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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

**Wants to Corner the Whiskey Trade.**  
Wilmington Messenger: A well known liquor dealer has proposed to the city authorities to give \$30,000 for the exclusive right of selling liquor in Wilmington. The offer is bonafide and the party has offered to give a satisfactory bond of his earnestness. The matter will be laid before the next meeting of the board of aldermen and the first thing they will have to consider is whether they will have the power to grant such a privilege, as it is in the nature of a monopoly. Some lawyers are clearly of the opinion that the board cannot accept the proposition, but others think the matter can be arranged that it can be legally done. Some favor the acceptance of the proposition, as it would be a clear gain of \$15,000 to the city. The present revenue from liquor license is \$15,000 a year. There would, however, be popular opposition to it, and the proposition will no doubt startle the sixty odd liquor dealers in the city. The outcome of the matter will probably be high license.

**Money in Lettuce.**  
Statesville Landmark: The growing of lettuce is a big industry in the Fayetteville section and during the past season thousands of dollars worth of lettuce grown in the territory contiguous to Fayetteville and in the truck section in eastern part of the State was sold on the Northern markets. A correspondent of the Lumberton Robesonian says that one man near Fayetteville cleared \$340 from the lettuce sold from one-fourth of an acre of ground. This is quite remarkable, yet there are other similar instances. The wonder to some of us is that there is such a great demand for lettuce—that so much of it finds ready sale at good prices, for to many people lettuce as an edible vegetable is just about as inviting as corn fodder or ordinary grass.

**Two Valuable Discoveries.**  
Henderson Gold Leaf: Asbestos has been discovered in Vance county, and while investigation has not been made sufficiently to determine the extent and quality, it is believed that it exists in paying quantity and commercial value. It has been found on several properties. In digging a well on Dr. R. J. Gill's land, in the county, a mica vein was struck. The sheets were small but the outcroppings indicated its presence in larger quantities.

**Was It Mule Seldicide?**  
Greenville Reflector: Mr. Jasper Walker, who lives a few miles below town, came up Sunday evening to visit a friend in West Greenville. He drove a mule and hitched the animal to a tree in front of the house. Later when he came out to return home the mule was dead. The animal had wound the halter around the tree until it could get no tighter, when it is supposed he fell and broke his neck. It was a gray mule, too.

### SHORT STATE STORIES.

**Statesville Landmark:** Major Clegg found on the Milligan place in Concord township the largest white oak he thinks he ever saw. Three feet from the ground the tree measures 18 feet in circumference and its great limbs make a shade that is 91x93 feet in diameter.

**Tarboro Southerner:** Some persons, it is said, are estimating the cotton acreage as all the way from 10 to 25 per cent. greater than last year. Two well and generally known conditions negative any such increase. There is not enough labor available in the county to make it possible. More land has been planted in corn than in several previous years.

### BASEBALL.

STATE LEAGUE.

New Bern 9, Wilmington 0; Durham 3, Greensboro 2; Charlotte 3, Raleigh 5.

Relative standing of the clubs today:

Club	Won	Lost	P. C.
Charlotte	15	3	.843
Raleigh	13	7	.650
Durham	12	8	.600
Greensboro	9	11	.450
New Bern	8	12	.400
Wilmington	1	18	.053

Games today: Charlotte at Raleigh, Greensboro at Durham, Wilmington at New Bern.

"I Never Knew Falcklike to Fall before; what can the matter be? What is the bottle? There, I thought so, it is not Perry Davis' Painkiller at all, but something the druggist must have used himself and I did not notice it; I have used Falcklike for years for diarrhea, nausea and stomach ache and it never failed."

### An Evening of Melody.

Kinston is to be favored with a musical entertainment of the highest artistic merit on Saturday evening. Two hours of ecstatic delight are in store for the lovers of true melody. The favor comes through the influence of the Daughters of the Confederacy and what it is may be learned from the following from the Darlington, S. C., Messenger:

The concert given in the opera house on Friday night by the Arion Trio was a most successful one. This trio consists of Miss Vardell, of Charleston, soprano; Miss Law, of North Carolina, pianist; Miss Seymour, of Ohio, violinist. All of these ladies are members of the faculty of Red Springs seminary, in North Carolina, not very far from the South Carolina line. The program which they rendered was a varied and pleasing one, and every number was given with great fidelity to the true spirit of the music. Each one gave her numbers without notes, even the most difficult instrumental pieces being so given.

