

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press.

Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East; Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North; Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West, and Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South.

The population of Nashville is 407. There are 3,000 tons of ice used in Morehead City annually.

It is rumored that Durham is to have an electric street railway system.

A bed spring factory is a new industry soon to be started in Durham.

Sixteen young men from Texas have entered Bingham School this session.

High Point has organized a development company with a capital of \$30,000.

Cabarrus county has 239 insolvents; 76 of these are white and 163 are colored.

The barrel and keg factory of Duke & Miller, of Statesville, was burned last Monday.

An unknown man was run over and killed on the W. N. C. Railroad one day last week.

Jas. Fleming, colored, of Greenville, has been found guilty of burglary in the second degree.

It is rumored that Northern capitalists will build a large hotel at Beaufort on the old "Atlantic."

Wilmington Star: Mount Airy apples retail at 40 and 50 cents a peck in the Wilmington market.

The store of Mr. Lee Setzer, of Newton, was robbed of about \$65 worth of goods a few nights ago.

The census gave Selma a population of 212. A census taken by the chief of police of the town, gave it 673.

The Coffin factory at Burlington was burned last week. Two thousand coffins were burned. Loss about \$7,000.

The Durham Fertilizer Company has purchased a hundred and fifty horsepower engine for its new factory.

The chewing gum factory at Kinston is in full operation, and gives employment to four men and eight or ten girls.

In the western part of the State there are some pure blooded Indians. One of their preachers is named Suate Owl.

Cass Hill, colored, was badly cut by two white men on a train at Wrightsville. The names of the men are not known.

Charlotte Chronicle: The bonded debt of Mecklenburg is to be refunded on November 1st. It amounts to \$300,000.

There are rumors in the air of the early extension of the Danville and New River Railroad from Stuart, Va., to Mt. Airy.

The grand jury of Wake county found a true bill for murder in the case of policeman Hogue. The trial is in progress this week.

Mr. Thos. Cole, a farmer living near Bentonville, was so badly injured by being thrown out of a cart that he died a few days after.

The entire family of Mr. J. F. Jordan, of Greensboro, were recently poisoned by eating custard flavored with vanilla. None of them died.

The Political Broadaxe is the name of a new weekly Journal published at Randleman, in the interest of Prohibition in the approaching canvass.

The ladies of Asheville, N. C., have formed a Housekeeper's Union to protect themselves against the incompetency and unreliability of servants.

Kinston Free Press: Mr. J. B. Smith's turpentine still, in Pink Hill township, was burned about ten days ago. He thinks it was set on fire.

The demand for Asylum brooms is so great that we have been obliged to seriously consider the enlargement of our factory.—Orphan's Friend.

Mr. S. W. Pearce, of Franklin county, was shot in the abdomen by a negro boy aged 15 a few days ago. Mr. Pearce may die. The boy is in jail.

A lot of 125 bales of cotton from the Yadkin river wreck was sold at auction in Charlotte Tuesday to O. P. Heath for \$40 a bale.—Concord Times.

John Koch, charged with the murder of Joseph Ramsden at Wilmington, has been found guilty of manslaughter. Sentence has not been pronounced.

Monroe Register: A Land Improvement Company has been organized at Norwood by Messrs. D. N. Bennett, S. J. Pemberton and C. D. Bennett.

Chatham Record: A colored child was accidentally killed near Green's mill on last Saturday, by a tree falling on it, which its older sister was cutting.

A newly married couple has been arrested at Charlotte. They claim to be both negroes, but there was a grave suspicion that the bride was a white girl.

Asheville Citizen: W. H. Martin, colored, a barber of South Main street, recently received a letter that was from his father, and contained two pieces of fractional currency of the ten cent denomination. The letter was mailed at Moss Neck, Robeson county, and addressed to Lumberton, Robeson county. It has been searching for the owner for 20 years.

Mr. E. J. Rathol, a merchant at Maxton, tried to get a negro from his store a few nights ago and was badly cut by another negro who was standing at the door.

Nashville Argonaut: Our farmers having their time taken up with their tobacco, have picked out very little cotton as yet. The fields are white and need picking badly.

We are pleased to inform our readers that the latest information from the French Broad Vally Railroad is of a very encouraging nature, says the Brevard Carolinian.

There are now 200 convicts in the penitentiary. Of these twenty-five are engaged in the brickyards. The making of brick is profitable and is done on an extensive scale.

