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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

James T. Windle, while intoxicated, was drowned in about four inches of water in Deep Run, near Yatesville.

Johnston county is the first of all the counties to return its taxes for 1902, in full, with the payment agreed to by the county commissioners.

The Pilot News: Congressman Spencer Blackburn will be married to Miss Parker, a well known Washington lady, on December 20th. He will reside in Greensboro and practice law.

Judge Hoke reduced the sentence of the McMahon brothers, convicted of seduction in Rutherford court, to 4 months in the county jail and \$50 fine for each of them.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 1.—Joseph Thelsing, formerly an iron worker here but who afterwards moved to Newport News, has fallen into a fortune of \$80,000. He has also won himself a bride. Thelsing is a worker in Newport News now, and is one of the star players on the football team. He leaves next week for Germany.

High Point, N. C., Dec. 1.—Special.—Early yesterday morning parties entered the stores of the High Point Clothing Company and Mr. J. H. Petty in North Main street and stole almost a wagon load of clothing, shoes, etc. Entrance was effected at the High Point Clothing Company's store by breaking the thick plate glass in the front show window and at Mr. J. H. Petty's store by breaking glass in the door.

Elizabeth City Economist: Preliminary arrangements for the construction of the street railway are rapidly being perfected. In a short while the work of building a power house and laying the track will begin. The company that is to operate the railway system have already bought out the Elizabeth City Electric Company, consequently it will all be one concern.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 1.—Spow fell here all day throughout Thanksgiving, but it did not remain long on the ground. The mountain peaks on all sides of Murphy, however, are covered in white and are very beautiful. The weather this fall has been the best in the remembrance of the oldest inhabitants, and free having been necessary for only about two weeks, and even yet it is not too cold to enjoy being out doors.

Winston Sentinel: Mr. Ghant, the Southern Express Company's agent at Madison met with an unusually good streak of luck. Sometimes ago the Cincinnati Inquirer offered a large sum of money as a premium for the closest estimates on the number of votes cast in the Ohio election. Mr. Ghant, by taking advantage of guesses to the amount of about \$200 gathered in returns to the amount of \$34,000. Attorney McMichael, of Madison, is in Ohio now looking after Mr. Ghant's interest.

Rock Hill, S. C., Dec. 1.—Mr. John C. Sparks died here this afternoon at five o'clock as the result of having been shot yesterday by his 15-year-old grandson, Cally Collins. The shooting occurred yesterday morning while Mr. Sparks was at breakfast at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. J. Collins, and there is some doubt as to whether or not it was accidental. Mr. Sparks had turned his back toward Cally and the bullet entered his left side, passed through the left lung and lodged in his spinal column muscle, paralyzing the entire lower part of his body, from the waist downward.

Raleigh correspondent of Charlotte Observer: Philip H. Andrews, brother of Col. A. B. Andrews, was today displaced as assistant postmaster of the Raleigh postoffice, because he voted the Democratic ticket last month. He was made assistant by Charles M. Buebe, when the latter was postmaster, was continued by Postmaster Bailey, and has filled the position eight and one-half years, ably and zealously always. He had already voted the Democratic ticket. Directly after the late election a letter signed by a Wake county Republican appeared in The Winston Republican attacking Postmaster Bailey for retaining an employee who voted the Democratic ticket. Andrews was not under the civil service, but his appointment was a personal one. Republican clamor for the political demerit of Bailey was so loud that Postmaster Bailey gave way and Andrews was ordered to stay. H. S. A. Leonard, one of the clerks in the office is promoted to fill the vacancy. There was a marked reluctance to tell about the affair. Postmaster Bailey had nothing to say.

Monroe Rogers Found Guilty.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 2.—Contrary to expectations Monroe Rogers did not plead guilty when he was arraigned in the superior court this morning. He let his case go to the twelve men.

The issues, however, were not as to life and death. He was tried on the charge of attempted arson. The negro had no one to appear for him and put but one witness on the stand. He refused to testify himself. The state put on positive evidence.

After considering the case for a few minutes a verdict of guilty was returned. Up to this time the sentence of the court has not been passed. It is expected that he will be given a term in the penitentiary of from five to fifteen years.

