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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

**A Land of Plenty.**  
Aurora, N. C., June 5. Correspondence of The Morning Post: Notwithstanding the lateness of the spring potato planting was at least two weeks later than usual, the crop has matured some four days in advance of last year. Some small shipments were made in May, but shipments commenced in earnest yesterday when the Aurora and Washington Transportation Company, connecting with the Atlantic Coast Line at Washington, carried 450 barrels, the Old Dominion line to Newport 300 barrels, making the shipments 750 barrels the first day. The shipment for today will be over 1000 barrels. The potato crop in this section is good and will probably amount to some 35,000 or 40,000 barrels. This only includes a small section of country around Aurora, but within a radius of ten miles around Aurora some 75,000 or 80,000 barrels of Irish potatoes will be shipped within the next twenty days. Crops generally are looking well, although the lack of rain has been felt to some extent, but has enabled the farmers to put their crops in first-class order at small expense. We believe this, the eastern part of the state, has many advantages. The farming lands are not surpassed in any county. No floods or droughts, tornadoes or destructive winds, and the health of the people is as good as in any part of the state. All that are looking for the best place come to see us.

**Tragedy on a Farm.**  
Particulars of a tragedy which occurred in Madison county Monday afternoon were learned Thursday. James Rice was killed near Middle Fork by Gus Murray. Murray had accused Rice of slandering his character. Rice was found lying in a cornfield. A bullet had entered his back and penetrated his heart. Middle Fork is seventeen miles from Marshall, the county seat, and is a mountain district. Owing to the location of the place it was not until the day following the killing that news of the killing reached the sheriff and coroner.

### SHORT STATE STORIES.

The annual convention and tournament of North Carolina Firemen's association will be held in Raleigh July 22, 23 and 24.

J. T. Corbett, ex-postmaster of Salem, was found guilty of embezzlement of registered mail matter and of packages containing jewelry.

Charlotte, June 5.—The postoffice at King's Mountain was entered by thieves last night, who blew open the safe and secured seven hundred dollars worth of stamps and about \$50 in cash.

Statesville, June 5.—The Yadkin county Democratic convention met today and unanimously endorsed Judge Walter Clark for chief justice and Charles H. Armfield for associate justice of the Supreme court of North Carolina.

Clarkton Express: Mr. S. G. Wooten has the finest cotton we have seen. He has one field of five acres that he is expecting six bales from. It is in excellent condition and with good weather will be in bloom by the last of this month.

Charlotte, June.—Special.—Mrs. Stonewall Jackson this afternoon, pinned the southern cross of honor upon nineteen Confederate veterans here. The exercises were very simple and impressive.

The State has chartered the Hyman Supply Co. of New Bern, builders materials and mill supplies, capital fifteen thousand dollars, also the Purvis Industrial and Training school, colored, New Bern.

Cary, June 5.—The entire plant of the Cary Lumber company was totally destroyed by fire early this afternoon. The most conservative estimate of the loss sustained places it at \$50,000. The insurance amounted to less than \$20,000. The blaze started in the boiler room; how, it is unknown.

Charlotte, June 5.—The depot of the Southern railway at Davidson was robbed yesterday and about \$65 in cash was secured. A negro by the name of Will Armour was suspected of the theft. Today he was arrested in Winston-Salem and the larger portion of the money was found on his person.

**Of All Hot Weather Enemies**  
of humanity cholera is the worst. Treatment to be effective must be prompt. When vomiting, purging and sweat accompany the disease is present. Combat it with Perry Davis' Pain-Expeller. All bowel trouble, like diarrhoea, cholera morbus and dysentery by Pain-Expeller. It is equally health-promoting in all climates.

**Stateville Landmark:** The flock of sheep of Messrs. Samuel Archer, W. B. Gibson and W. H. Adderholt has been moved from Mr. Gibson's, at Fancy Hill, to Mr. Adderholt's farm, in Bethany township. Since the sheep were bought about a month ago 2,000 pounds of wool have been taken from them and there are also 100 young lambs.

