. Yet its postoffice facilities are just what they were eight years ago. On July 1 this year the business from six rural delivery routes will be added to the Kinston postoffice and it is not adequate in any particular to the business already done there.

Goldsboro has just 160 more white population than Kinston.

Is Kinston entitled to just a little bit better postoffice facilities?

Mrs. Durham Cared.

DEAR SEN—I am a great sufferer from severe nervous headaches, and find in CAPTUREE speedy relief. Also when falling nervous and all broken up, a dose sets me all right. I take pleasure in recommending it as a thoroughly satisfactory remedy. Sincerely,
MRS. COLUMBUS DURHAM