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OD NORTH STATE **NEWS AND GOSSIP**

OI D AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

The United States supreme court has set the case of South Dakota vs. North Carolina, involving the validity of rail road bonds guaranteed by the latter state, for hearing on April 13 next.

Inquiry is being made into the use of the second \$100,000 of State appropria-tion for keeping all public schools open 4 months in the year. It may turn out that the use of this by some counties was irregular.

A special from Winston-Salem saye H. R. Talley, a white brakeman on the Southern Railway yards in this city, was killed Monday night. Talley was in the act of mountaining a moving car when he was struck by the railway scales and thrown on the rail. The car passed over his left side from the ear to stomach, terribly mangling him. He lived thirty minutes and was conscious till death.

J. M. Hulm, a postal clerk, who was injured in the wreck on the Seaboard Air Line at Rockingham, which delayed the Forepaugh and Selle Brother's circus on October 19th, this year, has sued the company for \$15,000 damager, alleging that he was permanently injured in the spine and hips and that his nervous system was so shocked and unstrung that he has partially lost his memory.

Asheville special to News-Observer: J. M. Gudger, congressman-elect from the tenth district, says he will answer Moody's charges in a short time. He says also that Mocdy's contest will be hurtful to the passage of the Appalachian Park Bill, and that congress will be slow in appropriating millions of dollars to establish a great park, part of which covers a large section inhabited by people who are reported as too dishonest to hold a fair election.

The report on newspapers in North Carolina, made by the State Labor Com-missioner, shows there are 293. Of these 28 are dailies, with a total circulation of 45,525 or an average of 1,600. There are 180 weeklies, with a total circulation of 268,461, or an average of 1,480-There are 20 semi-weekly, total circulation 26,730; 44 monthly, 61,175. Of the papers 142 are democratic, 17 republi-Baptist, 5 Presbyterian. 4 Methodist. Twelve are educational, 2 literary, 4 medical, 2 agricultural, 2 textile.

A special from Asheville, 22d, says: News was received here today of the killing of State Senator Zeb Wilson (Republican) at Burnsv lie, Yaucey county, by his brother, Hiram Wilson. The Wilson brothers had a quarrel in regard to a horse and Hiram pulled his gun and shot his brother, who died almost instantly. The dead man was chosen at the recent election to represent his district in the senate of the next Legislature. He was highly regarded by his friends and neighbors. His brother Hiram is a distiller and is generally re-garded as a desperate character.

President Roosevelt is determined to get himself straight before he fixee a post aster for Wilson. It is reported that has become thoroughly satisfied that Sam Vick, the negro postmaster is all right on his record as a republican, despite the assertions of Senator Pritchard and the "illy white" statesmen who have poured their tales into his ears. It is asserted positively that the president has eent a special ambassador to Wilson in order to get at first hands the sentiment toward Vick. He wishes to find out if people want Sam Vick to be tie po naster, and what the local so stiment is concerning his conduct of the office.

A shooting affair of a very distressing nature occurred at Pikeville, Wayne county, in which a deal and dumb negro The negro went to the home of Mr. Siles Pike about daybreak on business and the family were not awake, the negro had to make considerably poles to attract atand took his gan with him to the door, where he demunded to know who was knowling. The segro of course did not sear the implify and kept knowling very load. After some time Mr. Pike opened the door and seled who it was at the door and what was wasted. The neg again did not been and started in an desc to make bituself answer. Mr. P. at the effect to the talks be not of the indiction ratios. The terpes, who

MERE MEN.

Brigadter General H. S. Hawkins has been detailed as governor of the Sol-diers' home near Washington.

Governor Elect Garvin of Rhode Is-

land is a graduate of Amherst college and of the Harvard Medical school. W. J. Van Patton, who owns the farm where Ethan Allen lived before

the Revolution, has decided to present it to the city of Burlington, Vt., to be used as a park.

