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OLD NORTH STATE **NEWS AND GOSSIP**

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Greensbor , Dec 6 -Bruce Davis, colored, who owns a farm of 45 acres, in Morehead township, five miles from Greensboro, is greatly elated over a rich find he has made of copper and goldboaring ores on his property recently. In one place, within a foot of the surface, he has dug bucketfuls of rich copper ore, and at another point, after a blast of filnt and slate rock, four feet deep, he has obtained very high grade ores with a large sprinkling of gold specks in it. Whether Davis has struck it rich or not, cannot yet be definitely known, but enough is known to state that parties who ought to know something about the value of such mineral testimony have offered to take an option of \$2,500 on the property, and Davis, under advice, has refused it. It is interesting, in all these finds, that from time immemorial, the location has had the name of possessing such wealth for generations have dug all about this farm in a valu search for what must have been known by the Indians, and so floated, as tradition-down through the ages of civil-

President Made Pun.

Washington, Dec. 6 .- When the presi dent of the United States makes a pun "It goes as it lays" and everybody laughs. When Secretary Shaw was trying all sorts of expedients to relieve the financial stringency he was severely criticised in many newspapers, some of which called for his retirement. In the midst of the hubbub he went to a cabinet meeting. As he entered the room the president shouted at him:

"Hello, Shaw! I see from the papers that I am expected to do with you what Mitchell did with his miners."

"How is that?" asked Shaw, wonderingly. "Why," said the President, "I shall

have to send you back to Des Moines!" Result: Hysterical laughter by every body present, including i - president.

Bank Robbers Found Guilty.

Clarksville, Tex., Dec. 5.-George Durham and Fred Underwood, who have gender, and it gives great scope for murder of Sheriff John H. Powers, and ent for making such things she can the robbery of the Bank of Clarksville ion have an unlimited quantity and varithe night of Febuary 3 last were t day ety. Often little bits of leftover trimfound guilty of murder in the first degree. can be fashioned into works of art.

The robbery of the Bank of Clarkevi e, which if purchased outright would be and the murder of Sheriff Powers was very expensive, for one seldom sees one of the most daring affairs ever com- anything artistic for the neck under a mitted here and much public interest was two dollar bill. felt in the trial.

Died of Smaltpox.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6 .- The death at the pest house from smallpox of Miss Sophia Reeder, of Antrim, Pa., is the sad end of a romance. Miss Reeder came Rudd. The young girl went to the boarding house where her afflanced was living and there became ill. Her lover nursed her with the tenderest devotion. It was soon discovered that her disease was smallpox and she was sent to the fruit trimmings used now are grapes pest house, where she died. Mr. Rudd. not knowing of Miss Reeder's death, called at the bospital to inquire as to her condition and was met with the announcement of his flauce's end. She was buried in the hospital grounds.

JASON.

December 8, 1902. There will be services at Mewborn's hurch Sunday.

We are having some fine wer ther now, specially those who still have tobacco o work.

Mesers, Hugh Hardy and Charlie Swin-on attended court at Snow Hill last

Ms. J. L. Mewborne and Miss Cora lorton visited friends at LaGrange yea-srday.

Mr. Hugh Edwards, of Suow Hill, spent last Saturday and Sunday at Mr B. H. Hardy's. He has made many warm briends here.

usual Mr. Will Newsome, of Shine t Sunday ovenlog here. Our little to hav an attraction for Will.

fr. S. H. Hardy is frequently visiting. Shine. Business calls him there.

such to the regret of his many friends He ry Fields has left us. He will

To Ours a Cold to One Day. the Lexaste-Quinbio Tables. This develo

WOMAN AND FASHION

A Pretty Model.

If you are seeking a pretty model for an afternoon gown, stop to consider the one pictured herewith. Of course any material or color you like may be employed as effectively as those cho-sen for our sketch, but the soft shade of ecru here used is very pretty. The skirt is made to fit rather closely and is finished with three wide tucks at



the foot. These tucks may be stitched with black, or a fine line of black chenille may be run around the head of the tucks instead. The seams are also stitched, and there is a skirt yoke trimmed with ecru lace, through which black chenille is run, outlining the pattern. The bodice fastens in the back. has three wide tucks to match those on the skirt and is likewise trimmed with isce. Below the last tuck the bodice is finished with a piece of the lace, which alightly blouses over a narrow belt of black velvet. Long ends of the velvet hang down, sash fashion, in the back. The sleeves are finished with tucks and a puff of lace.-New York Mail and Ex-

Fancy Stocks. Stocks of every hue and description,

so dear to the tallor made girl's heart. are worn with the blouse, and sometimes by the very severe a linen collar and cravat. But the fancy stock is usually more becoming to the feminine

Buttons and Flowers.

only produce the flowers and fruit branches and wreaths they use by hand, but they also make their own buttons or cause them to be made for here a short time ago to marry Rowan them. Buttons of one kind are quite easy to make, for wooden foundations can be bought, and then all they want is a covering, say, of black velvet for a gown of crimson frieze, with a center cluster of beads to imitate rubies and a few stitches in silk. The best liked and vine leaves.

