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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 20.—This morning at 8 o'clock the J. B. Caudle Company's store was broken into by burglars, and as nearly as can be ascertained \$100 worth of clothes, shoes, etc., were taken, and the building set on fire.

Goldboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—The Carolina Rice Mills, of this city, which manufacture from the rough rice a product which they call Carolina Rice Flakes, is finding a market for their product on the far off coast of the Pacific, where they shipped a car load to San Francisco today.

Coolsmee Cotton Mills will install a 1,000 horse power engine to augment its water power plant. This company has a plant of 35,000 spindles and 800 looms and is making extensive improvements. It operates several other industrial enterprises in connection with supplying necessities of life to its mill town.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Two suits against the Durham Traction company have been started in Orange county. These are brought by John W. Sykes and John A. Sykes, father and son. The first named asks for \$1,000 and the latter \$500. They want damages on account of their wagon being struck by a street car two months ago. They were thrown to the ground by the collision.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 20.—An Asheville officer has returned from Pickens, S. C. with the runaway girls, Bonnie May Jones and Marie Kuykendall. The girls say that they left of their own free will and accord, without investigation from any one and Hoyt, the theatrical advance agent was discharged.

The present supreme court of North Carolina closed its session Saturday and the new justices will be sworn in on January 1st. The new court will convene the first Monday in February and will then be composed of Chief Justice Walter Clark and Associate Justices W. A. Montgomery, R. M. Douglas, P. D. Walker and H. G. Connor.

At Durrnett court in the case of Ambrose Lindsay against the Norfolk and Southern Railroad for injuries received from being knocked off the top of a box car by the water tank at Perquimans river last summer a year ago, a verdict was rendered giving him \$9,000 damages. He sued for \$10,000.

Scotland Neck, Dec. 20. Wednesday night as Mr. K. White was walking along one of the principal streets of the town, some one shot him, the ball entering the left side and coming out a few inches around toward the back. He could not tell who shot him and was not certain that he saw any one. The wound was not serious, but the shooting is still a mystery.

Goldboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—Madam Elredo, the palmist, widely known in this State, will soon retire from her profession and establish an orphanage at her home in Durham, N. C. She says her object is to provide in an humble way a comfortable home for a limited number of poor parentless little ones. On her property she will undertake the cultivation of fruits and vegetables and from the receipts from these crops she hopes to be aided in her undertaking. The Madam is a widow and has one child, a boy in the teens, whom she has comfortably provided for and who is doing well in New York.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.—A pistol duel between Foster Williams and Beulah Johnson, colored, employees of the Angola Lumber Company, took place this evening on the yards of the mill in the northern section of the city. The negro had been quarreling at their work all day and when the pistol was drawn at night they went out on the yards and began firing at one another. Both supplied their revolvers. Johnson was shot in the stomach and may have a fatal wound. Williams' left arm was shattered by a bullet from his adversary's weapon and a third negro, who had no part in the difficulty, suffered a similar wound. All parties concerned were arrested and taken to the hospital. The shooting took place inside the mill and the mill was over a hundred laborers were lined up to be paid off. The scene was one of great confusion.

Quick Work on Hides. By a new Dutch process it is claimed that a moist hide can be turned into leather ready for the saddler's and shoemaker's use in from two to three days, while by following the usual method of preparation it takes about six months.

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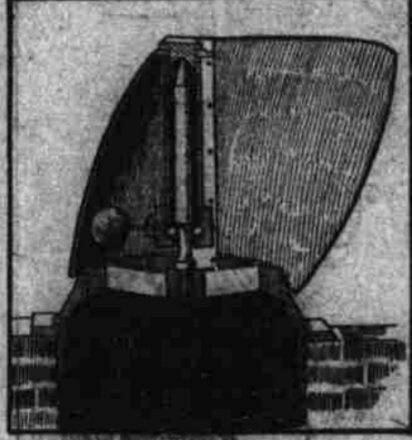
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NEW CHIMNEY CAP.

