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Lv. 7 30 a m	Linville,	Ar. 7 00 p m
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NORTH CAROLINA.

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

..The Iredell county commissioners, at their meeting on Monday of last week, refused to grant the petitions of the Statesville barkeepers for license to retail spirituous liquors.

..The Census Bureau has issued bulletin in regard to prisoners in the jails. North Carolina has about 150 white prisoners in jail to the million people; Maine has about 450; Massachusetts 420; Rhode Island 650; Connecticut 900. These figures are eloqnent and cannot be misunderstood.—Charlotte *Democrat*.

..The Gaston Iron Works bought in a lot of old castings and will preserve as a relic of the battle of King's Mountain a 24 pound cannon ball in a lot of old castings. The castings were brought to the foundry by Mr. C. R. McArthur, who says that the ball was picked up on the battle ground by himself in the year 1835. No cannon, we suppose, were used in that famous conflict; but the British had them along and left the ball there. Pres't. J. B. Beal sets much store by the relic, and wouldn't make any price at all when we bantered him for a bargain. He will keep it on exhibition at the Iron Works.—Gastonia *Gazette*.

..A Charlotte special says: A mail pouch containing $15,000 from the bank, $1,600 from Cannon & Fetzer, $1,200 from the Odell Manufactuaing Co. and a Salisbury firm, besides thousands of dollars from other parties, and many private letters of considerable importance, was found lying in the woods at the side of the railroad bridge in Concord, N. C., yesterday evening. It had laid there a week before being discovered. The fault is attributed to carelessness on the part of the route agent who, after failing to catch the pouch as it was thrown to him, neglected to report the fact.

..Young men now desiring scholarships at the University must make application before August 15th to President George T. Winston, Chapel Hill. The application must be written by the young man himself, who desires aid, and must state: 1. His record as a scholar. 2. His financial status, if he is of age; that of his father, if he is a minor. 3. What he has been doing for the past year. Applications must, in all cases, be accompanied by written endorsements made by well-known and responsible parties, who recommend the applicant as needing aid financially, and as deserving it for intellectual and moral excellence. An endorsement by the county superintendent of education, or by the board of county commissioners, would suffice.

..A Monbo, N. C., correspondent of the Statesville *Landmark* says: Little Carrie Covington, the 14-years-old daughter of Mr. E. B. Covington, an operative in the Long Island Cotton Mills, met with a most horrible death last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. While she was passing through the upper story of the mill with some yarn on her arm, she was caught by an upright shafting and carried around at a rapid rate for five minutes before the mill could be stopped. Both of her legs and arms were broken. She was carried to the nearest house by kind hands and medical aid was summoned and arrived quickly after the accident, but her injuries were beyond medical skill. She died at 11 o'clock, after suffering six hours.

..News of rather a remarkable affair in the neighborhood of Henderson's bridge, Henderson county, reached here yesterday. The wife of Wm. Freeman died, and while the family were attending the funeral some one entered the house and stole $400 in money. By examining tracks, a man named Jo Summey was suspected as the guilty party. He was captured, a rope put around his neck, and he was hung to a limb. After a few moments he was taken down and asked if he would confess. He refused to do so, and was hung up again. This was done four times, his suffering being intensified each time by time of his hanging being prolonged. After the fourth hanging he confessed, and told where the money was. $80 of it he had given his brother. There was a strong idea of lynching him anyway.

..Little Harry Browder, seven year old son of Mr. N. C. Browder, while playing upon the narrow gauge track last Monday, was struck by an incoming train. The engineer did not see the little fellow on the track, and knew nothing of the accident until he saw a hat leave the front of the engine. The train was immediately stopped and the boy was found unconscious upon the "cow catcher." Fortunately the train was running at a fair speed, which caused the little fellow to be thrown upon the engine instead of being crused beneath the wheels, which would have been the case had the cars been moving slowly.

The boy upon being taken home and cared for soon revived, and with the exception of losing a few teeth and sustaining several bad bruises, no damage resulted.—Hickory *Press and Carolinian*.

