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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

**Congressman and Editor in a Fight.**  
Asheville, Sept. 9.—A personal encounter that created much excitement took place last night in the lobby of the Battery Park hotel between E. Spencer Blackburn, republican congressman from the ninth congressional district, and Fred L. Merritt, editor of the Asheville Citizen. As Mr. Merritt came out of the dining room Mr. Blackburn met him near the door, and holding in his hand yesterday's Citizen, asked Mr. Merritt if he wrote a certain paragraph on the editorial page. "I did," was the reply. "Then I want to tell you you are a d—," and strong words followed. Mr. Merritt struck the congressman on the mouth and a fight followed. During its short progress it developed that Mr. Blackburn was surrounded by his friends. When a guest rushed in to part them he was knocked down by Col. Cowles from Statesville, who kicked him several times after he had fallen. No serious damage was done on either side. A number of blows were exchanged.

**Independents in Trouble.**  
Scotland Neck, Sept. 9.—The "independents" in the county are getting into straits already. Mr. E. W. Hyman, a good and true democrat, who was nominated on the "independent" ticket for county treasurer, yesterday notified the "independents" that he would not accept. He will remain with the straight-out democrats. About fifteen or twenty of the "independents" met at Halifax yesterday and took Mr. W. C. Whitaker off the ticket for the Legislature and put him in Mr. Hyman's place for treasurer. In Mr. Whitaker's place for the Legislature they put T. H. Haylor. The general observation is that the independent movement in this county will lapse to the interest of the republicans, and of course the republicans are giving it encouragement.

**Rat Creates Panic.**  
Charlotte Observer: An incident that tried the nerves of a number of women occurred in the store of H. A. London, jr., & Co. Saturday morning. A closing-out sale had brought many customers, and there was a low buzz of content all over the shop until one of the young lady clerks, in removing a roll of cloth, dislodged a large rat, which at once proceeded to do trapazes acts all over the store. The rat was given the right of way while everybody in the store developed surprising agility and climbed on the counters. The entire assemblage was on the point of collapse when Mr. J. B. Van Ness appeared leading his fine, brave cat by the hand and the rat met the tragic death that is duly described by the mouse code.

**A Youthful Citizen on His Rights.**  
Elizabeth City, Sept. 9.—Editor Saunders of the Elizabeth City Tarheel, this morning was arrested and thrown into prison for smoking a cigarette within the corporation limits of Elizabeth City. Recently the board of aldermen passed an ordinance making it an offense subject to a fine for any minor to smoke cigarettes upon the streets of Elizabeth City. This morning Mr. W. O. Saunders violated that law and was arrested. He pleaded guilty. Mayor Wilson imposed the stipulated fine. Young Saunders refused to pay the fine or give bond. He said: "The law is unconstitutional, arbitrary for a free born American people." Saunders is locked up. He refuses all offers of many friends to go on his bond.

**The President in Asheville.**  
Asheville, Sept. 9.—Asheville extended a warm greeting to President Roosevelt today. Fully ten thousand people occupied the court house square, where the President addressed them from an improvised stand. The special train arrived here at 9:30 o'clock. A short stop was made at Marshall, the home of Senator Pritchard, where a large number of people had assembled. The president thanked them for their greetings.

**Lightning's Freak.**  
Gastonia Gazette: During the storm Wednesday afternoon a stroke of lightning killed a mule at the Lorry belonging to Mr. R. A. Morton. The mule and a horse were tied by the side of Mr. Morton's house, which is No. 163 of Lorry town, but the horse was not hurt. The bolt struck the house and tore off two or three hundred shingles. The lightning happened to be in the other end of the house and escaped harm.

**New Shows What Not to Do.**  
When you take Green's Serravallo's Tonic because the name is plainly printed on every box showing that it is simply pure and genuine in its contents. No one else can do this.

## FEMININE CHAT.

It is reported that Louise Imogen Duney is giving lectures in Ireland on Raleigh and Spenser.

Somebody once asked Phoebe Cary if she was ever disappointed in love. "No," she said, "but a good many of my married friends have been."

