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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. An Item Here and There.

Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 12.—Chief Justice Y. J. Pope, was in the city today, having come from Flat Rock, where he is spending the summer, for the purpose of hearing a motion on the part of the state's attorneys, requesting a revocation of the order appointing Judge Townsend to preside at the Tillman trial, soon to be heard in Lexington.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The weather bureau tonight issued the following: "The southern storm is probably central near the gulf coast of southern Florida, but its exact location cannot be determined, as telegraphic communication has been interrupted since Saturday morning, when a northeast gale with low pressure was prevailing at Tampa.

Norfolk, Sept. 12.—The explosion of a barrel of alcohol on the superstructure deck of the cruiser Olympia, in dry dock at the Norfolk navy yard, tonight killed two men, severely injured several others, and set fire to the ship. The master-at-arms of the vessel is missing. The dead: Corporal Yerkes, United States marine corps; white seaman, unknown.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Postmaster General Payne today made a statement regarding his policy in the appointments of fourth-class postmasters with particular reference to the recent removal of Miss Todd, the postmaster at Greenwood, Del., in which he says there is no rule governing the tenure of fourth-class postmasters, except an informal one that they should not be removed until they had served four years. He says the appointments are political, and not governed by civil service rules.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 12.—Incomplete returns from Amherst county indicate an overwhelming defeat for ex-Judge Campbell, who sought a vindication at the hands of the people for his removal from the bench by the legislature. The majority for Dr. Don Scott is probably 350, and every candidate on the county ticket favorable to Campbell was also defeated. The citizens of Amherst are building bonfires and holding an enthusiastic celebration over the breaking of the power of the man who ruled the county politically for many years.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 12.—Torpedoes were successfully fired at three vessels of the United States navy today by the submarine boats Adder and Moccasin, participating in the first of three torpedo tests to be made in connection with the naval manoeuvres. The torpedo boats McKee, Siletto and Craven were stationed off Block Island, while the Adder and Moccasin, submerging about five miles away, attacked the supposedly defending forces. Without detection, dummy torpedoes were fired at each of the three torpedo boats at such close range that had they been loaded the three boats would have been destroyed.

Distress After Eating Cured.

Judge W. T. Holland of Greensboro, La., who is well and favorably known, says: "Two years ago I suffered greatly from indigestion. After eating great distress would invariably result, lasting for an hour or so and my nights were restless. I concluded to try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it cured me entirely. Now my sleep is refreshing and digestion perfect." Sold by J. E. Hood & Co.

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Shadow Superstitions.

Our proverb, "Devil catch the hindmost," is based on one of the curious shadow legends. According to the fable, the devil had a regular school at Toledo, Spain. Commencement was inaugurated by the graduating class running through a long subterranean hall. The devil hid at a place known only to himself, and if he "caught the hindmost" he ever after claimed him or her as his special property. Sometimes he only caught the shadow, and the persons thus deprived of their "second self" were supposed to make the best astrologers and magicians.

Nearly all East Indian tribes as well as the Malaysians and several African sects believe that if a man walks along the south bank of a river casting his shadow across the water a crocodile will seize it and thus draw the owner to certain death.

Several writers, Fluke among the rest, say that the Zulus have a superstition similar to that of the old Babylonians—viz, that a dead body has no shadow. The Modocs and the Klamaths of Oregon formerly refused to have their pictures taken for fear that the process would take away their shadows. In the Aryan folk tale the "witchdale," or "infernal Sabbath," was celebrated only by witches' shadows.

Hitch Your Wagon to a Star.

A student of the horse thus explains where Emerson's epigram, "Hitch your wagon to a star," originated: Long before the war there was a famous trotting stallion of the name of American Star, belonging to one Seely. American Star mares became scattered all through New England and New York, for they were the best roadsters in the country, and every farmer must have one. It soon became well understood that in order not to lose the respect of the community one must drive nothing else. Later it became a subject of banter. If one farmer passed another on the road, he would look over his shoulder and shout, "Why don't you hitch your wagon to a star?" Unquestionably Emerson many a time had heard the remark, and in his lecture on "American Civilization" at the Smithsonian institution in 1802 he rung it in for the first time, advising mankind in general to aim high and "Hitch your wagon to a star," thus converting a common incident into a figurative allusion.

