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OLD NORTH STATE **NEWS AND GOSSIP**

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Ralegli correspondent Wilmington Messenger: There has thus for been raised for the orphanage here \$58,000. Rev. J. B Harley, the agent, will make the report to the Methodist conference at done. In the spring the spacious main building will be ready for occupancy.

Asheboro Courter O

B. Slack, of Richmond township, sent us a cotton bloom. Tuesday he sent us another taken from the same field on November 22nd, four months and 18 days later. It is something quite remarkable for the same field of cotton to be in bleom twice from the same planting and nearly five months apart.

Raieigh Post: Curator Brimley of the State Museum has a very large pet bull snake in his office and when his snakeship is hungry he is generally allowed to stay and eat a rat or two. Capturing a very large rat a day or two ago Mr. Brimley made sure the snake was in good fighting trim by having him thoroughly warmed up until he was lithe as eummer time and the tongue ran out and "slicked back" like greased lightning, and the rat was thrown to him. After a short scrimmage the snake sur-rendered with the rat on his back biting him flercely. Mr. Brimley says it was a decided and positive victory for the rat.

Wilmington Messenger:—Mr. Charles Biggard, a farmer who resides at Still Bluff, Pender county, is the fortunate owner of two smart cate that he would not part with for lots of money. He has trained them to catch and destroy cut worms among his cabbage. When he goes into the cabbage patch they go with him and each destroys more worms then be does. The worms burrough at the base of the cabbage, and the cats can tell wherever there is a worm. They go from stalk to stalk and very rapidly clean out the worms. It is sport to them but death to the worms. They do not fail to kill all that they do not eat.

Special to the Charlotte Observer: tion given your correspondent to-night says that a large silk mill will be estay. lished here. The promoters of the enterprice are from New Jersey, some of whom were here yesterday. A lot has been bought upon which to erect the plint and other steps taken which bespeak » the materialization of the enterprise, The capital stock will be large and fully ample for big business. More definite information cannot be secured to-night.

Following this information there con es from a reliable source the news that next spring a company from another state will erect a factory here for the manufacture of trolley cars. The plans have been made and settled upon for some time and everything will be in readiness

Wilmington, Dec. 2.-While adjusting the spring to a trolley pole on top of a car of the street railway company last night, Conductor W. E. Beaton was scidently thrown by an assistant on a eavily charged wire. He was hadly arned about the nose and eyes and may iose his sight. His right hand was also burned to a crisp. The shock from the current pitched the man headlong from the car and he would have been seriou ared by a fall to the brick pave had not a policeman seen the accident and darted from the crowd about the junction in time to catch the injured con-ductor before he struck the cobble atones. The officer, who is a man of small phys ique, was warmly commended by the crowd for his heroism. The injured man was sent on another car' to his home, where he was resting very well this

Letter to Thomas Green

Kington, N. C. DEAR SIE:-You'd strike it rich if you

Mr. and Mrs. F. Dupree left this morn-ng for Everette and will return tomor

Several from here are attending court at Snow Hill this week.

Mr. J. E. Cameron and family have left us and moved to Raleigh. Rev. S. W. Sumrell will preach for us another year at Sethel.

Miss Bessle Jackson went to Kinston today to spend a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Cobb Whitfield, of Quinerly, made us a short but pleasant call Saturday night on their way home from Seven Springs.

Mr. Felix Pittman has bought a lot bere on Rallroad street and has begun work on a dwelling and will move here about the first of January.

We welcome Mr. W. E. Hamilton back to our midst, after an absence of two years in that thriving little town of Win-

A Queer Tale of Scottish Witchcraft

In a recently published book on Scotch witches appears the following story: A shepherd in Kintail, after kindling in the evening a cheerful fire, threw him self on a heather bed. About twent; cats entered and sat around the fire holding up their

paws and warm-ing themselves. One went to the window, put a black cap on its head, cried "Hurrah for London!" and vanished. The other cats, one by one, did the same. The cap of the last fell off, and the it, put it on his himself in Lon-



be asked to wear the cap, as it was a present from his mother. The favor was granted, and, fixing the cap, he cried, "Hurrah for Kintail!" He lmmediately disappeared. His reappearance in Kintall with a gallows rope about his neck greatly surprised his

