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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Greensboro Telegram: Greensboro is to have still another enterprise. It is a new furniture manufacturing company. Florence Times: W. F. Clayton has just served papers on the A. C. L. in a suit for \$20,000, brought by the wife of the late Frank McGowan, engineer, who was killed in the wreck of "78" at Hope Mills, about 18 months ago.

Ex-State Treasurer W. H. Worth has compromised his suit against the Baltimore company that gave the bond of his clerk, W. H. Martin. Mr. Worth sued for the total amount of Martin's defalcation, over \$17,000, but the company's bond was not culminated and it has been compromised for \$4,000. Mr. Worth made good to the State the entire amount Martin stole and gave up all his property to do this.

T. J. Gold, a member of the senior class of the University, was in the city yesterday and returned to the "Hill" on the afternoon train. Mr. Gold is business manager of the Tar Heel, a paper published by the student body of the University, and came over here in the interest of his paper. Wife in conversation with the reporter Mr. Gold said that there were now five hundred and fifty students at the University and that the institution was taxed to take care of this number. More are expected the first of the year.—Durham Herald.

Chatham Record: We hear that a noted negro politician in Hickory Mountain township has threatened to have the registrar of that township arrested if he refuses to register him because he cannot read and write, as required by the suffrage amendment. He says that he will get a warrant from United States Commissioner Carson Johnson and have the registrar bound over to the Federal court. It would seem from this that all the Republicans have not accepted the amendment, nor that the negro is yet eliminated from politics.

That was a very generous response by General Manager Kenly, of the Coast Line, to the request of a delegation of machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths of the Florence and Rocky Mount shops, who visited him Saturday at his office in Wilmington, and asked that they be granted an advance in wages. The man represented that the cost of living had very much increased the past several months, and that this condition had thrown their wages and expenses very much out of proportion. Mr. Kenly decided to grant their petition for an increase of 20 per cent, beginning Oct. 1st, and will allow the same to the same class of workmen in the Wilmington shops.

The Republican congressional convention which met at Greensboro Monday nominated Hon. J. Lindsay Patterson, Democrat, of Winston, for congress, in opposition to the present member and Democratic nominee, Hon. W. W. Kitchin. The convention also adopted a resolution urging Mr. Patterson not to accept a challenge from Mr. Kitchin for a joint canvass of the district. Mr. Kitchin, who was in the city, mailed a challenge asking Mr. Patterson for a joint canvass as soon as he learned of his nomination by the Republicans. The convention was slimly attended, two-thirds of the delegates being postmasters and federal officers.

The Free Press job printing department probably has on hand a larger supply of papers of every description for printing than any printing establishment in Eastern Carolina, not even excepting the city of Wilmington. If this is not the case it will be so within six months. We have been constantly increasing our stock and will keep largely increasing it so as to be able to fill almost any order (no matter how large) without having our patrons wait until the materials to print their work on is received from the mills. Let's send a print shop, giving you good, quick and cheap service, worthy of your patronage!

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Beating the Band.
A band of gold,
A plighted troth—
Now time has rolled,
He's in the broth.

A legal fee,
A jury and
A court decree
To beat the band. —Judge

A Study in Contrasts.
"Don't you know that your office boy is a very aggressive and overbearing person?"
"Yes," said the business man. "It's not a bad idea. No matter how hurried or annoyed I may be, I impress a caller as good natured compared to the office boy."—Ohio State Journal.

Literary Note.
Here is a suggestive note from a literary exchange:
Pencil and shears
For each ill writing stoner;
Authors at prayers
And in sight of a dinner.
—Atlanta Constitution.

A New Gnu.
There was once a gay young gnu,
Who was captured and placed in a zoo;
An old gnu was there,
Who came from his lair,
To hear all the news that the new gnu knew.
—Smart Set.

Fellow Feelings.
"You're an astronomer, aren't you?"
"Yes."
"Shake! I'm a theatrical manager. I wonder if you have as hard a time finding new stars as I have."—Chicago Tribune.

His Late Hour.
"You never stay out after 10 o'clock, do you?"
"I did once," answered Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta forgot and locked the door."—Washington Star.