**New Bern Journal:** The farmers in town yesterday were complaining of the drought. They report crops as badly in need of rain. Cotton will be injured beyond repair, and unless it rains soon tobacco will be a failure. Corn looks well yet. The cultivation is perfect, no grass is seen in the crops. A few days ago the prospects were never brighter.

### Attention Sunday Schools.

Each Sunday school in Kinston is requested on tomorrow to appoint a committee of one to meet with the executive committee of Lenoir county Sunday school association next Monday, June 9th at 10 o'clock a. m. in the office of Attorney Y. T. Ormond. The object of this meeting is to formulate program and select committee of arrangement for holding Lenoir County Sunday School association, which meets in Kinston on July 24th. In view of the facts that prominent speakers and a large crowd are expected on this occasion, and that the State Sunday School association meets in Kinston next February we urge each Sunday school to send a good active member. We desire to begin active work in ample time so that these important occasions will be a credit to the Sunday schools, the town of Kinston and all concerned.

Y. T. ORMOND, president.  
J. J. ROGERS, secretary.

### VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT.

**The First Step in This Work is Cleanliness.**

First in order in activities of this kind comes cleanliness. Clean streets and public places, clean private premises—with these secured the first great transformation in the community takes place, says Sylvester Baxter in The Century. When nuisance breeding rubbish heaps are cleared away and vacant lots, covered with all sorts of litter, are cleaned up, everybody notes the improvement and is interested in seeing it maintained.

Orderliness of course goes hand in hand with cleanliness. The latter cannot be secured without good order, and with good order there is an aspect of neatness that commands popular respect. It pleases the public eye. Nearly everybody will desist from throwing rubbish into a well kept place and from scattering torn up paper or other litter in a clean street. Public sentiment is easily cultivated in favor of public cleanliness and order.

A notable instance of its growth is to be found in the agitation against spitting in public places since it was determined that the practice is a danger to public health. The posting of notices, with regulations against it, and the frequent discussion of the subject in the press have made a strong impression upon public sentiment, and in consequence the offense is not practiced to anything like the same extent in communities where there has been such agitation.

### This Year's Vell.

Vells are growing finer and finer and beautifully less. Those that are spotted are either chenille or black velvet. A very recent fancy is a large chenille spot at wide intervals, broken by an infinitesimal woven spot, the groundwork of filmy cobweb pattern.

## CROP PROSPECTS ARE BRILLIANT

All Influences Tend to Stimulate General Trade Conditions.

New York, June 6.—Bradstreet's today says:

"Crop prospects taken as a whole are really brilliant, railroad earnings are enormous despite the small grain tonnage, bank clearings are quite heavy notwithstanding the speculative dullness, and failures are fewer in number than in recently preceding years. The ending of the Boer war, it is also thought, will have a tendency to stimulate export business in manufactures though interfering with trade in horses, mules and other articles of export. On the other hand, the industrial situation, though improved by the ending of blast furnaces and teamsters' strikes is still a depressing one, owing to the prospect of the anthracite coal strike proving a long and bitter one, threats of a strike in the Virginia bituminous fields and the general unrest noted among workers in a number of industries.

"Corn and cotton crop reports are positively excellent and in striking contrast with a year ago. Winter wheat is turning out better than expected in such states as Kansas, though recent rains have interfered with harvesting in Oklahoma. Fruit crops promise to be very large and a favorable reflection of this is already noted in sugar prices which are firmer.

"Warmer weather has stimulated spring re-order business in dry goods, rather more activity being noted by jobbers in delivery of which is impossible this year. A large volume of new business is also reported in this line. Steel bars are reported stronger. Agricultural implement men have placed most of their orders in finished products a year in advance and are now bidding freely for pig iron for next year's delivery. The nominal price for steel plates will not be advanced.

"Business failures number 153 against 163 last year."

### The Colored Graded School.

This was a prosperous year with the school, better work done than ever before. The principal, L. D. Merritt, has given satisfaction to the patrons and to the board of trustees, yet there are some colored people in Kinston that never appreciate educational efforts, but desire to rule or ruin. This faction does not like the views and ideas imparted to our young people. Mr. Merritt has done more for the colored people than any teacher we ever had. Organized a society with 150 members, a charitable institution to care for the sick and bury the dead, and is the financial secretary of the society. And his reappointment by the board of trustees to succeed himself gives universal satisfaction to patrons of the school.