Romance in Real Life.

The death of Mrs. Searles, the richest woman in the world, and the fact that she left her millions to her husband, cutting off her son, recall incidents of real life not often found in the wildest romances.

Hopkins was a poor man and struggled along with his good wife like the balance of his poor neighbors. But living in an inland California town he thought the demands of the time justified the building of the Pacific railroad. He and Crocker and two or three others put their heads to work and finally the road was built and Hopkins found himself the possessor of millions of dollars obtained by being on the inside of the ring that did the construction work.

One of his employees, perhaps his gardener, whom he liked much, sent east for his wife who coming to California with her infant boy, Timothy, found that her husband had suddenly died. Mrs. Hopkins adopted the little boy and he was reared as her son, she having no children. Hopkins died and left his entire fortune of $40,000,000 to his wife.

Edward Searles was born on a farm at Methuen, Mass., but, disliking the drudgery of the fields he became a student of books. Going to Boston to enter business, he imbibed culture as a sponge would soak up water. He took a notion into his head to be a salesman and to handle works of decorating art. His tastes fitted him well for such an occupation. A big New York firm learned of him and gave him a first-class job. Searles knew not only how to sell furniture, but how to arrange it in rooms to show off to the best advantage.

Sometime in 1881 he came to California, where he lived a quiet life, but dabbled a good deal in his old trade. That is how he came in contact with the Widow Hopkins. He decorated the walls and floors of her mansion so much to her liking that the old lady fell in love with the fastidious Searles. She gave him employment to keep him near her. He was apparently not slow to recognize the light of Aladdin's lamp when he saw it. And so they were married.

Timothy Hopkins, when he heard of his foster mother's marital intentions, grew angry. He insisted strongly that she should not wed the house-decorator. His denunciations of Searles and his interference with Widow Hopkins' love affair irritated the old lady.

She had made some provision for him, and had pushed his fortunes until he was treasurer of a great railroad corporation; but when she died the other day she gave every penny of her money to her husband Searles, putting a clause in her will that the omission to leave her foster son Timothy anything was not an inadvertence. Timothy is said to be on his way from Japan with the intention of contesting the will

Searles is now placed side by side with Stanford, Huntington and Crocker in control of the Southern Pacific. What deeds and combinations he will make with his bonanza fortune is yet unknown. At all events, the place he occupies and the figure he has made cannot be matched by anything more modern than Monte Cristo.

What It Costs.

Senator Carlisle, in the Forum.

While our population in 1890 was only sixteen times as great as in 1790 the expenditures of the National Government, excluding all payments upon the interest and principal of the public debt, were more than 130 times as great. In other words the population increased from 3,929,214 in 1790 to 62,480,540 in 1890, while the ordinary annual expenditures rose from 1,919,592 to the sum of $261,637,203. If we take the year 1810, 20 years after the adoption of the Constitution, we find that the population was 7,239,881 and that the expenditures were $3,311,082, or 72 cents per capita. In 1890, 80 years afterwards, the population was less than nine times as great as it was then, but the ordinary expenditures were more than 48 times as great and amounted to $4.19 per capita.

From 1830 to 1840, including the period of the Seminole war, the population increased 32.67 per cent and the expenditures increased 80 per cent; from 1840 to 1850, during which time the war with Mexico was commenced and prosecuted to a successful termination, the population increased 35.87 per cent and the expenditures increased 53 per cent; but from 1880 to 1890, a period of profound peace, population increased 24 57 per cent and expenditures increased 55 per cent. The ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year, 1891, will be at least 12 per cent greater than in 1890, although the population, as shown by the recent census, is increasing at a rate of less than 2½ per cent.

A Little Girl's Experience In A Light House.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Truscott are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach, Mich. and blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she was taken down with Measles, followed with a dreadful Cough and turning into a Fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew worse rapid until she was a mere "handful of bones."— Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles, was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at Kingsmore's Drugstore.

VANCE AND RELIGION.

The Old Country Meeting House Watchfire the Rest of All.