Still Another.
Little drops of water,
Little grains of malt,
Make the mighty fortune
In the brewer's vault.
—Toledo Bee.

As Indicated.
First Citizen—Is the policeman in your neighborhood square?
Second Citizen—I guess he is; at least he's never round when wanted.—Indianapolis Sun.

Free Press Accounts.
Master Lyman Joyner is the regularly authorized collector for advertising and printing bills due The Free Press. All moneys paid to him will be duly credited on our books. Prompt settlement of small current accounts and monthly bills is requested.

W. M. HERBERT,
Business Manager.

Mayor's Court.
At the police court yesterday Edward Davis, colored, had two cases against him, one for being drunk, in which he was fined \$3 and costs, and in another for assaulting Rosa Sutton, colored, was bound over to court in the sum of \$50. Davis had slapped Rosa down, and while down had kicked her on the mouth. The mayor, after looking at the size of his foot, decided it was a deadly weapon and bound him over to court. Robert Hardy, colored, for being in a state of intoxication, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs. Frank Parker, colored, was up for being drunk, and released upon the payment of the costs. Parker's excuse for staggering on the streets was that he was fireman on a locomotive engine and that the rocking habit had so fastened itself upon him that he naturally staggered when walking.

THE WEE-LITTLES IN THE TYROL



CRAIG AGAIN TRIUMPHANT

HIS SPEECH IS MUCH STRONGER
At Smithfield Craig Leads off And Pritchard Can't Answer.

Briefing News and Observer: Score two for Craig.
The fiery young knight who came out of the west has again shivered a lance in the joint debate with Senator Pritchard, and been counted victorious, and received the plaudits of the multitude.
Yesterday was another day for Democracy, at Smithfield this time, in Democratic Johnston.
Hon. Locke Craig and Senator Jeter C. Pritchard met for the second time in joint debate on the political issue before the people. The debate was in the court house, and there were between four and five hundred people present. They were mostly Democrats, except a thin sprinkling of negroes in one little corner, quite a number of Revenue Doodlers from Raleigh and other places, and a handful of "Independence" men.
The Pritchard following was scattered, and the applause for the boss sounded rather "snippets" at times.
Craig's speech was quite generally considered to be better even than his masterly effort at Kinston on Monday, and the crowd simply went wild at times. The enthusiasm was tremendous. Not a point was lost.

Craig spoke first for one hour and fifteen minutes, and Pritchard followed, his speech lasting about an hour and twenty minutes. Craig then had a rejoinder of fifteen minutes. The debate was concluded by about three o'clock, in order that the afternoon train for Fayetteville might be caught.
Senator Pritchard declared again that the trusts and protection had nothing to do with each other. He repeated Hanna's shibboleth that there were good trusts and bad trusts, and he was anxious that the reporters should report his argument, especially as it applied to a tariff tax on lumber, mica, wool and other free raw material, every syllable of which was embodied in his Greensboro speech and has been printed verbatim.

In a desperate effort to recover from the sting that his record on Confederate and Deserter's pensions had left, he aroused some enthusiasm by declaring that he was as good a friend to the old Confederate soldiers as Craig or any other man, and as much in favor of giving pensions to them. He said that he was trying to give them white supremacy and that he was going to do it. He was not going to leave any negro in any post office in North Carolina, but he stated that in several instances in Bertie county, Vance and other counties when he attempted to have negroes turned out and white men appointed, Democrats were writing him letters asking him to let the negro stay in.

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TWO OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST TENNIS PLAYERS.
R. F. Doherty is the young English tennis player who recently defeated nearly all the best tennis experts in the United States. Just when the championship of this country seemed at his mercy he was beaten by William A. Larned, the champion of America.

In his rejoinder, Mr. Craig took the crowd with him again and thrilled them with a fifteen-minute scathing and effective speech.

TOBACCO SALES.

About 375,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on the local market today, with prices averaging well up in the picture. It was no unusual sight to see tickets marked 40 and 50 cents and even higher, and the farmers wore a satisfied expression on their faces. Tobacco has been selling well all along, but yesterday when some of the "big uns" of the A. T. and the Imperial got on the breaks prices began to soar skyward, and it was evident to the most casual observer that there was something doing. It was stated by a reliable warehouseman that yesterday's sales were the highest this season. Mr. J. Y. Barber, a veteran in the tobacco business, said that he conducted the best a round sale that he had in twenty-six years. The two days sales, yesterday and today, aggregated over 600,000 pounds, and the pace set in yesterday's price has been fully maintained today.

