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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.

London, Sept. 21.—The St. James Gazette says that the king has approved the selection by Mr. Balfour of Austen Chamberlain as chancellor of the exchequer and the Earl of Selbourne as secretary for the colonies, Hugh Arnold-Forster for secretary of state for war, and St. John Brodrick as secretary for India.

Two freight trains, one on the Coast Line and the other on the Southern, collided yesterday at Boone, seven miles from Portsmouth, Va. Both trains were wrecked and one of the engines, which set fire to the cars and their freight. They were destroyed. A negro—Isaac West—was cremated, and Engineer Carrington, of Selma, N. C., was seriously injured. A misunderstanding of signals was the cause.

Cleveland, Sept. 21.—Senator Hanna stated today that there was no truth in the report, printed in some of the eastern papers, that he would resign the chairmanship of the national Republican committee on account of ill-health. Mr. Hanna's duties as chairman, it is pointed out, are extremely light at present, and will continue so until the national Republican convention meets, when a new chairman may be named. Mr. Hanna declined to state whether or not he would again accept the chairmanship if offered to him.

Lexington, S. C., Sept. 21.—The trial of James H. Tillman, for the murder of N. G. Gonzales, was set for Monday next, by Judge Gary, in the Lexington court this afternoon. There has been much speculation among the public as to the outcome of the case, whether it would result in a conviction or not. Notwithstanding the fact that attorneys for the defense and the prosecution expressed themselves as anxious to get a trial, the public persisted in believing that something would turn up to further delay the trial.

New York, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Carrie Nation today deeded certain valuable property to a charitable organization in Kansas. She is now writing a play in which she will appear herself as the "defender of homes," and advocate of total abstinence. The property Mrs. Nation surrendered consists of a handsome building and about two acres of land in Kansas City, Kansas. She turned it over to the Associated Charities, of Wymadotte county, Kansas, to be used as a home for the destitute wives, mothers and children of drunkards, to the exclusion of all others.

His Strenuous Way.

Spavin—Hello, Cantle! Exercising your horse this morning?
Cantle (mounted)—That was my intention when I started out, but it seems to me the horse has been exercising me.—Boston Transcript.

Appreciation.

"You have great admiration for your wife's judgment," said the friend.
"I have," answered Mr. Meekton.
"She's the only woman who ever said 'Yes' when I proposed to her."—Washington Star.

Making Matters Worse.

Amateur Critic (in the studio of Z. the great painter)—Splendid picture, really! Allow me to compliment you. But why did you choose such an ugly model?
"She's my sister."
"Oh, pardon! How foolish of me! I ought of course to have noticed the resemblance!"

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ANCIENT MEDICINES.

Some of the Repulsive Remedies Used by Our Ancestors.

Some of the remedies used by our ancestors ought to have been sufficient to scare away any disease without their application. Here are a few of them: "A balter wherewith any one has been hanged if tied about the head will cure headache. Moss growing upon a human skull if dried and powdered and taken as snuff is no less efficacious." Dr. Samuel Turner, who wrote on diseases of the skin, notices a prevalent charm among old women for the shingles, the blood of a black cat taken from its tail and smeared on the part affected. The chips of a galloway tied on a string and worn around the neck are said to have cured ague.

Spiders, as may readily be supposed, were in great repute as remedies. Burton, the writer of the "Anatomy of Melancholy," was at first dubious as to the efficacy of the spider as a remedy, though he states that he had seen it used by his mother, "whom he knew to have excellent skill in chirurgery, sore eyes and aches, till at length," says he, "rambling amongst authors, as I often do, I found this very medicine in Dioscorides, approved by Matthiolas and repeated by Aldrovandus. I began then to have a better opinion of it."