Durham Globe.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., of Tennessee, is traveling in Europe and met Senator Vance. He thus reports the meeting in the Nashville *Christian Advocate*:

We are comfortably quartered in London at an inn where we have stopped twice before. At the table adjoining ours we have the company of a friend of my boyhood—Zeb Vance, of North Carolina. He and I parted at Washington College forty-five years ago. With no introduction or hesitation we shook hands instantly. We are both getting old, fleshy and gray.

In the evening he sent up the following card:

DEAR YOUNG—If not too late when you come in, let me know, and meet me in the ladies' drawing room for a talk.—VANCE.

We did not talk about ourselves, but of the boys we knew long ago—of their history's success, defeats, death. Then we spoke of the changes in religious history and worship. At the close of this conversation he looked me earnestly in the face and said: "Young, you have read the history of the church and have now seen modern christianity in all its phases. Is not our good old country meeting-house worship the purest and best?" To which I replied, with emphasis, "It is." And then I delivered my mind on every species of Ritualism. This is the germ and cause of all the evils that have crept into our beautiful and holy religion.

Mr. W. W. Mott Seriously Burned at Seattle.

Statesville Landmark.

The Statesville friends of Mr. W. W. Mott, who went from here to Seattle, Washington, last winter, and who holds the position of book keeper in the sheriff's office there, were much concerned last week upon learning that he had been painfully burned by an explosion of gas. Seattle newspapers and letters received by relatives here from Mrs. Mott, have brought full particulars of the occurrence, and from these sources it is learned that on Tuesday morning of last week, July 28th, Mr. Mott reached the office about 9 o'clock, and going into the vaults to get the books, struck a match to light the gas, as was his custom. There had been a leak in the gas pipes and as the match was struck there was a terrific explosion, which was heard all over that part of the city. Mr. Mott's derby hat was burned to a crisp, his clothing was burned nearly off him, his hair, eyebrows and mustache burned off, and his face and hands suffered greatly, having been burned until they bled. A deputy sheriff who was sitting in the outer room, opposite the vault door, was as badly injured as Mr. Mott, and a second deputy, who was sitting in a corner of the room, was blown out of his chair. A part of a partition wall was blown out and the door of the sheriff's private office was burst open by the force of the explosion. The Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* says further:

"Mr. Mott was removed to Capt. Powell's place at 321 Cherry street, and his wife and children were sent for. * * * Dr. Eames pronounced his injuries only skin-deep. Mr. Mott is well known and his numerous friends deeply regret that he should have met with so painful an accident. His great presence of mind saved his life."

All the reports concerning his condition were favorable until night before last when a telegram was received from Capt. F. S. DeWolfe, of Seattle, formerly of Charlotte, saying that the sufferer's condition was critical and summoning his father, Dr. J. J. Mott, to him. This telegram was decidedly disquieting but it is hoped that the next will bring better tidings.

A telegram received this morning from Capt. DeWolfe is in these encouraging words: "Little better. Doctor says he will recover, but will be some time before he can leave his room."

Revenue Collections.

Asheville Citizen.

Internal revenue collections for the fifth district of North Carolina for the month of July, were:

Lists,	$ 369.00
Spirits,	39,211.20
Cigars,	514.50
Tobacco,	61,492.41
Special taxes,	3,883.75
Total,	$105,390.87

This amount was collected at the various offices in the district as follows:

Winston,	$ 49,008.11
Statesville,	31,253.11
Mt. Airy,	7,765.69
Asheville,	17,342.56
Total collections,	$105,390.87

Death of Bishop Key's Wife.

State Chronicle.

Mrs. Key, wife of Bishop Joseph S. Key, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on the 25th inst., aged 58 years. Mrs. Key was widely known and esteemed, having travelled with her husband in his visits to all sections of the Southern Methodist Church. She had visited this State with the Bishop and became extensively and pleasantly known to our people.

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Seven Men Lost on the Deep Blue Sea.

State Chronicle.

"May God have mercy on us."

