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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

New York, July 26.—There was an exciting and pathetic scene on the pier of the Old Dominion line this afternoon when the steamer Old Dominion was warped into her dock with Mrs. Ida Stafford, wife of a prominent citizen of Greensboro, North Carolina, who had eloped with J. E. Harding, book-keeper of the Revolution Cotton Mills, and one of the best known men in the same city.

New York acquaintances of the two families concerned had been notified by wire of the elopement and were waiting on the pier as the gang plank was lowered. J. E. Cone, a former resident of Greensboro, but now a business man of this city, rushed up the plank as the man and woman came down arm and arm. He seized Harding and dragged him off to one side of the dock by the piles of baggage, while Mrs. Stafford followed, trying to detain him and weeping hysterically.

"Leave this woman," Cone said excitedly. "I am a friend of your father's. He is insane with grief and has wired me to prevent you from ruining a prominent career. Go back to North Carolina." "Don't leave me, Ernest," Mrs. Stafford wailed. "Don't leave me here among strangers, they are only trying to get you away from me."

She clutched Harding's arm frantically and put her arms about his neck, kissing him repeatedly, while a large crowd of onlookers watched the scene curiously.

Harding at first seemed inclined to follow Cone's advice. But the pleadings of the grief-stricken woman finally swayed him. He retraced her carriages, saying: "Don't fear, Ida, I'll stick by you. We'll go to England and be married. We'll be happy yet."

Then the pair got into a cab and were driven to the Broadway Central hotel.

An attorney was also at the dock and said that Stafford would sue for a divorce.

### Four Elopers Jailed

Greensboro, July 26.—Single-barricaded elopements are getting scarce. Greensboro witnessed the results of a double-barricaded one today, when N. C. Carter, of Danville, Va., and Nannie Jones, and John T. Harris and Minnie Shaw were placed in jail here in default of bond, by a magistrate at Gibsonville, who tried them. It is but proper, Virginia having set a bad example by refusing to punish a North Carolina man for stealing a man's wife, that North Carolina should pour out justice by contrast and take charge of a Virginian's runaway wife, by placing her and her companion in jail for him, to get her when he wants her.

### A Belle of Bellum Days

Greensboro Belle: Today while Wad-Butts, the house mover, was doing some work about the house of Mrs. M. A. Rouse, on Pitt street, he found an old gun that is probably a relic of the civil war. The gun has a rifle barrel of about 48 calibre, and a revolving cylinder of five chambers. This cylinder is about three inches long, and of the old powder ball and cap style. It is likely that this gun was hid by a Yankee during the war. It is rusty with age.

### SHORT STATE STORIES.

Charlotte News: During the storm Saturday afternoon, lightning struck a tree on Mr. Martin C. Davis' place, four miles from Charlotte, and twenty-five head of sheep that had congregated under the tree for shelter, were instantly killed.

Sanford Express: While on the road last Sunday afternoon, between Jonesboro and Lenoir Springs, Bob Rowles and Dave Thompson, colored, got into a row over a woman, when Thompson shot Rowles three times, killing him almost instantly. The murderer made his escape.

Monroe special to News and Observer: A little year old child of Mr. Jefferson Hill, of North Monroe township, was hurried to death. Mrs. Hill went out of the house for a few minutes, leaving her baby and another child, about three years old in the house. The children, by some means, got a box of matches and in playing with them set fire to the baby's clothes. The older child was not injured.

### Acute Immobility.

Gold is sometimes more troublesome in summer than in winter, it's so hard to keep from adding to them, while cooling off other troubles. One Minute Cough Cure opens up new. Absolutely safe and immediately. Runners for coughs, colds, croup, throat and lung troubles. J. E. Hood.

## Purely Personal

Items About People Who Come and Go

Mr. S. J. Harrell returned to New Bern yesterday.

Mr. W. O. Moseley returned Saturday from Raleigh.

