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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

H. W. Fries, of Winston, who died Tuesday, was one of the most prominent business men of the State. He left an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D., of Gastonia, died suddenly of brain trouble Wednesday. He was one of the most prominent members of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church.

Lexington Dispatch: Mr. A. J. Laning, of Miches, has a cotton stalk that has 164 blossoms and bolls included. It has 135 bolls that have cotton in them, and of the 135 bolls at least 120 are full grown bolls.

Two loggers, one named Faulkner, were killed in a shooting scrape at the logging camp of the Ritter Lumber Co., about 25 miles north of Morganton, Monday. They were creating a disturbance and were shot by officers while resisting arrest. Those who did the killing gave themselves up.

The railroad wreck at Elm City Saturday was a great deal worse than was reported. It was miraculous that there was not great loss of life. Two cars jumped clean over the engine. Engineer W. W. Currie heroically stuck to his engine, and saved the life of the passengers but lost his own life, being scalded as well as mangled.

Greenville Reflector, Nov. 6: The handsome residence of Dr. D. L. James, on Fifth street, was burned early this morning, and with it all the furniture above the first floor. The loss on the building is in the neighborhood of \$2,500, \$1,400 of which represents the insurance, leaving a loss to Dr. James of \$1,100. The furniture was insured.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 5.—A special to the News and Observer from Asheville says: An election quarrel on Upper Hominy yesterday afternoon resulted in the death of Silvester Black. The difficulty took place in the road only a short distance from the voting place. Black attacked Young with a pocket knife. Young responded by almost immediately inflicting his assailant. Young was brought to Asheville and is in jail.

Washington Gazette-Messenger: One of our farmers says the cholera is playing havoc among the fattening hogs. He says several farmers in his neighborhood have lost several, and one or two that would weigh from 150 to 200 pounds, and if the farmers would keep a mixture of charcoal, sulphur and salt near where the hogs could always have access to it it would be an effectual remedy against the disease. He says he has tried it and found it effectual.

Wilmington Star: George Hogan, a white tramp who drifted in with the carnival train Sunday, was arrested last night and locked up at the station house for highway robbery. Yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock, just as it became dark, Hogan enticed Mr. Benjamin L. Branch, an aged citizen of Wilmington, knocked him down between some box cars on the Carolina Central railroad yards and robbed him of his pocket-book, containing 85 cents in money.

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## HOW TO SHAVE.

### And Some Pointers on Keeping a Razor in Order.

After a shave you should be very careful to keep your hands away from your face, as the skin is more tender than than at any other time. If you shave yourself, you should have your razor honed at least three times a year to keep it in good order. You should also have a good strop, with a canvas part for rough sharpening, as well as a smoothing strop.

In buying a strop it is well to have a barber select it; then you will be sure to get a good one, says the Baltimore American. Before shaving it is well to wash the face with soap in warm water, as there are apt to be germs in the least little bit of dust or anything that might be on your face. One cannot be too careful about this, for a cut of the razor, ever so small, is apt to make an ugly sore if the skin is not perfectly clean. A wash before shaving will also soften the beard.

All men should learn to use both hands in shaving. Many attempt to shave both sides of the face with one hand and usually succeed in cutting themselves. In fact, many men cut themselves whenever they attempt to shave. This difficulty could be overcome if both hands were used. The face should be well lathered with shaving soap, a kind that does not dry quickly; then the lather should be well rubbed in the beard with the tips of the fingers, which softens it to such an extent that one does not have to contend with the razor pulling, which not only hurts severely, but irritates the skin.

In cold weather the skin should be thoroughly sponged in warm water and afterward in cold water, which keeps it from becoming chapped. Before the face has been dried a little witch hazel should be rubbed on; then, after wiping this off, talcum powder is good. In case of a cut it is well to have a piece of alum at hand, which, if you dampen and apply to the cut, will close it up quickly, so that, if small, it cannot be seen.

After you have finished using the razor it should be washed, then dried until not a damp spot remains, then sharpened on the strop before putting back into the case. If these directions are followed, you will find that it is not such a disagreeable ordeal to go through with in shaving yourself. You will also save time and barbers' bills.