Don't Be Too Exact.

Don't be forever peeping people right. There is a household fiend with a memory for dates and details who can never sit still and hear papa say that he went down town on Monday at 8 without correcting the statement with the remark that the hour was half past. If mamma happens to allude to Cousin Jenny's visit as having occurred last Thursday, this wasplike impersonation of accuracy interposes with the statement that it was Friday, not Thursday, which brought Cousin Jane.

A dozen times a day exasperating frictions are caused by needless corrections of this sort, referring to matters where exactness is not really imperative, the affairs in question being unimportant and no violation of truth being for an instant intended.

Labor Saving Soup.

"Soup too hot? Well, it's this way," said the waiter at the table d'hote restaurant as he grew confidential. "The chef found that he was running shy, and as he didn't want to make any more, he threw in a lot of pepper so the guests would be satisfied with smaller portions. You see, if he hadn't, the hungry man who comes in late would be complaining about the smallness of the portion served to him. A man will be satisfied with a few spoonfuls of consommé when it's as hot as tabasco sauce."

There are tricks even in the chef's trade.—New York Press.

The Russians.

Thirteen in every 1,000 Russians are nobles, nine are clergy and fifty-three soldiers.

Hardy Mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes are known to live through the winter, awakening with the first warmth. Many larvae survive repeated freezing and thawing.

Very Safe Vaults.

The locks of a safety vault containing \$100,000 in gold at a bank in Halifax, N. S., became deranged. For three days efforts were made to open them, but finally part of the building had to be pulled down.

A Purgative Pleasure.

If you ever took Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers for Biliousness or Constipation you know what a purgative pleasure it is. These famous little pills cleanse the liver and rid the system of all bile without producing unpleasant effects. They do not gripe, sicken or weaken, but give tone and strength to the tissues and organs involved. W. B. Howell of Houston, Tex., says: "No better pill can be used than Little Early Risers for Constipation, Headache, etc." Sold by J. E. Hood & Co.

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AN AGED MAN KILLED

While Chasing Trespassing Hunter From His Premises

HE WAS SENATOR SIMMONS' FATHER

His Body Found in the Field 24 Hours After He Left Home. Alfred Daniels Charged With the Crime.

Last Saturday morning between 9 and 12 o'clock Mr. F. G. Simmons was murdered on his plantation in Jones county near Trenton.

Mr. F. G. Simmons was the father of our senior senator, Hon. F. M. Simmons, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of Jones county.

Mr. Simmons having been troubled with trespassers upon his land, had posted it. Early Saturday morning he heard reports indicating that some one was hunting on his premises, and about 9 o'clock he took his gun and went out to find the trespasser. He entered the woods and soon another shot was heard by workmen on the place.

The noon hour came and passed and night came on without the return of Mr. Simmons. This excited suspicion, and a search party of some 20 or 25 men was formed. All night they searched and far into the Sunday morning their efforts were at last rewarded by the discovery of his lifeless body about 9 o'clock in the morning.

The body was peppered with No. 4 gun shot from the abdomen to the head. Besides this his head was badly beaten and there was a light wood knot near at hand that was probably used in the beating. Mr. Simmons' gun was lying near, neither barrel having been discharged.

Search was made for the murderer, and evidences were found that led to the river. The searchers took a boat, crossed over and found tracks leading to the house of a negro man by the name of Alfred Daniels.

Daniels is a desperate character, and there being good reason to suspect him of the crime, Sheriff Lon Taylor arrested him. He was immediately lodged in Trenton jail.