Farmers from all sections were here and lots of the golden product was shipped here on the cars. Carts and wagons came in droves yesterday, last night and early this morning, as many as twenty in one string being counted, and the procession was kept up until well in the night. Everyone expressed themselves as being perfectly satisfied with the prices obtained on the Kinston market, and when a stranger sells his tobacco here a customer is made for the market. Kinston is the place for the farmer to sell his tobacco and they all know it and are acting accordingly.

The Start to School.
My little one has gone to school he went with shouts of glee,
And as he started out the door a baby went from me—
A baby who was innocent, a child whose heart had never
Contained the ache that knowledge brings or
borne the bruises of care;
My baby's little rattle,
To begin the long hard battle,
With a heart all free from trouble
and without things in his hair.
I stood and watched him as he went,
I heard his shouts of joy,
He was a baby ere he left, but he'll turn a boy.
I've gathered up his picture blocks and piled them all away
And dropped a tear or two upon his baby toys today;
His knowledge and his shining
And his troubles are beginning—
He'll come to me with questions, and
also what shall I say?
Brave little one of mine you've gone to start upon the long
Long road that leads to Honor or goes
Winding down to Wrong;
You left behind the happiest days that
you shall ever know.
When at the door you kissed me and
went shouting gladly—
Oh
All eyes and light beamed,
You have clasped your hands and
started.
On the way that's steep and stony, and
God bless you as you go.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

GUM BRANCH.

September, 22.
Most of our farmers are over their cotton for the first time, and cotton is turning out better than was expected.
Your correspondent just returned from a trip to Wilmington, and while there we learned that the people in Wilmington are for a tobacco market there.
We have been having some very fine weather for growing crops, this past week, but it looks like there is rain on hand.
Mrs. Lillian Murrell, of Kinston, is visiting at Mr. W. W. Stewart's, her father-in-law, at this place.
Fish hauling is now in vogue around here, but they sell very high.

USING OIL ON ROADS.

Experiments With Petroleum on the Highways in Georgia.
The experiments with oil on some of the roads in the vicinity of Augusta, Ga., are proving very satisfactory, and farmers coming into the city are highly pleased with the work. The first experiment, says the Augusta Herald, was made several weeks ago by Judge Eye at the stockade, but he thought the experiment had not been given a proper test when used under shelter and decided as soon as practicable to get on the road in the open with the oil.
The experiment at the stockade was such a success that the grand jury recommended the use of the oil on the roads, and the Wrightsboro thoroughfare was selected as the first to be given the treatment. Farmers coming into the city over that portion already covered say the travel has been greatly improved. They notice at once the absence of the dust usual on a dry, hot day and say their horses seem to really enjoy traveling over it.
Where the sun strikes the work the oil percolates with surprising rapidity, and in a couple of days the road is in good condition for traveling. After the bath the surface is left with a kind of spongy covering, yet of a nature into which the tires of vehicles do not sink or cut, as might be expected. The experiment period is practically over now, and the new material will be used on road improvement throughout the county this year.

THE COOKBOOK.

Always salt any article where hard is used instead of butter.
When you are softening butter to make cake, never allow it to melt. If you do, the cake will be heavy.
Always keep olive oil in the refrigerator and tightly corked. Never put more oil in the table cruet than two days' supply. It will grow rancid.
For sauce, d'hotel sauce mix two table-spoons of butter, one of chopped parsley, one of lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Work these ingredients together thoroughly and serve with fish or steak.
Crusts and crumbs of bread left over from the table should be dried, put aside for rolling and dipping or to be used in scalloped dishes or mixed with a few sliced apples and baked and served as a dinner dessert.

Fashionable Thing in Neckwear.
If you can secure a lace neck yoke with a high standing collar attached to it, you will have the most fashionable thing going in the way of neckwear. The stocks come in both black and white lace, and the upper edge may be finished with a narrow black cord or with the smallest of chiffon ruffles.
While the standing lace stocks lead in favor, there are others. One of these is the stock composed of folds of silk neatly laid one above the other. At the throat there is a bow of silk with lace ends. This, while not strictly novel, is very much worn.

