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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gov. A work has ordered a special term of Perquimens cours Jau. 8th, to try erithinal cases. Judge Council will preside. It will try the case of James Wiltox charged with the murder of Nellie Cropey.

The Superintendent of Public Instruc-tion has received a check for .\$1,900 to the Peabody fund. Of this amount \$800 is for the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro; \$200 for the colored Normal at Winston-Salem, and \$200 for the public schools.

Fayetteville Observer. J. K. Exum, the young white man who has been serving a six month sentence in the Cumberland county jail, imposed on him by the Federal Court, for embezzlement of government funds while postmaster at Four Oaks, was discharged this morning, hav. ing served out his term. He left on the noon train for home at Four Oake.

Roanoke News. Sunday night eight convicts escaped from the Caledonia state farm-five men and three women. A message was sent here for Chief Dickens the other side, and replacing them with to come down with his dog and join in clauses of a more judicious character. to come down with his dog and join in the man hunt. He went down, out found that owing to the cold winds and the time that had elapsed since the prisoners left that it was impossible to get any trace of them.

Reideville, Dec. 17 .- It is believed that oil will be found in this county at an earlydate. As far back as 1896 experts from the Pennsylvania oil regions expressed the opinion that oil would be struck near the Dan river, and a company was organized in Greensboro which began work in the forks of the Dan and Mayo rivers not far from Madison. But unately they soon struck a strata of rock which was too hard for the drills of those days, their money gave out and the company went to places.

Sampson Democrat: A valuable nag, elonging to Mr. Gabe Hobbe, of Halls township, was kicked by another nag on Saturday the 6th inst., breaking both bones of one hind leg which necessitated the killing of the animal at once. Mr. was on a fox hunt, and they were on horseback, riding in a walk talking when the two horses began to kick. The one that did the damage was heavily shod, and at one kick broke the leg of the other. Mr. Hobbs borrowed a pistol at a nearby house and shot the suffering animal dead, when it was seen that there was no remedy for her. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Hobbs, and he had but recently bought the nag he lost. News and Observer: The report on North Carolina's criminal statistics for the two/years ending July 1st, last, was day. In the first 12 months finished to 4.286 whites, 4,010 negroes and 13 In-dians were tried. Of these 7,738 were males, and 571 females. There were 5,500 conviction, 1,055 acquittals, and 1,565 nol prossed. Of trial for the four capital crimes, six were for areon, 22 burgian 67 murder, and 18 rape. During the sec. ond twelve months there were tried 4, ond twelve months there were tried 4,-951 white, 4,339 negroes and eleven in-dians, of these 8,784 were males, 657 fe-males. There were 6,418 convictions, 1,188 acquitals, 1,593 nol proceed. There were tried for areon 7, for burglary 13, for murder 47, for rape 19. There was a falling off this year in capital crimes, but great increase in minor ones. Reidsville Review: The death of Jim Tilley occurred a few weeks since at his home, a few miles East of Danbury, the circumstances preceding whose tilness and death were remarkable. The reporter learns that Young Tilley, who was about 20 years of use was a wit-ness at the last term of Stokes court against the actorious Eads boys, who were on trial for some of their misshiel. They had been staying at Tilley's and the State endeavored to prove by Tilley that he new them with concealed weap-ons. Tilley swore that he he he one. Tilley ewore that he had not. Thi it is stated, was deliberate perjusy. The report goes that Tilley's mother pe red him to a wear of the lis to shield the When Frank Norris left New York stendants, one of whom was angage offer daughter. Immediately after cour the tax he taxte have drive work at some reoutiest that he was going to dis and that he would go to hall, because he had evon fairely, when is fact he had seen Cada with a nevolvir on his person skin blas 50 times. After a fire farre he did of thire is no evidence that to denue

BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

Bark Terain on Editing Obituaries Barrie Works. [Special Correspondence.] New York, Dec. 2.—Anything new from the genial Mark Twain is always appreciated, at least by most of us. It is sure to be funny, and, even if it isn't so screamingly funny as some other things we have read or heard, it come from the man to whom we owe half a century of laughter, from one who, in

his cheery, unselfish, kindly way, means to be funny to the very end. So we laugh quite heartily with Mark when he addresses the news-

paper editors, through the form of a simulated advertisement 🗯 Harper's Weekly, on the subject of obituaries. He asks of them the privilege of editing the obituary notices of himself which they may happen to have on hand. "This not for present profit further than as concerns my family," he explains, "but as a favorable influence usable on the other side, where there are some who are not friendly to

"It is my desire that such journals and periodicals as have obituaries of me lying in their pigeonholes, with a view to sudden use some day, will bot walt longer, but will publish them now and kindly send me a marked copy. 1 will correct them-not the facts, but the verdicts-striking out such clauses as could have a deleterious influence on should, of course, expect to pay double rates for both the omissions and the substitutions, and I should also expect to pay quadruple rates for all obituaries which proved to be rightly and wisely worded in the originals, thus requiring no emendations at all. "It is my desire to leave these amended obituaries neatly bound behind me as a perennial consolation and entertainment to my family, and as an irloom which shall have a mournful but definite commercial value for my remote posterity." Then as an afterthought, he adds this

delicious postscript: "P. S.-For the best oblinary, one suitable for me to read in public and calculated to inspire regret, I desire to offer a prize, consisting of a portrait of



THE OPERATORS INING HEARING EVIDERCE FOR THEIR SIDE Spirited Till Over Who Pays Non-union Men's Counsel.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 17 .- The anthr cite coal operators opened their, side o the controversy with the mine workers today before the strike commission, and the attorneys who are on record before the commission as representing the non-union men who have been admitted to the arbitration scheme began calling show the union was responsible for all the alleged violence committed during the strike.

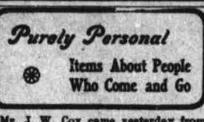
Ica H. Burns, one of the attoineys for he independent operators, presented the opening statement of the individual companies. This statement asked that f the commission's award lavored the nine workers the latter should give some surance that they would not interfere with non-union men.

It was arranged that the attorneys presenting the n n-union men should irst call their witnesses and 5 witnesses were produced who b stified that strik-irs had killed one and had more or less eriously injured two other men who orked during the suspension The first vitness was Mrs. James Wenston, the vite of the murdered man and the secand was her son-in-law. Mr. Darrow sked the son-in-inw who was paying he lawyers who are representing the on-union men, and then ensued the liveiest tilt that has occurred in the sessions If the commission. Counsel for the witess objected and Mr. Darrow insisted shat the commission had a right to know, who were back of the non-union men, but Chairman Gray differed with him. The colloquy was carried on for some time, and finally Chairman Gray consul-ted his colleagues and as a result quietly unswered that the commissioners thought t immaterial who was back of the nonunion men.

Ohristmas Musical. Mive Jaypoole's music class gave its regular monthly recital last night from 8 to 10 at the home of Mr. John F. Mewborne. In reality the affair was a Christmas musical, but in name it was the last of the series of recitale before Christmas. About forty people were present. For every pupil that played there was a mother present in anxious anxiety to give a pleasant sigh of relief , when the selection was finished. One did not have Miss Ella to listen to the music to hear all chords struck at once in order to know that the last notes were reached-the mother's countenance unconsciously told the story. Even to the one who could not appre ciate music the recital was interesting The violin solo by Miss Lula Kate Mewborne, just able to mark her age by three