### A COLORED CITIZEN.

### Judicial Convention.

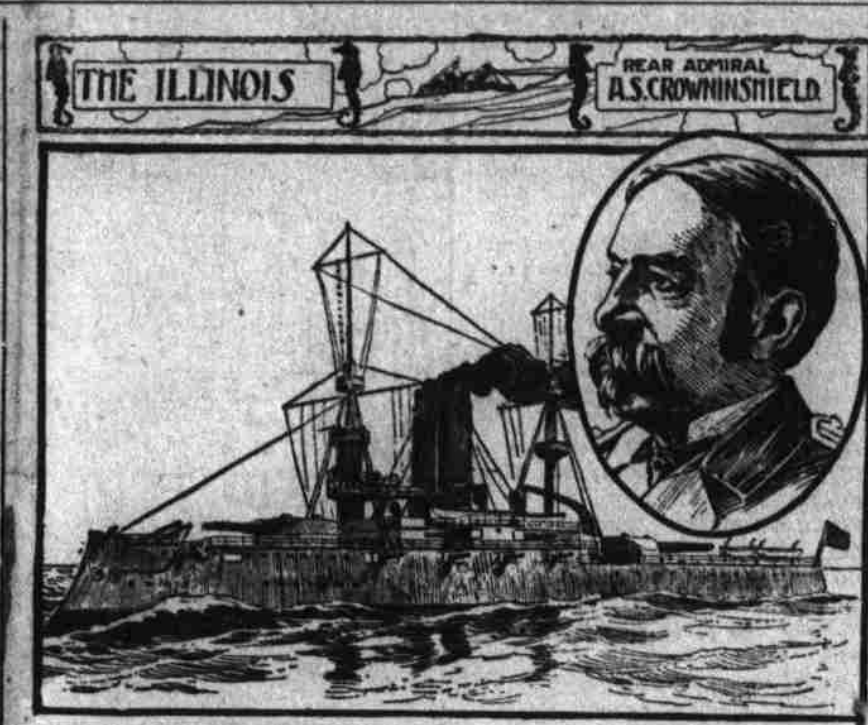
At a meeting the Democratic executive committee for the third judicial district held in Kinston this day the judicial convention of the 3d district was called to meet in Kinston at 12 o'clock m., on Thursday, July 10, 1902.

By order of the committee.

This June 6, 1902.

T. C. WHITAKER, ch'm.

R. WILLIAMS, sec.



OUR BATTLESHIP AT KING EDWARD'S CORONATION.

The United States is to be represented at the naval pageant in British waters in the King Edward's coronation by one of its newest and most formidable battleships, the Oregon, which is the flagship of Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, who now commands the European Squadron.

### FEMININE CHAT

Modjeska says that stage fame is like Dead sea apples.

Mrs. U. S. Grant and Mrs. Sartoris will spend the summer in Coburg, Canada, where Mrs. Grant purchased a beautiful cottage last year.

Dr. Marie B. Zakrzewska, the pioneer woman physician of Boston and founder of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, is dead.

Miss Jane Adams, head of the Hull House Settlement, Chicago, was severely injured in a railroad accident on her return home from the convention of women's clubs in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Hannah Barrett has just celebrated her one hundred and second birthday in Boston. Her father served in the Revolutionary war and was under Washington in the Valley Forge campaign.

Helen Keller, the deaf and blind girl, has written an autobiography which will soon appear. Miss Keller is now a student at Radcliffe college. Her book, which is written in sign language of the blind, is said to be remarkable for the excellence of its style.

A strange case is that of Mrs. Mary Elvira Gillespie, who at the age of eighty-four has been admitted to a hospital in Denver. She is the mother of thirty-seven children, including fifteen sets of twins, but all have drifted away from her, and she knows not the address of one of them.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has placed a window in Trinity church, Newport, as a memorial to her husband. The window represents a Christian knight seated and holding in his right hand a sword, the point of which rests on the ground, and in his left a shield, upon which is a cross, resting on the left knee.