After all of the charges made by the negro sympathizers in Massachusetts that he would be lynched and bringing him back was equal to murder, Rogers has faced twelve white jurors, without any counsel to defend him and none can say that he has not had a fair and impartial trial. For setting fire to the home of a good citizen in the night time, and by that act attempting to burn the man and his family, this negro will get a short term, comparatively speaking, in prison.

Dr. Thompson's Card.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—Because of an editorial paragraph in The Morning Post of this date, I ask permission to make public through your paper the following statement:

The position of chief deputy in the collector's office was tendered to me by Collector Duncan on the 8th of October, 1901, of his own motion and without my solicitation; and I have resigned the position voluntarily. My action is not prompted by any consideration of a political nature.

If I had not moved my family back to Oaslow before accepting the position in the collector's office, I should not have tendered my resignation; and the relations existing between Mr. Duncan and me are of such character as to warrant my saying that my resignation would never have been suggested by him.

As to "thunderings" from without, certainly the collector has heard none on account of his official relations with me; and, if he should hear such thunderings on some other account I am persuaded from my intimate knowledge of the man, that he is abundantly able to "take his end of the stick" a little bit ahead of the man on the other side.

Mr. Duncan and I have been friends for a long time, and my resignation in no wise affects our friendly relations.

CYRUS THOMPSON.

Raleigh, Dec. 2, 1902.

High Point, N. C., Dec. 2.—Free delivery mail service went into effect here today. This, another step in the progress of our most progressive town, is welcomed by all classes. To see the carriers going their rounds, makes the town look more city like. The postoffice fight here is waxing warmer. There are six or eight candidates in the field.

BETWEEN HEATS.

Scott Hudson already has four good ones on ice for next year—Hawthorne, Tertina, Jay McGregor and Dr. Madara.

The California pacer I Direct, 2:12½, by Direct, 2:03½, has gone wrong, and his breakdown is thought to be permanent.

The yearling by Prodigal, 2:16, out of Exstasy, 2:10½, pacing at two years, 2:17½, trotting at three, is being touted as a trotting wonder.

Robert L. 2:10, the pacing son of Hambleton Wilkes and Annabel, 2:27½, dam of La Belle, 2:16, has won eight races in California this year.

Weed Wilkes, 2:10½, the pacing stallion formerly driven on the roads in Chicago by James A. Murphy, has been serving mares in Connecticut this season. He is now owned in New Haven.

The pacer Athina, a brown gelding by Juno, 2:22, out of Athalia, by Harkaway, and consequently an own brother of the great dead trotting stallion Athina, 2:10, recently took a record of 2:10½.

John W. Patterson, a four-year-old by Robin, 2:28, son of Artell, 2:32, and out of Lillian Wilkes, 2:17½, by Guy Wilkes, 2:15½, recently took a trotting record of 2:19½. Lillian Wilkes is noted as the only trotter who ever beat Sunol, 2:08½, in a race.

When Iron Heals.

The heat of a common coal fire is 1,100 degrees, but it takes 3,470 degrees to melt iron.

Coal Consumption.

It is calculated by an engineer that 200,000,000 tons of coal are used annually throughout the world. Of this amount 140,000,000 are burnt in the United States. Almost Britain comes in second, with an annual consumption of 145,000,000.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

CONVENES BUT DOES NO BUSINESS.

The Senate Holds 12 Minute Session. Congress One Hour.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The second session of the 57th congress was convened at noon today. Long before the gavel fell in the two houses large crowds thronged about the doors of the visitor's galleries seeking admission. Early in the forenoon the corridors gave evidence of an approaching session. There were the usual scenes and incidents that attend the opening of congress. A bright sunny day brought out a large crowd to greet the law makers.

In the lobbies of the house members were exchanging greetings, while on the senate side there were similar exchanges. Large numbers of representatives also journeyed to the senate chamber to shake hands.

To be seen in the corridors and lobbies on both sides were many public officials who left the departments to witness the opening. Notable among those who gathered at the capitol this morning were some of the members-elect who will take seats next December or earlier should an extra session be called.

Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed was among the visitors at the capitol. Prior to the hour for convening he visited among the members of the house, where he once served so many years, then among the members of the senate. He was greeted on both sides by friends and former associates.

SENATE.