the arbitration scheme began calling witnesses. The ressions today were probably the livingest yet held by the commission. At the moraing cession the miners' lawyers challenged the fairness of certain wage statements handed to the commission by the Pennsylvania Coal itself must be in it. Miss Inez Wooten's ing's. Company and in the alternoon Lawyer vocal solo was also greatly appreciated. Mr. Darrow had a spirited discussion with Miss Wooten has a strong voice under Chairman Gray as to whether or not excellent control, and last night showed the miners had a right to know who is the result of her year's work under Miss paying the la wyers representing the non- Claypoole. "When Good Old Kris Comes union men before the commission. Mr. Round" was sung by Misses Luia Kate Darrow asserted they were employed by Mewborne, Lillian Bell, Eanice Davis the coal operators. Preceding this and Master Leander Bland. Several of Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the the selections were made more interest-Reading Company, who delivered the ing by short sketches of the authors, or Reading Company, who delivered the ing by short statemes of the authors, opening address on behalf of all the large a historical sketch of the selection itself companies, made the point in his address being read. Whether it was reading, that the recognition of the union is rol playing or singing, the pupils an issue before the commission, which did well and thus gave the beautful tribbrought out a protect from Mr. Darrow. ute to the one under whom they have The latter claimed that if it were not, been trained. The class this fall has been ther. operators should be forbidden from a very successful one. Many in it have presenting testimony that tended to just commenced this fail, but even this

> fall session. Two weeks will be given for the holidays and the school will re-



Mr. J. W. Cox came yesterday from Elm City.

Mr. S. J. Hinsdale returned last night

Miss Ella Miller left this morning for Hamfilton.

Col. Harry Skinner came yesterday from Greenville and left this morning. Miss Ines Wooten left this morning to visit her parents in Warsaw.

Mrs. Mary Hicks, of Durham, came sterday to visit Mrs. Ada Hunter.

Miss Sarah Hay and little brother, Master Frank, left this morning to visit at Burlington.

Mrs. W. R. Beasley, of Darham came esterday to visit at Mr. G. P. Flem-

Mr. Harvey Hines returned this morning from Chapel Hill, where he has been attending the University. He will be home about two weeks.

Charter for Fries Combine.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 17 .-- It is stated here that the charter for the Southern it is reported, will be \$25,000,000, onejust commenced this fail, but even this half of which will be preferred and one-early in their work the result of their ef-fort could be appreciated. This ends the upderwritten by Boston, New York and interest in the Venesuelan troub Philadelphia capitalists.

FOR ARBITRATION MINISTER BOWEN ASKDED TO ACT. He Waits for Consent From State Department.

CASTRO READY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18 .- President Castro has clothed Minister Bowsn with powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Mr. Bowen simply awaits the consent of the state department to assume the task, assuming that the nations named are willing that he should undertake this work. It is believed that the critical phase of the Venezuela difficulty is passed.

Whether the consent of the govern ments mentioned can be obtained, will, it is believed here, depend entirely upon the sufficiency of any guarantee that can be given for the faithful discharge by President Castro of any obligations he may assume as the result of Mr. Bowen's efforts. The allies feel that they must be assured against the consequence of an-Mr. J. H. Herbert came yesterday from other resolution and the repudiation by Rocky Mount and returned this morning. the president who may follow Castro in Mr. I. H. Harris left this morning for his undertaking. The effort to induce his home in Pitt county, to spend the the United States government to act as guarantor, it is safe to say, will not succeed, and it is beginning to appear that there is likely to be a mixed commission appointed to receive all Venezuelan curtoms and, setting apart a certain porcotton mills combination, under the Fries tion for the maintenance of the Vensplan will be applied for in a few days at suelan government, disburse the remain-Albany or in New Jersey. The capital, der among the powers until their obligations are met.

