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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

**Asheville, N. C., Dec. 13.**—A shooting affray followed by a number of arrests, occurred today in the centre of the busy street of Asheville. Two negroes walked into a white restaurant and were at once ordered to remove their hats. One of the negroes reached for his gun, whereupon the proprietor and two white patrons began shooting. One of the negroes was shot four times, not however fatally.

**Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 13.**—Bishop the drummer, who is wanted for murder in Charlotte, was well known here, where in some circles he passed off as a single man. He paid attention to a young lady here until one night, she having heard that he had a wife and child, received him in the parlor, stated this discovery to him and ordered him out. He went.

**Reidsville, N. C., Dec. 13.**—The residence of Mr. Thomas Carroll, just out of the northwestern limits, was burned to the ground one day this week. Mr. Carroll was away and his aged wife, being alone, did not save anything at all. There was no insurance and the old couple, with their faces turned towards life's sunset are left in a bad condition. Mr. Carroll is barely able to provide comfort for himself and wife under favorable circumstances, and now that they are bereft of their home, the battle will be much harder.

**Rutherfordton, N. C., Dec. 13.**—Sad news comes to the effect that Wirtz, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. A. D. K. Wallace, formerly chief clerk in the secretary of State's office at Raleigh, was shot in the right breast and instantly killed by his fourteen-year-old brother Alfred in their home three miles from here at 9 o'clock this morning. Their older brother had just stepped out of the room when the shot was fired. Young Wallace came running out of the room screaming he had killed his brother, that he did not know the gun was loaded. He is crazed with grief over the sad affair.

**Elizabeth City, Dec. 13.**—A report has gained circulation to the effect that Mr. Crosey will produce new witnesses and additional evidence at the beginning of the trial of James Wilcox for the murder of his daughter, Nellie. Mr. Crosey when interviewed, said there was no truth in the statement. Said he "I cannot account for the origin of such a report. I remember being approached by a reporter in Norfolk, Va., who asked me why Cale Parker's wife was not put on the stand at the last trial. I told him she was ill at the time. Probably the reporter drew the conclusion that she would be put on the next trial and gave the publication to his suspicion." When asked if Parker's wife would give any additional evidence Mr. Crosey said no.

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## TOLD OF AUTHORS.

**Why Barrie Is Not Popular in Thrums—Mary of the Lamb.** (Special Correspondence.)  
**New York, Dec. 9.**—James M. Barrie is persona non grata in Thrums, or Girmuir, which you must pronounce Kirriemuir if you do not wish to be regarded as a Thrum "fowk." Barrie drew from life and must share the opprobrium that attaches to prosaic things—in the minds of the prosaic people pictured.

"Do I ken Jeems Barrie?" said the old janitor of the town hall. "Oh, aye, I ken 'im as I kent his father an' mither afore 'im."  
"Have you read his books?"  
"Oh, aye!"  
There was a reservation in the tone which plighted the visitor's curiosity.  
"Don't you like them?"  
"I'm nae thinkin' muckle about them. Hey! I know mony a story that my granmither told me that'd be better than ony o' Jeems Barrie's."  
Girmuir is a weaving town. That is how Barrie happened to call it Thrums. The thrums are the ends of



"HAVE YOU READ HIS BOOKS?"  
The threads which remain in the loom after the finished web is cut out. They go only to the ragbag, and that seems to be at the bottom of the village grievance against Barrie. The pride of the natives seems touched because, as they insist, they have been represented as thrums—a thing useless and worthless.  
No amount of argument can make them see it in any other light; hence Barrie's unpopularity in his own town. Perhaps Mr. Barrie doesn't care; perhaps he does. The author of "Sentimental Tommy" is quite a philosopher. He can be delightfully whimsical at times, too—almost as whimsical as in his latest story, "The Little White Bird."

It is told of Mr. Barrie that on meeting a famous fellow author for the first time he responded to the other's compliments by saying:  
"It's all very well to be able to write books, but can you waggle your ears?"  
The ability to do so is one of Mr. Barrie's many accomplishments. When the late Henry Drummond was lecturing to a class of students on natural science, he mentioned that the power of moving the scalp and ears was one of the few characteristics of our simian ancestors occurring occasionally in men, and immediately several of the students gave practical demonstration of it, much to Drummond's delight.