Cape For Girl.

A serviceable cape is a useful addition to a young girl's fall wardrobe. for it serves several purposes, such as school wear or stormy weather. This design is circular in shape, with a bias seam in the back, and is neatly finished on the shoulders by shallow seams There is also a hood which is really



ULTIMATUM TO

MUST PAY OR ACCEPT CONSEQUENCES Great Britain and Germany After the Brave Little Republic.

London, Eng., Dec. 8 .- Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venesuela which will be followed by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period.

The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The Foreign Office states with regard to the time limit: "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can sarisfy the injured government. Both n tes arpractically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely relterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan government of all our a field marshal." representations, specify our claims, and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

The British government's case is practically identical with the statements Haven one individual with a bemade in previous dispatches from London, in which it was first announced that the present action was contemplated. Should the British ultimatum meet with a hostile reception, the British Minister. W. D. Haggard, has been instructed to go aboard a British war vessel, or, if that is impracticable, to go into the neighboring British colony. The Farelga Office, however, does not appear to anticipate such a contingency, nor in-deed does it look forward to any startling development within the next few

Premier Baltours' announcement in the House of Commons this after oon is regarded as merely the obvious culmina tion to the situation which daily has taking, or what the Venezuelan governe | wealth, says Marten Dodge,

"There is not the slight at desire to coerce Venezula and if any answer had been make to our repeated protests and demands, no such action as now taken would have been proceeded with. It was the persistent insulting disregard to al our representations which compelled us to move. It is now too late in the day All the expensive dressmakers not for anything but purely diplomatic arrangements to be accepted in satisfaction for our injuries."

ATLANTIC GARDEN.

Miss Clara Barbee returned to her home today after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. O. D. Bryan, near Fort

Mr. Bertle Thompson and elster re-turned home today after visiting rela-

Mr. Thomas and Ben Marshburn returned today after visiting relatives near Cypress Creek.

Master Ralph Barbee has been confined to his bed for a week with fever. Mr. W. M. Barbee and Mr. Cader Barbee took a flying trip to Duplin county today.

The Goldsboro Lumber company are continuing their work near Comfort.

The smallpox is continuing to spread at Briar Neck. There are thirty-three cases and have been two deaths.

The Baptiet falled to hold services at this place on their regular appointment Mr. R. A. Jarmen and Bertie Thompson's trial came to a hearing before Justice F. D. Shaw, resulting in Mr. R. A. Jarmae being bound over to court for attempting to shoot Bertie Thompson on the night of the accesses at his bone.

nd Mrs. H. B. Hill spent Saturda) ad Sunday at Mr. J. D. Walters, Grange.

Mr. Joe Grant and sister, Miss Luis pent Sunday alternoon at Mr. Geo. W

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunbesvielted Mr.

Fewer gallune; wenre sanger; Devoe.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Conditional Donations

A few years ago one of the military chapitains at Gibraltar hit on what he thought was a singularly happy idea for inducing his congregation to subscribe more liberally to the offertori than was their custom. This was the nies into the bag, or, rather, refraining from doing so, should be permitted t deposit sheets of note paper stating th amounts that they were willing to have deducted from their weekly pay for the benefit of the church. The soldie: appeared to be greatly impressed wit the idea, and the following Sunday th offertory bags literally overflowed with their notes of hand. The chaplain we most jubilant at the sight and prior dismissing the troops openly thankthem for their generosity. When, he ever, in the privacy of the vestry b examined the harvest shortly after vard, his jubilation somewhat eval rated. This was because practical every paper he unfolded was as fo lows: "T. Atkins promises to pay th Rev. -- £10,000,000 when he is mad

Had Discharged His Daty. Here is a story that illustrates Pres.

dent Hadley's aptness: At a reception given for him by a old friend some 500 miles from N memory than tact asked him what i thought of a recent baseball game. As Yale had met with a disastrous defent. the subject might be called unpleasant Without besitation President Hadies

"There was a boy living in a village whose uncle died. The next day a man driving along the road was surprised to find the boy working in a field Thinking this did not show proper respect to the dead uncle, he called the lad to him and said, 'Johnny, didn't you know your uncle was dead? "Johnny slowly approached and

drawled out: "Yes, I know it. I have cried!"-New York Times.

been becoming more critical for the past.