The government of France has now entered the field as an active party in French government has, through its am-baseador and charges and mi

terday afternoon by drinking lauda but parties were attracted to the place which he had selected for his rash act, by a pistol shot and he was taken to Dr. Whitaker, who used a stomach pump and removed the poison from his stomach and saved his life. The cause ascribed Miss Ida Hill spent last Sunday with for the deed is domestic troubles, which in substance are as follows: Enumets in substance are as follows: Enmett Mr. G. T. Sullivan spent Saturday married the daughter of Mr. J. C. Chestnut last year against the will of Mr. Chestnut, and some time ago Mr. Chestnut got the young lady back to his home and refused any communication between The result on presents for whom they please. The church on Wednesday night, Dec. 24. The public are invited, to attend and put on presents for whom they please. The public are invited, to attend and put on presents for whom they please. The public are invited, to attend and put the two, and Emmett after making several unsuccessful attempts to be re-united with his wile became despondent, and the ef-fort to end his life yesterday was the rethe two, and Emmett after making several fort to end his life yesterday was the re. suit. Parties at work near the place where he drank the laudanum were attracted to the place by a platol shot and rushed there expecting to see him weltering in his life's blood, as they had se him go to the place, but when they arrived were told by Emmett that he had not shot himself, but that he had taken poison, and to tell his wife that if she wanted to see him alive to come quick. His wife, who lived near, was notified end run hurriedly to the place. In the meantime a conveyance had arrived and he was hurried to the doctor who treated him as stated. Emmett is on the street today, but appeared pale and weak from his act.

To Carlo & Cold In One Day. Take Lamative Quining Tablats. This instant Condensation States box.

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MARE TWAIN'S PICTURE OF HIMSELP. me done entirely by myself in pen ano ink without previous instruction. The luk warranted to be the kind used by the very best artists."

Muskmelons and literature cannot be successfully combined. This, at least, is the testimouy of Arthur Stringer. the Canadian poet, who has come down from his Ontario fruit farm for a winter in the city.

"I had promised my London publish ers," he says, "to revise and arrange the proofs of a new volume of verse which they intended to publish this fall, but I didn't, and I had all summer to do it in, so the book will not be out to do it in, so the book will not be all until spring. My muskmelons were at fault. I got so interested in that crop of melons that for months I hardly touched a pen. And they were fine melons," added the poet reminiscently. "But I'm working now to make up for it all" It all ?

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stenii months ago, he was bound for an Francisco, where he intended to the passage to the Mediterranean on tout ship, but he bought a ranch on the Pacific alone is d intended to live and work there. to New York for a few m

Bigging accord winter. Sharily before his death he wrote to friend: "I can shoot deer from an friend: "I can shoot deer from a peri m. The qualte are a pe Tark againment."

\$2,773 for Confederate Veterans. The register of deeds of this county us in his hands 149 warrants on the reasurer for pensions for the old Confedarate veterans and windows of the old soldiers in this county and will this week and the first of next week distribute in this county \$2,773. This amount is to be distributed as follows: first class 3, at \$60 each-\$180; second class 6, at oldiers in this county and will this week at \$60 each-\$180; second class 6, at \$46 each-\$276; third class 6, at each-\$490;126; fourth class 126, at \$14-50 each-\$1,827. Total, \$2,778. All enitled to this money can now get their warrante from the registor of deeds at his office.

Married.

At the resibunce of the bride's father, Mr. Jas. H. Taylor on Dec. 17, 1902, Mr. W. G. Haynes and Miss Annie Taylor were married at 3 p. m., C. A. Dudley, J. P., officiating. After which they went to the home of the groom where a nice any per was prepared for the invited guests ing their future life together be a long ad happy one.

a Life Saved by Chamberlain's Coli-

This is the season when the we who knows the best remedies forcroup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened on the middle of th atght by a whoop from cas of the chilit one. The crosp remedies are almost as mue to be loatin case of croop as a revol-rer is sure to be loat in case of burgian. Onere used to be an oldiashioned record or crosp, known as hive syrmp and tolu, out some modern mothers say that hamberlin's Gough Remedy in better, and does not cost so much. It causes the is putient to "threase up the philoson" in he putient to "threase up the philoson"

Missee Buth White and Myrtle Heath, of Institute, spent Sunday with Miss Lizzie Moore.