For stopping hemorrhages all sorts of things were used. John Bell says that for this purpose "they tied live toads behind the ears or under the armpits or to the soles of the feet or held them in the hand till they grew warm. Michael Mercatus says that this effect of toads is a truth, which any person willing to take the trouble may satisfy himself of by a very simple experiment, for if you hang the toad around a cock's neck for a day or so you may then cut off his head and the neck will not bleed a single drop." The madame imagine of those days pursued his hobby under difficulties.

Insane on One Point.

Erskine mentions a case where a person who had been confined in an asylum prosecuted his brother and the proprietor for imprisonment and false durance. The prosecutor, himself a witness in support of the indictment, was put into the witness box and examined. When Erskine came to cross examine him, he tried to discover some lurking alienation of mind, but during a cross examination, conducted with all the skill and sagacity of which he was master, for nearly an hour he was completely foiled.

But a gentleman who had come accidentally into court whispered in Erskine's ear that the witness thought he was the Saviour of mankind. On receiving the hint Erskine made a low bow to the prosecutor, addressed him in terms of great reverence, respectfully begged to apologize for the unceremonious manner in which he had treated a person of his sacred character and called him by the name of Christ. The man immediately said: "Thou hast spoken truly. I am the Christ."

The Original Carnation.

The original carnation was a five petaled bloom native in the south of Italy. It was imported into England about the time of the Norman conquest. As early as 1619 horticultural works gave minute directions for the cultivation of the flowers in winter. The carnation industry has risen to considerable importance during the last ten years, according to Town and Country. As 2,500,000 of young carnation plants are sold each year and florists produce an equal amount grown by themselves which are not sold, the entire production of young carnation plants approximates 5,000,000 and upward a year. These plants are grown under glass during the winter time for cut flower purposes, producing an annual average of more than 100,000,000 blooms. What becomes of this enormous number of flowers is somewhat of a mystery. They are put to innumerable uses.

Plenty on Hand.

"You would get along a great deal better if you didn't get so excited," said the calm man to his irascible friend. "Can't you learn to keep your temper?"
"Keep my temper! Well, I like that!" retorted the other. "I'd have you understand that I keep more temper in one day than you have in your possession during a whole year!"

It Wasn't All in Him.

"Johnny," said his mother severely, "some one has taken a big piece of gingerbread out of the pantry."
Johnny blushed guiltily.
"Oh, Johnny!" she exclaimed, "I didn't think it was in you."
"It ain't all," replied Johnny; "part of it's in Elsie."

Two Problems.

"Dorothy always begins a novel in the middle."
"What's that for?"
"Why, then she has two problems to be excited over, how the story will end and how it began."

Fortune smiles on the few. To the majority she gives the laugh.—Ohio State Journal.

Necessity is the argument of tyrants. It is the creed of slaves.—Pitt.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

For Week Ending Monday, September 21st, 1903.

The first part of the week continued fair and warm, but during the passage northward of the sub-tropical storm over western North Carolina on the 16th and 17th considerable rain fell over most of the State, with the largest amounts in the western section. At some places in the west heavy rains washed land considerably, and high winds blew down some corn and bruised a little tobacco. The amount of damage was small, and generally the rainfall was beneficial to all late crops, and placed the soil in excellent condition for plowing. Following the rain occurred a decided fall in temperature, and the remainder of the week was quite cool with temperatures below the normal. Very light frosts were reported the mornings of the 18th and 19th in several western counties, without any damage to crops. The minimum temperature was 36° at Asheville the morning of the 19th. During the latter portion of the week which was fair and favorable for farm work, owing to the excellent condition of the soil, fall plowing began to make more rapid progress, and a considerable amount of fall oats and rye was sown.

Cotton continues to open rapidly on stiff land, but rather slowly on light lands; picking is progressing well, and the crop is being placed on the market as rapidly as it is ginned. From previous reports of rust and shedding, and complaints of small bolls, it is estimated that cotton will not produce as large a crop as was anticipated a month ago. Late corn was benefited by rains, and in the extreme west the crop is still very green for the time of year; cutting old corn continues, and practically all of the corn is ready to gather in in the eastern and southern portions. Gathering fodder is nearing completion.