The Use of Convicts on Roads.

three months. The Associated Press. respondent searns that a complicating used to advantage in time of peace in cfronmetance has arisen in the matchety building up and maintaining the highof the Fortign Office to communicate ways. There is no army in this counwith Minister Haggard. The officials pere try for such a purpose, but there is an beleive that he still is in Carache, but, army of prisoners in every state whose owing to the reported break of the carry.

Indoor is so directed and has been so the carry rected for generations past that it they are ignorant as to what steps he is adds little or nothing to the common discrete. ment intends to do. Tue Foreign Other of office of public roads inquiries. The labor of these prisoners properly applied and directed would be of great benefit and improvement to the highways and would add greatly to the national wealth, while at the same time it would lighten the pressure of competition with free labor by withdrawing the prison labor from the manufacture of commercial articles and applying it to work not now performed-that is, the building of high-

Good Roads In Oregon.

ways or preparing material to be used

Two things are essential to good roads in Oregon-first, the general desire for them, and, second, the intelligent determination of the people to have them, says the Portland Oregonian. What, indeed, may not a wideawake, progressive people, with the law of "initiative and referendum" back of them, accomplish in the matter of public improvements? All that is needed is applied energy in accordance with the light that we have or can get, and good roads will in due time become an established fact in Oregon. Isolation, that bane of country life, will be overcome, and the spirit of neighborliness will put discontent induced by loneliness to flight.

RAILWAY TIES.

The stations built originally along the Siberian railway have already been doubled in number. The railroads of France carried last

year 401,703,773 passengers and flose of the United States 584,095,005. Rallroads in this country employ over

1,000,000 people at an annual cost for wages and salaries of over \$600,000

It is calculated that over ten years ago 75,000 horses were employed in the United States in hauling street cars and that today there are less than-5,000 engaged in the same work. This shows the growth of the electric -

FARMERS AND GOOD ROADS

Cost of Hauling Farm Products Ove Country Highways.

The advocates of good roads will find plenty of arguments in the recent report of the industrial commission on the marketing and distribution of farming products. This report shows the value of good country roads and the immense saving that could be effected through them. It also furnishes arguments in favor of the construction of electric lines through the farming sections of the country not only for the hauling of passengers, but for the hauling of freight.

The report shows that the cost of hauling farm products over country roads is \$900,000,000 a year, or more than the entire cost of operating all the railways in the United States, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. The total operating expenses of railroads is estimated at only \$818,000,000 annual-

ly. The average haul to the nearest shipping station in the transportation of farm products is twelve miles, and the average cost is 25 cents a ton a mile, or \$3 a ton for the twelve miles. By comparing this ton mile cost with the average ton mile revenue of the railroads in the country, which amounts to 7 mills a mile, the immense oppor tunity for saving that would be effected through good roads may readily be seen. If farm products could be hauled to market at 7 mills a ton mile, as is the case with railway traffic, the entire charge for transportation would be less than \$26,000,000 as compared with the \$900,000,000 it costs the farmers to

haul their products over ordinary roads. The building of good roads and the construction of electric lines will mean an enormous saving to the farming classes. Some of the advocates of good roads believe that the two could be constructed jointly, as the cost would be proportionately less for the building of good wagon roads, which could also be used for electric railways. These electric rallways could be constructed through those sections of the farming community which would offer the best possibilities in the way of freight and passenger traffic returns, and wagon roads could be built connecting these with all sections of the country. The farmer who did not live on the direct line of an electric railway could haul his freight to the nearest point, where it could be quickly transferred to an electric train.

"One of the things that impressed me most while away was that no matter where one may go in France he finds the very best of roads," said the Hou. William Flynn in an interview published in the Pittsburg Times. "I had an excellent opportunity to observe that fact while on my way from Paris to Aix-les-Bains. We made the journey of 425 miles in an automobile, taking the trip by easy stages and reaching Aixles-Bains three days later. For miles and miles at a stretch there the roads are on a straight line, and every foot of the way we found to be in the very best of condition. It seems that in France they are far ahead of our country in taking care of their roads.

