

It is not too hot to advertise wisely and well. Cooler days are coming soon.

THE WEATHER: Probably showers tonight. Changeable & windy.

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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Crops Destroyed by Hail. Greenville Reflector: Later reports from the wind and hail storm, Tuesday evening, show that considerable damage was done. The area covered by the hail was not large, but so far as it extended destruction followed. The worst of it seemed to be near Mt. Pleasant church and a little to the north of there. The greatest sufferers were Mrs. Nona Brown and Mr. W. J. Fleming, on both of whose farms the crops were literally ruined. On Sheriff O. W. Harrington's farm several buildings, including stables, were blown down, killing a mule and injuring his driver horse. Mr. L. A. Mayo and one of his tenants were caught out in the storm and both were painfully bruised by the hail stones.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

North Carolina produces \$17,000,000 worth of corn, only \$15,000,000 worth of cotton and about \$7,000,000 worth of tobacco annually, all of which goes to prove that the old north state is one of the most progressive in the union. Yaddin Ripple: Mr. W. G. Hobson of Conrod, this county, has a weak old calf that carries its heart in a rather peculiar place, it being under its neck, between its shoulder and head. This is a stout, healthy calf, except this deformity. Durham, July 14.—Abe Fowler, colored, was crushed to death this afternoon about 3:30 by the supports of a sewer ditch giving away and plunging him. Two other negroes were also hurt. One of them, Jim Jackson, is thought to be seriously injured. This is the second death arising from cave ins or something similar. Rockingham, July 14.—Jule Morrison, colored, who has been painting here for Mr. J. H. Lewis, was killed by the train near Rockingham yesterday morning. His coat was found only a short distance from the depot, near the old mill, while the main part of his body, badly mangled, was found about three miles down the road towards Hamlet. Hillsboro Observer: The prospects for tobacco and corn in Orange were never better. Sheriff Hughes says that in the Pine Knot section of Cedar Grove township, where the people are all happy and contented, the tobacco crop looks finer than he ever saw it, and corn looks like it was growing on rich river bottoms. So far as we have been able to learn the above is about the condition of corn and tobacco all over the county. Winston, July 14.—Miss Minnie Ashby, a young white woman of Stokes county, was arrested near Quaker Gap Saturday, charged with the murder of her child, one day old. The child was found in the woods about one mile from the house where the woman was staying. A young man who lived in the neighborhood, but whose name was not learned, has also been arrested, charged with complicity in the affair. Goldsboro Argus: Judging from the quantity of tobacco fines which are being hauled out of the city by farmers every day, the tobacco crop must not be as short as first expected. All the tinners of the city have an extra force of hands employed in their fine making department and then they do not seem able to take care of the many rush orders which are continuously coming in. The crop of tobacco is the first which the farmer puts on the market. It comes off at least a month ahead of the cotton crop.

STATE FIREMEN Municipal Authorities Urged to Encourage Them.

Editor Free Press: May I ask the courtesy of your valuable columns to call the attention of your municipal authorities and your readers generally to the importance of sustaining the North Carolina State Firemen's association in its efforts to protect from loss by fire the lives and property of our citizens. Under laws passed by our last legislature—see chap. 677, laws of 1901—it is now imperative upon the authorities of every incorporated town in the state to organize a system of fire protection and inspection, and to report every fire to the insurance commissioner at Raleigh. Every citizen in North Carolina is interested in this subject, and it is the desire of the state association to leave nothing undone that will be beneficial to the distressed. At the convention to be held in Raleigh on July 22nd, 23rd and 24th, matters of very great importance, especially to towns having no organized departments, will be discussed by practical and experienced men, and it is to be hoped that every town in the state will be represented. The tournament on the 23rd and 24th will be very interesting, and will amply repay any one for his time in attending the same. The railroad rate from Kinston is only \$1.65 for the round trip to firemen and delegates and it is only one fare for the round trip to individuals from any point in the state. Local living rates will be reasonable. Every mayor and chairman of fire committees in the state is invited to attend and participate in our deliberations. The writer recognizing the never failing courtesy, power and influence of the press, also extends to you, my dear sir, the courtesies of the floor in the discussion of matters pertaining to the prevention and protection from fire. May I ask that you will urge upon your citizens the importance of having your municipality well represented? The slight expense will be money well spent in the interest of the public welfare. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in giving publicity to the matter, and hoping that I can reciprocate your kindness at Raleigh, I am yours, &c., JAS. D. McNEILL, President N. C. S. F. Ass'n.