Julia A. Harper, wife of the late James Harper, founder of Harper & Bros. and once mayor of New York city, has just died at her home in Gramercy Park, New York city. She was eighty-one years old and was much younger than her husband, who had lived until now, would have been 107 years old.

### CURTAIN CALLS.

Paul Arthur is still holding his own in London as a matinee idol.

Joe Welch has been engaged by Klaw & Erlanger for "Mr. Bluebeard."

Mr. W. J. LeMoyné, the veteran actor, is confined to his house, seriously ill.

Isabel Irving has signed to play leads with Richard Mansfield for the rest of the season.

It is quite likely that Mr. A. W. Pinner, the English playwright, will visit New York next winter.

The French comic opera season in New York closed with the pocketbooks of the managers in bad shape.

In upper New York it is proposed to build a hippodrome where circus performances may be given all the year round.

Jacob Adler, the famous Yiddish actor, is seriously ill, and it is not known when he will be able to appear in public again.

John Philip Sousa has written a new march which he has named "Imperial Edward" and dedicated to "His Most Gracious Majesty Edward VII."

### Shaving the Beard.

It is believed that the custom of shaving the beard was introduced at Rome in the year 300 B. C. According to Pliny, Scipio Africanus was the first Roman who shaved daily.

### Wild Bananas Have Seeds.

Wild varieties of bananas have been found in Ceylon, Cochinchina and the Philippines. These of course have seeds, but they are inferior to the long cultivated varieties. The banana is cultivated by suckers, and it is in this way that the plant is perpetuated indefinitely.

### Swaying Chimneys.

A chimney 115 feet high will sway ten inches in a high wind without danger.

### The Word "Meander."

The word "meander" comes from the river of the same name, whose course was so devious that it furnished nearly every modern language with a new word.

### Foggier Than London.

Equinault is the only place in the British empire that exceeds London in cloudiness. Equinault is also the dampest place in the empire, while Adelaide, in Australia, is the driest. Ceylon is the hottest and northwest Canada the coldest possession that the British flag floats over.

### A Monster Petition.

The biggest petition ever presented to the English parliament was the Chartists' petition in 1848. It bore 5,706,000 signatures.

### The Rose Tree Record.

Six thousand is the record number of roses produced by one tree at a time. This was in Holland, on Mme. Regnew's land. A Marechal Niel at Whitby has had 3,500 blooms on it at the same time.

### Venetian Glassworkers.

Most persons employed in the Venetian glass industry begin to lose their sight when they are between forty and fifty years of age and in a short time become totally blind. This blindness is caused by the excessive heat and glare from the glass furnaces.

### Hindoo and Meat.

The Hindoos are said to regard us as no better than cannibals because we eat meat.

### China's Moon Guitar.

The yuekin, or moon guitar, of China has four strings, tuned in pairs at intervals of the fifth. The drum is usually decorated with Chinese figures in various grotesque positions.

### Hairbrushes.

Hairbrushes should be washed in strong, tepid soda water, then rinsed in clean cold water and placed in the air—not in the sun—to dry.

### A Singular Notice.

Previous to the visit of James I. to the University of Cambridge, in 1615, the vice chancellor issued a notice to the students which enjoined that "Noe graduate, scholar or student of this Universitie presume to take tobacco in Saint Marie's Church, upon Payne of final expelling the Universitie."

### Snow Crystals.

There have been noted 151 different forms of snow crystals.

### Like Nile Mud.

The Nile mud, which renders Egypt a habitable country, is said to bear a striking resemblance to that which every season is brought down by the Missouri.

### Sir Walter Scott's Marriage.

Sir Walter Scott was a genius of the very first order. He succeeded in every department of letters, but his greatest happiness was in his wife. He married her after a short acquaintance, and it was a genuine love match, lasting until the day of her death.

### Digestion Promoters.

Onions, garlic, leeks, olives and shallots stimulate the circulation, increase the saliva and gastric juice and promote digestion.

### Luck About Shoes.

A Yorkshireman will spit in his right shoe before putting it on when going out on important business, to bring luck, and many an English girl has been known to hang her boots out of the window on St. Valentine's night for love luck.