Mr. Simmons probably was not killed instantly, but showed signs of having passed through considerable suffering before the end came. The body was found about 100 yards from Quaker Creek and 75 yards from the river.

Daniels was not found at his home but some distance from there in another house and heavily armed. Sheriff Taylor and posse came upon him and the sheriff was covered with a pistol in the hands of Daniels, who at first refused to be arrested.

The sheriff gave orders to his men to cover Daniels and on their doing so Daniels quickly surrendered and was taken to Trenton jail. No demonstration was made against Daniels last night.

It is said that Daniels had remarked when Mr. Simmons had forbidden hunters on his land that he would hunt there if he had to kill Mr. Simmons to do it.

Mr. F. G. Simmons was about 80 years old and owned one of the largest landed estates in the section five or six miles from Trenton. He lived on the place with one of his tenants, his wife being dead and his only living son, Senator F. M. Simmons, residing in Raleigh. He was a gentleman of high character and loved and respected by all who knew him and his foul murder has created a great deal of feeling. Though 80 years had passed over his head Mr. Simmons was hale and hearty and he was a familiar figure seen on his plantation.

Senator Simmons was notified by wire Saturday night at his home in Raleigh, and went to the scene yesterday.

The coroner held an inquest at the place of the murder today but the verdict could not be learned at the time of going to press.

The remains of Mr. Simmons were laid to rest at the family burying ground at 2 p. m. today.

Letter to J. C. Wagner, Kinston, N. C.:

Dear Sir: Here's a bully one. Mr. Dooley (not of Chicago), painter, Lancaster, N. H., got the job of painting the Episcopal parsonage. He was used to a paint as pure as Devoe, but weak and short-measure—he didn't know it was weak or short-measure. Dooley surveyed the job, and said it would take 20 gallons. Mr. L. F. Moore, our agent, offered to give 10 gallons of Devoe. Accepted, of course. Eleven gallons did it; the 10 plus one. Mr. Moore let's painting parsonages on shares this year!

Yours truly
F. W. Devor & Co.
P. S.—B. W. Canady & Son sell our paint.

THE SUPERIOR COURT

Convened This Morning With Judge W. R. Allen Presiding

BUSINESS MEN MUST SERVE ON JURY

Out of Ten Asking to be Excused Only One Was and That on Account of Sickness. Tackles "Bucket Shops."

Superior court convened this morning at 10 o'clock in the court house, with Judge W. R. Allen presiding and Solicitor Rodolph Duffy prosecutor for the state.

Immediately after assembling court and calling the jurors for the term the judge was confronted with members drawn to serve in that capacity praying to be excused from service. This his honor refused to do on the ordinary excuse of "business engagements" and out of the ten applying for exemption from service only one was excused and that for sickness in the family of the applicant who lives 12 miles from Kinston.

Judge Allen in a lengthy dissertation on the importance of good menservicing on the jury made it very plain that it was the duty of all good men to make the sacrifice of their business interests, where it did not work a serious hardship, in the interest of preserving right and just administration of the law and urged upon them to co-operate with the court in doing this by their service in this capacity. He deplored the conditions prevailing throughout the State whereby business men and others who do not wish to do jury service, through devices of different kinds succeed in having their names left off the jury list. His honor stated that where this exemption came through a connivance on the part of the person and the officers it was a crime and where found it was the duty of the grand jury to present them to the court.

Judge Allen's utterances in regard to this important matter was clear-cut and to the point and met with the approval of the bar and others who heard them.

Another important matter dealt with by his honor, and one that is creating a good deal of interest throughout the State, was the dealing in cotton futures, stocks, bonds, etc., where there is intended no actual delivery, in other words, what is familiarly known in this State as "bucket shops." This the judge said was a crime in North Carolina and where it was known to exist in a community he charged the grand jury to present those concerned in it to the court, those buying and selling as well as those conducting the business. His charge to the jury concerning this violation of the law was a plain charge to present all known by them to be engaged in the business. His arraignment of this kind of gambling was severe and the distress caused by it in North Carolina recently, was pictured in a manner that left no doubt in the minds of his hearers the position held by his honor on this subject.