Cane seems to be an excellent crop, and making syrup is progressing with a good yield. Cutting and curing tobacco continue in Surry, Person, Stokes, Caswell, Granville and Davidson, but this work is now nearly finished, though there is some tobacco which can hardly be cut for a week or two yet. The late crop is curing well. Showers were very beneficial to turnips which are now doing nicely. Field peas appear to be bearing well and are being gathered, saving late hay also continues. Sweet potatoes, rice and peanuts are good crops. The season for fruit is passed, only some winter apples of poor quality remain.

CHICAGO POISONS ST. LOUIS.

Seventy Per Cent. Increase in Typhoid Cases in Latter City Charged to River Pollution.

St. Louis Mo., Sept. 20.—The action of the Chicago authorities in turning their sewage into the Mississippi river for the people of St. Louis to drink is criminal, and Chicago knows it.

Attorney General Crow of Missouri made the assertion tonight before leaving, in company with Assistant Attorney General Sam B. Jeffries, for Chicago, there to continue the taking of depositions for the defense in the case of Missouri against Illinois and the sanitary district of Chicago in connection with the Chicago drainage canal.

To make this trip and perform his duty to the state, whose sworn officer he is, Attorney General Crow leaves the bedside of his oldest daughter, who is critically ill with an attack of typhoid fever that physicians declare is undoubtedly due to the impure water of the Mississippi. Thus Mr. Crow has had brought home to him in a most emphatic manner the virtue of the cause for which he is striving, and he has placed himself on record as intending to devote all his energies to the abatement of this giant nuisance.

He declares that typhoid fever has increased 70 per cent. since Chicago first dumped her sewage into the Mississippi, and asserts that the only immunity from a probable epidemic of typhoid is for every citizen of St. Louis to boil every particle of water used for consumption. The city should also, he insists, compel hotels, department stores, and managers and owners of depots and all places where people congregate in numbers to treat their drinking water in the same way. It is the only protection, he declares, the citizens can have from the millions of germs hourly turned into the water supply of St. Louis.

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PROHIBITION IN CONCORD.

What a Leading Citizen of That City Has to Say on Its Operation There.

The following is a letter from Mr. W. R. Odell, of Concord, well known in manufacturing circles, to Rev. F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro:
Concord, N. C., Sept. 17, 1903.
REV. F. D. SWINDELL,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Dear Brother:—Your esteemed favor of the 15th inst. to hand.

For some years after the saloons were abolished in Concord there was no increase in taxation. Since that time, however, we have installed electric lights, water works and established public schools, and of course this naturally increased taxes. We have also macadamized streets, cement sidewalks in all the business portion of town, and the population has more than doubled. Our rate of taxation is 1-20.

We have built a city hall costing about \$15,000; graded schools \$25,000; water works \$100,000, and we do not know a business man in our city, or any who pay taxes, that wants saloons—even high licensed saloons.

So far as managing the help in the factories is concerned, there is no comparison. We had more trouble when we were working 150 operatives with saloons than we have now with 1,200 operatives without saloons. Previous to the abolition of saloons we had no building and loan association. We have two of these now in successful operation, and more of our people own their homes than ever before. The people who formerly drank are saving money and purchasing homes. Business has increased in this town very much, and taking away saloons has never hurt business. When we had saloons you scarcely could see a lady on the streets at night or on Saturdays, and now the ladies have no hesitancy in going on the streets day or night.

So far as I am concerned I have never seen a place for a saloon yet. The town or city that abolishes saloons, and puts public sentiment behind it to see that the law is rigidly enforced, will grow and prosper. This has been the experience of Concord.

Yours truly,
W. R. ODELL.
P. S.—I find that in 1886 the taxable property of this town was \$463,716. This was the year prohibition went in effect. Our amount this year is \$2,132,610.
Yours truly,
W. R. ODELL.

CUBANS MEET AT EL CANEY.