### How to Make Cold Cream.

To make a good cold cream put half a pound of pure lard in half a pint of cold water and heat in an enameled saucepan till it boils. Let it cool and pour off the water. Repeat three times in the same way, using fresh water every time. After cooling the last time take the cake of lard from the top of the water, heat it to boiling point without any water; then move it back from the fire and stir in the strained juice of one lemon, one ounce of glycerin or lanolin and a few drops of any scent you like. Stir till cold. Store in pots and the down will require.

### How to Make Ginger Pop.

Three lemons sliced, two ounces of whole ginger bruised, two pounds of loaf sugar, one gallon of nearly boiling water, two tablespoonsful of cream of tartar, two whites of eggs, one ounce of yeast. Put all the ingredients except whites of eggs in a large pot, pour water over, when just warm work yeast in; let stand all night in a cool place, strain and add well beaten whites of eggs, bottle and seal cork.

### How to Make Five Minute Pudding.

Two and a half ounces of sugar, two eggs, two ounces of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder. Mix all well together and spread on a tin thinly; bake for five minutes, spread a layer of raspberry jam on it and roll up just before sending to table. Do not add the eggs until just before baking or it will be heavy.

## COTTON CROP STATEMENT

### FIGURES FROM THE GINNERIES

#### Sixty Per Cent Had Been Ginned Up To The 18th of October.

Washington, Nov. 5.—A report issued by the census bureau today places the quantity of the present crop of cotton which has been ginned up to the 18th of October at 5,925,872 commercial bales, which is estimated to be a little more than sixty per cent. of the entire crop. These figures were collected by the agents of the bureau; 29,314 ginneries are represented by the returns. The following figures represent the amount ginned in each state, by bales: Alabama, 581,783; Arkansas, 360,800; Florida, 29,779; Georgia, 906,949; Indian Territory, 201,019; Kentucky, 284; Louisiana, 369,408; Mississippi, 559,126; Missouri, 14,963; North Carolina, 303,029; Oklahoma, 84,699; South Carolina, 601,431; Tennessee, 121,180; Texas, 1,781,797; Virginia, 5,625.

### Big Failure In Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 5.—Leon L. Strause, a large tobacco dealer of this city, filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy in the United States District Court. His liabilities are scheduled at \$300,599.95, and his assets at \$455,545.90. This is the largest failure that has occurred in Richmond since the national bankruptcy law went into effect in 1898.

### Odell's Plurality Increased.

New York, November 6.—Revised returns from county clerks throughout the State give Odell a plurality of 12,887. Democrats still refuse to concede Odell's reelection, but the talk of a contest grows more guarded. About 20,000 bets were paid in Wall Street today on Odell's re-election.

### COMFORT ITEMS

Nov. 4.  
Mrs. N. Brock and children, of Asheville, are visiting friends and relatives here.  
Mr. Clay Koonce, of Asheville, is visiting his mother here this week.  
Misses Sallie Cox and Sallie Klesey, of Winston, spent Sunday here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Koonce, of Richlands, visited friends here Sunday.

### WOODINGTON ITEMS.

Nov. 7.  
The wedding bells are ringing.  
Miss Rebecca Stroud left Monday for Strabane where she will begin teaching.  
Misses Janie Stroud and Sallie Rouse spent last week with friends and relatives in Kinston.  
Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Stroud, Miss Janie, one of Woodington's fairest belles, and Mr. Eddie Rouse, Jr., were made one in the presence of a few friends. Misses Orie Rouse, Ellen Waller, Jennie Stroud and Florence Waller were the brides' maids. Elder H. Cunningham officiated. The bride received some very handsome and useful presents. We wish the young couple a long life and much happiness.

### How to Mend Knife Handles.

When the handles of steel knives become loose or come off, they can be easily mended with resin. Pour a little powdered resin into the handle of the knife, then heat the part of the knife which fits into the handle until it is red hot and then thrust it quickly into the handle, and when it is cool the handle will be found to be firmly fixed in.