Rev. E. Pope filled his regular appoint-pointment at Rainbow Sunday. Mr. Clyde Daughety, who has been staying in Kinston for the past lew months, is at home again. Mr. J. W. Taylor, we regret to learn is confined to his home with sickness.

Miss Virginia Stanton closed herschool Friday for the holidays, and will leave Saturday for her home at LaGrange.

The will be a Xmas tree at Bainbow Wednesday night, Dec. 24th. All who wish to put on presents for their friends, are at liberty to do so. Please send or bring the presents, labelled, during the day, Wedneeday.

LAGRANGE.

· December 18. Mrs. Holjand Uszel', wife of Mr. Ed. Uzzell, died at her home near here Mon-cay and was buried Tuesday afternoon. She leaves a husband and fourchildren to mourn her demise.

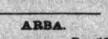
Mr. Thomas Uzzell, of near Seven

Mrs. Peels has bought Mrs. Paris' residence on James street. Mr Geo. Hadley's hores ran away Wednesday while being driven by a coi-ored boy. He ran around the block twice, but did no damage. A pair of horese belonging to Mr. Ham, of Greens county, ran away with a stagon load of shell corn Wednesday night. The horese were captured in town and taken care of while Mr. Ham walked home, a distance of ten miles, in pursuit of them.

Mr. Joshua Sutton, who resides near here, came in on the "shoofly" Thurs-day night, his ince beaming with happ'-ness. He was returning from Crav a county where he was married to Mnea KBOX. They apone the night with his persute, Mr. and Mrs. S. E Sutton.

A Good Thing.

A Good Thing. German Syrup is the special prescrip-tion of Dr. A. Bosches, a celebrated Ger-men Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Methiciae. It quickly curse Coughs, Colds and all Long troubles of the swar-set nature, removing, as it flows, the caus of the affection and heaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfac-tion in swary case, which its rapidly in remaing sels every encon confirms. Two pullion bottles sold mornally. Boscher's German Syrup was introduced to the German Agrup was introduced to the Dated States in 1998, and is now sold in every form and village in the civillar world.



Dec. 17, 1902. Well, Christmas is nearly here again. Miss Ruth Mitchell, of near Farmville, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mitchell.

Mr. George W. Jones spent today in Gold

Mr. Levi G. Pate and his sister, Miss Mamie, spentSunday at Mr. Wm. Grant's

Mesers. T. H. and H. B. Hill made a business trip to Kinston today.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poleon, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, ecsema, itching, risinge and imps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, estarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores beel, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to theskin. At the same time, B. B. B. improves the digestion, curse dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidnsys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Bruggists, §1 per large bettle, with directions for home curse. Samples free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlantic, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in scaled letter. B. B. B. is especially ad-vised for ehronic, deep-santed cases of im-pure blood and skie disease, and curse after all else fails. For sale by J. E. Hood.

SAVE Get Your Xmas Presents at Hood's. **Big** lot.to Select from. E. HOOD

BETWEEN HEATS.

Prince Alert, 2:00, is thirteen years

McKinney, 2:1114, is the size of nine new 2:20 performers.

Lafe Schaffer will be Ed Geers' sec ond trainer next season.

Twinkle, 2:05%, and Dan H., 2:04, each won seven races this year.

Baron Wilkes is the sire of twentyeight performers in 2:15 or better.

Guy, black gelding, 2:00%, by Ken-tucky Prince, died a few days ago.

The sensational young trotter Todd will make a season in Kentucky next

Big Timber, 2:12% bay horse, Goodwood, Jr., dam by Pilot Chief, died recently.

The fastest horne ever bred in Con-necticut is Duplue Dullas, 205, by Quartermaster, 2:21% dam by Dunle

The new performer Indek 22 by Allerton, is a sister to Locar 207%, and Junero, 210%, being out o Katherine, by Aleyone.