The senate was in session twelve minutes today, the first day of the session, an adjournment until tomorrow being taken out of respect to the memory of the late Senator James McMillan, who died during the recess. Rarely has the historic chamber presented such an appearance as it did today. The custom of placing flowers on the desks of the senators of the opening day of a session is one which long has been followed, but the display today was admittedly the most magnificent of any that heretofore have been seen. Many of the senators were early on the floor and were kept busy exchanging greetings with old acquaintances.

IN THE LOWER HOUSE.

The 57th congress in the house was as usual a spectacular event. The galleries of the freshly decorated hall were packed to the doors with people prominent in society and politics and the flower show on the floor, although not as elaborate as usual, filled the chamber with perfume and added grace and beauty to the scene. The members were good-natured and there was no outcropping of partisan feeling to mar the re-assembling. Speaker Henderson received a cordial reception as he assumed the gavel, but beyond this there was no demonstration. The proceedings were purely perfunctory. A prayer, the calling of the roll, the swearing in of members elected to fill vacancies created by death or resignation during the recess, the adoption of the customary resolutions to appoint a committee to wait upon the president, to inform the senate that the house was ready to transact business and to fix the daily hour of meeting, summarized what was done. Then the death of the late Representative Charles A. Bussell, of Connecticut, which occurred in the early fall, was announced by his successor, Mr. Brandegee, the usual resolution of regret was adopted by the house, as a further mark of respect adjourned until tomorrow when the president's message will be received. The session lasted less than an hour.

HINTS FROM MEXICO

Mexico has a warm place in her heart for Cuba. If there is ever to be any annexation, let the two make a merger.

Well, Uncle Sam has his new congress spick and span and ready for duty next year. The "will of the people" has to cool its heels a long time in the great republic.—Mexican Herald.

South Sea Islanders.

Many of the south sea islanders believe that paradise can be inherited only by persons of perfect physical forms. Where this belief prevails a man will die rather than submit to amputation.

A Wretched Milliner.

The story is told at the corner of several railroads who was unable to pay his bill for the services of a milliner. He is an entirely sane man. The sick man must have known that Perry Davis' Pain-Expeller would keep him at once, as it has helped so many thousands of sufferers in the past sixty years. There is but one Pain-Expeller, Perry Davis'.

TOBACCO SALES EXCEED 15,000,000

NEARLY DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S SALES.

The Season Will Probably Show Eighteen Million.

The tobacco sales on the Kinston market up to Dec. 1 have exceeded the hopes and expectations of the most sanguine supporters of this market. Everybody expected great things for our tobacco market this year and no one is disappointed. Over fifteen million pounds have already been sold, and the balance of the season will surely bring a couple more million at least.

The claim in the early part of the season that Kinston would be the second, if not the first tobacco market in the State, was well founded as the facts have proven. Our hopes to eclipse Wilson in the number of pounds sold this year though not realized, has come so near it that it is a source of much gratification that we have made such gains.

Our market is supplied almost exclusively by local trade, of which we claim to have the largest in the State, and for that reason only have we failed to catch up with our sister town of Wilson, which gets practically all the South Carolina product that is shipped to the State, owing to transportation facilities being more favorable to that market for their trade.

Our gains over last season are greater than was expected at the early part of the season. Below we give a comparative statement:

Sales for November 1902,	2,724,391
Sales for November 1901,	1,082,654
Increase 1902 over 1901,	1,641,737
Total sales to Dec. 1902,	15,136,894
Total sales to Dec. 1901,	8,170,318
Increase,	6,966,576

These figures speak for themselves, and as to the prices paid on this market for the season, it is useless to say that if they hadn't compared favorably with other markets, or even better, the sales would not have continued through the season as they have.

Anti-Kissing Bill.

Richmond, Dec. 1.—A most remarkable bill was introduced in the house of delegates today by delegate B. B. Ware of Amherst county, who is a physician. The bill seeks to prohibit kissing in the state, making it a misdemeanor for any person to kiss another or allow himself or herself to be kissed. The bill makes the offense punishable by a fine defining the act as a misdemeanor. The purpose of the bill is declared by Dr. Ware to be for the promotion of hygiene and the public health. The bill was referred to the committee on general laws.

Bird Flight.

Small birds appear to fly more rapidly than the large ones and deceive many observers. The humming bird does not fly as fast as many awkward appearing, very much larger, slow flapping birds. Birds in rapid flight must overcome an atmospheric pressure of from 112 to 130 pounds to the square foot of flying surface.