The last number was a trio in which all took part. The beautiful song "For All Eternity" was selected and this was greatly enjoyed by all of the lovers of music present. The obligato in this on the violin, in the hands of Miss Seymour, was a most exquisite one.

All of the ladies found schoolmates in Darlington, and these, after the performance, renewed acquaintances begun under far different circumstances. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one, and when these ladies come into this section again, as it is learned it is their intention to do, all who have an opportunity to do so should hear them.

### LaGRANGE.

May 27.

Miss Etta Smith, of Fieldboro, is visiting friends here.

Mr. O. Taylor is building another two-story brick store adjoining the one he now occupies.

Mr. C. P. Barrod will begin the erection of a brick storehouse on the lot recently purchased on West Caswell street in June.

Mr. Shade Wooten, jr., left Monday for Hot Springs, Ark., to recuperate. He expects to be away about six weeks.

Mrs. Harper and little son, of Greenville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Sutton.

R-freshing rains have gladdened the hearts of all.

### Died.

The Rev. D. W. Porter, of Craven county, died on Saturday, May 24, aged 68 years and 5 months.

On November 11, 1901, Mr. Porter was married to Mrs. Virginia Walters, of Lenoir county. For more than a month he was in a declining state of health and seemed to realize that he would not recover. He was willing to depart and with Jesus, which to him was gain. During his illness he quoted quite often the 91st Psalm, especially dwelling on the thought of deliverance as found in the 14th verse. His was a triumphant death.

"Servant of God, well done,  
Thy glorious warfare's past,  
Thy battle's fought, thy race is run,  
And thou art crowned at last."

### How It Is Done.

The first object in life with the American people is to "get rich"; the second, how to regain good health. The first can be obtained by energy, honesty and saving; the second (good health) by using Green's August Flower. Should you be a despondent sufferer from any of the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Appendicitis, Indigestion, etc., such as Sick Headache, Palpitation of the Heart, our Stomach, Habitual Constipation, Dizziness of the Head, Nervous Prostration, Low Spirits, etc., you need not suffer another day. Two doses of the well-known August Flower will relieve you at once. Go to J. E. Hood and get a sample bottle free. Regular size, 75 cents. Get Green's Special Almanac.

## FARM WORK IS BOOMING

### Favorable Opportunities for Work During Past Week.

The state climate, crop and weather bulletin for the week ending Monday, May 26, says:

While the reports of very many crop correspondents indicate that favorable weather prevailed during the past week, the irregular distribution of rainfall has been a disadvantage, and, in an increasing number of counties, the need of moisture is again beginning to be seriously felt. Showers fell on the 20th and 23th, but were local in character; the largest amounts occurred in the southwest, the least in the eastern portion of the State.

During the middle of the week the conditions were very favorable for the prosecution of farm work, which is well advanced. The temperature was above the seasonal average, in spite of several rather cool nights which somewhat checked the growth of vegetation. The amount of sunshine was abundant.

Altogether the favorable opportunities for work were fully utilized by farmers, and hardly ever before have less complaints of trouble from grass and weeds been received at this season of the year. In view of the past cold winter, supposed to have been unfavorable for the development of insect life, the unusual prevalence of insect pests of all kinds is very remarkable.

