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NORTH CAROLINA.

The Week's News in the "Old North State."

..The Star says there is a negro boy in Alleghany county who is only nine years old, less than four feet high and weighs 199 pounds.

.. Dwight Bream, of Philadelphia, ample capitalist, will erect at Asheville commodious and elaborate baths, and a sanatorium, as a memorial to his mother, in the line of pure philanthropy.

..The Salisbury Herald states that Mr. W. L. Kusher, of Rowan, recently killed a wild turkey with an axe. He was at work in the woods when the turkey came along and he threw his axe at the bird and brought it down.

..The Carthage Blade says that Mr. Phil. Riddle, aged about 21 years, died at his home near Cameron, Moore county, on Friday, March 27th, of toothache. He suffered intense pain from Sunday until Friday, when death relieved him.

..Mr. Bonitz, of the Messenger, has hailed to pay his premiums for 1889 and 1890 to the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, but the company has paid Mrs. Bonitz the full amount of insurance less the two lapsed premiums.

..The United States government will expend \$90,000 for a channel 100 feet wide and 13 feet depth at low water, so as to allow vessels to go from Pamlico sound direct to the ocean, greatly benefitting the towns of New Bern and Washington.

..Peter Cash of Lexington, who attempted to commit suicide in Statesville two weeks ago, made another attempt of the same sort in Salisbury last Saturday week with better success. He drank three-fourths of an ounce of laudanum and it killed him.

..The Charlotte News says: A book on the life of Stonewall Jackson, written by his widow, is the one of the conspicuous publications of the present year. Mrs. Jackson leaves this evening for New York city to arrange for the publication of the book.

..The Statesville Landmark says: We learn of the recent marriage in Ashe county of John Stanley, aged 91, and Louisa Brooks, aged 76. John said neither of them could risk a long engagement and so the contract was begun and ended in about four weeks.

..Eli Spoon was brought to town and placed in the county jail on Saturday last charged with killing a little child in its mother's arms. The accident occurred in the northeastern part of the county. It appears that Spoon was handling a pistol which he thought was unloaded. The pistol was discharged, and the ball took effect, killing the child.—Asheboro Courier.

..A few days ago while the force was wending the railroad gap at Mr. Boylan's bridge, preparing new tracks for the new depot, a skeleton head was found and taken from its long grave. When the North Carolina road was built one or more skeletons were exhumed in digging the excavation at the same place. These skeletons were supposed to be those of criminals hung in colonial times for horse stealing.—Raleigh Chronicle.

..Capt. Hull, of the Asheville Tobacco Works, has just returned from a trip to Northern cities, where he purchased the machinery for manufacturing cigarettes, which industry will be added to their already extensive tobacco works in this city. The capacity for the present will be 140,000 cigarettes per day. Western North Carolina tobacco is the finest in the world for cigarette purposes.—Asheville Democrat.

..Mr. A. A. Forbes, of Pitt county is one of the most successful tobacco farmers in North Carolina. Upon eighteen acres last year he made a crop of the weed which he sold for \$3,500. Upon seven acres of this he netted \$2,100. He sold 1,800 pounds at an average of forty cents a pound. Two years ago he sold a small quantity at \$2.05 per pound. Mr. Forbes is one of the pioneers of tobacco culture in Pitt county, having planted the first there six years ago. At that time not a single pound had ever been grown there, while last year the crop sold brought to the county \$100,000. Mr. Forbes says three times as much will be planted this year as last. He also says the cultivation of tobacco is very little more than that of cotton.—Weldon News.

..One of Forest City's attractive young ladies, Miss Leila Webb, about sixteen years of age, was shot last Thursday night by her young cousin, Robert Webb, Jr. by a self-cocking pistol. The ball penetrated the skull above the right eye, causing her death in one hour and a half. Miss Webb was combing the hair of her cousin, Miss Beulah, preparatory for a street walk, when the young lad of fifteen years, Robert Webb, Jr., walked into the room, picked up a pistol which he supposed to be unloaded, pointed it at the young lady's head, drew the trigger and fired, when the young lady fell in the floor and remained insensible and speechless until her death. This sad tragedy is one more amid a thousand deaths caused by careless use of pistols in the hands of fools. The boy, it is said, did not know it was a self-cocking pistol, and he did not intend to kill his cousin, was trying, as he said, to "play soldier."—Shelby Aurora.