Olive Trees.

An olive tree yields six pounds of olives when it is three years old. At the age of fifty it yields from twenty-two to twenty-six pounds.

A Wonderful Memory.

Hortensius, the Roman orator, had a memory so wonderful that on a wager he spent a whole day at an auction and at night repeated all the sales, the prices and the names of the buyers.

Sleep.

Six hours' sleep is necessary for every one, but it is not sufficient to meet the physical needs of all, some requiring eight hours and others even longer. When possible, at least one hour's sleep should be obtained before midnight.

Cleopatra's Needles.

Cleopatra's needles were not erected by that queen; neither do they commemorate any event in her history. They were set up by Rameses the Great.

Log Line Knots.

The knots on a log line are the one hundred and twentieth part of a nautical mile apart.

When the Chimney.

Finished with roof, the fire-brick chimney is covered with plumb, the frame of the chimney. Intelligent treatment with Allen's Lung Balsam brings up the phlegm, allays inflammation, stops the cough and pain in the chest and in a word overcomes those terrible colds which if neglected soon become consumption.

MERE MEN.

C. P. Walbridge, head of one of the biggest firms in St. Louis, at one time sold newspapers on the streets of that city.

Judge Grantham is certainly making a record as the murder judge of England. In one day at Leeds recently he tried three murder cases.

J. S. Bilby of Mitman, O., is probably the largest landowner in this country. His estate numbers 180,000 acres and is scattered through seven states.

G. B. Best, a well known Cincinnati business man, was christened at his father's wish "Good Better Best," though few of his friends know what his initials stand for.

Prince Cupid, who has won against ex-Queen Lillookalani's influence in the Hawaiian elections and defeated Mr. Wilcox as delegate to congress, is a full blooded Kanaka.

President Diaz of Mexico, known as the "grand old man" of that country, will retire from office on Jan. 1. He will be succeeded by Jose Yves Limantour, now foreign minister of Mexico.

The new commander in chief of the Australian station of the English navy, Vice Admiral A. D. Fanshawe, had an admiral for a father, and after forty years' service on the sea became second in command of the channel squadron three years ago.

Duncan Gillies, who has been chosen speaker of the newly elected parliament of Victoria, is the father of that body, having been first elected as the miners' candidate for Ballarat East in 1850. He was born in Glasgow nearly sixty-nine years ago.

W. J. Chapelle, who died recently in Leavenworth, Kan., was manager of Ford's theater at Washington when President Lincoln was assassinated and was one of the first to reach the side of the wounded president. He was seventy-three years old.

Postmaster General Payne is considering the idea of placing portraits of the late Dr. Charles F. McDonald on money order blanks. Dr. McDonald was the first head of the money order service and in the main its originator. He left by will \$2,000 to the postoffice department to be used in any way which might improve the service.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has written a new play for children, called "A Little Un-Fairy Princess," which will be produced at a London theater at Christmas.

Edmond Rostand, author of "Cyrano de Bergerac," has abandoned his plan of putting into verse the speech which he will make on his admission to the French academy.

Mrs. Thomas Ruggles Kitson, the Boston artist, has just finished two bas-reliefs of Japanese artists, which are to be cast in bronze and placed in the Museum of Arts at Tokyo.

The first picture drawn by Charles Dana Gibson, the famous American artist, was refused by nearly every art editor in New York, but when he succeeded in getting it published his name was immediately made.

Booth Tarkington, the Indiana author, who has just been elected to the legislature in that state, has given another public evidence of his modesty by selecting a seat in the back row of the house of representatives.

FLIPPANT FLINGS.

Spain wants a new navy. She has been looking on the remnants of her old one with Dewey eyes.—Baltimore American.

The announcement that a St. Louis man has lost his mind in a poker game indicates how recklessly some men will bet on a good name.—Chicago Express.

President Linn of Harvard says gambling is a vice of savages. The gentlemanly Fiji islanders, it is said, will please take notice.—Denver Republican.

Statisticians assert that the lobster will soon be as extinct as the dodo—species of lobster not stated. The dry land or evening variety (Homo ridiculus) will never die out while chorus girls continue to make googoo eyes at the easy ones in the forward rows.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Letter to B. W. Cassidy & Son.