That is the pitiful wail of five sailors and one passenger who are now supposed to be lost on the ocean with no one to help them and no way to help themselves.

Some time time ago the bark Neptune left the port at Wilmington, N. C., with a cargo of naval stores bound for Havana.

The bark was foundered at sea. Five sailors and Mr. Juan Lopez, a passenger and a merchant from Havana, clung to a life-boat to save their lives.

The other sailors and passengers struggled manfully until they succeeded in getting in another life-boat.

The boats drifted apart upon the wide ocean. The billows began to grow high and strong.

The following pitiful note was written by a trembling hand while the writer no doubt asked his God above to have mercy upon them:

OFF BUFORD, S. C., July 28, 1891.—6 p. m.—Bark Neptune Cargo with naval stores from Wilmington, N. C., bound to Havana was foundered at sea. We are six in boat, but now we are separated and the sea is so rough I fear we are lost. Should this be found we beg the finder to publish same in Charleston and Wilmington papers.

John Nixon, mate; Will Rice, sailor; Jack Brown, sailor; Patrick McDow, sailor; Joseph Savanee, sailor; Juan Lopez, passenger, merchant, Havana. May God have mercy on us."

The above note was found a few days ago by Mr. R. Lee Walker and his wife while they were walking along the beach at Tybee Island.

The note was sealed up in a machine bottle, and the bottle was floating on the waves.

Gold Won on the Roof.

Philadelphia Record.

Three thousand dollars for an old tin roof would be a pretty steep price, but the man who gets the battered roof from the old Tabernacle Church at Broad street and South Penn square, which is now being torn away, for that sum will be in great luck. Some years ago the paint was scraped off the old roof and yielded $5,000 in fine gold. It is almost certain to yield as much this time. The gold comes from the Mint.

When gold is being coined a considerable quantity of it volatilizes with the smoke through the chimney, and as soon as it strikes the air it falls. Much of it falls on the roof of the Mint, so much of it that the officials save even the water that falls upon it during a shower. All the drains from the roof are connected with large vats in the cellar of the Mint. Before the water finally gets to the sewer it is strained through many blankets and sieves which retain the gold.

Notwithstanding all these precautions, the gold that is annually washed into the Delaware from the Mint is worth thousands of dollars. Every particle of dirt swept up about the Mint is carefully stored away with the washing from the roof, and once every year it is sold to the highest bidder, as it cannot be used at the Mint.

Road Making.

Road making, and rock crushing machines are now in use in several counties in this State and seem to give much satisfaction. The road machines, drawn by horses, will do the work of twenty men and do it better, cutting evenly and leveling up nicely, while the rock crushers will crush rocks to the size of walnuts as fast as a couple of men can shovel them in. One of these has recently been purchased by Wake county to be used in crushing rock for the public roads, and they are making big calculations upon it. Mecklenburg county has had one in use for some time, with which and the force of convicts she has employed she is making good macadamized roads and will have when the work is completed one of the best systems of roads to be found anywhere in this section of Uncle Sam. And it isn't costing her very much money, either. If other counties adjoining Mecklenburg would co-operate, these roads might be extended and eventually become great turnpikes.—Wilmington Star.

South Carolina's First Coke Furnace.

Manufacturers' Record.

The first coke furnace ever built in South Carolina is under contract. The Cranberry furnace now makes coke iron, which it sells at a high price in Pittsburg for Bessemer steel purposes, but this furnace was not originally for using coke. It is a small furnace intended for charcoal iron. The coke furnace, for the building of which a contract has just been let, will be located at Greenwood, and will be owned by the South Carolina Steel & Iron Co., of that city. The *Manufacturers' Record* has often referred to this company and stated its intention to build a furnace to make Bessemer iron, but it had so long delayed the matter that many had forgotten the organization of the company. The building of this furnace opens the era of iron making in South Carolina on a large scale, for the iron ore wealth of that State is so great that it must become a great iron producing section.

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Anthony F. Souhegan.