The popularity of the very commonplace nursery fable, "Mary had a little lamb," is one of the mysteries of American literature. Nevertheless, it is popular. Therefore there are many people, no doubt, who will welcome a book purporting to give the true story of the real Mary and the real lamb as told by Mary herself and by the latter's friend and biographer, Fannie M. Dickerson.  
Mary, it appears, was one Mary Sawyer, who subsequently became Mrs. Columbus Tyler and died in Boston at the age of eighty-three on Dec. 11, 1889. The incident celebrated in the fable occurred in the schoolhouse at Sterling, Mass. It was seized upon and versified by a "bright young man" named John Koulstone, who happened to be visiting the school at the time. He, however, wrote only the first three stanzas. "In 1829 in a book of poems published by Mrs. Sarah Joseph three stanzas were added to these," hence the poem in its entirety as it is known to young and old even to this day.  
Miss Dickerson has made one odd mistake. For Mrs. Sarah Joseph read "Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, a famous American blue-stocking and philanthropist of the first half of the nineteenth century."

**Gladstone Bulbs.**  
All gladstone bulbs should be taken up in the fall and saved from frost until planting time in the spring, and the little bulbs that form at the root of the old bulb are more certain to grow if kept over a whole season before planting out.

## ALL CONSULS ORDERED HOME.

### VENEZUELA SEVERS HER RELATIONS.

#### Senators and Representatives at Washington Getting Anxious.

**Washington, Dec. 13.**—One more step toward the complete severance of relations between Venezuela and the allies who are seeking to punish her was taken today, in the withdrawal of the Venezuelan consul from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, by orders of his government. Notice of this fact came to the State Department from United States Consul Smith, at Port-of-Spain. It is presumed that Venezuela has sent out similar orders to all of her other consuls in British and German possessions to withdraw from their posts. Those withdrawals would not be particularly serious, but from the fact that they indicate a purpose on the part of President Castro to proceed to extremes in his quarrel with the allies. The State Department has not been advised of the rejection of President Castro's proposal to arbitrate the dispute as transmitted through Minister Bowen.

Secretary Hay had a busy time today conferring with senators and representatives who already are beginning to show anxiety as to the Venezuelan situation. No one was able to suggest how the attitude of the State Department could be improved at this moment.

**Mr. B. G. Wilson's Lecture.**  
Mr. E. G. Wilson, college secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of North and South Carolina came Saturday in the interest of association work and left this morning for Greenville. He will return tonight and probably spend tomorrow in Kinston.

Mr. Wilson spoke Sunday night in the Christian church to a full house on "The Obligations of Christian Young Men and Women to the Cause of Christ in non-Christian Lands."  
He made a strong plea for more prayer, for more money, for more men and women to help bring the world to Christ. Never before in the history of Christianity has there been such an opportunity to advance our civilization, to advance our Christianity as now. These nations which we call heathen nations are now in an indifferent state and therefore hold their doors wide open for the reception of a new truth, a new life. A call is defined as a need with the ability of a person to fill the need. Accordingly the problem with each young man and woman was not whether he is called to go but whether he is called to stay.  
Mr. Wilson himself will soon leave for a foreign field. His address was considered one of the strongest made lately in Kinston and is thought to have created a more practical interest in the wide missionary movement.

To the N. C. Division U. D. C.  
During my absence from the State until January 15th, I have asked Mrs. Garland Jones, Second Vice-President, to act for me in any matters pertaining to State division work. Mrs. F. A. Olds, President North Carolina Division United Daughters of the Confederacy.