Sir Frederick Treves, the famous surgeon, says that he was very lazy as a student. He never won prizes; in fact, according to his own account, he never had the audacity to try for any.

Colonel Daniel Stevens of Bristol, R. L, has a collection of 3,000 buttons from armies and navies of many nations. He began his collection in 1880 at Nashville, Tenn., and many of his buttons are valuable as souvenirs.

Professor Favaro, the Venetian, de clares that the results of his researches into the correspondence of Galilei with his intimate friend, the Venetian patrician Sanuto, establishes beyond question that it was Galilei who invented the thermometer.

George Brikhoff, Jr., who raised considerable money in Chicago for the Boer cause, has received from the hands of a messenger, who brought it all the way from Holland, a neatly framed photograph, taken within a few weeks, of Paul Kruger.

Peter De Villa, the discoverer of gold in the Klondike region and once fabulously rich, is now earning a livelihood by nailing boxes at the Ben Lemont winery, at Santa Cruz, Cal. He has a suit pending for the recovery of one of the richest mines in the Nome region, but has no means with which to prose

FRILLS OF FASHION.

There are new evening gloves with silk lacings and jeweled buttons. New French cheviots are silk dotted and barred in white, red, black or golden brown.

Finely wrought gold and silver cords, gimps and narrow flat galloons will be popular for the winter season.

"Drop yoke" is the name given to some of the guimpes and yokes added to the tops of the waists of both day

Bear fur is one of the fancies of the season, the shargy pelt accompanying appropriately the tailor costumes of zibeline, camel's hair, boucle cloth and goods of similar rough surface.

The fur pelerine with long flat scarf ends will supplement many of the walking costumes of the winter. Some of these wraps are very handsome, especially those of seal and sable, with empire collars and trimmed scarf ends.

Paris made tailor skirts of frost gray camel's hair will be worn under long French redingotes of black velvet or of gray black, sable brown, Russian green or deep Roman red cloth finished with quaintly shaped collars and sleeves.— New York Post.

PINFEATHERS.

The laying of unusually large eggs lenotes that the hens are too fat. Where fowls have a good range one rooster to every dozen bens is suffi-

Old geese are the best for batchi while young ones sell for the best

Rusty nalls in the drinking water is good remedy for fowls losing their feathers.

Never inbreed your flocks. Change cocks every year, and always get pure bred birds.

Keep some of the largest turkey bens for breeders. Select these with broad acks and good breasts.

Ducks and geese may be fattened quickly on boiled turnips, potatoes and carrots, thickened with comment, confning the fowls in close quarters.

RAILWAY TIES.

Sweden has decided to operate by electricity the 2,200 miles of railway which she owns. The electricity will generated by water power, which is undant in that mountainous country. For the sole use of honeymoon cou-les one of the Russian railway con-sules has built a special Pullman car, ontaining luxuriously fixed dining, moking, sitting and sleeping compart-

The "Billion Datter express," as it is derives its name from the large number of millionaires that ride on it.

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JINGLES AND JESTS.

She Was Not Vain, "They tell me that you're vain." he said: His voice was soft and low, I should be sorry, dear, to learn That this was really so."

She tossed her head. "'Tis not my fault."
She cried, "That is quite clear.
You know, I only see myself
As others see me, dear."
—New York Times.

Lauguage Deficient. Cholly Softbrane-Ya-as, I make meself undebstood in Fwench, dontcherknow.

Beryl Bluestockholme—Really! The

English language is awfully deficient. isn't it?-Town Topies.

With Good Reason. She-Now that we are to be married we must begin to save. Promise me you will do nothing you cannot afford. He-But in that case I would have to

The Sceret of It!
To be up with the lark is quite easily

More easy the more A fellow refrains from going out upon one
The evening before.
—Philadelphia Press.

They Had the Fun.

Dicer-They tell me Fred has been playing the races. Knickleby-He thought he was, but it turned out that the fellows at the races were working Fred.-Boston Tran-

Fil fice from my besetting sin; Fil bar my house about; Then, when my sin comes knockin there,
"My sin will find me out!"
—Lippincott's Magazine.