Mr. T. D. Blackburn returned to Wilson Saturday.

Col. A. C. Davis returned to Goldsboro Saturday night.

Mrs. W. H. Sutton went to Falling Creek yesterday.

Miss Bernice Wooten returned Saturday from Ayden.

Mr. T. L. Willingham returned from Wilson Saturday.

Miss Jessie Lee Sugg went to Greenville this morning.

Miss Florence Einstein went to Tarboro this morning.

Mr. J. L. Bridges went up to Goldsboro Saturday night.

Miss Valie Blanchard returned Saturday from Winterville.

Mrs. J. S. Wooten returned Saturday from visiting at Grifton.

Mr. J. R. Chamberlain returned from Goldsboro this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marston returned Saturday from Urbans, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Crawford returned Saturday from Wilmington.

Mr. Ellis Goldstein left this morning to spend a week at Seven Springs.

Mr. J. J. Bizzell and Master Harry went to LaGrange Saturday night.

Little Miss Maude Savelof of New Bern is visiting at Mr. J. F. Davis'.

Mrs. and Miss Edwards of Dover took the cars here this morning for Littlefield.

Dr. H. O. Hyatt went to Goldsboro this morning and will return tomorrow.

Mrs. J. E. Pece of Philadelphia, came Saturday to spend some time with her parents.

Mr. J. W. Hudson and wife of New Bern came up to Kinston yesterday morning.

Mr. S. W. Isler, Jr., went up to Goldsboro yesterday morning and returned in the afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. King of Greenville passed through Kinston Saturday en route to Morehead City.

Miss Martha Jacobs, who had been visiting Miss Alice Tull, returned this morning to Norfolk.

Mr. G. V. Cowper left this morning for his former home, Winton, Hertford county, to spend two weeks.

Messrs. J. H. Herbert and C. T. Meacham went to Seven Springs Saturday evening and returned this morning.

Miss Sallie Biggood, who had been visiting at Dr. B. A. Whitaker's, left this morning, returning to her home at Farmville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell's little brother went to Goldsboro Saturday evening and returned yesterday afternoon.

Miss Nora Baisley of Greensboro, and Ruth Gold, of Wilson, who had been visiting Miss Hannah Dawson, left this morning, returning to their homes.

Mrs. R. N. Roby of Goldsboro, who had been visiting Mr. J. W. Grainger's family at Vernon Hill, for a week, returned to her home this morning.

Mrs. C. H. O'Berry of Wilmington, who had been visiting here for several weeks, returned to her home today, accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Koonce.

Mr. W. M. Harhart of the East Carolina Land and Improvement Co., left yesterday for his home in Lanesburg county Va., where he will spend some time.

### RECENT INVENTIONS.

U. S. Jackson of Boston has invented a device to secure privacy on the telephone.

Among new surgical instruments is a steam saw for removing diseased parts of the liver.

An eleven foot torpedo boat, built for one man, has been invented by Thomas J. Moriarty of Newport, R. I.

A Hamburg engineer has invented a life saving apparatus the size and shape of an ordinary pocketbook and weighing only one and a third ounces. The action of the water on the contents explodes a small cartridge which generates gas sufficient to enable the apparatus to sustain almost two hundredweight.

### PULPIT AND FEW.

The recent constitution of the Swedish Baptist church in Iowa forbids all its members from belonging to second societies.

## DIRECTIONS FOR CURING TOBACCO

During the fourth stage when the sap is nearly dried out watch carefully and unremittingly and as the tobacco becomes dryer reduce temperature.

A skillful curer can produce the color most in demand, and by the fine better and with more certainty than in any other way. The main object of the author is to induce planters, who have never used fuses, to try them for all grades.

