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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

New Bern's Crack Military Company.

New Bern, Sept. 11.—Col. T. H. Bain, Inspector general of the North Carolina State guards, was in the city last night and inspected the New Bern division of the naval reserves. Col. Bain says this division is one of the best equipped companies in the state. He also complimented the division for their selection of a valuable and efficient staff of officers. The armory is well equipped with the best and latest apparatus for gymnasium work; also a comfortable reading room, a moveable stage for entertainments and a choral hall. Twenty males and females compose the choral club.

Another Rape Fiend.

Goldboro, Sept. 10.—Sheriff Scott went up to Fremont at noon today and brought back to the city this afternoon and confined in jail a negro named Fred Vick, who last night, in Great Swamp township, committed a desperate assault and outrage upon a respectable colored married woman on the plantation of Mr. Barnes Aycock, while her husband was absent. It is a capital offense, but the condition of the woman is so critical that she cannot appear as a witness at this term of court, consequently Vick will have to remain in jail until the November term.

Goldboro's Street Fair.

Goldboro, Sept. 11.—The Elks street fair will begin on Monday, the 6th of October, and will continue daily until the 10th. There will be twenty different shows around the court house and on Walnut street. The voting contests over the most beautiful young lady in Goldboro and the baby shows are expected to be among the leading features. There will be barbecues and other social entertainments for visiting Elks, as well as a handsome prize for the visiting contingent of Elks who are the best uniformed, and who put up the greatest drill.

Brain and Brawn at A. & M.

Raleigh Post: There is brain and brawn enough at the A. & M. college almost to turn the state over. The oldest inhabitant of Raleigh has never seen such a sight. The boys have come in by every train all the week—large, splendid specimens of manhood, with strong, honest faces, full of hope and determination. "We have come, Father Winston, 450 strong," is the song they are now singing. Soon it will be 1,000. It is only a matter of time, buildings and equipment.

A Serious Charge.

Durham Herald: W. C. Rogers, of Henderson, who came here on the excursion from Lonsburg yesterday, is in the city lock-up under a serious charge. He is charged with assault with intent to commit rape. In default of a one thousand dollar bond he was locked-up last night. The complaint that caused the arrest of Rogers was made by Miss Novella and Miss Nellie Mooney, two sisters. They have identified Rogers and he seems to be in a bad scrape.

An Extraordinary Feast.

Greensboro Telegram: Two young men participated in an egg-eating contest Tuesday in a cafe near the depot. The man that ate the most eggs was to be the winner, the other man footing the bill for both. One ate forty-three and the other forty-four.

Attendance Breaks All Records.

Davidson, Sept. 11.—The attendance at the opening of Davidson college last week broke all records. The college dormitories are all full, and thirty-five students have been placed in private residences in the village.

One Minute Interview.

Mr. G. V. Cowper, one of Kinston's brightest young lawyers, told a Free Press reporter that "the laws of North Carolina are entirely too lax in regard to malicious prosecution. If I have a personal spite against a man, and warrant him for some frivolous affair which is not sustained by the court, though the cost of the action fall on me, which is not always the case, his only redress is through a civil action, and if I am not responsible in law, he gets no damages, and practically has no redress. There should be a law making malicious prosecution a misdemeanor, then people would be criminally liable, which would have a tendency to check this growing evil. We have had in Kinston recently a number of just such cases, which though they furnish work for lawyers, the practice is not standing in the profession, rather it is considered to throw it into disrepute. The next Legislature would do well to take this matter under advisement."

FACTS IN FEW LINES

Worcester, Mass., has a new art museum.

Natives in the Punjab have taken to pingpong.

A skeleton dug up in Texas has an eight inch jaw.

A young white thrush with pink eyes has been caught at Ipswich.

Eight samples of lemonade analyzed at Leeds, England, have been found to contain lead poison.

Two perfectly formed chickens have been hatched out of a double yolked egg at Saltash, Cornwall.

Of London's 12,000 hansoms 1,205 had a slip of some kind last year. The method of road watering is blamed.

Mosquitoes have appeared at Hackney and Clapton, London, and many children and adults have received painful stings.

There will be a delay of seven or eight months in the opening of the Simpson tunnel, which was originally fixed for May 17, 1904.

Dunedin, New Zealand, now possesses a public house trust organized on similar lines to that established by Earl Grey in England.

Ceres games, instituted in 1314 to celebrate the return of the Ceres men from Bannockburn, were celebrated recently in Fifeshire, Scotland.

A bowling green provided for by the profits of a Gothenberg system public house (saloon) at Keltly, Fifeshire, Scotland, was recently opened.

When the millionth visitor passed through the turnstile at the Dusseldorf exhibition, he was presented with a valuable gold watch and chain.