Getting His. "Clarence looks happy since his rich uncle died and didn't leave him a

"Yes. The lawyer for the estate has promised him half if he'll contest the

Age's Retrospect. "When I was a boy," young men begin In speaking of youthful joys, But old men, spinning their yarns, star

"When I was one of the boys."
—Denver News.

An Expert Opinion. "Bimler says that if a man's beart isn't in his business and his liver ail right he can't succeed."

"Bimler ought to know. He used to be a butcher."-Cleveland Plain Deal-

Just Think of It! If men were all, say, six feet tall
And trees were only two.

I don't see how the men could climb
The trees at all, do you?
—Baltimore News.

Literally So. Editor-Was Longwynde's sermon

exhaustive? Reporter-Exhaustive? You never saw an audience so nearly worn out in your life.—Los Angeles Herald.

An Incomprehensibility.

White folks is so foolish
Dey worries me a heap;

'Sists on eatin' turkey
When possum's jes' as cheap.

—Washington Star.

Jaggles-Are these relatives of your Waggles-The ones who have any money are very distant-New York

Between Friends, Clara — Charlie complimented emplexion last night. Maude—Sort of a powder puff, ch?-Sau Francisco Chronicie.

He's old; no longer people bow;
He's haggard, wan and needy;
In youth he "sowed his wild oats;" now
In uge he's looking "needy."

—Baltimore Herald.

One Thing Lucking. Maude-Which would you rather be Clare-Well, I'd like to be rich also.

Wateh?

He told his tale of love to her;

Another tale that burned

With tore he sent the editor;

One only was returned.

-Buffalo News.

a Kumerical Change, "Why see I've found a better half. Philadelpuis Ledger.

"Are you the head of the family?"
"Not just the son-in-law of it."—Life.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

The Lost Sixteenth of a Second. If one grain of sand on the shore of the ocean were lost and scientists were to spend fears in trying to find it, they would be attempting a task resembling that to which leading astronomers of England and France are now devoting themselves. One-sixteenth of a second is missing, and no one can tell where It has gone. Between the sun's time as recorded at Greenwich and as understood at Paris there is that brief and seemingly unimportant discrepancy. No expense is being spared to trace the missing fraction. A special building has been erected at Paris, costly instruments installed, a corps of mathematicians engaged and a process that may take years to complete has been commenced. The inaccuracy is more important than will appear to the lay mind. Longitude is calculated on the basis of Greenwich time. It debreak off the engagement.—New York termines the boundaries of many countries. A slight variation of time may change the nationality of thousands of people. The pursuit of the missing fraction of a second is therefore of worldwide importance. We shall all be much relieved when it has been found for then not a grain of the sands of time will be missing.-Toronto Mail and Empire.

Tribe of Eskimos Found. The remnant of a remarkable and hitherto lost tribe of Eskimos has recently been discovered on Southampton island, at the extreme north end of Hudson bay. It is said that until recently these people have never had an opportunity of seeing a white man. Their buts are built of the great jaws of whales, covered with skins. In the middle is an elevation, on which is a stone lamp used for lighting, heating, cooking, melting snow and drying clothes. The lamp is only a dish of whale oil, in which is a wick of dry moss. Indeed the whale is the chief means by which these people live, the bones being utilized for making plates, cups and sladges, but they also use sledges of walrus tusks, with deer anthere for crosspieces. The tribe is almost extinct, as only some sixteen are left. They speak a dialect peculiar to themselves and are very daring buntars.

A Tender Hearted Girl. Softer than swansdown was her heart, more tender than spring tints in

the sky. .She could not bear to give pain to

any living thing.