There are two modes for curing yellow tobacco—one with charcoal and the other with fuses. The first is the primitive mode, but is fast giving way to the latter, which is cheaper and more efficient, and is being adopted by most of our best planters. The chief agent in either mode is heat—a dry, curing heat—to expel the sap from the leaves, stems and stalks of the plants, and catch the color, yellow, next to nature's color, green, and to fix it indelibly. This is the science of curing yellow tobacco. There are seven primary colors—that of green tobacco occupying the middle of the prism. By the process of nature, leaves in drying descend in color from green, first to yellow, then orange, then red, and finally lose all color as they go to decay. Now, a quick dry heat, so regulated as to dry out the leaf and catch the yellow, and fix it, is the modus operandi of curing fancy bright tobacco.

A barn containing seven hundred sticks of green tobacco, six medium plants on each stick, holds along with the tobacco four thousand five hundred to five thousand pounds of water which must be expelled in from eighty-five to one hundred hours.

Charcoal produces an open, dry heat, well suited for the purpose; but its preparation is costly, its use tedious, dirty and laborious, and it deposits a black dust on the leaf that is objectionable. With fuses constructed with furnace and pipes, the wood is burned as cut in the forest or old field, and the whole process of curing is less costly and less laborious and the tobacco cured therewith free from dust, and has a sweeter flavor. The fuse process possesses so many advantages over all other modes of curing tobacco, is so safe, if properly constructed, and free from smoke, that when its merits become better known it will come into general use and supersede all other modes.

The first step in curing is called the steaming or yellowing process. Medium tobacco will require from 24 to 30 hours' steaming at about 90 degrees to yellow sufficiently; but tobacco with more or less sap, larger or smaller, will require a longer or shorter time to yellow. Here the judgment of the curer must be his guide. Inexperienced planters would do well to procure the services of an expert curer, if they have tobacco suitable for fine yellow. The planter saves in enhanced value of his crop many times the money paid to the curer, and, besides, by close attention, he may learn in one season to cure well himself. Theory alone, however good, and directions, however minute, will not do here, but it is a practice that must qualify one to cure well.

When it is remembered that no two plants are exactly alike, no two barns precisely similar in every particular, and that the weather may change every hour, it is reasonable that a fixed program can be followed for every curing with any certain hope of success? The experienced know better. On work so variable only general directions can be given. The planter here must use his head as well.

The next step is called fixing the color. When the tobacco is sufficiently yellowed, best leaves of a uniform yellow, and the greener ones of a light pea-green color it is time to advance the heat to one hundred degrees; observing the leaves closely to detect sweating, which will soon red- den and spoil the color, unless driven off. To do this, open the door and let it stand open, and if after an hour or more the sweat has not disappeared, open a space on opposite sides of the barn to let in more air and permit it to remain open until the tobacco has dried off all appearance of the sweat. To dry off the sweat speedily, sprinkle dry straw or hay over the floor and set fire thereto, using just enough dry straw to accomplish the desired result. Right at this point more carriages are spoiled than at any other stage of the process. It may be well to remember what is a fact, that at least five carriages are spoiled by proceeding too fast, so one failure from going too slow. Now stick a pin here.

See to go back to the barn, where we have just dried the leaf, and where the thermometer indicates a fall of 5 or 10 degrees—but this need not concern the curer to put him out of hope, for a little cooling under the circumstances was necessary—we close up the opening and raise the heat to one hundred degrees. But a skillful curer detects the first indications of sweat, and prevents it by regulating the heat and ventilation.



FIND THE COCKNEY AND THE OLD MAN.

Baseball Notes.  
That boy Krause is entitled to the best Kinston can give him. He worked like a machine Friday and the tighter the squeeze the steadier and more heady was Krause. It is a trying ordeal to pitch twelve innings under the most favorable circumstances, and it is still harder on an uneven ground which renders the pitcher's support necessarily ragged and uncertain. Costly errors are discouraging to a pitcher, but Krause never loses heart.