The judge was very explicit in his charge to the jury along this line, devoting 15 or 20 minutes to the subject, and calling upon them to present all who were known to engage in the business.

Judge Allen's charge consumed nearly an hour and is said by many to have been one of the ablest ever delivered from the bench in this place. His charge did not consist in a lot of useless and ancient phrases concerning matters of long ago but dealt almost entirely with the law and its application in the present. It was dignified and delivered in a distinctly audible manner, Judge Allen has a splendid voice, and was deeply interesting to all who heard it. The impression made by the judge seems to be a most favorable one.

The following names were drawn and constitutes the grand jury: J. H. Sutton, foreman; I. D. Hines, Frank Taylor, H. C. V. Peables, R. K. Nobles, Z. F. Stroud, S. S. Tyndal, J. E. Brock, H. V. Hill, R. F. Walston, J. H. Alexander, C. E. Kennedy.

The Genuine vs. Counterfeit.

The genuine is always better than a counterfeit, but the truth of this statement is never more forcibly realized or more thoroughly appreciated than when you compare the genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve with the many counterfeits and worthless substitutes that are on the market. W. S. Ledbetter of Shreveport, La., says: "After using numerous other remedies without benefit, one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me." For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles no remedy is equal to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by J. E. Hood & Co.

Rob Howard, Floyd Barwick, E. B. Byrd, C. O. M. Daughety, W. E. Askew and Lake Rouse.

The following cases were disposed of in the morning session:

State vs Will Sherrod, assault. Called and failed. Judgment nisi set fa, capias.

State vs James Smith, carrying concealed weapon. Nol pros with leave.

State vs James Smith, assault with deadly weapon. Nol pros with leave.

State vs Dave Taylor, carrying concealed weapon. Not guilty.

State vs Zack Pate, concealed weapon. Guilty; fined \$15 and costs.

State vs Elbert Hunter, concealed weapon. Guilty; fined \$10 and costs.

State vs John Grady, assault with deadly weapon. Guilty; fined \$10 and costs.

LABOR FAMINE IN THE SOUTH.

Negroes are Leaving the Farms and There are Not Enough Workmen to Pick the Cotton.

Memphis, Sept. 12.—It is clearly recognized throughout the south that if the cotton crop turns out to be large, it will be next to impossible to gather it all, owing to the scarcity of labor and the lateness of the opening of the season. The labor famine has already begun to reach the acute stage in various portions of the south, although the cotton season has hardly opened, the amount so far picked not being 10 per cent. of that gathered at the corresponding time last year.

From all parts of the south the cry of "more negroes" is heard. There is scarcely a county in the whole cotton belt which has enough labor to gather the crop as rapidly as it opens. Strenuous efforts, mostly vain are being made to recruit forces of pickers, and most tempting inducement is held out in the shape of wages.

The cause of the scarcity is in the large increase in public work in progress and the rapid strides in manufactures. Not long ago negroes had no source of income except work on plantations, but now they are leaving the farms for other work, which is more remunerative and pleasant. The males are the ones who usually secure public work, and when they succeed in making good wages the women and children at home, who once did the bulk of the cotton gathering, refuse to work because they have enough to live on without labor.

Wife's Story.

After the courting is over, the young people get married, and there the duty of the husband upon a number of occasions is to say whom she wishes to have her husband try to attract his attention by dancing before him, persistently keeping her back turned to ward him. Eventually she may sit down near him and pull his blanket and sing to him in a gentle, low voice. When she desires to bring matters to a focus, she begins to throw pebbles at the chosen one. If he throws them back at her, they are betrothed.

Eyes With Double Pupils.