Suggestive Device to Insure a Perfect Draft.

In order to insure at all times a perfect draft in the chimney a novel chimney cap has been invented. The device forms a shield for the chimney top, which rotates with the wind to such position as to prevent the wind from blowing down the chimney. By its use the necessity for high smokestacks is avoided. Mrs. Anna E. Cook and Frederick J. Cook of Lawrenceburg, Ind., are the inventors of this device.

A head piece is employed which may be secured by any suitable means to the top of the chimney or smokestack. The head piece comprises a peripheral



REVOLVING CHIMNEY CAP

plate and a central hub supported by radial arms. Threaded into the hub is the lower end of a vertical stud or rod on which the chimney cap proper is mounted to rotate. The upper end of this rod is conical and fits into the conical recess of a cap screw. A sleeve piece is threaded at its upper end over the cap screw and is provided at its lower end with a bearing hub in which is placed a series of balls that bear against the rod.

The chimney cap proper is made in two sections. One section is of cast metal and is held in place between the head of the cap screw and the sleeve piece. The other section is much lighter, being formed of sheet metal bent to shape and riveted to the cast metal section. Projecting from the ball bearing cup is a stud on which a weight is threaded. The weight may be adjusted along the stud to balance the chimney cap properly.

In operation the wind striking the chimney cap will rotate it to the position offering the least resistance. This position will be reached when the upward sloping cast metal section is presented to the wind. In this position it will be seen that the products of combustion passing up the chimney are directed at an angle with the wind. A good draft is thus maintained, and the evil effects of wind blowing down the chimney are avoided.

Where Microbes Thrive.

Microbes live longer in dimly lighted than in sunny rooms and Gaffky suspects that the lessened sunshine is one reason why disease germs flourish better in winter than in summer. He notes that influenza epidemics have never occurred in Germany except when the weather has been long cloudy. He has found that in droplets such as are expelled in speaking or coughing the typhoid bacillus retains its vitality twenty-four hours in daylight, the diphtheria bacillus twenty-four to forty-eight hours in daylight and five days in a cellar, the tubercle bacillus five days in daylight and twenty-two days in a cellar, the boil microbe eight to ten days in daylight and thirty-five days in a cellar and anthrax spores ten weeks in daylight and at least three months in a cellar.

Much Aluminum Made.

The reduction of alumina to metal is now progressing in America on what would have been regarded ten years ago as a stupendous scale. With 11,000 horsepower operating at Niagara falls and 5,000 horsepower at Shawington falls, in Quebec, America possesses 16,000 horsepower devoted to producing this metal. This will produce aluminum at the rate of 4,500 tons yearly, or a production twice as large as the rest of the world put together.

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FARMERS GATHER AT ROCKY MOUNT

DISCUSS PLANS AND ORGANIZE

100 Enthusiastic Men Pledge Their Efforts to Fight the Trust.

News & Observer.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 19.—The convention of the Association of Tobacco Growers of North Carolina which was held here was a splendid success. Great numbers of people were in attendance and the interest manifested was intense. The convention was called to order at 1 p. m. The opera house was a sea of faces—certainly not less than 500 uplifted faces greeted the occupants on the stage. Hon. E. S. Daughtridge, member of the Legislature, from Edgecombe, introduced Col. Jno. S. Cunningham, president of the association. Mr. Daughtridge made a happy speech, characteristic of the man and spoke of Col. Cunningham as a large tobacco grower, and who was a great friend of the farmers and had lived all his life on the farm.

Col. Cunningham arose at the conclusion of the speech of introduction, his handsome genial face at once the picture of health, happiness and zeal in behalf of the interest of the tobacco growers.

Col. John S. Cunningham made a forceful and logical address, pointing out the necessity of a thorough organization of the tobacco growers and allied interests. His speech created a deep impression.