Prince Charlie's tartan cloak, which he wore during the rebellion in 1745, is now being exhibited in a tailor's window at Pitlochry, Perthshire.

Several coffins and a large quantity of human bones have been unearthed in the plot of land outside King's College hospital, Lincoln's Inn, London.

An apparatus which when attached to any kind of firearm does away with all noise, flash or smoke on its discharge has been invented by a French officer.

Tailors in Pretoria are so busy in consequence of an unusually brisk demand for frock coats that they cannot take any more orders for immediate delivery.

"Burnt ale," the liquid refuse from the manufacture of Scotch whisky, has been used with great success in the Glenlivet district this year as a soil fertilizer.

An authority on the orchid says an amateur cultivator often fails not so much through want of attention, but through overattention and a disregard of nature and her laws.

Georgia is the peach state of the Union, having 7,000,000 peach bearing trees. Next is Maryland, with 4,015,000; then New Jersey, with 2,700,000, and Delaware, with 2,400,000.

The final estimate of the wheat crop of India for the season of 1901-2, recently given out by the statistical department of the government of India, gives the yield as 6,000,000 tons of 2,240 pounds.

Lily Langtry will visit Nevada some time this year to look after the development of valuable mining property she owns there. She is said to own one of the richest gold ledges ever found in the west.

A reduction by 41,000 of the total number of cattle in Great Britain is not, on the total herd of nearly 7,000,000, of much statistical importance, but it gives the first check to the progress year by year since 1804.

The agricultural book of the Northwest Territories shows that in four years the production of wheat has increased from 5,542,475 bushels to 12,808,447 bushels, and of oats from 3,040,307 bushels to 9,716,132 bushels.

A SCHEME THAT WILL NOT WORK

WEST TRYING TO "DO" THE SOUTH

Furniture Manufacturers Decline to be Drawn Into a Trap.

Our Growing Business is Becoming a Menace to the Furniture Manufacturing Interests of the West and They Attempt to Tie Us Up—Southern Manufacturers Complaining to Stand Together.

A letter from Durham to the Charlotte Observer gives some information explaining why it was that a combine of the southern furniture manufacturers has been proposed. It seems that for some time the northwestern furniture manufacturers have been endeavoring to form a combination with our southern factories, competition from which was becoming a serious problem with the western factories. The proposition was that the southern factories go into the combine and curtail production, which practically meant that some of the factories now in operation must suspend and no new ones be built. Our southern factory men couldn't see it, didn't propose to tie a stone like that around their necks, and respectfully, but firmly declined. Then they were threatened with war, and to be better able to meet this by presenting a united front and fighting together the combine was proposed.

This is the statement of the case as coming from "a reliable source," probably Gen. Carr, who is interested in a furniture factory in Durham, and has been asked to manage the combine. According to this writer there are 146 furniture factories in the south (North Carolina leading), which do a business of \$6,000,000 a year.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of this movement, of which we know nothing save what we have heard, we comment the level-headed action of the furniture men in refusing to tie themselves to the northwestern combine. With the advantages they have in abundant and comparatively cheap timber, and the progress they have made in finding markets for their goods in other states, it would have been stupid folly to form such an entangling alliance and put themselves in the power of men whose only motive in seeking the alliance was to stop the competition that has become a serious matter with them.

What is true of southern furniture factories is true of all southern industrial enterprises. They have nothing to gain, but much to lose by outside alliances.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctor calls bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief." B. T. Little, merchant, Hadcock, Md. For sale by J. E. Hood.

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YOUNG MR. GATES AT THE RACES.

Charles W. Gates, son of the steel magnate, is proving himself a chip of the old block. Not only is he quite a fond of sporting recreations as is his father, but he has recently figured in several big speculative deals on his own hook. He is a good sized young man, as you may see in this picture, which is made from a snapshot taken recently at Saratoga. One of the ladies in the group is his wife.

BAD MAN DONE UP.

Negro Fired Barn, Knocked Curer Down, Was Severely Cut Up.

Yesterday morning about daybreak Mr. J. J. Gillean, who was curing a barn of tobacco for Mr. Alex Sutton near Falling Creek, left the barn for a few minutes to ring the farm bell to wake up the workmen on the place, when on glancing back at the barn he discovered it was afire. He ran quickly to the barn and was impressed from the circumstances that the fire was of incendiary origin, as it was up above the flues and appeared as if someone had opened the door and struck a match to the dry tobacco.