Didn't those old vets do splendid work against the professionals Friday. Kinston may not believe it when it comes to playing the league teams but when it comes to playing the home men, the small boys say they lead right. The little boys from about 8 to 12 years old have organized a nine and will play Goldsboro this afternoon. They sent money this morning for the small boys at Goldsboro to come here and play two games. Kinston's line up is as follows: Carl Cummings, p; George Bailey, c; Connor Allen, 1st b; Jim Hines, 2nd b; Paul Meacham, 3rd b; Grady Williams, ss; Leonard Oettinger, rf; George Skinner, cf.

Never speak slightingly of the unfortunate or laugh at the mistakes of those who have not had the advantages you enjoyed in other years.

Oh! oh! oh! We give it up!

LaGrange Sentinel—Mr. Sam Smith, went fishing the other day, and the fish were so plentiful that while he sat in the boat a fish jumped out of the water and landed in his pocket. The editor of the Sentinel was present and saw it happen. And that editor a preacher of the gospel!

Perform present duties, however small, to the best of your ability, and more important duties will come to you.

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL BIRDS.

The beautiful bird from the tropic skies, Whose plumage of head so grand Decks many a hat of unthinking ones In free America's land.

Dear little feet-winged songster, That soars in the blue, blue sky You shall never be found established Among ribbons on my head to lie.

You shall find at once in the heavens, In the blue of the sky so warm, And sing your cantal to the King Who raises the dead and storm.

—Our Dumb Animals.

By Way of Contrast.  
Dallas, Tex., July 26.—The flood situation in Texas has not improved any today, and in some districts has become more serious. In the western part of the state, particularly, the rain continues to fall and there is no prospect of an early resumption of railroad traffic. Nearly all trains arriving in Dallas today were late, and trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas are reported tied up at Hillsboro. There are several washouts on the Texas Central, and no trains have gone further west than Whitney on that road. The Cotton Belt is cut off from Gadsden by a washout at Leon river. It is feared the bridge there will be washed out.

IMPORTANT!

A Meeting will be held in the court house at 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT to organize for the purpose of inaugurating and conducting a Farmers' Picnic and Entertainment. Every business man is urged to attend.

Polioecology System.  
It is through the bowels that the body is cleansed of impurities. Constipation keeps these poisons in the system, causing headaches, dizziness and melancholia at first then mighty eruptions and finally serious illness unless a remedy is applied. DeWitt's Little Early Bitters prevent this trouble by stimulating the liver and promote easy, healthy action of the bowels. These little pills do not act violently but by strengthening the bowels enable them to perform their own work. Never gripe nor distress. J. E. Hood.

and Henry Jones II. Master Carl Cummings is captain.

The Kinston base ball team want to Wilson this morning with the following line-up: Hicks, c; Sugg, p; Krause 1b; Meacham 2b; Wynns, ss; McDonald, 3b; Wooten, lf; Taylor, cf; and Harper, rf.

Recent and present circumstances may make it appear to Tarboro that the statement current there last week that Kinston had dropped out of the triangle league was somewhat premature. Tarboro proves to be the quitter and Kinston is still very much in it.

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## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

### Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Nothing beats a good wife—except a bad husband.

The undertaker has his beer in the most solemn occasion.

Cannibals at times might be dissatisfied as aunt eaters.

Most children have a growing tendency to get up in the world.

The hall of fame does not always open into the parlor of happiness.

The man in the moon may bring the most ferocious dog to bay.

There is more danger of talking to much than of talking too little.

The street sprinkler-man spends much of his summer at watering places.

Remember the Farmers' day meeting in the court house at 8 o'clock tonight.

As a rule when a man's no longer single he also needs to double his income.

Even a notorious liar can go into a photographers and be taken at his word.

A couple learning to ride a tandem must expect to be thrown together a good deal.

Both the novelist and the gardener should see that their plots are well worked out.

At a meeting of workmen the wheel-right might appropriately be chosen spokesman.

The young man who won't treat the girls to cooling delicacies must expect them to treat him coolly.