F. T. Banks, who lives near Arrapahoe, Pamlico county, was bitten by a rattlesnake while helping a neighbor to raise a barn a few days ago. He is very low and not expected to live.

Work on the Kenilworth Inn, in South Asheville, is progressing rapidly. It will be one of the most elegant hotels in the South when finished, and will cost over a quarter million dollars.

The cotton gin of Mr. Samuel Watts, on the Louisburg road, four miles from Raleigh, was burned together with six bales of cotton, last Wednesday. Loss about \$1,200; insurance \$400.

Charlotte Chronicle: The white graded school starts off with 662 pupils enrolled, on the third day of the session. Last session at the end of the fourth we, the total enrollment was only 613.

Goldsboro Dispatch: Fish are running heavy on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. This morning there were over 200 boxes transferred over that road, averaging from 100 to 150 pounds each.

Mr. H. H. Ransom, a former student of Catawba College, who has many friends in Newton, has been elected superintendent of the city schools of Monroe, Louisiana, at a salary of \$1,800.—Newton Enterprise

The Asheville Democrat tells a yarn about a hog belonging to Mr. Jas. Davis, of Buncombe county, staying in a hollow log 31 days without food or water. The sufferings of the animal must have been very great.

The cow of Mrs. Martha Hedgecock, of Abbott creek, David on county, leads. There has been sold in the Winston market, from the 10th of May until the 10th of September, (four months), 130 pounds of her butter.

Just as we go to press we learn that in a drunken row, Monday night, in the vicinity of Adderholt's distillery, John Hobbs was cut by John Jolly and will probably die. Jolly has run away, says the Lenoir Topic.

The verdict in the case of the State vs. Wheeler, which was tried at the present term of Randolph court, was manslaughter. It will be remembered that Wheeler killed one of the guards at the stockade about a year ago.

Two hundred and fifty-six convicts have been sent to the Yadkin railway, on which the State has taken a large contract for grading. Over a hundred of these were transferred from the Roanoke and Southern railway.

Salisbury Watchman: The Stone Mountain Granite Company is a bigger thing than most of our readers suppose. They employ from forty to fifty hands all the time, and their pay roll foots up in the hundreds every month.

Carolina Banner: In a difficulty at Centre Bluff, Pitt county, on last Friday, R. W. Smith received a painful stab in the back from a knife in the hand of Howell Hearne. Mr. Smith is not seriously hurt and is improving.

Raleigh Chronicle: There are eight Raleighs in the United States not including Raleigh, N. C. There is a Raleigh in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and West Virginia, and North Carolina.

Through service on the Lynchburg & Durham Railroad from Lynchburg to Durham began on Monday. By this route the distance from Milton by rail to Durham and Raleigh is lessened at least sixty miles.—Milton Advertiser.

Roxboro Courier: Roxboro will have a new bank and ten prize houses ready for the new crop of tobacco. With two banks, two warehouses and plenty of storage houses, she will be ready to handle a large quantity of leaf this season.

Durham Globe: Rev. J. T. Harris will remove this evening with his family from this city to Oxford. Bishop Hargrove having declined to release him from his duties as presiding elder, he will carry his double burden until conference meets.

There was an elopement near Dudley early Sunday morning. Miss Fannie, daughter of John Underhill wanted to marry W. H. Kelly, of that neighborhood, but the father objected. The girl, firm in her resolution, left her parental home that morning and joined her lover at Wm. Anderson's house, where the knot was tied, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

Asheville Citizen: Only thirteen prisoners are confined in the county jail at the present time. Twelve of the number are county prisoners and one is a State prisoner. The jailor says that it is the smallest number he has had in two years.

Alex Morton, the negro "woman in man's clothes" who was sentenced to be hanged October 17th for murdering a woman at Kingston, will not swing at that time. An appeal to the supreme court puts off the execution to December.

Durham Globe: At Chapel Hill yesterday a newly married doctor held up a target for a student to shoot at. The distance was across the street and the result was that the student missed the target and shot the doctor through the arm.

Winston Daily: The recent duel in Montgomery, Ala., in which Gleen Duskin and a man named Turpin were killed, deserves more than a passing notice, as Duskin is a North Carolina man. He was a son of George M. Duskin, of Orange county.

The Monroe correspondent of the Charlotte Chronicle writes that paper as follows: A centipede was found at N. S. Ogburn's this morning, and is on exhibition at the drug store of S. P. Blair & Co. This is the third one found here this summer.