**Letter to L. Harvey & Son.**  
Kinston, N. C.  
**DEAR SIRS:** Your business, as when a house burns down, to give the owner some money to build a new one. It is a good business. Querer that the world got on so well without it.  
We paint the one that burnt down and the new one too. What is better we paint those that don't burn down.  
You insure the houses that don't burn; we insure the houses that do. You have the ashes and smoke; all the houses are ours.  
We paint Lead and Zinc; Devos. We sell the paint to painters; we don't paint. Lead and oil is the old-fashion paint. Devos is zinc ground in with the lead and flaked oil; the best paint in the world; and the cheapest, because it takes fewer gallons than mixed paints and it wears twice as long as lead and oil. Nobody wants poor paint; there's lots of it though in the world.  
A. M. Griffen, Plainfield, N. J., writes: Mr. Aaron Higgins, of Plainfield, always used 15 gallon of mixed paint for his home. Last spring he bought 15 gallons of Devos and had 4 gallons left.  
Yours truly,  
F. W. Devos & Co.,  
New York.

**P. S. E. W. Candy & Son.** sell our paint.

**What's In a Name?**  
Everything is in the name when it comes to White Hair Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from White Hair that is a specific for Piles. For itching, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles use our cure. Burns, bruises and all skin diseases, DeWitt's Salve has an equal. It has great uses to numerous wounds, sores and ulcers. Ask for DeWitt's Salve. For sale by J. E. Hood.

## GREAT DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS.

### SOMETHING THAT WILL PLEASE ALL.

#### Christmas Trade Heavier Than Ever Before and Larger Stocks.

The Christmas holidays are drawing near and the evidences are to be seen on every hand. A stroll through the business portion of the city impresses one with the idea that he is in the home of Old Santa Claus, surely. The ever enterprising merchants of Kinston have this year outdone themselves in the selection and purchase of their stock of holiday novelties and a more varied display has never before been seen in our city. The unusually heavy purchases of holiday goods thus early is strong proof that the merchants made no mistake in their large purchases for the holiday trade.

The Yuletide is essentially a season of rejoicing and gift giving and something suitable and appropriate for persons of every walk and station of life may be found in the various places in the city.  
For those wishing to purchase presents that are substantial for friends of practical turn of mind, the dry goods and jewelry stores offer a more varied selection than ever before, and to those affecting the aesthetic the drug stores and other places are offering effects in paintings, bric-a-brac and other novelties that will surely satisfy the most fastidious and critical. At the jewelry stores the new-arrived display rooms would indicate that prosperous local conditions this year will cause a greater outlay in the costly presents than ever before. As for Santa Claus' quarters, they are places of delight to the young folks who are living in a constant delirium of anticipation for the pleasure soon to be theirs.

The fruiterers and confectioners have a larger and more varied stock than ever before, but of course, the busy time with them has not come yet, but next week will find their branch of the holiday trade "up to their ears" in business, and a much heavier trade than usual is expected and will, undoubtedly be realized.  
Christmas is in the atmosphere and is easily noticed in the expectant faces of a prosperous community, who are making their preparations to enjoy it in a way best suited to their tastes. Out of town people are coming in this week to make their holiday purchases and the streets will be a scene of activity all the week.

**Dream of Righteousness.**  
There is the dream of righteousness. This is the dream of moral sentiment, and, pursuing it, man becomes a Christian. So long as this hunger for something better further on is a passion and the days are full of zest and fresh feeling, so long manhood is safe and the life waxing in strength, but when these ideals are dimmed, when their outlines lose clearness, then peril draws near. Oftentimes this deterioration is unconscious. The soul lives by the divine manna that falls from heaven.—Rev. Dr. N. D. Hills, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

**Curses and Obligations.**  
There are no favors in God's world but inventive also greater obligations. Each privilege we enjoy means another duty. Every power we obtain imposes upon us some new responsibility. There is no such thing as equality in life. Nature did not fashion all flowers and trees alike. Its beauty consists in its variety of form and color, in its contrasts of high and low, of strong and feeble. Neither are all men molded alike physically or intellectually; otherwise human existence would be bereft of all charm, of all ambition.—Rev. Kaufman Kohler, Hebrew, New York.

**Too Cruel.**  
"Yes, Miss Scarey-rough's poodle died yesterday. It was awfully pathetic. She kissed it goodby."  
"Kissed it, eh? Well—er—was that before or after the doctors had abandoned hope?"—Baltimore News.