### Ladies Can Wear Shoes

one size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief in corns and bunions. It is the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cleans and preserves, softens, loosens, soothes and cures every ailment of the feet. Allen's Foot-Powder is a sure cure for itching, hot, burning feet. At all drug stores and shoe stores, etc. Don't forget our white socks. Trial package FREE by mail. Address: Allen S. Townsend, Le Roy, N. Y.

## FRESH FACTS IN A FEW LINES

Items of Interest for Male and Female

By a majority of sixty-one the French chamber adopted a motion extending the period for which deputies are elected from four to six years.

Paris, according to the latest census returns, has a population of 2,650,000 persons, of whom over 1,200,000 are either foreigners or provincials.

A number of Viennese ladies have started a dress reform league, with the object of suppressing the corset and introducing a new kind of divided skirt.

There is a man in Havant, England, who, having been completely bald from the day of his birth, has now started a fine crop of hair at the mature age of ninety-two.

The Union veterans of German birth are to raise a fund for a monument to General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben of the American Revolution to be erected in Washington.

A motor omnibus may now be seen plying in London streets. The vehicle is run as an experiment by the Road Car company between Hammermith road and Oxford circus.

Experiments with petroleum for fuel are being made by the Norwegian navy. Of the refined oil imported annually into Norway \$963,000 worth comes from America and \$90,000 from Russia.

A gold plate which Charles Bonaparte pawned in order to pay the traveling expenses of his son, Napoleon, to the military school at Brienne has been placed in the town museum at Ajaccio.

Subsequent to a recently promulgated law a young man of France of any height above five feet, if he weighs 100 pounds, is liable to conscription. Previously the minimum height was 5 feet 2 inches.

Smallpox in the United States, as officially reported from Dec. 28, 1901, to March 21, 1902, reaches a total of 24,194 cases, with 708 deaths. The total for the same period in 1901 was 11,400 cases, with 149 deaths.

Germany's oldest army veteran has just celebrated his one hundredth birthday at his home near Osnabruck. He is a master builder named Wellmayer and joined the Thirteenth (Westphalian) infantry regiment in 1822.

All the tenants of the Paris newspaper kiosks have been personally warned by the police commissioners of the respective districts against exposing for sale any journal or publication which may be personally offensive to King Edward.

To secure prompt dispatch of business the Japanese war office has done away with the chairs used by the junior officials of the accountants' department as well as those provided in the waiting rooms. The result is stated to be most successful.

The Turkish navy consists of eighteen cruisers of from 2,000 to 8,000 tons, twelve coast defense ships, six gunboats and twenty-six torpedo boats, but every one of them is useless except a few small gunboats stationed at different ports along the coast.

Among the treasures preserved at the residence of the Earl of Clarendon is the original gift key of Hyde park, sent by Queen Anne to Lord Chancellor Clarendon to give him at all times admission to the parks of London—a relic of singular historical interest.

The capacity of Ireland for sending out emigrants has been one of the marvels of the world. During 1901 the island sent out 39,870 emigrants, or 9 in every 1,000 of population, of whom 80.5 per cent were between the ages of fifteen and thirty-five. Even this large total is some 7,000 smaller than that of 1900.

The national convention of the Eight Hour Day Supreme Grand League of America will be held in Minneapolis Sept. 22-26. The purpose of the convention is to bring together representatives from every state in the Union and from all commercial and industrial interests. The call for the convention includes employers and employees.

It is reported that the ameer of Afghanistan having appointed a council to assist him in the administration of the country, Bibi Hallima, Umar Khan's mother, because she was not consulted, requested him to dismiss it. This the ameer refused to do, with the result that the plotting and counterplotting have increased more than ever.

Tierra del Fuego is full of minerals, among which is no small proportion of gold. That there is to be a boom in mining down in that part of the world there is no doubt. When the discoveries shall be made which will accomplish this result no one can predict, but there are in movement operations which at any time may result in such discoveries as will attract attention.

**FIND THE DOLL.**

**The Wind does make me feel quite blue - It bore my doll away - It doubtless thinks that I'm one too - Oh my! I hope I'll stay!**