Witches, some Scotch peasants be-lieve, often assume the shape of a hare and in this form take milk from the udders of cows. When caught thus, the hare becomes a woman. When a witch assumes this shape, it is dangerous to fire at her without putting silver-a six-pence or a button of that metal-in the gun. If the bare fired at was, as indeed it often was, a witch in disguise, and killed the person firing, or sor mischance followed. Old women us therefore to recommend that a sixpene

be put in the gun when firing at a hare.
A tallor in the island of Lewis, Scotland, saw his wife and a number of other women disappear up the chim ney of a farmhouse, and from their excursion they returned with a great catch of fish. The tailor proposed that be should accompany the party the next time they went fishing, and the women confented. To the number of eighteen the witches went to sea on a line of worsted thread, the tailor's wife being left ashere to hold the ball or end of the line in her hand. The tation persuaded her to go with the rest and eave him in charge of the line. She went, and the tallor paid out more line till he thought the witches far enough out at sea. He then cut the threnand allowed the whole lot to drown.

CHICAGO SERVANTE.

MISS MCMILLAN TOMORROW NIGHT.

Owing to the Weather.

The entertainment which was to have been given by Miss Georgia Ray McMillan, reader, in the opera house to light has been postponed until tomorrow night owing to the weather prevailing cording to the Post the Turks among and the fact that the entertainment was not announced early enough to properly advertise it by tonight.

The entertainment will begin in the opera house promptly tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock "sharp" as Miss McMillan states it. It is given under the auspices of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Seats are now on sale at Woodley's drug store, the price named Steafe, in the village of Padesh being 75 cents for reserved seats and 50 was forced to drink filth from a chalice. cents for general admission tickets. Chil. The sisters of a Bavatia Magda expired as dren admitted for 25 cents.

some time ago. It was owing to the women, was himself roasted to death. favorable impression made at that time. The inhabitants of villages of Kards-that Miss McMillian was secured by the Daughters to give an entertainment under their auspices. She is par excel-lence in elecution without question, lar surpassing any one of similar work who has ever performed in Kinston. Those who attend will not only aid a worthy

cause but will get value in return.

As a reader she excels any I have ever heard. Even a blind man would enjoy and be delighted with her elecution

CHAS. H. SMITH (Bill Arp.) Her recitation before the Confederate Veterane had prepared the Lumierton people for a rich treat, and their expec-tations were more than realised.—The Robesonian, Lumberton, N. C.

The retail tobacco dealers are organ ising for a fight to a finish: 250 of the largest dealers to Greater New York have combined for united action, Within forty-eight hours they will have 250 more members in that organisation. The first steps were taken today when

the dealers met and formed the Greater New York Retail Tobacco Dealers' asso ciation. The fight will be the greatest ever waged between small dealers and a trust. The new organization will battle directly with the United Cigar Stores company, which is backed by the American Tobacco company. The cigar company is establishing stores throughout the country. The fight is to be carried lato all the big cities of the country Three methods of fighting the trusts will be adopted. They are: The formation of a stock company to secure the benefits of co-operation. The issuing of coupons for sounding nose. As he gazed a doubt on the wisdom of his choice assailed the Cigar Stores company. The enlisting of man and grew to such proportions that the entire power of organized labor in the battle.—New Orleans Times Demo crat's New York Correspondent.

More than seven times the distance round the earth has been walked by a Dover (England) postman named Eden Hearn, who has just retired after forty

some of the fishes go blind, while others develop huge eyes. Some are so constructed that they can swallow fishes much larger than themselves. In consequence of the demolition of Newgate, London, it has been decided to reinter in Bow cemetery the eighty two criminals who have suffered the ast penalty of the law at the Old

To get a free passage from the Kon-go to Europe a negro slowed himself away in a cask on board the Belgian tenmer Philippeville. When the cash was opened on the voyage bome, the nan was found to have been suffocat-

has been greatly injured by the chem-less often and artificial etherest oil-produced in Germany, as the latter sel at a lower price and are hardly distin-guishable from the genuine.