Henderson Tomahawk: Mr. Jas. Parham, Sr., living about six miles west of this place had a barn, and the tobacco in it, destroyed by fire this morning. Yesterday his son, W. L. Parham, lost a fine barn from same cause. Both have our sympathy.

Goldsboro Dispatch: Deputy collector of internal revenue, Mr. J. D. Grimley, informs us that there are in his division, now in operation, twenty five fruit and two grain distilleries. From this it would appear that the fruit crop was not very short after all.

The Carolina Banner says that in a difficulty, at Centre Bluff, Pitt county, on last Friday R. W. Smith received a painful stab in the back, from a knife in the hand of Howell Hearne. We are glad to learn that Mr. Smith is not seriously hurt and is improving.

Durham Sun: The arrangements for a free mail delivery in our city have been perfected and the system will be put in operation November first; that is provided the town commissioners will make it possible by numbering the houses which is yet to be done.

Tarboro Southerner: Geo. Sugg, the champion pumpkin raiser of this county, says that his biggest pumpkin, weighing 100 pounds, was washed away by the heavy rains, but he has another still smiling on the vine that will tip the scales at ninety-four pounds.

A Washington State paper says A. L. Herren has arrived in Seattle from a town in the mountains of North Carolina 2,000 miles above the sea. One can meet with men from most every place on earth in Seattle, but this is the first arrival reported from Heaven.

We learn from the Stanley Observer that Mrs. Fannie Howell and children attempted to cross a swollen creek in that county a few days ago. The wagon bed floated off the wagon and they had a narrow escape. Mr. Thomas Shinn rescued them with his boat.

Chinquapins are now all the go—and chinquapin parties supersede all other amusements, especially among the young people. On last Saturday four or five different parties went out in the country from Reidsville to hunt this toothsome nut, says the Reidsville Review.

Franklin Press: Mr. John Corbin, of Mill Shoal, is 85 years old, has raised 14 children, has 74 grandchildren, 125 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He cultivated 8 acres of corn and 8 of oats this year, and a few days ago walked 17 miles in 5 hours.

We learn from the Western Free Lance that all the excavating for the Catawba Hotel has been completed, and the material is being placed on the ground as fast as possible. Active work will be begun on it in a short time. When the material arrives the work will be pushed.

Miss Maggie Neely met with a very painful accident last Monday evening while riding a horse home from Brevard. The animal stumbled and fell, throwing Miss Maggie to the ground, where she struck on both outstretched hands dislocating the wrist, says the Brevard Carolinian.

At the big tobacco break Wednesday, Miss Kate, the very worthy daughter of Capt. Calvin Barnes, had some of the finest tobacco ever seen in this section. One lot sold at \$7.53 per pound; another lot sold at \$5 per pound and another lot sold at 75 cents per pound.—Wilson Mirror.

Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of the great Omeftain, Robert E. Lee, is in Asheville, stopping at the Battery Park. One of our citizens, who was in Asheville last week reports her as bearing a striking resemblance to her father. She is very reserved in her manners and of true Southern type.—Henderson Times.

The many friends and acquaintances of "Wid" Medford, the famous bear hunter of Western North Carolina, will regret to learn of his feeble condition of health. Age, exposure rheumatism has slowed the steps of this faithful old pioneer of the mountain country.—Waynesville Courier.

Asheville has formed a company to bore for gas. Geologists say there is no gas in this country, but Asheville has push and energy enough to learn the geologists that they can sometimes be mistaken. The gas will be used for fuel and possibly for light.—Waynesville Courier.

A new gold mine has just been discovered on the land of A. A. Laney not far from Monroe. The ore appears to be very rich. Two pans full of dirt was washed and an ounce of gold was found. Others around in the community are turning up rocks, and hunting gold in all rocky places.

Frank Hanks and Jerry Mabrey, col., had a serious quarrel Tuesday morning at the Hamilton depot. Mabrey struck Hanks over the head with a heavy stick, inflicting an ugly wound. Dr. Baker was called and reports the wound to be nearly two inches long and to the bone, says the Carolina Banner.

Nashville Argonaut: Our farmers having their time taken up with tobacco have, as yet, picked out very little cotton. The fields are white and need picking badly.—The citizens of Rocky Mount are taking steps to secure the erection of a first-class building for a male school. We hope they will succeed.

Sootland Neck Democrat: Mr. Wesley Coughenour, the superintendent at Mr. Alcott's saw mill, near Spring Hill, became engaged in some little difficulty with a colored man at the mill one day last week, when the colored man struck Mr. Coughenour a blow over the head with a cant hook which came very near killing him.