Roadmaking in France is handled very differently from the way it is handled in this country. For instance, repairs are made to the roads there long before the appearance of the road would indicate that any immediate repairs were needed. Of course the roads there are very old and are well cared, so that with their present method of repairs it is a comparatively easy matter to keep them in the best of condi-

"A remarkable thing about the road question in France is that travel is not so heavy as is the case in our country. but notwithstanding that fact the roads are not allowed to suffer from neglect. The roads are maintained by what are called departments there, which in our country would be called counties, and It is no uncommon thing for one to travel hundreds of miles and not find a single hole or rut in any part of the

road." RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

tiems Gleuned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

The real and true meaning of saved as it is used in the church today means the salvation or saving from sin so that the world will be acceptable in the sight of God.-Rev. H. L. Canfield, Universalist, Belleville, O.

The Divine Parpose. The sacrifices of the past reveal dim y somewhat of the divine purpose for umaukind, but they foreshad God. The gist of God's purpose is that all men may be saved.—Rev. M., P. Fikes, Baptist, Baltimore.

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Pailiness of the Gospel.

In Christ we see all the fullness of the gospel, the glory he had with his father. If Paul were alive today, he would not forget the unsearchable prestness and riches of his Saviour. When we see the beauties of his life, we do not see how condesiending he was.—Ber. J. Povey, Congregational of Defroit.

DEMOCRATS ASK - FOR WHITE MAN

TO TAKE PLACE OF VICE AT WILSON. Tar Heel Delegation Call on Postmaster General Payne.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8 .- The North Carolina Democratic delegation, with the exception of J. H. Small, who is out of the city, called on Postmaster General Payne today, and urged the appointment of a white man of good character as Vick's successor. Claude Kitchin acted as spokesman. Mr. Payne beard the delegation and promised to take the matter up with the president.

The following paper was submitted to the postmaster general by the delegation: Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.

Hon. Henry C. Payne, Postmaster Gen-Sin: I respectfully request that a com-

petent white man of good character be appointed postmaster at Wilson, N. C. Respectfully yours,

CLAUD KITCHIN. We join the request of Hon. Cland Kitchin, member of congress from the second district of North Carolina, asking the appointment of a competent white man of good character for the position of postmaster at Wilson, N. C.

C. R. TROMAR, F. M. Sимоне. THEO. F. KLUTTZ, W. W. KITCHIN, J. D. BRILLAMY,

E. W. Pou. PRITCHARD FILES A LETTER WITH

ROOSEVELT MAKING CHARGES. Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Senator Pritchard (N. C.) today filed with President Roosevels a letter stating that he opposed the proposed re-appointment of Samuel Vick, the colored postmaster at Wilson, N.C., on the ground that the latter did all in his power during the last county of the Republican State and legis-lative ticket in North Carolina, and that the leading Democrate of Wilson are end rang Vies in consideration of his services to the Democratic party. Mr. COUNTRY OF GOOD ROADS. Pritchard suggests to the president that The Highways of France as Seen by an agent be cent to Wilson to ascertain character and intelligence in Wilson, or that Vick be required to secure petitions or letters from this class of people asking for his re-appointment.

Big Vaugeville Company.

This company, which is headed by the Original Great Martyone, will introduce many wonderful acts, such as Prof. and Mrs. Shedman's wonderful dog circus. The European Musical Marvels, The Esterbrooks, Mr. Harry Fisher on the Unicycle, Miss Carrie Barringer, late of the King do do Company, Novelty Contortion Dancer, LaBelle DeBerr, beautiful electrical creation, the robe of pictures. Mr. Ed. Esterbrook. The original man with the cigarette, late of Harverley's Mastadon Minstrels.

Madam Virian, premier cornetlet, late soloist of the famous Brooks Concert Band. The Great Martynne-The world's greatest spectacular and electrical dancer, special scenery, gorgeous stage setting and wardrobe dazzling electrical effects and blendings of colors.

Popular prices will be the order for the entire engagement, and on Thursday night only. Every lady who is accompanied by a pald 30 cent ticket will be admitted free. Tickets on sale Wednesday morning at Woodley's drug store.

HOOKERTON.

December 8 1902. Mrs. J. J. Edwards returned Thursday

from visiting relatives in Greenville. Mr. Jos. J. D xon, of Maple Cypress, came Saturday to visit friends here, and returned Monday.

Miss Ola Patrick and Palmetto Taylor spent Saturday and Sunday with fr in Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edwards, of Ayden, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edwards.

Mrs. Eva Creech and children, of Jol ston county, come last week to spand several days with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

riday night, December 26th. The p