Ida Bing Ding is the only Celestial washerwoman in Greater New York. When she dresses up, she makes her neighbors green with envy at her splendor.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts is still an indefatigable worker. She personally visits many charities in which she is interested, is a most genial hostess, a constant theater goer and a great reader.

Mrs. T. L. A. Greve of Cincinnati, O., is one of the most enthusiastic collectors of relics in America. She is a descendant of the great Earl of Shaftesbury and is the great-granddaughter of General Joseph Otis.

Mrs. Edwin B. Grossman, a daughter of Edwin Booth, the actor, is living in Chicago in the only property that the actor owned in that city at the time of his death. She has had her father's will filed in that city in order to complete a chain of titles to its possession.

Mrs. Wildes P. Walker of Kennebec, Me., has in her possession the punch bowl that was ordered by the town of Salem to be used when Lafayette visited that city during his first trip to America. The first glass served from this bowl was handed to Lafayette. It is of old Dutch blue china.

Mrs. Eva Devoe of East Syracuse, N. Y., is an up to date girl, although she is 100 years old. She wants a bicycle, as she hates to be behind the times. "My family," she says, "seem to think I'd better not have one, and maybe it would look queer to see the mother of a seventy-two-year-old girl whirling on a wheel."

## FRILLS OF FASHION.

The hardy Scotch tweeds, in uncommonly pretty color blendings, will be prominent among the autumn textiles.

Some of the expensive evening toilets designed for full dress use next season show the bodices cut ridiculously low both front and back.

Contrary to recent reports, the short Elton and bolero styles will continue in favor, notwithstanding the vogue of the longer newer garments.

The fashion of wearing skirts close to the figure at the top and flaring below the knees appears to be settling for the season before us and possibly for the winter.

Modified English walking hats, turbans, toques and the perennial sailor shapes, all those styles which are invariably in fashion for traveling wear and general utility uses, will appear again this fall in various forms.

Autumn capes for evening drives, fetes, concerts, etc., are made of taffeta silk or satin brocade, often a cream, cameo pink or very pale sea green ground, figured with small beautifully tinted flowers and leaves. These are made in cavalier or Henry II. styles among other models.—New York Post.

## THE ROYAL BOX.

The Emperor Menelek is expected to make a tour of Europe next year.

King Alfonso, speaking to some journalists in the town of Oviedo, remarked: "I have looked over your papers of 1808. At that time it took a day to get the news from Madrid. Now it takes two days."

Few royal children live in greater splendor than the heir presumptive to the throne of Japan. He is now about nine months old and has no less than a dozen nurses and attendants, and shortly he will have an English and a French governess.

## THE WEE LITTLES IN SEVILLE.



In Seville, the place of Seville, quite hypnotizing world.

FIND THE BEAUTY OF SEVILLE

## COTTON SHORT OF THE AVERAGE

### RUST IS DAMAGING AND WIDESPREAD

#### Crop Bulletin Says Droughty Characteristics Still Continue.

Shows Here and There, but no General Rains—Cotton Bolls Opening Fast—Late Planted Corn Will Give Light Top Crop—Fodder Pulling Completed and Sorghum Making Begun—Minor Crops Fair.