From the reports received by us from every section of the county, we think we are justified in saying that something over an average crop of cotton will be gathered in Anson this year.—Nearly \$6,000 is in sight for the building and equipping of the Wadesboro cotton mills, says the Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer.

We learn from the Greensboro Patriot that Dr. R. K. Gregory has obtained patents on his new treatment and bandages for wounds in this and several foreign countries. They are already in great demand. Dr. Gregory proposes to organize a stock company and erect a factory here for the manufacture of his medicines and bandages.

Concord Standard: Paul Miller, colored, the champion cotton picker in these parts, picked 304 pounds of cotton on Mr. R. E. Gibson's farm yesterday. Paul says he is going to pick 400 pounds to day.—Some of the cotton that was in town to-day was wrapped in jute, and some in cotton bagging, but most of it was in old second-hand bagging.

Near the mouth of Neuse river, on the south side, bears are reported very numerous and troublesome. They have killed three hogs belonging to Mr. W. M. Lincoln, and several belonging to three other farmers in the neighborhood, and at other farmer, Mr. C. H. Sanborn, is losing hogs nearly every day. One of the bears killed sometime ago weighed 380 pounds.—Newberne Journal.

On Friday night Capt. Jno. Weatherly noticed Sandy Brown, a colored man sitting on the rails at the depot, drunk. He roused him up and ordered him to move on. On Saturday morning his mangled body was found lying beside the track, about one mile this side of High Point. It is supposed he was stealing a ride, and going to sleep fell off and was crushed under the wheels, says the Greensboro Patriot.

Burgaw Herald: H. L. Alderman killed three turkeys at one shot in his pea field on Moore's creek.—Rev. O. Miller closed a successful revival of religion at Union Chapel on Long creek, Pender county, on the 12th inst. Thirty-five penitents were immersed, and eight restored to fellowship.—Some of our enterprising citizens are going pretty extensively into the truck business next season.

Mr. John G. Grady, son of our countyman Mr. J. R. Grady, was accidentally killed at the saw mill of his brother Mr. D. Mc. D. Grady, at a point on the Cape Fear River, known as "Old Ferry"; in stepping across the driving belt his foot became entangled, and he was whirled over with great force striking his head against the floor, and from the effects died in about two hours, says the Dunn Courier.

In 1888, Mr. Lawson Knot, of Granville county, bought 600 acres of land in this county, and from his first year's crop on 30 acres, he made more than enough to pay for the land, besides paying all expenses. This year his profits on less than 50 acres will be over \$10,000. This information comes direct from Mr. Knot himself, who is a man of the highest character, and whose statements can be implicitly relied upon, says the Nashville Argonaut.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR A WEEK.

Sparks from the Wires.

The British ship Venura was capsized near San Francisco, last Tuesday. Two men were drowned.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Railway traffic has been stopped between Nimes and Alais by the floods and landslide.

Jas. Glendon and his son were killed by an engine on the East Tennessee Road, near Nashville one day last week.

The business portion of Whitehall, Michigan, has been swept away by an incendiary fire, causing a loss of \$100,000.

A Turkish man-of-war was foundered at sea, causing the loss of 500 lives, including two Pashas, envoys to the Emperor of Japan.

A health officer of Philadelphia fled from the dreadful malaria that afflicted city, but failed to leave \$17,000 behind to pay for his "shortage."

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Eight thousand lace makers are idle in Calais and rioting is feared. An extra regiment of troops has been ordered to the spot.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 23.—Panama advices state that Aspinwall is being destroyed by fire, and that a large portion of the town has succumbed to the flames.

GREENSBORO, Pa., Sept. 23.—A wreck occurred at the Derry yard of the Pennsylvania railroad last night, in which five trainmen were injured, and two of them may die.

A party of ten Turks and their bears on their way South were overflowed by a flood in Arkansas, resulting in the drowning of seven of the Turks and all of the bears.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Sept. 23.—A collision between freight trains on the New York Central occurred here to-day, wrecking ten cars and the engine, causing \$15,000 damage.

GLASGOW, Sept. 22.—The Scotch furnacemen have struck for higher wages. The furnaces are being blown out. The iron market here is excited in consequence of the strike.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Julius Schott, one of the members of the Astoria police force was killed early this morning by an ex policeman. The fight was over a strange woman.