President Palma Urges Them to Live up to Ideals.

Santiago, Cuba, Sept. 21.—Speaking today at the village of El Caney, close to the scene of the battle between the Americans and the Spaniards, President Palma urged the Cuban people to guard jealously the ideals they had obtained by means of intervention.

The presidential party was enthusiastically received on their arrival at El Caney. The alcade having remarked that the gathering was mostly composed of veterans, President Palma assured them he wanted to pay the army as badly as any body, because the payment was not only an act of justice, but was necessary to the construction of the country. Nobody loved Cuban independence more than himself, continued the president. The only way to sacrifice the republic was to bring on a civil war. He believed there was not one citizen in a thousand who would not prefer to maintain the honor of Cuba even to the extent of forfeiting his soldiers' pay. The Cubans having accepted United States intervention as a means of ending their troubles were under obligation to follow those ideals and prove themselves a peaceable people. Speaking of the appearance or the band of insurrectionists near Santiago, President Palma condemned the hidden instigators of the uprising. The alcade declared that no one within two leagues of El Caney had joined the band.

Ambiguous.

Askington—She has a rich husband hasn't she?
Teller—Yes, and at the same time a mighty poor one.—Smart Set.

His Fool Parents.

"Are you following the race?"
"Yes, and if I ever catch up to them I'll quit."—Princeton Tiger.

The respect of the common people is the highest reward a man can reap in this country.—Schoolmaster.

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PUT OFF THE TRAIN.

Young Simon Parrott Brings Suit Against the A. & N. C.

Saturday night while en route to Goldsboro, from Falling Creek, Simon Parrott, 16-year-old son of Mr. Clay Parrott, was put off the train about two miles beyond LaGrange and had to walk the rest of the way to Goldsboro. Young Parrott claims that he bought a ticket of the agent at Falling Creek, to Goldsboro, and says that the conductor took up the ticket before getting to LaGrange, and came to him after leaving LaGrange for another ticket, and on his not giving him another ticket the conductor put him off the train and he had to walk the distance to Goldsboro, late at night.

It is understood that the agent at Falling Creek sold a ticket to Goldsboro and one to LaGrange Saturday night. The conductor's claim is that young Parrott gave him a ticket to LaGrange only, and that he asked for his fare from LaGrange to Goldsboro and on not getting it put him off.

Mr. Parrott has engaged counsel and will bring suit against the railroad company.

PERMANENT MUSIC HOUSE.

The Cable Company to Open a Store in Kinston.

The Cable Company's business has grown to such an extent during the past three years that they find it necessary to open a branch house where they can carry a first-class line of their famous pianos and organs. For such a house they think Kinston the most desirable location to supply eastern Carolinians. They have an option on a fine location January 1st.

In the mean time they will carry a full line at their present location, W. T. Mercer & Co.'s furniture store. They have put their Mr. Bagwell in charge of this store. From the fact that he has sold over 200 organs and pianos in eastern Carolina since June, 1902, to date, proves that he is a hustler and popular and treats his customers right.

Their southern branch in Richmond is now the largest in the south. Kinston and all this section will be glad to have a music house at which they can buy pianos and organs at factory prices, such as is the purpose of the Cable Company to establish.

Resisted an Officer.

Jake Dudley, a colored man, was brought to this place today from LaGrange and turned over to the authorities to serve a sentence of sixty days on the roads for being disorderly and for resisting the officer who arrested him. Dudley's head was bruised and out by the officer's "billy" which it was necessary to use in making the arrest.

When the officer went to Dudley to arrest him Dudley told him that it would take the whole town, and refused to go. On the officer's catching hold of him he resisted and was clubbed. He then made fight and received another blow over the eye.

Dr. Pridden rendered medical attention at the jail today.

Spiders Eat Their Mothers.