At the conclusion of Col. Cunningham's address Secretary Thos. B. Parker read this plan of organization. The following were appointed a Committee on Resolutions:

R. H. Ricks, of Nash county; H. F. Freeman, of Wilson; R. E. Cotton, of Pitt county; H. D. Marrison, of Franklin county; O. L. Joyner, of Pitt county.

While the committee were out Col. J. Bryan Grimes, addressed the convention in a strong speech, advocating the great need of organization on behalf of the farmers.

The committee reported through Dr. Freeman, the following resolutions which, after speeches by Col. J. J. Langbrinhouse and Dr. Freeman, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the president and J. Bryan Grimes shall appoint an organization committee of five who shall have general supervision and control of the organization of the tobacco interests in North Carolina.

2. That it shall be the duty of this committee to meet at the call of the president, and shall appoint or designate organization to cover the territory growing bright tobacco, to fix salaries and devise plans for raising the necessary funds to carry out the objects of this association.

3. That we thank the State press for its friendly interest taken in our cause, and urge them to continue their efforts in our behalf.

4. That we urge and petition the merchants of North Carolina, especially those engaged in the retail trade on the mortgage system, to discourage the planting of an increased tobacco acreage—as in our opinion an increased acreage of the tobacco for the year of 1903 means ruinous prices for the crop, and almost the complete bankruptcy of our section.

Brief, but decidedly interesting speeches were made by Dr. R. H. Speight, Mr. J. O. W. Gravelly, R. E. Cotton, O. L. Joyner and Jas. E. Pogue.

Barnes D. Calais, of Chowan county, was the wag of the convention. When Mr. Pogue, who is a tobacco manufacturer, in full sympathy with this movement, concluded his speech, Mr. Calais was so captivated with Pogue and his remarks, he rushed across the aisle and snatched the hands of Mr. Pogue saying, "Why hadn't you told me howdy before." At another time having caught the ear of the president he arose to remark that in his opinion, "We have got to boycott and legislate," again, "That Chris died to save sinners, and I am ready to die to save the farmers."

Speaking of the News and Observer and its work in North Carolina, Dr. H. F. Freeman, of Wilson county, who was in attendance upon the convention, said that he was glad that this paper was taking such an active interest in this association. He thought the splendid edition of the last few weeks had been one of the main causes of the grand success of this meeting.

Col. Cunningham said: "We had a great meeting, farmers from all over eastern North Carolina, the News and Observer and its editorials, have contributed largely to our success and the outlook for organizing the farmers is bright all over North Carolina and the other tobacco growing states."

Resolutions were then adopted by the convention appointing a committee of five who shall have general supervision and control of the organization of the tobacco interests in North Carolina.

Since last evening prominent citizens representing the tobacco growing industry of the State, among them manufacturers, warehousemen, buyers and growers have been pouring into the city, all of which is an evidence of the intense interest uppermost in the minds of the people.

The gigantic clutch of the tobacco trust has fastened upon the vitals of the tobacco growing life, and the future of the tobacco farmer, under existing conditions, is anything but a bright and promising picture. As a result of the merger of the Imperial and American Companies, those who, for sundry reasons, failed to sell their tobacco have seen a rapidly declining market, many holders having felt severely, a drop of from 25 per cent. to 33 per cent. in the price. With these trusts the apparent masters of the situation, controlling as they do, the manufacturing markets of the world, buying up by force and otherwise tobacco manufacturing industries the world over, they begin to show that their infant days are of the past, controlling both the raw as well as the manufactured product, with the manufactured product higher while yet the raw product is lower, lower, lower. To meet these conditions at the instance of certain of the largest and most successful growers of the weed in the State, President John S. Cunningham of the Tobacco Growers Association, issued the call for a convention. Every important movement takes on the character of the initiative, hence, the work of today is but the beginning of a determined effort on the part of the tobacco growers of the State to protect their interests. The war against the trust is on.