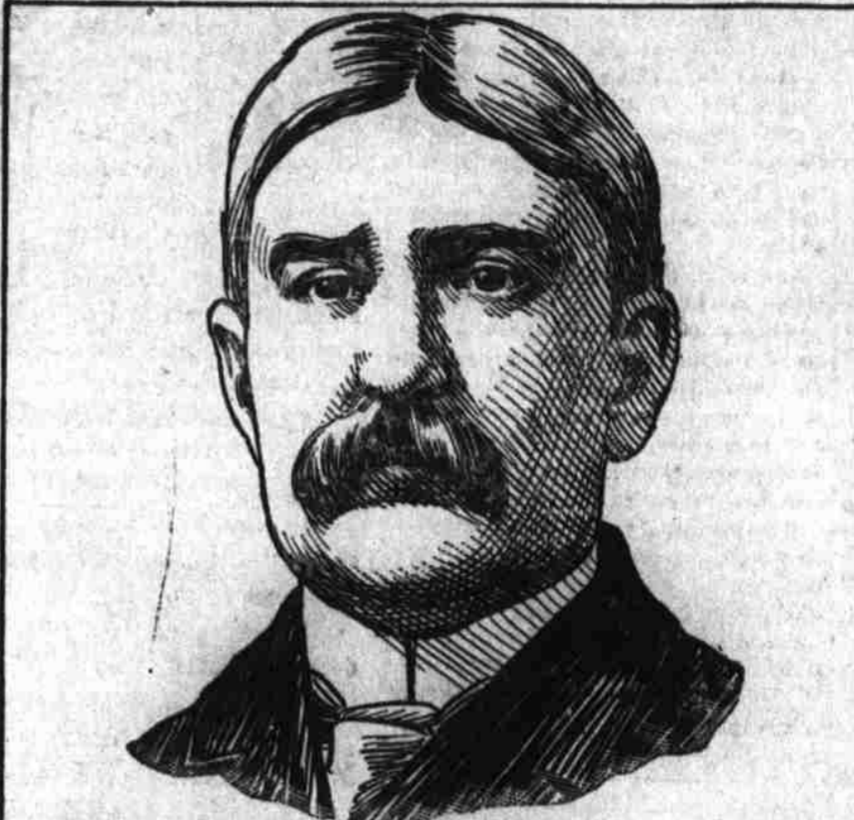
U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, North Carolina section, for the week ending Monday, September 8.

Frequent showers occurred during the past week, chiefly on the 3d and 4th, which gave a fairly abundant amount of moisture along the northern tier of counties, but were very irregularly distributed over the central and southern portions of the state. The droughty character of the season has not materially changed, and crops continue to suffer from lack of sufficient moisture over many counties. Where showers occurred late crops were revived to some extent, and field peas, turnips and clover were benefited. The mean temperature was above the normal except on the 5th and 6th, which were quite cool. Farm work progresses rapidly, but fall plowing is much behind on account of the refractory condition of the soil. Streams are very low and water for stock is scarce in some places.

Cotton has not improved and will be far short of an average crop; the bolls have completed their growth and are opening very fast, some prematurely on account of rust, which is very widespread. Picking cotton is now general and is advancing more rapidly. Late planted cotton is still green and will give a small top crop. Corn is practically made, and is a very good crop on bottom lands, though short on uplands; much corn has already been cut and placed in shocks. Fodder pulling is nearly finished. Making sorghum syrup has begun. Tobacco is all cured except in the larger producing counties in the North from Greenville to Surry where the work is still in progress with good results. Minor crops are fair to good and can hardly be influenced by weather conditions. Scuppernon grapes are ripening. Strawberry plants are suffering from the dry weather.

## RESACA.

September 8.  
Everybody is busy grading tobacco. Messrs. Durant and Branch Williams of Leon, who have been quite sick for some time, are very much improved.  
Miss Lola Worley of Pink Hill has returned home after spending two weeks in Kinston, attending the institute.  
Mr. Walter Smith made a business trip to Kinston today.  
The entertainment at Smith's chapel Friday night was well attended and a neat little sum was realized for a benevolent purpose which the young ladies of the church had in view.  
There was a picnic at Shady Grove school house last Friday.  
Messrs. Ed Daniels and Albert Maxwell visited Dr. J. F. Maxwell Sunday.  
Miss Mattie Williams of Kinston is visiting relatives in this community.  
Remember the picnic on the 12th of September.  
The Free Press is prepared to supply elegant and beautiful calendars to advertisers. Don't place an order until you see our samples. Don't forget this!



COLONEL O'REILLY, THE ARMY'S NEW SURGEON GENERAL. Colonel Robert Maitland O'Reilly, who has succeeded William H. Forwood as surgeon general of the army, is a veteran of the civil war and an old Indian fighter. Of late he has been chief medical officer of the department of California.