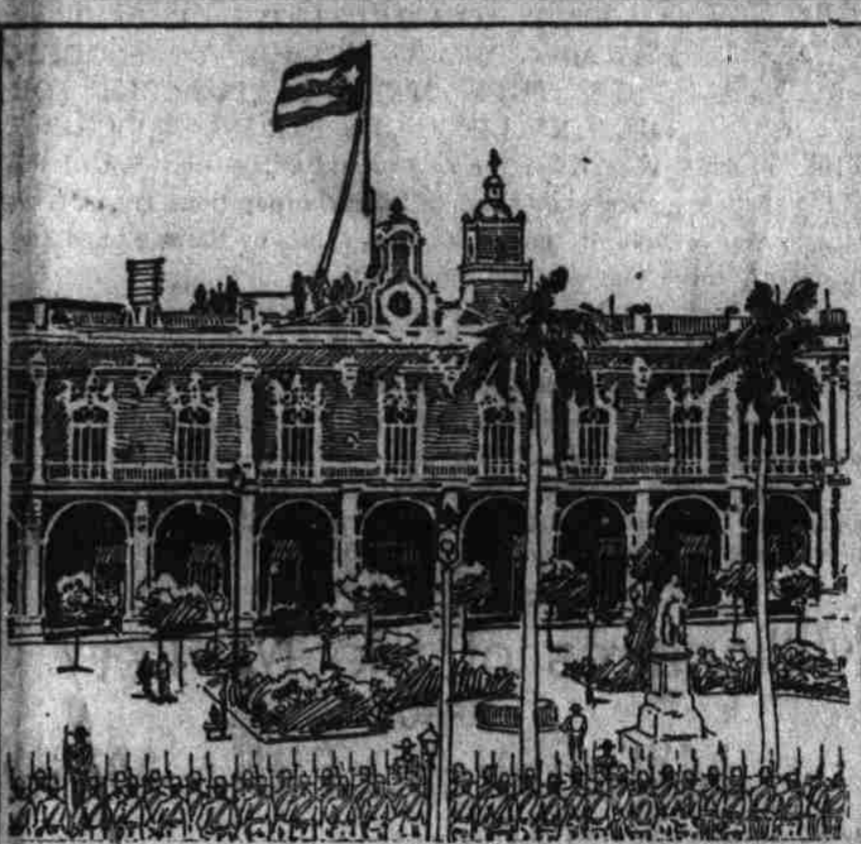
Cotton has been chopped to stands over a large portion of the State, but much of that work remains to be done; a good deal of late planted has failed to come up in the drier localities; cool nights operated to check growth slightly, but have not seriously injured cotton plants, which appear healthy and vigorous. Corn continues to do better than any other crop; it is being thoroughly weeded and well cultivated; so much damage has been done by bud-worms in lowlands that some replanting is necessary. Transplanting tobacco is over half finished in the northwest section; reports on tobacco are the least favorable; in the east many plants died on account of drought, the stands are poor, and plants surviving have not made vigorous growth; insects of various kinds are also injuring tobacco; some reseedling is being done. Wheat and oats are poor; where showers occurred heads are filling fairly well, but stands are so thin that only a very short crop can be made; spring oats need rain generally. Peanuts are not yet up to good stands.

Rice on the lower Cape Fear is in excellent condition. Setting out sweet potato slips is proceeding slowly. The prospects for fruit are not so good, as reports of dropping are numerous; this refers chiefly to apples and peaches and is apparently due to blight; grapes are doing well.

Rains reported for the week (in inches): Wilmington .60, New Bern 1.12, Lumberton .74, Goldsboro .10, Weldon .68, Raleigh .30, Greensboro .60, Liberty 10, Charlotte 1.50, Marion 1.10, Balsam 1.75, Settle .42.

### Ladies Can Wear Shoes

one size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures and prevents swollen feet, blisters, calluses and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for swelling, hot, aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, etc. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Ousted, Le Roy, N. Y.



THE CUBAN FLAG FLYING OVER THE PALACE, HAVANA.

Cuba's long dream is at last a bright and happy reality and the five barred flag with a single star, the flag of Gomez, Palma and the martyred Marti and Maceo, now floats above the palace in Havana where T. Estrada Palma, a Cuban elected by Cuba, is hard at work as president of the new republic. The scene at the palace when the Cuban flag was hoisted was a particularly impressive one.

## Purely Personal Items About People Who Come and Go

Mr. N. A. Taylor left this morning for Oxford.

Mr. J. M. Quinn spent today in LaGrange.

Miss Myrtle Taylor left for Oriental this morning.

Mr. Ed. Harvey went to New Bern this morning.

Mr. Claud Jarman went to LaGrange this morning.

Mr. J. L. Smith left this morning for Norfolk, Va.

Mr. J. L. Williams returned yesterday from Wilmington.

Miss Lillie Parker went to LaGrange last night to visit friends.