Cleopatra says that "the glance of all women with the double pupil in the eye is noxious, blighting and withering." Cadmus tells us that such persons would not drown. Still others say that if they did drown the body would never sink, neither would it decay. They could cure the disease of the chest—consumption—by rubbing their perspiration on the affected parts of the individual, and in case the double pupils were red instead of black they could cure the lepers and the blind.

Cancer Cured by Blood Balm.

All Skin and Blood Diseases Also Cured. Mrs. M. L. Adams, Fredonia, Ala., took Botanic Blood Balm, which effectually cured a cancer of the nose and face. The sores heal up perfectly. Many doctors had given up her case as hopeless. Hundreds of cases of cancer, eating sores, suppurating swellings, etc., have been cured by Blood Balm. Among other, Mrs. B. M. Guernsey, Warrior Stand, Ala. Her nose and lip were raw as beef, with offensive discharge from the eating sore. Doctors advised cutting, but it failed. Blood Balm healed the sores, and Mrs. Guernsey is as well as ever. Botanic Blood Balm also cures scema, itching humors, scabs and scales, bone pains, ulcers, offensive pimples, blood poison, carbuncles, scrofula, risings and bumps on the skin and all blood troubles. Improves the digestion, strengthens weak kidneys. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special medical advice sent in sealed letter.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

Gossip Gathered from Murphy to Manteo of Importance to Our Tar-Heel Readers.

President J. A. Long, of the State fair, appoints Col. Geo. L. Morton, of Wilmington, as chief marshal.

Capt. Chas. Price, a noted attorney of Salisbury, secured a fee of \$35,000 for the settlement of the Stanly and Wilkes equity bond cases, which has just been accomplished in Rowan court. This is perhaps the largest fee received by any North Carolina lawyer for many years.

A boiler exploded Friday in the lumber mill of the Buchanan Lumber Company, which is located in Jackson county, and two men were killed and five others wounded. The Buchanan Lumber Company is a small concern and is situated on the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway.

A colored teacher, Wm. Windsor, of the graded schools for negro children, at Greensboro, was fined \$10 by Mayor Osborn Friday for inhuman punishment of a small girl pupil. The evidence showed that the child had been whipped brutally, and the person of the child displayed several raw spots.

Insurance Commissioner Young has issued what is known as "the blacklist" of wildcat or underground insurance companies, of which there are over 75. He also issued the list of insurance companies licensed to do business in North Carolina. Of these there are 46 life companies, 98 fire and 30 accident and surety and 26 fraternity orders.

Raleigh Correspondent: Twenty four additional rural free delivery carriers went on in this State September 1st. There were already 367 carriers so the total is now 391. All of these save five receive \$600 a year. Postmaster Bailey's roll for the carriers in North Carolina amounted to \$17,341.25 in July and \$18,246 in August. With the additional carriers the government will pay over \$240,000 a year for their salaries.

The Gastonia Gazette says the Loray Mills have made a shipment of 4,000 bales of standard sheetings to Shanghai, China. This is not by any means the first, but it is the largest shipment ever made from Gastonia to the Celestial Empire, and is probably one of the largest shipments of the kind ever made from the south. It required for transportation 26 cars to carry it to San Francisco, and represents a value of \$176,000.

At a meeting of the trustees of the graded schools of Goldsboro, Friday night, it was decided to establish a course of domestic science, which will include cooking and sewing, in the colored graded school. The trustees are looking out for a teacher for this department. A similar branch of study is being considered for the white graded school and it is probable that such a course will be instituted at the beginning of the 1904-5 session.

Wilson Sept. 12.—The case of the State against Geo. Morgan for running a gambling house has been before the court here today. On account of some evidence given in the Jones murder trial, this indictment was drawn. After a stubborn fight Solicitor Daniels got a verdict against Morgan. He was sentenced to four months on the roads and to pay a fine of \$1,000. An appeal was taken by Hon. John E. Woodard, and Morgan's bond for appeal was fixed at \$1,000, justified.

The Teachers' Interstate Examination Course.

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