## Purely Personal

### Items About People Who Come and Go

Miss Effie Alphin came yesterday afternoon from Fremont and stopped over last night with Mrs. J. T. Heath.  
Mrs. Hagard Nunn came yesterday evening from Winterville.  
Mr. E. M. Land returned from Tarboro yesterday evening.  
Mr. G. B. W. Hadley came from Greenville last evening and went to LaGrange last night.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Walls went to Wilson last night.  
Mrs. J. P. Dawson of near Grifton came last night to visit her father, Mr. J. J. Dunn.  
Mrs. W. E. Brock went to New Bern this morning.  
Dr. G. H. Taylor went to Snow Hill today.  
Mrs. J. H. Bell and Mrs. A. A. Haynes came last evening from Tarboro and left this morning for Pollocksville, Mrs. Bell's home.  
Mr. Fountain Parrott left for Richmond this morning to visit.  
Miss Mabel Coltrane left this morning for Greensboro to enter Greensboro female college.  
Miss Una Payseur, of Lancaster, S. C. who had been visiting the Misses Mitchell, returned to her home this morning.  
Miss Gladys Mitchell went to the Baptist university at Raleigh, this morning.  
Messrs. Lloyd Wooten and Earl Whitaker went to Trinity college this morning.  
Miss Phoebe Shaw went to Red Springs college this morning.  
Miss Anna Howard went to Wilson this morning to visit a few days.  
Mr. A. A. Thorpe, A. C. L. train dispatcher at Rocky Mount, spent last with his sister, Mrs. Gregory, and returned home this morning.  
Miss Fannie Goodson left this morning to enter Randolph Macon college.  
Mrs. B. W. Hatcher returned from Seven Springs a few days ago, where she had spent some time for her health.  
Miss Lucy Turnage, of Ormondsville Greene county, took the cars here this morning for Greensboro, to enter G. F. C.  
Mrs. A. H. Webb came from Morehead City this morning.

**State Surveyor McRee Found Dead.**  
Lumberton, Sept. 9.—"Capt. J. H. McRee, the state surveyor, was found dead in his room at the Hotel Columbia this morning. He was here as a witness in an important law suit. He retired about twelve o'clock last night seemingly in good health, but failing to answer the knocks on his door this morning an entrance was gained by forcing open the door, and his corpse was found on the floor near a window. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. The remains were carried to Wilmington, his home, for interment."

The Free Press rooms are too crowded with vast quantities of all kinds of papers and envelopes. We are desirous of reducing stock and will make especially low prices on very big lots of printing. If you need any printing in 10,000, 25,000, 50,000 or 100,000 lots give us an opportunity to figure with you.

## MERE MEN.

Charles Broadway Rous, the late blind millionaire, made \$5,000,000 after he lost his sight.  
James Monroe, the proprietor of the Monroe House, in St. Mary's, Kan., says that he is the great-grandson of President Monroe.  
Judge C. M. Tompkins, who has been in the pension bureau, Washington, for forty years, has just celebrated his eightieth birthday.  
David B. Hill has as the only adornment on the walls in his law offices at Albany pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.  
Francis Marion Cockrell of Missouri is the dean of the Democratic side of the senate and was the first native of his state to be honored with selection to that body.  
Rev. F. D. Rose, a chaplain in the navy, is greatly bothered by his wonderful likeness to Admiral Dewey, which leads crowds to gather and applaud wherever he goes.  
Dr. Samuel Patterson Stafford, who has been appointed the government physician at the Yakima Indian agency, in the state of Washington, is one of the best known colored physicians of St. Louis.  
Senator Depew's record of having the best and most expensive watch owned by any senator has passed to Senator Kearns of Utah, who carries a time-piece of the finest Swiss workmanship which cost \$600.  
A wonderful beard is worn by Jean Conon of Montlucon, France. It is 10 feet 10 1/2 inches in length and nearly five feet of it when he stands erect rests on the floor. The ends of his mustache hang below his waist.  
The champion organ blower, in point of service, has been found to be seventy-two-year-old Joshua Savall, who without a single absence has pumped the organ of Plymouth church, in Brooklyn, for the last thirty-seven years.  
Signor Mascagni, the composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana," has a positive mania for watches, of which he is said always to carry three in his pockets. One is of gold, with his monogram in diamonds; another is of silver, and the third, which is of huge proportions, is of nickel.

## THE POLE HUNTERS.

Whenever a man is fool enough to go in search of the north pole the people ought to accept it philosophically if he concludes to stay there. The eternal relief party is becoming tiresome.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.  
Where the craze for arctic and antarctic discovery will end it is hard to say in the face of such evident enthusiasm on the subject. In a majority of respects there is even less hope of valuable results in the efforts to find the far limit of the southern ice seas than in the work of discovery that has been directed northward.—Pittsburg Gazette.