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NEWS NOTES.

..A New York restaurant has these customers who eat eggs shells and all.

..European physicians are now insisting that cows' milk is deadly when not boiled before using.

..A Boston man abandoned for female flirt. He is willing to pay a good price for all he can get.

..A resident of Reading, Pa., was bitten by a pet guinea some days ago and after suffering terrific agonies, died.

..A bill in the Illinois Legislature provides that Coroner's juries holding inquests on women shall be composed of women only.

..The prisoners in the Calhoun county, Ky., jail have petitioned the pastor of the local Methodist Church to come and preach to them.

..A young lady who was visiting at Morganton, W. Va., claims to have seen near there a blacksnake as long long that had numerous rattles on the end of its tail.

..During February the railroad accidents in this country included 25 collisions, 23 derailments and 100 other accidents, in which 10 persons were killed and 275 injured.

..A resident of Jamestown, Pa., near Paris, is said to have some 200,000 quills, which produce annually 200,000 quills. He has the largest quill manufactory in the world.

..A member of a literary orchestra in New York recently went to sleep during a performance, and awoke so loudly that people in the front seats moved into vacant chairs to escape the noise.

..In New York druggists shops both male and female clerks are compelled to dress in black or very dark clothes. A salesman who appeared in a gray suit would be sent home to change it.

..The University of Michigan has 2,500 students in attendance, of which 200 are women, and of these 50 are studying medicine. The attendance of women has nearly doubled within the past four years.

..Wine and molasses are working men in many parts of France at present, and the Minister of Agriculture has issued a circular which is being generally distributed recommending a certain method for the destruction of the little pests.

..A colored man stole eight eggs from a farmer near Canton, O., and put them in a basket to take to that town. When he arrived there and opened the basket he found, instead of the eggs, eight little chicks, alive and healthy.

..A Chinese medical practitioner or has been discussing in a Shanghai notice paper on the treatment of cholera. Among other medicines, he is wont to prescribe "pig's liver mixed with brackish from the inside of a house."

..According to a Shasta, Wash., newspaper, a fox broke out in the West yesterday and might have done mischief, but he was shot and three others. He one of the buildings a barrel of molasses whiskey was stored; the head and neck of the barrel were burned, but the contents stood upright as a monument in the ashes, a solid block of ice.

..An electric apparatus supplies a strong light which attracts the insects and moths; a suction fan worked by the electric current draws them in when they approach the light, and causes them into a small mill, also worked by the electric current, where they are ground up and mixed with flour, and thus converted into poultry food of excellent quality. This is said to be a Russian contrivance.

..It appears that the grip is not entirely new in Japan, for there is a full description of its stages between 1728-1730 by a native writer named Bukin. It was called the Otona Kosa, Tonko Kosa, Satsuma Kosa and Tonko Kosa, the last being the more popular, being derived from Tonko, a famous wrestler whose bout it was that only illness could floor him, and who died from the Kosa.

..A man-of-war doctor, whose name is unfortunately lost to posterity, had a simple method of locating a man's ailment and alluring it home by the mark by gastric and intestinal remedies. He would fix a piece of tape around the waist of the complaining patient, and command him to declare whether his pain existed above or below the tape. If above an emetic, and if below a dose of salts followed as a matter of course.

..At least one person in three between the ages of 20 and 40 years is subject to partial deafness. The great majority of cases of deafness are hereditary and due to the too close consanguinity of the parents. Deafness is a prevalent ailment among men than among women, because the former are more exposed to the vicissitudes of climate. It is thought that telephones tend to bring on deafness when one ear is used to the exclusion of the other.

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