J. E. Bernard has discovered that

UPRISING OF THE TURKS

AUSPICIES DAUGHTERS CONFEDERACY INFLICT ATROCITIES ON CHRSTIANS Entertainment Postponed From Tonight Most Horrible Measures Used to Inflict Pain by the Barbarians

Vienna, Dec. 2 .- The Evening, Post a Bulgarian paper, today prints a story of further horrible atrocities inflicted on Macedonian Christians by Turks. Acother things, place red hot fron caps on the heads of Christians, pour burning petroleum over their feet and in some cases bind sixty or seventy prisoners to gether and leave them to starve. The the result of unmentionable tortures. Elder Nicholal, of the village of Leshko, Miss, McMillan needs no introduction Elder Nicholat, of the village of Leebko, after being forced to witness the torsure the Atlantic Symphony company here of both his daughters among the young to the allis to avoid the Turks and are now dying there of cold and hunger.

> \$100,000 For a Life, New York, Dec. 2.—A verdict for \$100, 000 damages were brought in today by the jury in the suit of Mrs. Jennie M. Leys against the New York Central and Hudson River company. Mrs. Leys sued for \$250,000 for the death of her husband, who was killed in a collision in the company's tunnel, this city, in January jast. Mr. Leys was manager of a depart

Waron Tobacco Trust.

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him up: Philadelphia's most famous appendithinks a great deal which had a lonsided walk. A friend asked the doctor on one occasion the cause of this.

"Why," was the reply, "he's got ap-

"Then why don't you operate on him?" queried the caller, "What, operate on that dog! Why, that dog's worth \$100."-New York Commercial

One of Secretary Shaw's Stories. A man loved two girls. One was eautiful, and the other was plain, but a fine singer. Having heard the axiom that beauty is but skin deep, the man took heed and married the plain girt. ne morning he awoke and glanced at his sleeping wife. Her homeline increased by a falling mouth and a reman and grew to such proportions that in alarm for his marital felicity h shook the sleeping woman by the arm and cried to her, "For beaven's sake, Lib, wake up and sing something."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Verbenas.
It is said that if one saves and sows his own verbeda seed it will run out in a couple of seasons and the majority of the flowers become a dull purple, the original color in the wild state of

Ecuador's Volennoes. Ecuador has a record in volcanoes, three active, five dormant, twelve extinct. Eleven of these peaks have never been climbed.

Newfoundland Game Laws. In Newfoundland the game laws are framed to give the natives great liber-ty, the open season extending from July 15 to Oct. 1 and from Oct. 20 until

Gladiolus Bulbs should be taken up in the fall and saved from frost until planting time in the spring, and the

mitate ground glass dissolve op alts to beer and apply it with a

Lost In the Desert With Canteens Empty

While attempting to go by foot from Femur to Goldstone, in California, a few weeks ago with only five quarts of water between them Frank Smith and C. H. Johnson, miners, narrowly es-caped death from thirst in the desert.

They were warned that they could not cover the distance, twenty-six miles, with so scant a supply of water, but the merning was cool and the atmosphere so clear that the mountains did not look more that a dozen miles away, and they feit sure that they could make the trip in a few hours if unhampered with heavy canteens and other luggage,

Hour after hour they trudged through the heavy sand, but the mountains seemed as far off as ever. The day proved much warmer than they expected, and before they had proceeded a dozen miles their canteens were

At last, seeing that both would certainly perish if he remained to help his demented companion along any farther, Johnson left Smith to continue his aimless wanderings alone and struck up through the pass in the hope of reaching camp before he, too, should be overcome by the delirium.

Night had fallen by the time John-son reached the end of the wagon road, from which a steep and tortuous trail leads up the mountain side to Camp Goldstone, where there is a well of delicious water, food and shelter.