Not forgetful of the victory won in the fight against the oppression of the Jute Bagging Trust, the tobacco farmer, backed by the warehousemen and the independent manufacturer has taken courage and his great weapon—brains—is preparing for the fray. Will they succeed? On the principle, in union there is strength, if the farmers will organize and there be hearty co-operation on the part of every grower, warehouseman, manufacturer and sympathetic interest, success is assured.

It is estimated that over five hundred representative farmers from Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt, Maxton, Wilson, Wayne, Lenoir, Wake, Franklin, Orange, Halifax, Person and Granville are in attendance.

Ordinary cough remedies are dangerous to give babies. Always Croup Syrup is made for children coughs and croup and colds and will certainly cure them. As to see testimonial 25 cts at J. E. Hood.

The Plum Falls to Patrick.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20. The President, today, sent the following nominations to the senate: Treasury—Collector of Customs: Daniel W. Patrick District of Columbia; North Carolina: Walter B. Steele, High Point; Columbus F. Blacklock, Hickory.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system—irregularity, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome cause. It never failed to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by H. Dunn druggist.

Letter to Sheriff Wooten.

Kinston, N. C.

DEAR SIR: You are interested in the prosperity of your town, and every dollar anybody saves adds to the wealth of the place.

People can save half their money on paint—more than half. Devco Lead and Zinc takes fewer gallons than mixed paints to cover a house, and lasts twice or three times as long as lead and oil. Paint is saved; labor is saved; and the "painting substance" is made half as frequent.

When Devco Lead and Zinc is established in Kinston, Kinston will get more out of it than we shall.

Yours truly,
F. W. Devco & Co.,
New York.

P. E.—B. W. Cassidy & Son sell our paint.

A Good Thing.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Roscher, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the worst nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Roscher's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 25 and 75 cent.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Why He Didn't Fight.

Two small boys disagreed, and they decided to engage in a fight to settle the matter. It was arranged to go to a quiet spot where they could do battle without fear of interruption, and they departed with this intention. Their little fists were doubled up, and it looked as if some one was going to get hurt.

Only a few minutes passed when one of the boys returned. He bore no marks of battle, and a pedestrian who had heard the youngsters arguing in the first place and saw them go away for the purpose of fighting asked, "Well, how did you come out?" "Oh, de other feller got mad and wouldn't fight," replied the youngster. —Pittsburg Press.

A Respect For Figures.

"What do you consider the most important branch of education?" "Arithmetic," answered Mr. Cumrox. "Give a boy plenty of arithmetic. What blights the careers of so many young men is the failure to realize that you can't subtract a \$5,000 expense account from a \$1,000 income." —Washington Star.

Pie Agate.

"Well, well!" he exclaimed as he tackled her first topic. "Where did you get this?"

"I made that out of Mrs. Shouter's cookbook," replied the young wife. "It's a—"

"Ah!" he broke in. "This leathery part is the binding, I suppose." —Philadelphia Press.

Not Just What She Wanted.

"Well," he said, drawing himself up proudly, "what if I have a past? Such a thing is not uncommon nowadays." "Oh, no," she answered; "I realize that. But I never cared for the common. I think I'll wait for some one with a future." —Chicago Record-Herald.

The Soothing Touch of Time.

"If" I inquired—for I was ever curious—"if history be fiction agreed upon, how in the world is the agreement ever reached?"

"Quite naturally, of course," replied the investigator—"by the genius of the contemporary nonparticipants." —Judge.

Necessity the Mother of Invention.

The nearsighted professor's patent music holder.



Hereditary Courage.

"There is a man who never knew such a thing as fear."

"Ah! Had a military training, I suppose?"

"No; his nerve is inherited. His father and his grandfather were both janitors." —Syracuse Herald.

Braver.

"Do you think that women are as brave as men?"

"Braver," answered Miss Cayenne. "You will observe that the scientists who keep talking with terror about the bacilli in a kiss are all males." —Washington Star.