Democratic Executive Committee.

The county Democratic executive committee is requested to meet in the grand jury room on next Saturday the 19th of July, for the purpose of reorganizing and to fix the date of calling the county convention to nominate county officers, etc. A full attendance desired. J. W. GRAINGER, Ch'm.

Advertisement for a medicine, featuring an illustration of a person and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

NEW AND OLD FRESHLY TOLD

Items of Interest for Male and Female

The most dangerous element of illuminating gas is carbonic acid. French charities in London are to benefit by \$11,550 collected in Paris by the Figaro. Electric railways are rapidly displacing the old fashioned diligences in Switzerland. One of the fire department horses in Baltimore is extremely fond of Limburger cheese and eats it with evident relish. Successful efforts have recently been made in Westphalia to induce the country people to retain their national costumes. Recent analysis has shown the water of a spring on Ripon race course, England, to be strongly impregnated with epsom salts. One hundred and fifty landladies have been summoned at Vienna for taking in boarders without the permission of the police. A Japanese larch, twenty-four inches high, 160 years old, was sold in London recently at the rate of a shilling for each year—about \$40. A white badger, which is almost as great a rarity as a white blackbird, was killed recently by the Axé Vale (England) badger hounds. Connecticut pays a bounty of \$1 for each fox killed within its borders. Last year the payments on this account amounted to \$1,272. The total number of farms in Alabama is given at 223,220, of which 129,137 are operated by white farmers and 94,083 by colored farmers. Sweden's last census records the lowest death rate yet attained by a civilized nation. During the last ten years it only averaged 16.49 per 1,000. According to Dr. Flugge, air will go through the walls of a closed room at a rate depending on difference of temperature between the inside and the outside. Nelson's walking cane, which was picked up on the deck of the Victory after he was shot at Trafalgar, is now in the possession of a resident of Newport, Mont. The Russian government has appointed a commission to investigate agricultural methods and the condition of the peasantry in Russia, with a view of improving both. Searchers have found a board of \$2,500 in the dwelling of a supposed pauper who has died at Pontesbury, Shropshire, England. Four hundred dollars was discovered in an old glove. The marvelous improvement of Egyptian industries during recent years and the country's present well governed condition have made the place a splendid market for American trade. A coalfield on the Black sea, 140 miles from Constantinople, is being worked vigorously, but the poor quality of the coal mined will prevent its coming into competition with the American article. It has been discovered that cereals may be expanded by dry heat in a moist atmosphere to three times their natural size. This makes them very palatable, their flavor being varied by the degree of heat used. Naples was raised in twenty years from the position of one of the world's unhealthiest cities to one of the healthiest, the government having undertaken and encouraged great movements in sanitary reform.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S HOME AT OYSTER BAY. Sagamore Hill, near Oyster Bay, on Long Island, where President Roosevelt and his family are spending the summer, is an ideal spot for recreation and pleasure. The bay is within easy reach, affording the best of yachting and fishing, and there are a number of splendid drives.

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Good Roads.

As early as 1867 the improved macadamized highways of France had a total length of 200,051 miles, while the length of unfinished highways was then stated at 174,067 miles, most of which is now finished.

Canada's Capacity.

Progressive Canada estimates that "the population capacity of Canada cannot be less than 100,000,000." There are 1,200,000 square miles of arable land.

WERE MEN.

Gonzales de Quesada, Cuba's first minister to this country, came here five years ago as a Cuban republic agent. He is still in his thirties.

Webster Davis, formerly assistant secretary of the Interior, is to leave Kansas City and take up the practice of law in New York city.

J. Lewis Boyden of Norwood, Mass., who is superintendent of two Sunday schools in that city, has just celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Frederick A. Kuntzsch, surveyor of customs of Syracuse, N. Y., has one of the finest collections of paper money of any one in the United States.

Major Pond, the impresario, is in his sixty-fifth year and began life as a journeyman printer. He once set type for three months with John Brown.

Professor Morse of Salem, Mass., has been decorated with the Third Order of the Rising Sun by the emperor of Japan, an honor which he rarely bestows.

Admiral Crowninshield pronounces his name "Crunshel," just as Majorbanks is pronounced "Marchbanks," Beauchamp "Beecham," Cholmondeley "Chumley" and Methuen "Mevn."

John D. Long is a triple ex-congressman, ex-governor and ex-secretary of the navy. Tufts college has just conferred upon him a title which will stick, that of doctor of laws.