Mr. T. N. Johnson, of Onslow county, left Kinston this morning for Durham.

Mrs. G. D. Hawks and son, Master Frank, and Miss Kate Chadwick went to Weldon today.

Miss Ethel Hill, of Fountain Hill, spent last night in Kinston and left for LaGrange this morning.

Mrs. Maggie Griffin, of New Bern, spent last night with Mrs. J. F. Hooker and left for Durham this morning.

Mrs. N. J. Midyette, who had been visiting her son, Mr. J. T. Midyette, left this morning to visit at Ashland, Va.

Mrs. J. G. Thompson, of Forsyth county, who had been visiting at Mr. C. J. Smith's, went to Snow Hill yesterday.

Mr. George Koonce, of Wake county, spent yesterday in Kinston and left this morning to visit relatives in Onslow county.

Mrs. C. T. Rogers, of Duplin county, who had been spending a few days with relatives in Kinston, left this morning for Greenville.

Messrs. Horace Jones and Will Harper went to Goldsboro this morning to play three games of baseball with Mt. Olive against Goldsboro.

### AN ODD CALLING.

The Professional Business Adviser and His Methods.

One of the oddest of occupations is that of the professional "business adviser." If your affairs are not conducted to your liking, this gentleman for a consideration will station himself in your office in a position to see all that is going on. He will nose into your affairs for a week or longer at your option, at the end of which time he will "be prepared to point out the faults of your system, employees who neglect their duties, wastage of supplies and so on, and suggest means of improving, subdividing and conducting your affairs on a sounder basis."

The words quoted are from this modest gentleman's advertisement. In brief this man, after a week's observation, will undertake to rearrange the most complex office systems "for a consideration" and give you advice "free, gratis, for nothing." As drowning men catch at straws, so do men whose affairs are hopelessly and intricately muddled grasp at the chance this gentleman holds out to them. The professional "business adviser" has plenty of clients, and nine times out of ten his advice to his employer is to "make an assignment for the benefit of your creditors." It is the safest counsel he can give.—Philadelphia Times.

### The Plague in Australia.

Plague has broken out again with great severity in Australia for the third time in as many years. The state of New South Wales seems to be the greatest sufferer. As in former years, the dissemination has been traced to rats. It is said that one man, who discovered two dead rodents in his cellar, undertook to bury them and was stricken the next day with the disease. An elaborate system of extermination of the rats by poisonous vapors is being carried out, and the government has placed a bounty on each animal killed. In this way hundreds of thousands are done away with.

### William and the English Throne.

A glance at the list of royal progenies in the direct line of succession to the British throne reveals some interesting facts. How many people know that there are only two adult males between Emperor William and King Edward? It is, however, surprising it may be a fact that the German emperor is the third male successor over twenty-one. He stands twenty-fourth in the list, but most of those before him are women or children. Only two are men of full age—the king's only son, the Duke of Cornwall and York, and his only living brother, the Duke of Connaught.

### Gardens on Vacant Lots.

In Philadelphia there are 638 gardens on what were formerly vacant lots. Five years ago the Philadelphia Vacant Lot association was organized. Twenty-seven acres altogether were secured and a hundred gardens started. The officers of the society found a big demand for the lots by poor people, and they have gradually increased their holdings until now over 600 gardens are in operation. Last year the value of the products amounted to over \$30,000.

### Realistic.

Recently the daughter of the post-mistress of Magyar-Caernya was called to the public telephone, when she heard the voice of her jealous sweetheart, Gustav Tibold, who from the town hall of Taba telephoned the alarming message, "Would you like to hear how I shoot myself?" Scarcely were the words ended when the girl heard the sound of a shot, and subsequent inquiries revealed that the young man had killed himself in the manner he had indicated.

### The Brain of an Eskimo.

Although general conclusions cannot be drawn from a single example, the result of a careful examination of the brain of an Eskimo man by Dr. Ales Hrdlicka possesses much interest. As a whole he found the brain to be heavier and larger than the average brains of white men of similar stature, while the cerebrum rather exceeded the average white man's brain in certain details which have hitherto been regarded as indicating superior intelligence.