**If you feel ill and need a pill**  
Why not purchase the best? DeWitt's Early Risers Are little surprises, take one—they do the rest.  
W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes—I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family. J. E. Hood.

**Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.**  
For several months our younger brother had 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.—Hollins Bros., Merchants, Long Branch, N. J. For sale by J. E. Hood.

## Summer School for Teachers.

The summer school for teachers at the A. & M. College has been organized and below we give the personnel of the management, which in itself is a guarantee of its success, also a list of instructions to be given and the accommodations etc. No doubt a great work will be accomplished by this institution.

Geo. T. Winston, A. M., LL. D., President; Charles J. Parker, Secretary; Chas. W. Burkett, M. S.; Ph. D., Dean of Industrial Department; Edward P. Moren, A. M., Dean of Normal and Literary Department.

Instruction will be given in:  
1. Agriculture and Nature Study.  
2. Manual Training.  
3. Common School Branches and Pedagogy.  
4. Model Practice School (Methods and Management).  
5. College and High School Branches (Languages, Literature and Mathematics).  
6. Child Study, Kindergarten and Nature Study in reference to Child Study.  
7. Music, (Vocal and Instrumental, including especially Sight Singing and Chorus).

Session begins June 15th and ends July 11th. Board and lodging in the College buildings, for entire session, only \$10. No dining hall with accommodations for six hundred, new kitchen with steam cooking, assembly hall seating one thousand, separate dormitories for ladies, with bath and sanitary conveniences. Those who prefer may board and lodge elsewhere. Electric cars from College doors to all parts of the city every fifteen minutes. The College is on elevated ground overlooking the city, with cool breezes all summer. Pullen Park and the "wild woods" immediately adjacent. Circulars with full list of students and of faculty will soon be issued. Address President Winston or Secretary Parker.

## Y. M. C. A. Organized.

A Young Men's Christian Association was organized Sunday afternoon at Rhode School with about fifteen members. This number will be doubled or probably tripled when a thorough canvass of the school is made, as many of the young men who will probably join were spending Sunday at their homes in the country nearby. The officers elected are as follows: A. S. Johnson, of Lenox county, president; Douglas Elbe, of South Carolina, vice president; Fred Spencer, of Hyde county, secretary and treasurer. Prof. Elerbe was elected as the member of the advisory committee from the faculty. The occasion of this movement yesterday was the visit of Mr. E. G. Wilson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of North and South Carolina. He made a strong talk fully explaining the Y. M. C. A. movement among the colleges. Prof. Rhodes and Prof. Elerbe, and, in fact, all the faculty are in strong sympathy with this new move of the students in organizing the association.

## FEMININE CHAT.

**Frau Friedrich Materna,** the original Brunhilde, has lost all her money and is obliged to give music lessons in Vienna.

**Mrs. Phebe Hearst's** gifts for archaeology and anthropology at the University of California amounted to \$111,000 during the last academic year.

**Miss Lizzie Sherman,** the only unmarried daughter of the late General W. T. Sherman, will not return to Washington this winter, but will remain in Paris.

**Miss Emma D. Sedgwick,** in the office of the quartermaster general, Washington, has just celebrated the fortieth anniversary of her entrance in the service of the war department.

**Dr. Sara R. Ellison** of New York is considered to have the finest library of books on conjuring and magic in the country, representing many years of search and labor on the part of its owner.

**Miss Nora Stanton Blatch,** granddaughter of the late Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was the only woman to take up civil engineering at Cornell university. She will carry on her grandmother's life work.

**Under the will of Jane Anne Madsstone Smith,** recently filed in Philadelphia, several valuable paintings, including portraits of Queen Matilda of Denmark and Marie Antoinette, are devised to the Duke of Argyll in trust for King Edward.

**The Comtesse de Castellane,** formerly Miss Anna Gould, has a magnificent collection of jewels, among which is a tiara of diamonds, emeralds and sapphires once belonging to ex-Queen Isabella of Spain. It was purchased by the comtesse for \$125,000.