As they walked through the woods such was his love that he went first and brushed away the spider webs

All about them lay the beauties nature and the habitations of civiliza-

"See!" he cried, pointing to a forest giant. "See!" And on it she saw a graven heart

with their names cut inside it. "Ob, cruel, cruel!" she wept. "Our engagement is broken. I would not marry a monster who thus inflicts pain

"What!" he cried. "What have I done that is so cruel?"

"You have cut a live oak tree!"

Rainmaking Cannons. Storm cannons are very common in Italy now along the southern slopes of the Alps, where damage from hallstorms during harvest time is always imminent, says the Argonaut. They are the invention of a Padua firm They look like a huge megaphone, and they are set, with their wide mouths gaping skyward, beside little houses that look like sentry boxes. When they are fired, they boom like "sure enough" cannons, but instead of a ball or shell or other similar projectile they emit a ring of smoke which grows larger and per as it ascends until at last be fore it breaks it is blg enough to sur round a ten acre field. Instead of hall ly rain falls when the guns are used. and damage to crops is prevented.

Blankety-Blank Verse. Now a man saw a Marvelous Cave That was nearly as big as a Mountain, But when he Got Closer he saw that It was large Hippopotamus Smilles.

Lud-he said, "I must Run slong Flome!"

—Haltimore News.

An He Understood It. Physician-You should try cereal food

Patient-I've tried it for years, doc tor. I take a little old rye every morning.—Ohio State Journal.

> All Hight Anyway. Mary's pupe has a goat:
> He found it in the gutter.
> Though pop is often out of bread.
> He always has the butter.
> —Indianapo'ts Sun.

Rated by a Wansan. Inggles So he's ruled by a woman. I never thought his wife was that Waggles-She ian't It's the cor fown Toples.

One Delinquener.
The wind will sweep with bitter ch
The snow will sweep across the a
The clouds will sweep across the
Hat payements will unawept will

Mindirected Mail.

The postoffice department has pre-pared a set of statistics, says the Springfield Republican, which amount to an indictment against every fourth person in the country for misdirecting mail. The department handled 19.954. mail. The department installed 437 pieces of mail last year which were wrongly or imperfectly directed. Near-ly 10,000,000 of these were either forwarded with correct addresses or re-turned to the sender. The money taken from the letters that found their way to the dead letter office and for which no owners could be found, together with the amount realized from the auction sale of unclaimed articles accumulated in the office, aggregated \$18,458.83.

"Tapping" the Telephone. In Stockholm almost every hous holder is "on the telephone," and practically every kind of business is discussed by means of the instrument This fact has been turned to account by the police authorities in a curious way. The creditors of a business man who had serious doubts of his integrity employed a detective to obtain information about him. The detective "tapped" the telephone wire from a house at which the suspect was staying and overheard many private conversations. The action of the detective, however, aroused considerable indignation among the community.

The Costermonger.

The costermonger has found an apol-ogist in the London Lancet. It is his business to watch the markets and to buy extensively when there is a glut and to distribute the purchases as quickly as possible. He thus prevents the wholesale destruction of perishable goods, and he also discourages the in-clination of small shopkeepers to make extortionate charges.

Family Frankaess. Sister Susan-Do we dine with you Christmas, Rebecca? Sister Rebecca-Oh, no, Susan. Don't you remember? It's your turn to have

us .- Detroit Free Press. The New Girl. "Be mine," he cried in loving tone.
The new girl said: "Nay, nay,
But I'll take you to be my own.
You dear boy, name the day."
—New York Times.

To Start the Incineration, Mrs. Weddem-You had better not treat Mr. Seeker so cavallerly. He has money to burn.

Miss Flypp-Then I'm his match .-New York Life.

Usually the Way. fancy fair?" "Yes, indeed, and all because the

Builetin.

Fickle Fame.