On Summer Hats.
Fruit and blossom are seen on many of the summer hats. Currants are first favorite. The harmonies of tints are wonderful. Blue and mauve are becoming blended, and roses are made in every possible shade, cendre gray being a favorite hue.

FRENCH PROVERBS.

A good intention makes but a short ladder.
To be happy one must have nothing to forget.
The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat oneself.
The slave is not she who is sold, but she who gives herself.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEWSY NOTES FROM ALL PARTS

St. Vincent Heard From Again—British-Venezuelan Relations.

ST. VINCENT'S VOLCANO.

Violent Eruptions on Saturday and Sunday Last Reported.
St. Thomas, D. W. I., Sept. 22.—The cable steamer Newington secured the St. Lucia end of the St. Vincent cable Saturday, four and a half miles from Soufriere and had just finished buying it when there was a sudden and violent eruption of the volcano. The steamer thereupon heaved away from the island, followed by dense clouds of smoke. She had a narrow escape, and it is considered inadvisable for her to engage in further operations there, especially as the cable was found to be greatly mangled. The Newington will proceed to St. Thomas for a cable to complete the repair of the St. Lucia-Grenada section.
A violent eruption of the Soufriere was observed Sunday night from St. Lucia.

The southern base ball league closed Monday, Nashville winning the pennant. There is talk of nominating W. B. Hearst, the great newspaper publisher, to run as the Democratic candidate for governor of New York.

The coroner's jury found that Nicholas Fish's death in New York last week, was due to a fall caused by a blow struck by Thos. J. Sharkey. Sharkey was held in \$10,000 bail for the action of the grand jury.

In a fight Sunday night between William Phillips and William Owens at Landale, Fla., Owens was instantly killed and Phillips mortally wounded. The trouble arose over a young woman, for whose affections the men were rivals.

Prominent bankers in Wall street district reiterate the opinion that the deficit of about a million and a half in the bank reserves Saturday was a purely sentimental matter, meaning nothing in the face of the immense actual reserves of the banks.

Ardabeg H. Kelehan, of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Armenian National union, composed of 20,000 Armenians in this country, has written a letter to Secretary of State John Hay, requesting his intervention with the European powers in behalf of Armenians in Turkey.

More trouble is reported in the coal fields of Pennsylvania. The sheriff of Lackawanna county was unable to cope with the situation, and Gov. Stone ordered a regiment of soldiers to the scene. The striking miners mobbed non-union men and disabled soldiers with dynamite.

The pension list of the United States government now exceeds the million mark. During the year ended June 30, the last number reached 999,446, since which time more than 2,000 names have been added. The increase is due almost altogether to pensions growing out of the Spanish-American war.

President Roosevelt's tour of the northwest has been abandoned owing to an operation on his leg for an abscess. The abscess was caused by a bruise he received at Pittsfield at the trolley car accident. The operation was performed at Indianapolis, and the doctors say the president must rest for ten days.

The academic board of the Naval academy passed the candidates for midshipmen who were found to be slightly deficient in one or more studies by the civil service examiners, as follows: W. I. Smith, Virginia; W. H. Stevenson, North Carolina; Henry Taylor, Virginia; B. F. Walker, Virginia; S. L. Henderson, Arkansas; J. C. McCann, Mississippi; Bradley T. Johnson, Jr., at large; A. C. Myers, Mississippi.

Diplomatic relations between Venezuela and Great Britain are reported strained. At any day, almost any hour, may bring the announcement that the British minister at Caracas has been given his passport, with corresponding action towards the Venezuelan representative in London. The cause of the crisis does not seem to be confined to any particular incident, but consists in various differences.

The Summer Season is full of dangers particularly for the children, who not knowing the result of setting unripe fruit, including themselves, with the usual gripping pain in the stomach as a consequence, mothers should have on hand at all times a bottle of Pinkettes (Perry Davis) which will not only relieve the sufferer, it is safe, simple remedy and it should be kept in every home. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents.

FIND THE PEASANT WOMAN.