**Miss Mildred Howells,** daughter of William Dean Howells, who is to marry David Fairchild, entomologist of the Smithsonian institute, has been the especial companion of her father and in her childhood figured in two or three children's stories, which he wrote for a juvenile magazine.

**The German Siamon company,** with the permission of the government, designs to import Chinese laborers to work on the plantations in Samoa, on which cocoa is chiefly grown. The company has engaged a former contractor of the New Guinea company to proceed to southern China and engage agricultural laborers. The probability is that native labor will be wholly displaced by Chinamen. The German concessionaires find they can get more work out of Chinamen.

## FRESH FACTS IN A FEW LINES

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYBODY

**Overworked seamstresses** in Berlin are to benefit by a legacy of \$250,000 left by a German bookseller named Bahn.

**As the hay crop in Lapland** has been a total failure, the peasants are slaughtering their cattle, entire carcasses being sold for as little as \$15.

**A French statistician estimates** the number of cows in the civilized world at 63,880,000 and the amount of butter they yield at 2,640,000 tons a year.

**Six thousand cartridges, several rifles** and a number of pompons and fifteen powder shells have been dug up near Klerksdorf, western Transvaal.

**First class briquettes** are sold in Berlin and Germany generally for \$3.17 a ton, and this is the highest price known since they became an article of commerce.

**Five thousand dollars** has been paid for the drinking glass used by the late empress of Austria while taking the waters at Luengen-Schwabach, near Wiesbaden.

**Six employees of a Barrow (England)** engineering firm have received prizes ranging from \$5 to \$50 for suggestions tending to the more economical production of work.

**Recent legislation** in some of the peach states compels the removal of the pink tarlatan netting which does so much to give an attractive color to the green and unripe fruit and fool the buyer.

**The National museum at Belgrade** has come into possession of a collection of 68,000 Roman copper coins recently unearthed near a Servian village. The oldest of them were in the time of Caracalla.

**Experiments conducted in California** and recently reported to the Botanical Society of America indicate that bees are active agents in the spread of pear blight at the period when the trees are in bloom.

**Seventy sepulchral urns** containing old coin and other relics dating from the Augustan epoch have been discovered at Aquileia, the ancient Roman tower near Trieste which was destroyed by Attila.

**Treasury figures** show deposits in the banks and trust concerns of the country aggregating \$8,500,000,000, or about \$108 per capita. The total of available cash in the country is something more than \$2,500,000,000, or less than \$30 per capita.

**English firms** are trying to secure a market for soap in India, but up to the present time that country has remained practically soapless. Indeed, throughout Hindustan soap is regarded as rather a curiosity and rarely if ever kept in stock by the native storekeeper.

**Hannibal, Mo., has a Tower of Babel.** Fourteen languages are spoken at the cement plant there. Among the workmen are Austrians, Poles, Spaniards, Italians, Roumanians, Slavs, Greeks, Hungarians, Russians, Frenchmen, Germans, Irishmen, Chinamen and Americans.

**Germany is gradually dismantling** her old time fortresses. The old fortifications of Mainz and of Cologne have been torn down, and now it is the turn of Ulm, in whose old tower the capitulation of 1805 took place. Part of the walls of Metz have disappeared, and at Thionville they are tearing down Vauban's famous ramparts.

**The latest development of screw propellers** is due to Mr. C. A. Parsons. The blades are given a curved pitch toward their tips, small vanes being also provided on the propeller cone, and the effect is to admit of high speed without cavitation and to give a greater mean thrust than is possible with blades of constant or increasing pitch.

**Dr. Calveio, an Italian,** has discovered that 9 per cent of essence of thyme and 18 per cent of essence of geranium make an excellent disinfectant when freely used for the hands of medical operators. As these essences enter largely into the composition of eau de cologne, it follows that this scent is a good antiseptic for ordinary purposes.

**Outside Stornoway, in the island of Lewis,** is a farmer who brings his horse and cart into the town of Stornoway on market days. Whenever he reaches the inn a quart of beer in pewter is placed before his steed, who drinks it leisurely without ever spilling a single drop, and no amount of persuasion will ever induce Mr. Horse to "have another," a temperate example which might well be followed by his masters.

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