### Where Not Even Man Is Safe.

Ten miles southwest of Findlay, O., lies the peaceful hamlet of Mount Cory. It is a modern Utopia of righteousness. Seventy-five houses compose the village, and seven of them are occupied by preachers of the gospel. No saloons are there. In winter the residents swap yarns by the side of the friendly stove in the corner grocery, and in summer they whistle hickory sticks and cut their initials in the soft pine of the store boxes.

There is a mayor, but no lawyers are ever thought before him, and his chief labor is that of a notary or scribe. Two souls whose lives have saved one into the course of the other. Years ago there was a calabash, but now the lot is used as a village pound.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## NEW AND OLD FRESHLY TOLD

### Stories Told at the National Capitol

For the foreign relations committee room of the senate was reserved the honor of having the finest table in the national capitol. It is the longest, the best, the most expensive, the most ornate and placed in surroundings which only superlatives can describe. Just now some of the most prominent senators and most accomplished statesmen gather about it. It is safe to predict that in the coming century, for it is not too rash to assume that the table will last for a hundred years, men of this stamp will seat themselves about it frequently and, with elbows resting upon its mahogany edges, will decide the fate of our relations with nations of the old world.

The table is twenty-one feet long, longer by two feet than any other table in the capitol. The legs are Chippendale style, but are bound at top and bottom by beautifully cast and highly polished brass, contrasting well with the dark red of the mahogany. The top is framed in polished mahogany, but its center is of dark green broadcloth. The cost of the table is a secret of the capitol architect, but no statement of price or description in words quite conveys its quiet elegance.

### Where Senators Live.

Comparatively few senators have established homes of a permanent nature in Washington. Not one-half of them maintain a housekeeping establishment. Of the eighty-eight senators now holding seats in congress thirty-three live in hotels and ten live in apartment houses. Three-fourths of those who reside in hotels are up town, the balance being southern senators who have quarters in down town houses that have become famous in the past as stopping places for southerners and that still have memories of great statesmen clinging to them that form an attractive feature for many of those who continue to give them their patronage. All the senators except two live in the "northwest," the venerable Senator Pettus of Alabama being one of those who has taken up his domicile in another part of the city. He is located on "the hill," not far from the Congressional library building and the capitol. A considerable number of those not in hotels or apartments have rooms and board in private houses.

### Justice Harlan's Golf Drive.

Justice Harlan is a golfer. He says it is the greatest game in the world. He plays several times a week. He is more than six feet tall, weighs fully 300 pounds and has a deep chest and shoulders a yard across. When he hits a ball squarely, it goes soaring through the air for yards and yards.

There is one hole on the Chevy Chase links called "Harlan's hole." In some wonderful manner the justice once made the hole in one stroke. He drove the ball off the tee, and it rolled into the hole. The caddy spent half an hour looking for the ball in the high grass, while the justice fumed and fretted. Then somebody shouted:

"Why, here's your ball in the hole!"

The justice was so proud that he would play no more that day. No one has duplicated the feat.

### The Minister to China.

The report that Major Edwin H. Conger will not remain much longer as minister to China has led to the presentation of the name of John Barrett, formerly minister to Siam, to succeed to the prospective vacancy. Senator Mitchell of Oregon the other day talked with the president about Mr. Barrett for minister to China. Senator Mitchell told the president that all of the Pacific coast states would be delighted with the selection of Mr. Barrett. It is stated that the president might be glad to give consideration to Mr. Barrett if there was any outlook for a vacancy in the Chinese mission. No such vacancy is expected, however, and the story of Mr. Conger's going to retire is believed to be premature. The president knows nothing about such an intention on Mr. Conger's part.

### The President's Life Insurance.

Since entering the executive office of the nation President Roosevelt has taken on some extra life insurance. The amount is not known, but is reported to be \$50,000 and was placed in one of the large New York companies. This was in addition to policies that the president had carried prior to his accession to his present office. President McKinley had about \$67,000 insurance on his life, and President Roosevelt's various policies probably amount to more than that. The life insurance companies do not take into serious calculation the extra danger that some people believe attaches to the occupant of the White House. The premium on the new policy is no larger than charged to any other man, and the company is said to consider President Roosevelt one of its best risks.

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