He saw Columbus Gray, colored, a short distance from the barn, and owing to some difference that had occurred between Gray and his landlord, Mr. A. R. Sutton, Mr. Gillean suspected Gray of having set fire to the barn. He charged Gray with it, but got no satisfactory answer, in fact Gray's assertion that "a man should so live that he would be in no danger of having his property burned," led him to more strongly suspect Gray of the incendiary act. While they were talking about the fire Mr. Ed Sutton, Mr. Alex Sutton's elder son, came up and asked Gray if he was not going to work. Gray replied that he was not going to haul wood, and Sutton told him that if he didn't work as they wanted him to, he would have to get off the place, and give the house to some body that would work. Gray and Sutton, got in a dispute and Gillean stepped in to prevent them from fighting and was knocked down with a stick by Gray, whereupon Gillean got up, took out his knife and stabbed Gray in the left side, and also in several other places. Gray though badly cut will probably live.

Columbus Gray has a pretty bad reputation in the section where he lives, and will be remembered in Kinston for his attack on young Clarence Bond at his father's market last summer, in which Gray was pretty badly used up by Clarence with a knife.

FREE TO OUR READERS.

Botanic Blood Bitters for the Blood. If you suffer from dizziness, vertigo, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases, cures where all else fails, heals every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle. Samples sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. Medicine sent at once, prepaid.

Until further notice The Free Press will sell old papers 25 for 5 cents. This is double the quantity usually sold for that price, but owing to a large quantity on hand they will be sold at that low price until a lot of them are disposed of.

TOBACCO SALES.

Oxford Tobacco Market.

Public Ledger: Our tobacco market is reaching out for pinnacle prices on all grades of tobacco, as the sale at our five warehouses will prove to those who follow the sales. It is no ordinary thing for farmers to receive from \$20 to \$60 for good tobacco. Mr. Zack Lyon, of the Johnson warehouse reached the \$60 mark Friday. It was one of the liveliest days our market has enjoyed this season. Farmers will make no mistake by selling their tobacco on the Oxford market.

Smithfield Breaks Its Tobacco Record.

Smithfield Herald: Last Friday was a record breaker on the Smithfield tobacco market. The floors of all three of the large warehouses here were full to overflowing and a second sale had to be had. More money was turned loose here than day than ever before in the history of the town. The lowest estimate of the quantity of tobacco sold here was 125,000 pounds. The prices were very high and the farmers were well pleased.

Wilson's Big Sales.

Wilson, Sept. 13.—Up to date there has been sold on this market over six million pounds of tobacco and prices continue high.

Story of an Army Mule.

There is or was an army mule a pensioner of the United States—tradition says that army mules are mortal, hence the doubt as to tense. But this mule, Mexico, was ordered to be sold at Mount Vernon barracks, Alabama, in 1883. He had been at the post a long time and had grown gray in the service, having an honorable record in the Mexican war, and the officers at Mount Vernon asked the quartermaster general to retain him till the end of his days. This application, signed by William A. Kolbe, then an artillery lieutenant, and endorsed by a dozen proper military authorities, including General Hancock and General Sherman, is on record at Washington. How the white mule's record grew in honor with successive indorsement may be seen from the commanding general's letter:

I have seen that mule, and, whether true or false, the soldiers believe it was left at the Big Spring, where Mount Vernon barracks now are, at the time General Jackson's army camped there, about 1818-20. Tradition says it was once a sorrel, but now it is white from age. The quartermaster's department will be chargeable with ingratitude if that mule is sold or the care and maintenance of it thrown on the charitable officers of the post. I advise that it be kept in the department, fed and maintained till death. W. T. SHERMAN. P. S.—I think that mule was at Fort Morgan, Mobile point, when I was there in 1842. W. T. S.

Largest Scoring Board in the World.

This great scoreboard, the largest in the world, is on the cricket grounds in Sydney, Australia, which will hold without elbow touching 40,000 spectators and upon which up to the present time \$730,000 has been expended. When the grounds are packed with visitors, and they usually are, 38,000 being the average number that usually gather when a good cricket game is scheduled in Sydney, the figures on the great board can be easily read by every spectator that skirts the huge circle where the game is played. The board is something like 25 feet in height and over 70 in length. The numbers are huge. They are painted on thick calico and worked on rollers. The names are also on calico, fitted on frames and let into openings sized to hold them. It takes three men to operate this largest scoring board in the world, but so perfect is its construction it takes but two minutes to change its entire score.

Calls Its Bluff.

The shad has a thousand bones
And the oyster none,
But the oyster shells out pearls
And the shad not one.
—Chicago Tribune.

Secrecy of Game.

City Sportsman—Have you seen anything worth shooting at around here?
Farmer—Well, no; not till you came.
—Somerville Journal.

One More.

This strange, eternal cruel fact
Will stick when all of us are still;
There's always one fly left in the room,
No matter how many you kill.
—Judge.

For a Bilious Attack take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain.

For sale by J. E. Hood.



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