One of the most unnatural things in nature, if the expression is allowable, is the manner in which the young of the common wolf spider treat their mother. After the little creature has laid her eggs she envelops them in a silken covering, so as to make a ball about the size of a pea, and this she carries about with her wherever she goes and will defend it with her life. When the young are hatched, they climb on her back, giving her a monstrous appearance, and ride about until nearly half grown, and as soon as they discover their strength they fall to and devour their mother. As a rule the maternal relation is recognized in the animal and insect world only as long as the necessity for protection exists, but instances of the young actually devouring a parent by main force and common consent are extremely rare.—London Nature.

Queer Way to Kill Fish.

Natives of the Torres strait have an original method of killing fish. In places where turtles and large fish are wont to congregate they erect platforms, and as soon as a great turtle or fish appears the man on the nearest platform throws a harpoon and almost invariably strikes the animal. After this is done one of the other men jumps from his platform with a rope, which he fastens around the tail of the captured fish. One end of this rope remains tied to a platform, and thus the fish or turtle is soon safely secured. It is likely, however, to plunge about a good deal, and therefore those men who are within reach of the rope are obliged to take care that it does not trip them up with it.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

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

Editor Roscowder, of the Goldsboro Headlight, will start a daily newspaper in that city in the near future. Miss Anna C. Newburgh, of Kenyon, Minn., will be associate editor.

The farmers unite in declaring that the cotton crop will be very short, and most of them express the opinion very decidedly that the crop will not exceed 60 per cent. of an average one.

Julia Stanfield, a colored woman, was pronounced dead by negro doctors in Durham some time ago and she was put in a coffin and sent off. On the way to its last resting place the "corpse" came to life in a railroad station but died an hour or two after. Now the next friend sues the doctors for \$5,000 damages.

The Salisbury Sun reports that a machinist in Spencer has been discarded by his fiancée because he went to sleep in church. He was with her and when she pinched him to keep him awake he woke up with a yell and was so humiliated that he retired from church at once. The next day his intended wrote him a note stating that the engagement was off. And it was only two weeks to his wedding day, too.

Robbers gained entrance to the post-office at Albemarle Monday night by forcing the blinds and steel bars from the rear end of the postoffice building. The office was pretty thoroughly ransacked, but finding nothing but a razor, they doubtless took it for a souvenir. Fortunately the postmaster had taken everything home and the would-be thieves went away empty handed. It is thought that the men are amateurs.

The postoffice at University Station, 9 miles west of Durham, was robbed Monday night. The store in connection with the postoffice conducted by O. F. Craig, was also robbed. The amount stolen was \$40 in cash besides checks aggregating \$143.30. The checks were all made out to the Southern railway hands and had been cashed by Mr. Craig during the day. The robbery was committed while a shifting engine was moving cars and was discovered when Mr. Craig returned to the store.

A Raleigh special says: It is very evident now that there is going to be a very interesting contest between Judges Hoke and Justice for the western supreme court judgeship. Both are superb men. Judge Hoke has for years been considered one of the finest judges North Carolina has ever had. Judge Justice was one of the best liked and soundest men ever in the North Carolina legislature. It is said that it is due probably to him more than any other man that the time for the preparation of voters under the grandfather clause was extended to 1908.

Marion special Charlotte Chronicle: News reaches here from Mitchell county to the effect that Eliza Sparks, the woman charged with infanticide, has been released by a crowd of men while en route to Bakersville in charge of an officer. It seems that the officer, who left here Thursday with the woman in charge, found that he could not reach Bakersville that night, and stopped at Mark Wiseman's. While there a crowd of men, friends of the woman, came and took her away. The officer made no resistance owing to the number of men in the crowd. It is not known what became of the woman.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Reported by Baxter & Co.

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May.....			9.56
September.....	11.42	11.11	11.24
October.....	9.85	9.65	9.66
November....	9.68	9.53	9.54
December.....	9.68	9.53	9.53
January.....	9.65	9.50	9.51
February.....	9.61	9.58	9.51
March.....	9.63	9.50	9.51

NOTE: barely steady. Spot 11.50.

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