Inch by inch he crept on, with the one thought of reaching water, that now seemed within his grasp. With an almost superhuman effort he pressed on and was guided more by instinct than reason to the door of the Providence Gold and Copper company's dining hall, outside of which a large oils filled with water from the deep well in an adjacent canyon was stationed. He threw his arms about the oils and embraced it, then fell upon his back, ut-tering strange, incoherent sounds.

When Johnson's thirst was quenched, he told about having left his companion, Snitth, wandering in a delirium on

wings of a wounded bird. He was an unfavorable showing.

laughing and crying by turns and making disconnected and incoherent above mentioned 10,427,000 bales, tosation with himself in some outlandish tongue. He had made just balf a mile



BEEG HELD THE CANTEEN BEHIND HIM. in the four hours. Holding the canteen behind him, Berg accested the unfor-

"How would you like to have a

The man gave a startled look, then rushed toward his rescuer with a gurgle of delight.

The superintendent had to restrain the poor fellow or he would have drunk himself to death. He hugged the cool moist canteen to his breast and fondled it as the most precious thing he had ever possessed.

thing he had ever possessed.

In a day or two Smith and Johnson had quite recovered from their terribi

GOVERNMENT COTTON REPORT

ESTIMATE CROP 10,400,000 BALES. Favorable Weather Has [increased Crop From Previous Indications.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.-The statistican of the Department of Agriculture estimates the actual growth of cotton in the United States in the year 1902-'03 as 10,427,000 bales of an average net weight of 490.7 pounds.

The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 27,114,103 acres, a reduction of 764,227 acres, or 2.74 per cent. from the acreage planted. The total production of lint cotton is estimated at 5,111, 870,028 pounds, an average of 188.5 pounds per acre.

The estimated production by states, in ponnds of lint cotton per acre is as fol-

ows:	
STATES. Por	unds
/trgfpla	248
North Carolina	286
South Carolina	191
ieorgia	160
Plorida	
Mabama	144
Mississippi	220
oulsiana	
Pexae	148
Transas	33000
Cennessee	25
(Issour)	353
Oklahoma	EDADIS
ndian Territory	
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that has prevalled almost continu for some weeks past throughout a la portion of the cotton belt has made ubstantial addition to the cotton crop as indicated on October 3. All the ele States which at that date report a condition higher than at the correspond ion. Snith, wandering in a delirium on the other side of the pass. Superintendent Berg hastily saddled a mule and, filling a canteen with water, set off to the rescue.

An hour later Berg found the man stumbling about in the lower end of the pass is a stooping posture and with arms extended and drooping like the wings of a wounded bird. He was

ward from last year, about 250,000 bales of linters and sample cotton, as much of the crop of 1903 as may be marketed before September 1 1903, iess 198, 190 bales of the present erop marketed before September 1, 1902 so and much of this same crop as may be carried for-ward to the year 1908-'04.

Correspondence With the Dead There has arisen in St. Petersb says Science Siftings, a new Lucian by whose intermediation bereaved mortals can hold dialogues with the dead. He is the editor of a spiritualistic journal and has a column headed "From the Other World." In it appear signed communications from the dead in reply to queries from the living. Any subscriber can send a letter to a dead person on forwarding to the editor 4 ecks, which are equal to about 3 halfpence.

The dead seem to be prompt correspondents, for no inquirer has to wait more than a week for a letter to come from the other world. The dally mails from heaven are always on time.

An Awful Thought. "Do you believe we will ever open communication with Mars?"

"Sure. I don't care if they do, man, but what I fear is that they might extend their communications to Mars-in-law."-Baltimore News.

A Lesson From Swallows. A colony of bank swallows some years ago faught a young but observ-ing engineer how to build a tunne. which his more learned superiors had refused to undertake.

Mix a teacupful of fine breadcrumba, two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley, a teaspoonful of chopped onion and half a teaspoonful of chopped herbs together. Season with pepper and salt. Roll the cutlets in beaten eggs, then in the above mixture as quickly as possible. Put by for an hour. Fry in boiling fat.

Museuma In Russia. Museums are in much favor in Rus eia. Even in Siberia nearly every town of 10,000 inhabitants has one. The mucum of Irkutsk is nearly a century