Kinston, N. C.
DEAR SIR:—You have taken the agency of Devos Lead and Zinc paint—the "Fewer-galions-wear-longer" paint. It is fair to tell you it is going to lessen the amount of paint sold in your town for each job; but it is going to more than double the satisfaction that people have found in other paint; and you are going to increase your business by getting more jobs.

It has never failed to do it. W. B. Arnold & Co., Waterville, Maine, bought \$105 of Devos lead and zinc in 1898. In 1901 they bought \$1155. Dole Brothers of Lowell, N. Y., bought \$20 in 1890. In 1901, \$1991. Fowler & Sellers, White Plains, N. Y., 1898, \$186; 1901, \$1762. Leggett & Peltier, Glens Falls, N. Y., 1899, \$382; 1901, \$3796.

Write to them.
You can't know too much about a paint that's going to increase business for you, and do so much for the people of your town.
Yours truly,
F. W. Devos & Co.,
New York.

DEWET'S STORY OF THE WAR.

HIS BOOK A VERY INTERESTING TALE.

Says That but for Treachery Among Boers England Would Have Lost.

London, Nov. 30.—"Had not so many of our burghers proved false to their own colors, England, as the great Bismarck foretold, would have found her grave in South Africa." That is the keynote of the Boer general, DeWet's book, entitled "Three Years War," published by Archibald Constable & Co., in London and dedicated to the Boer general to "My Fellow Subjects of the British Empire." It is perhaps the most remarkable book by the most remarkable leader that any war has produced. The concise, simple-told tale of the extraordinary campaign is interesting. The boldness of the narrative only serves to bring into striking relief the fiery passage where a strong man literally blurs out his soul in pathetic regret, or bitter denunciation. In thus taking the public into his confidence, DeWet loses none of the glamour with which his exploits in the field surround him. In criticizing he spares no one; Boer and Britton come equally under the lash. DeWet declares that, whatever the English people may have to say in its credit of General Buller, he had to operate against stronger positions than any other British general. Throughout the work the Boer general has but slightest praise of Lord Roberts and little more for Lord Kitchener. General Knox is almost the only British general who seems to have struck DeWet as commander with real military genius. Of Tommy Atkinson he has many kind words to say and declares "the British were far from being bad shots." The comparative immunity of the Boers from harm, DeWet constantly and most fervently attributes to the interposition of God.

"If any reader," he says, "is eager to know how I was kept out of the enemy's hands, I can only answer, although I may not be understood, that I ascribe it to nothing else than this—it was not God's will that I should fall into their hands. Let those who rejoice at my miraculous escape give up the praise to God."

"Nevertheless, the book teems with accounts of military and other strategies, by which DeWet outwitted his pursuers. Frequently he recounts cases of desertion and panic among his own men when his enterprises and "sjamboking" were all of no avail. DeWet pays a tribute to General Cronje for his bravery, but declares he lost at Paardeburg, only on account of his fatal obstinacy to leave the laager, as he was advised to do by General Buller and by the writer himself.

Regarding his own forces, DeWet writes: "It was far easier to fight against the army than against treachery among my own people, and an iron will was required to fight against both. Once, if only our orders had been carried out a little more strictly and if only the most elementary rules of strategy had prevailed, Lord Roberts and his thousands of troops would have found themselves shut up in Pretoria where they would have perished of hunger. It was the skill of the commander-in-chief that saved them."

On the blockhouses, DeWet is frankly contemptuous. "The blockhouse policy," he says, "might equally well have been called the policy of the bighead."

The writer emphatically defends the right to blow up railroad lines and trains as the usage of war, and he declares he never missed an opportunity to do so. The so-called war against women and the misuse of the white flag by the British is denounced by the Boer general, who says: "That such direct and indirect murder should have been committed against defenseless women and children is a thing I would have staked my head never have happened in a war waged by the civilized English nation and yet it happened."

His last word is an injunction to his fellow-countrymen to be loyal to the new government. "Loyalty," he says "pays best in the end, loyalty alone is worthy of a nation which has shed its blood for freedom."

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

For several months one younger brother has been troubled with indigestion. He tried several remedies but got no benefit from them. We purchased some of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and he commenced taking them. Inside thirty days he had gained forty pounds in flesh. He is now fully recovered. We have a good trade on the Tablets.—Horton Buge, Merchants, Long Branch, Mo. For sale by J. E. Hood.