F. N. Finney of Milwaukee, Wis., has purchased the famous rug known as the Empress Eugenie's prayer rug. It is made of silk and was given to the consort of Napoleon III. by the shah of Persia.

A. W. Paine of Bangor, Me., will be ninety years of age in August and has practiced law at the Penobscot bar for sixty-seven years, and he is probably the oldest lawyer in point of practice in New England.

M. Combes, the new French prime minister, was formerly a priest, and as the real executive he will now be charged with the enforcement of recently passed statutes which will drive half of the priests of France out of the country.

CURTAIN CALLS.

The next Drury Lane pantomime will be "Mother Goose."

Kate Upper has been engaged for Julia Marlowe's company.

Della Stacey is one of the engaged for "Codfish Aristocracy."

E. S. Willard begins his American tour in Montreal on Sept. 23.

Ada Lewis has been engaged by David Belasco for next season.

It is reported that Charles Frohman will have nothing more to do with one night stands.

A ten-year-old girl, Carmen d'Assilva, is writing a play for the Comedie Francaise of Paris.

Miss Grace Hoyer is to succeed Mrs. Clara Bloodgood in the role of Mrs. Laké in "The Way of the World."

Otis Harlan is playing his old role of George Washington Fleishback in Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" on a southern circuit.

Mr. Neils Erickson, a real Swedish actor, will play in "Ton Tonsen," under E. L. Kennedy's management, next season.

PINFEATHERS.

Whole corn is the best grain to give at night.

Sweet milk is relished by young chickens and is good for them, but it should not take the place of water.

Too many roosters with the hens will usually result in a large number of unfertilized eggs and weakened chickens.

If the hens are allowed to make nests in the stables, they may not only create sth therein, but will also carry lice in with them.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

No man has a right to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do right.

It is better to know everything of something than something of everything.

The one who falls often and gets up again displays more heroism than the one who never falls.

Most christians are afraid to mix religion and politics and so vote against the thing they pray for.

Low living and high thinking elevates a people, but low thinking and high living demoralizes them.

When a public speaker keeps saying "I think this," and "I want to say," his head is generally as heavy as a toy balloon.

There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many. Society is a troop of thinkers, and the best heads take the best places.

What would be a plain drunk in the case of a common individual is "Indisposition," in the case of the millionaire, yet a drunk by any name acts just the same.

In all the affairs of life, social as well as political, courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike the deepest to the grateful and appreciative heart.

The law is made a terror to evil doers by sending to prison the poor man who takes a loaf of bread to satisfy the cry of his hungry little children and selecting to some honorable position the man who steals millions.

United we stand, divided we fall. Citizens of Kinston, paste that in your hats or on the sleeves of your coats, so that you will be sure to see it when you start in to oppose innovations that mean the improvement of the place.

Friends, Kinstonians, countrymen, all who have at heart the prosperity, progress and growth of Kinston as a tobacco market and agricultural center, listen!

It is meet and right and proper that the city as a whole do something to attract the bucolic citizen hitherward. The farmer likes to see things and hear things and learn things when he comes to town, and it is quite natural that he would travel a few miles further to market his wares in the town which offers the most entertainment.

Timely Topics propose to make a farmers' day—orfarmers' week if thought better.

The day or days should be devoted exclusively to the farmers. Queen street should be prettily and profusely decorated with flags and bunting, a barbecue should be provided in the grove, there should be games of ball and other athletic sports for prizes, such as foot races, jumping and vaulting and above all there should be a band.

All this should be supplemented by the merchants with a carnival of special low prices.

Such an entertainment as this would cost very little and its benefits to the commercial interests of the city are beyond calculation. It is not alone the trade of this day or these days, it is the new faces it would bring to town and the favorable impression that would be made upon them which would mean years of trading hereafter.

Timely Topics' idea of it is to make this a yearly event, which everybody will be in favor of if the first one is handled rightly from beginning to end.

The suggestion is not original. A few years ago Timely Topics rode into Newark, N. J., on a trolley rather early in the morning. The streets were a mass of decoration and a general holiday air prevailed. Timely Topics could recall no holiday for that date and upon asking what was going on was told it was "Farmers' Day." Later on the farmers were very much in evidence. Many of them lived so far away they had started the previous evening, camped during the night and got in early. Others came in trains and trolleys.

There were plenty and made in the public parks and every store offered some special inducement.

That is what Timely Topics suggests on a smaller scale for Kinston. There's money in it. What do you think?