We to-day introduce to our readers one of the chief officers of the World's Columbian Exposition, Mr. Anthony F. Souhegan. Hardly could an abler man have been found to hold so important a position as that of Treasurer of the Exhibition, than Mr. Souhegan,

who is one of the most prominent and successful merchants in Chicago. While Cleveland was President, he was appointed Collector of the Port. Being one of the first advocates of the World's Fair, he was made its Treasurer. Though not an active politician, Mr. Souhegan is a strong Democrat. His ample means allow him to assist largely in so grand an undertaking.

THE LIME KILN CLUB.

A Report That Brother Gardner Has Been On.

Professor Singleton White, chairman of the committee on finance, reported as follows:

"Your committee has raised de sum of money back to 4,000 y'ars B. C., an' hasn't been able to find de leas' sign of how any one of my men has been got today. It is my opinyun dat unless' some is done. De gyeine around feah is gittin' mighty hyeah to do fishin, but money ingenuous. We would dat we recommend as follows:

"First—Expect de currency until de fashun ships ober.

"Second—Coax 'nuff silver so de ebery man will hev to hev an extra hind pocket to carry de shinin.

"Third—Make a day's work six hours long, an' de pay 20, but done' hev too many of 'em in one week.

"Fourth—Bring de price of whitewashin' up at least 200 per cent., but knock de price of meat an' vittles down to de verry lowest notch.

"Fifth—Fix it so de ebery man'll possess in de kentry who wants to wear diamonds an' rule in his kentridge kin do so, but if ebbin' around makes his back ache den he'll be so his spen a heap an' drink all de champagne he wants to."

Wagstown Rebus, Shooting Watkins, Whaleboro Howlon, Gresham House and others spoke very strongly on the question of adopting the report, but Brother Gardner arose and said:

"The report will be set down on an' laid on de table indefinitely. It's too soon. It take far too much. If we could hev all dem things asked for in de report we'd consider ourselves so slow to hevem dat nobody would turn out on Thursday evenin' proper meetin. I shall instruct de secretary to say dat it is de sense of de club dat de circulation ober be increased about fo'teen millions dollars a y'ar until ebery suit'd head of family is able to hev a rubber cloth suit on de top step an' a cuckoo clock in de parlor. De meetin' will now be all broke up, to assemble agin at de call of de secretary."—Detroit Free Press.

Hands and Housekeeping.

The other day I heard a prominent merchant say that the building of so many elegant hotels uptown would lead finally to follow them, and that the day was not far distant when Fifth avenue, below the Cathedral, must be given up wholly to stores and club houses. It was with the thought in mind that I went into the Plaza hotel and looked at its parlors and dining rooms, its cafe and restaurant. While wandering about I came to the conclusion that American women are fast becoming imbued that they have already become imbibed.

The new hotels afford beautiful residence for people who can pay for the high cost of living in them—the management at the same time taking upon itself all the cares of housekeeping. Fashionable women, as a rule, detest housekeeping, for it interferes with their society duties, and I thought, while reflecting upon this subject, that the time may soon come when there will be hotel cliques composed of rich families that belong to the same set. Such family hotels will have no transient custom, but will be constructed solely with the view of meeting the needs of rich, indolent women, with a ballroom and private dining rooms at their disposal. In such a hotel a family could maintain a private establishment and pay only one bill—the landlord's—for which information, by the by, society may yet present a more elegant title.—Epoch.

Serious Facts.

"That court house of yours is a credit to the town," remarked the stranger in Bloomopolis.

"Simply!" returned the man who couldn't get away. "If you was payin' taxes here you'd think it was a commercial right more of a debbil!"—Puck.

The Wise Little City Girl.

"What are those funny little green things?" asked Flossie of her country cousin, pointing to a number of pea pods.

"Those are peas," said Tommy.

"You can't fool me," retorted Flossie. "Peas come in big red cans."—Harper's Bazar.

They Swore.

"Has any one sworn to this statement?" said the president of the company when the treasurer presented his report.

"No one but the stockholders," was the reply.—Lowell Citizen.

Stomach and Health.