Oh, fame's a fair and fickle thing.
Though still its smile's entranci
Yet he that makes a fiddle sing

Particulars Desired. Biggs-Say, can I sell you a good

Diggs-Don't know. What is the matter with the animat? - Chicago

Why Christman is spelt X-mas
Is plain as plain can be—
It takes a mass of X's
To fill the X-mas tree.
—Lippincott's Magazine

The Root of the Matter. Pat-An' so yez shtruck fer shorter

Mike-Yis. We want each wan to consist av for-rty minutes, b.gorry:-

In the Course of Time. I'm going to be a millionaire My money I shall heard it. I'll be a great reformer then. Because I can afterd it.

Way Down. married beneath her, didn'

"Yes; I believe some two or three millions beneath her."—New Yorker. His Epitaph. Here lies a maker of mirrors;
His loss, how we deplore it!
He spent his days behind the glass.
While you spend yours before it.
—Chlesgo Tribune

Posson in Teberan. Numerous official personages in Te-berau have recently fallen victims to poison it is believed some secret soci seen polyoned, but in most lustane the poison has been conveyed in the sweets that every one eats so freely in

House in Gold.

In the jewel bouse of the Tower of Louison there is a book bound throughout in gold, even to the wires of the hinges. Its class is two raises set at opposite ends of four golden links.

THE HOLY CHILD.

O, little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep.
The elient stars go by:

Yet in the dark street shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and lears of all thy years Are mot in the tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary. And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wandering love;

O morning stars, together Proclaim the boly birth! And prefees sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.

How ellently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts The blessing of his heaven; No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin. Where meek souls will receive Him still,

The dear Christ enters in. O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas ango The great, glad tidings tell;

O. come to us, abide with us.

Our Lord Emmanuel.

Rural Deliveries for Craven and Jon

Counties.
Congressman Charles R. Thomas save hat the Craven and Jones countles rural free delivery routes have been ordered to go into effect Feb. 1st, 1908.

The location of the Craven county rural free sellvery routes are:

From Newbern via Bellair, Lima, Jasper and back to Newbern. From Cove to Core Creek road, and down the Neuse road, through by Perection, and back to Cove.

Two routes from Vanceboro. In Jones county, one route out from Maysville, and one route out from Tren-

Fire at Luckery.

Hickory, N. C. Dec. 23 .- Hickory was visited this morning by the most dinastrous fire in its history. In a very hort time \$35,000 worth of property

went up in fiames and smoke.

The fire washiecovered about 3 o'clock in the Elliott opera house, a large threestory building. The flames spread so rapidly that by the time the crowd rapidly gathered for work it was in complete control of the building and defied co prices were so unfair."-Philadelphia It rapidly spread to the brick stre of J. S. Seltzer & Sone and on the other side seized two wooden stores. Heat, glare and smoke made work difficult.

The damage is estimated at \$50,000 with \$20,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is attributed by some to an insendiary, while others claim that it was due to fire crackers.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Where is the man who has not said At evening when he went to bed. "I'll waken with the crowing cock And get to work by six o'clock?"

Where is the man who, rather late, Crawls out of bed at half past eight. That has not thought, with fond regard, "It's better not to work too hard?" —Lippincott's Magazine

Exception to the Rule. "Them two dudes," the girl at the music counter remarked, "is trying to get me to look at 'em." "Where's your grammar?" said the

girl at the book counter. "Two dudes is plural." "I guess not!" contemptuously re-joined the other. "It takes more than two of them fellows to make a plural."

-Chicago Tribune. "What is there original about that

novelist's work?" "Well," answered the publisher, "the plot isn't novel, and the treatment Las't unusual, but the advert sements are all

our own."-Washington Star.

Once, long ago, 'twas her delight To dress up in a handsome gown, But now, when he's out late at nic She likes to dress her hubby dow —Chicago Ner

Lasting Literature. Author-My book, sir, will be in extence long after you are forgotten. Critic-Yes. I should say that it is kely to escape the wear and tear reessive rending.—Boston Transcr

If you feel ill and need a pill Why not purchase the best DeWitt's Early Risers

facility for constitution, sick headen hearth plane faulte. I fe file