Sometimes.

"That young Throggins has society aspirations, but I don't often hear of his being invited out."

"He is whenever old Pscaddis finds him calling on his daughter." —Chicago Tribune.

These Dangerous Analogies.

Mother—You must go to bed, Lemuel. The little chickens go to bed at sundown.

Lemuel—Yes, but the old hen goes with them. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Out of Pocket.

"You said he was quite a diner out."

"No; I merely intimated that he must be out a good bit on account of his wife's dinners." —Detroit Free Press.

A Successful Hostess.

"Did you find Mrs. Smiley a good entertainer?"

"Splendid! She makes you feel away from home at once." —Pack.

An Austrian Custom.

In Austria servants and people of menial rank of every kind are accustomed to kiss the hand of their employers, a somewhat oriental custom to which it takes some time to get accustomed.

Purely Personal

Items About People Who Come and Go

Miss Willie Parrott is visiting relatives in Pitt county.

Mr. James A. Hekney left this morning for Danville.

Mr. H. V. Williams, of LaGrange, was in Kinston this morning.

Mrs. J. L. Murphy left this morning for Farmville to visit her sister.

Rev. F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro, came Saturday and returned this morning.

Miss Sallie Whitaker, of Raleigh, came Saturday to visit Miss Myrtle Whitaker.

Rev. G. N. Cowan left this morning to spend Christmas at his home in Jackson county.

Miss Lottie Tull came home Saturday from attending the Baptist University at Raleigh.

Mrs. M. V. Dixon left this morning for Newport News to spend Christmas with her sister.

Miss Bessie Wooten returned Saturday from Raleigh where she has been at Peace Institute.

Miss Emma Starkey, of Greenville, came Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Kiebar Denmark.

Mrs. W. M. Payne came Saturday from Philadelphia to visit her daughter Mrs. E. D. Brown.

Miss Mary Hodges, who has been teaching at Holy Innocent's, came home Saturday to spend the holidays.

Miss Minnie Lou Kelly, of near Kinston, returned Saturday from attending Peace Institute, Raleigh.

Dr. B. T. Stone left this morning to visit his daughter at Raleigh. He will then go to his old home near Kitterell.

Miss Sallie Palmer, of Hookerton, returned Saturday to spend the holidays at home. She is attending school at Oxford.

Miss Nettie Brogden, of Trenton, came Saturday, stopped at Mrs. E. B. Lewis and will leave tomorrow for Raleigh to spend the holidays.

Miss Katherine Brock, of Maryland, came Saturday from St. Mary's College at Raleigh to visit for a few days her aunt, Mrs. S. H. Abbott.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, eczema, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Scrofula, skin sores, 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 the skin. At the same time, B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home care. Samples free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlantic, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails. For sale by J. E. Hood.

Prize Alert, 2:00, is thirteen years old.

McKinney, 2:11, is the sire of nine new 2:20 performers.

Lafe Schaffer will be Ed Geer's second trainer next season.

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

Baron Wilkes is the sire of twenty-eight performers in 2:15 or better.

Guy, black gelding, 2:09, by Kentucky Prince, died a few days ago.

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

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

The fastest horse ever bred in Connecticut is Daphne Dallas, 2:06, by Quartermaster, 2:23, dam by Daniel Lambert.

The new performer Indell, 2:22, by Allerton, is a sister to Locanda, 2:07, and Junero, 2:19, being out of Katherine, by Aleyone.

Novel Weather Warning.

It is proposed to use electric light signals at night and flags by day to warn the fruit growers of the Santa Clara valley as to the approaching weather conditions. Professor A. G. Adie of the weather bureau at San Francisco has suggested that during the months of February, March and April the orchardists be warned by colored lights of the approach of frosts, which would enable them to smudge by burning oil, etc. An electric tower 250 feet in height, located in San Jose, Cal., can be seen over the greater part of the county.