If you are not feeling strong and healthy, try Electric Bitters. If "La Grippe" has left you weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. This remedy acts directly on Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, gently aiding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with Sick Headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief in taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c. at Kingsmore's Drug Store.

Rheumatism.—James Preston, of Savannah, Ga., says he has Rheumatism so bad that he could not move from the bed or dress without help, and that he tried many remedies, but received no relief until he began to use P. P. P. (Paddy Ash, Pride Root and Potassium), and two bottles entirely cured him to health.

NEWS NOTES.

Items of Information of All Sorts from all Points.

..The big World's Fair building will be a mile around.

..Of the 12 largest cities in the world three are in Japan.

..A sanitary law has been framed in Berlin for the branding of cattle to serve as an article of food.

..The French make paper umbrellas combined wholly waterproof by gelatined hollocoutin of gelloxolum.

..It is quite a fixed belief among the Russian peasantry that throwing the dead body of a drunkard into the street is sure to bring rain.

..Texas has a Fat Man's Association, the initiation fee of which is a cent a pound. Men who weigh less than 225 pounds are ineligible to membership.

..King Humbert of Italy understands agriculture thoroughly, and manages his large estates in Piedmont with the skill of a practical expert in farming.

..The peoples of London spending to the latest water supply report, use 274,250,000 gallons of water per day which is 30.47 gallons per head for all purposes.

..The most precious life in the world is that of Viscount Dudley, who has just been insured for £5,000,000. The Prince of Wales cannot get his life insured for more than £650,000.

..On at least one great English railway the luncheon baskets which travellers take up at one station and leave when emptied at another are provided with very serviceable table napkins made of starched linen paper.

..A fly caused the death of a man at Virginia. He was walking the street when the insect suddenly took a position on his forehead. As soon as it left a swelling appeared and the man soon afterward died of blood poisoning.

..A cask full overboard from a schooner on the lakes recently, and was stunned by the fall. Consequently he remained under water for half an hour without inconvenience so far as drowning was concerned, and was in a few minutes after his rescue as well as usual.

..In the United States oranges and lemons are produced only in California and Florida. The orange crop of the latter is practically out of the way before that of the former is ready for the market. The California orange is of slower growth than the Florida product and does not ripen so soon.

..The Government has been for nine years digging up and putting together the vast collection of fossils that will occupy fully one hall of the National Museum in Washington. In the collection are the gigantic skeletons of prehistoric reptiles 200 feet in length, flying dragons with a 25-foot spread of wings, and other curiosities well worth seeing.

..An Austell, Ga., man tells of the most wonderful squash of the day. He has been planting the same variety for the past few years with the same unvarying result. From any one seed comes up an ordinary looking squash vine of the bunch variety. Now upon this vine, when in full bearing, can be counted seven distinct varieties. Easily can be distinguished the Fairy Pan, Hubbard, Gregory, etc.

..A number of lace adorned the guest of a California church for a loss, among us it many tons of honey. The second lot weather caused the wax to melt, which loosened the cores of evaporators. The weight was too heavy for the church rafters to hold and the whole portion of the roof owned in over the pulpit. The church pews and pulpit were completely buried in honey and wax.

..It appears that in Scotland there is a company which pays a certain amount yearly to a number of iron works for the privilege of collecting the smoke and gases from the blast furnaces. These are passed through several miles of wrought iron tubing and as the gases cool there is deposited a considerable yield of oil; one plant is reported to yield 15,000 gallons of furnace oil per week.

..A new kind of stamps will soon be introduced in the postal telegraph service of Russia with a view to securing the indelibility of the cancelling of letters. The new stamp is printed on very thin paper, and cannot be used again if it is once put upon a letter. When used wet and taken off the envelope it leaves an indelible impression upon the spot where it was attached so that if a new stamp is put upon the same spot the impression of the first stamp can be seen through it.

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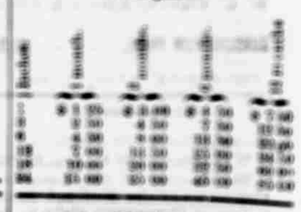

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