### How to Remove Rust From Steel.

Put the article, if possible, into a dish of kerosene oil or wrap the steel in a cloth saturated with the oil. Leave it a day or two, then apply, if the spot is obstinate, salt wet with hot vinegar or scour with brick dust. Rinse thoroughly in hot water and dry with a flannel cloth, giving a last polish with a clean flannel and a little sweet oil.

### The Schoolboy's Sorrow.

He studies his geography  
And thinks he has it fine  
When some one brings the soldiers out  
And moves the boundary line.  
—New York Times.

### As Usual.

"They say he has so much money he doesn't know what to do with it."  
"Yes. And he isn't doing it."

Here is the latest form of government by injunction: A Chicago church has been enjoined from hiring a pastor.

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ALFRED G. VANDERBILT DRIVING HIS NEW COACHING TEAM

The sports of young multimillionaires are often spectacular. Coaching is particularly so. It requires a cool head and a steady eye to drive four spirited horses along crowded city boulevards, and the man who can do it is of necessity no namby pamby youth. In this picture young Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who inherited the bulk of the Vanderbilt millions, is shown handling the reins over four French coach horses recently imported for his stables. He is doing it well, too, as any horseman may see at a glance. While he is a good deal of a horseman, he is by no means as much of an enthusiast as was either the old Commodore Vanderbilt or his son, William H. Alfred's brother Cornelius seems to care nothing at all for horses, but Reginald, who is only a youngster, appears to have inherited the family liking for a speedy animal.

## GEMS IN VERSE

### With the Tide.

Yesterday, the hour before he died,  
He groaned and said, "Dear lass,  
Go see if the tide be like to turn  
And my poor soul to pass."  
And I wept, but I swore to God as I went  
That I would not let him pass.  
I went down to the twilight shore;  
I watched the full tide swell,  
And I set my heart, as it rose and rose,  
To hold him 'gainst it fell.  
My heart was as deep as heaven with love  
And as hot with pain as hell.

### And, being at last in a lone place,

With naught save Him beside,  
"O God, God! What's come to your heart  
To let such ill befall?  
Oh, how do you dare to make us so  
And hurt us so?" I cried.

### "If it was but the lady, to drown one by one,

Or our little lassie you made be born,  
For just that week of pain—  
Nay, wring my life out, drop by drop,"  
I said, "and I'll not complain.

### "But him that I've seen to all these years,

And him that's loved me so—  
God! There, is that atwixt us twain  
Evens you can scarcely know!  
Oh, he's mine," I cried, "and I'll keep  
And I will not let him go!"

### The still sea and sky stood there

Against me, like a wall.  
The uncolored sea and sky—they hung  
Like a straight, seamless pall.  
The faint wan waves, like breaths they rose,  
Like dying breaths did fall.

### But quick and strong above them I

Heard my own heart throbs sound,  
My thoughts mid that dead hush I felt  
Beating round and round.  
Oh, I felt I was the one live thing  
Left in a world a-sound!

### Aye, 'twixt the sleeping air and sky

And the tide that seemed asleep  
I mind how I stood, all stir and strain  
My man's life for to keep,  
Till sudden it fell—sudden on me  
Fell the gray, quiet deep.

### It was not peace, it was not pain,

Not hope and not despair,  
It was myself drawn out of me,  
And I sat empty there.  
I heard slow words from my own mouth  
Dropping like a prayer:

### The sea and sky stood firm: the waves

Kept up their plashing sound,  
I seemed to wake to the life of things  
Now mine was fallen sound.  
A speck on a speck of the earth I stood,  
And the whole world lay all round.

### And I said: "What must be will be,

Whether I will or no,  
There's that in the world must take its way  
Across our weal and woe,  
There's more to the world than you and me,  
And, David, David, go!"

### Next a sea snail crawled on the sand—

The hard sand, shining brown,  
Years back each ebb has drained it;  
Years  
To come each flood will drown.  
"There's a need," I said, "and a want  
"There's why."  
And I watched the tide go down.  
Calm I went in: calm I took  
His dead face to my breast,  
The vacant night, the vacant day,  
Have passed me unremembered.  
I've had to agree with the will of God,  
My heart's broke, but at rest.  
—H. R. Houghton in London Spectator.