## TOWN TOPICS.

When a real live buzzard takes up its residence in St. Louis, it ought to be time to clean up.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.  
They do some things better in Chicago. The lake city has a 75 cent gas ordinance whose validity the courts have upheld.—New York World.  
New York is to have a nine million dollar postoffice. If the old town gets it as fast as Chicago has been getting here, few people now living will witness its completion.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## THE COAL STRIKE.

Dynamite on one side and bayonets on the other constitute a poor arbitration committee for settling the coal miners' strike.—Boston Herald.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED

### Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

It is easier to scale a fish than a mountain.  
As you go forward in life, never expect too much nor hope for too little.  
A man is mad when he oversleeps and mad when an alarm clock wakes him up in time.  
The fellow who does, and not the fellow who is going to do, is the chap who gets there.  
Manx is the best best tongue for courtesy, as it has ninety-seven ways to say "My dear" and only three ways to say "Oh, you fool, don't try to talk to me."  
A negro preacher, in lamenting the misconduct of his youngest son, concluded: "I tell you plain out, sah, de boy hab clean gone to de bad; he's de white sheep ob de flock!"

## SUICIDE A MISTAKE.

The increasing number of suicides annually furnish a great deal of matter for speculation among the leading people of thought in this country. To dismiss it with the conclusion that it is an act of insanity on the part of the suicide is a weak way of disposing of the question. That there is a growing disregard of the importance of living out one's life in one's allotted sphere, the constantly increasing number of suicides bear positive proof. There is reason for this condition, and among the causes ascribed are skepticism as to the future existence of the soul or cowardice on the part of the suicide as to his ability to cope with existing conditions.

Whether or not a man is insane when he performs the act that destroys his chances for life now or hereafter, one thing is certain: it is cowardly. As a means of shirking responsibility or avoiding the consequence of one's acts or of freeing one's self from the troubles and disappointments of this life, it is a sad failure. To step above and take on the burdens of life manfully is by far the better part. Suicide is a sad thing to contemplate under any circumstances, but when we are brought in close contact with it, and that, too, with youth as the victim, youth with all the promise of future, the golden possibilities of which are unending and without limit, it is doubly sad.

Failure to accomplish one's object should not act as a deterrent to further effort, but rather as a stimulant, as the reward for one's effort sometimes lies just beyond one's apparently greatest failure, and with one other effort is brought within our grasp.  
Suicide is a mistake.

## GUM BRANCH.

September 8.  
Ye scribe was in Kinston last week, so we could not write for your columns, and we are feeling rather under the weather from our town trip, as we nearly got drowned in a big rain.  
When we reached home we found Mrs. Sarah Ramsey, a bride of seven weeks, dead a buried; cause, bilious fever. She was buried in her bridal robes.  
Also Mr. James Cannady an old gentleman who served his time faithfully in this county; the poor old fellow is better off.

The most of our farmers are picking cotton, therefore no more tobacco at present will be sold from this section.  
There will be a picnic on the lane that leads to the Bob White mill next Saturday, September 13.  
Mrs. S. P. Ventes is quite sick.  
Mr. Jas King is putting in his last tobacco today.  
Mr. J. H. Cox is going to cure a barn of suckers.  
Some of our farmers who rarely get out of debt have sold enough tobacco to pay out, and yet have tobacco to sell, besides all their cotton and corn crop. Ye scribe has sold \$201.25, worth of tobacco from two acres and yet has one thousand pounds to sell, and wants \$150.00 for that.

**One Minute Interview.**  
Chief of police Rouse: "Collecting dog tax is an ungrateful position. The people seem to have the idea that I have to go to them for the tax, but that is a mistake. This tax is due at the mayor's office, or at least people who own dogs are required by law to list same, and make payment as they would any other taxes, see ordinance 3 and sections 4 and 5. I have collected and turned over to the clerk \$110 for dog tax and there are a good many to pay yet. I am getting warrants for them every day. It is decidedly better and cheaper to pay their dollar than it is to pay it with cost and five added."