## GLOVE POINTERS.

### How to Put Them on and the Best Kind to Buy.

The way in which a glove is first drawn on and shaped to the hands has much to do with both its beauty and durability, says the San Francisco Examiner. Unless you have ample time do not have them fitted at the shop, but at leisure draw them on as here recommended, and if possible wear them half an hour without closing the fingers.

When the hands are at all moist, they should be powdered. Insert all the fingers and work them on evenly, leaving the thumb loose until the fingers are fully in place. Then insert the thumb and work the glove down smoothly over the hand.

In buttoning a glove the greatest strain comes upon the first button, so before attempting to fasten this button the others, commencing with the second one, then the others, lastly the first.

Do not begin at the tips of the fingers to pull them off. Turn back the wrists and draw them off inside out, but on no consideration leave them in this shape or roll them. Turn them right side out, smooth lengthwise and put away by themselves, with a strip of flannel under and between them.

In buying gloves there are more important questions than their color and the number of buttons to be considered. Black gloves are generally less elastic than white or colored ones, and cheap grades are dear at any price.

Dressed kid usually retains its freshness longer and is more durable than suede. The best and most serviceable kid is soft, yielding and elastic. A glove so small that it cramps the hands and prevents grace of motion gives poor service. Short fingered gloves are ugly and certain to break soon between the fingers, if not at their tips.

### How to Read History.

Perhaps the best way to read history is to take up the life of some great figure that attracts our imagination and be drawn by that into the study of the general stage upon which he was only a single actor, says Success. Certainly it is not a good plan to begin with those elaborate documentary histories in which you cannot see the wood for the trees. It is better to be wrong in a few of your facts or even contract a bias from some partisan historian than to lose yourself in a morass of documents. The best histories are the vivid. If they occasionally lead you astray, you can always correct them by the more sober colored chronicles. Macaulay may have been prejudiced, and so may Froude, and so undoubtedly was Carlyle; so, again, was Gibbon; yet, none the less, these are the great historians, the historians who set you upon the peaks of time and enable you to see history as it lies beneath in wide views and broad masses.

### How to Preserve Brass Ornaments.

Brass ornaments, when not gilt or lacquered, may be cleaned and a fine color given to them by two simple processes. The first is to beat sal ammoniac into a fine powder, then to moisten it with soft water, rubbing it on the ornaments, which must be beat and rubbed dry with bran and whitening. The second is to wash the brasswork with rock alum boiled in a strong lye in the proportion of one ounce to the pint. When dry, it must be rubbed with tripoli. Either of these processes will give brass the brilliancy of gold.

### How to Wash House Dogs.

House dogs should be washed two or three times a week to keep them healthy and free from vermin. First wash the dog vigorously in warm water, using any ordinary soap and rubbing the lather well into the fur. After rinsing the soap off rub the dog as dry as possible, wrap him in something warm and dry before the fire. The hair should then be carefully combed out.

### An Example to Follow.

Whenever good intention goes astray and they who would help their fellow men succeed only in harming them instead, the initial error is to be found in some departure from his precepts who is the way and the life. The rich young man came to Jesus running and knelt to him. We must do the same. It is the only right beginning either of social study or of social living. Look at it until you see it with the eyes of your soul—the Master standing strong and gracious and the young man kneeling at his feet.—Rev. George Hodges, Pittsburg.

### A Genius For Religion.

The writers of the Bible were all so far as we know, informed of the Jewish race. This fact sheds a flood of light on the Bible. Certain races have a peculiar genius for certain things—the Greek for art, for instance, and the Anglo-Saxon for civilization. So the Jews had a genius for religion. The Bible is all its various parts is essentially a religious book. God is the center of all its thoughts. It represents the supreme product of that race whose genius was religion for ages.—Rev. F. F. Sutphen, Presbyterian, Cleveland.

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