A bad wreck occurred near Reading, Pa., a few days ago. A passenger train was thrown off the track and rolled down an embankment. Several people were killed and many injured.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Sept. 23.—Yesterday afternoon a cyclone swept over the town of Dresden. The tornado devastated a strip of county fifty yards wide and three miles in length.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 23.—Six distinct shocks of earthquake occurred here about 3 o'clock this morning. They appeared to come from the south and the last shock lasted for nearly a minute.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 23.—Millie Pilgrim, aged 22, died at noon to-day, making the sixth fatality resulting from last night's collision between the Illinois Central and Chicago and Burlington trains.

On Monday night last, while James Pefner and wife, residing near Boylestown, Pa., were on their way home, they were attacked and Mr. Pefner killed. His wife was not harmed. He was robbed of \$800.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Later advices from Goa, India, state that eighteen persons were killed and fifty wounded in the election riot at that place by the Portuguese troops, who fired upon a crowd of Republicans.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The two sluggers, Slavin and McAuliffe, who were to have an international prize fight in Scotland and who were arrested here yesterday, have been placed under a one thousand pound bond.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 23.—The anti-Lottery bill passed by Congress has had wonderful effects on the New Orleans postoffice and its business has decreased so that a large reduction in force has become necessary.

BERNE, Sept. 22.—The village of Ruthi, in Canton of St. Galle, is on fire. Three hundred houses are already destroyed. A loss of one life is reported. All the people whose houses are burned are in a destitute condition.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Sept. 20.—The Brewer, Dempsey and Baisden war broke out again in Logan county, West Virginia, Wednesday. At the mouth of Pigeon creek, in a general fight between the two factions, Sames Dempsey shot and killed George Walter, a member of the Baisden faction, and one Clark was severely cut in the arm.

MACON, Ga., Sept. 21.—A mysterious attempt to assassinate Frank Proctor and wife, colored, is reported from Waynesboro Friday night. They were attacked with an axe while in bed and fearfully gashed and bruised. Proctor's 11-year-old brother is believed to be the would-be assassin. The affair has created great excitement in the neighborhood.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 23.—The Third District Congressional Republican committee met at Morgan City Saturday, but decided not to make any nomination on account of the failure of Congress to pass the election law.

BOYLESTOWN, Pa., Sept. 22.—Last night at one o'clock James Pefner was murdered in the presence of his wife and robbed of \$800 which he had with him. The woman was untouched. The couple were on their way from a neighbor's to their home.

A desperate fight has taken place near Wayne court house, West Virginia, between a sheriff's posse and a number of Italian laborers, in which several of the latter were killed and a number wounded. The Italians refused to let new men work in their places in a railroad cut.

State Railroad Commissioner Coffin, of Iowa, has estimated that 29,000 railroad employees are crippled every year in this country, and 2,700 killed. Commissioner Coffin denounces the present system of coupling freight cars, and advocates the automatic coupling used on passenger trains.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 23.—At 11 o'clock last night the boiler of an engine attached to a freight train on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad at Sherman Heights, five miles from here exploded. The engineer and the firemen were blown to atoms, and the brakeman was severely injured.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 23.—At Banning station, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, a local freight train ran into another freight train yesterday, killing engineer James Shields. A telegram summoned a wrecking train from Connellsville, but it was not flagged in time and ran into the wreck, injuring three men.

NEW YORK 21.—The three bell boys accused of stealing Bookmaker Carlan's box containing \$17,000 from the hotel Vendome, were arraigned in court this morning. Cassin was held in \$10,000 bail, and Mathews was committed to the house of detention, in default of \$2,500 bail. O'Brien was discharged.

MERRIVALE, Sept. 22.—During James Kendenham's absence from home, his little son was found in the yard playing with his father's Winchester. An older daughter attempted to take the weapon from him, and the gun was accidentally discharged with fatal effect. The ball entered the boy's mouth and passed through his brain, killing him instantly.

ANOTHER STRIKE.

Switchmen at the Chicago Stock Yards Quit Work.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—All the engineers and firemen employed by the new switching association at the stock yards quit work this afternoon. Their claim is that two of the men are scabs, and they cannot work with them. Fifteen engines are idle, and all work of switching, etc., is at a standstill.

A DESPERATE FIGHT BETWEEN TWO WHITE MEN AND FIFTEEN NEGROES.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 23.—Near Brungen a desperate fight took place on Sunday between two white men, John and William Falkner, and fifteen negroes. The negroes belonged to the Alabama Midland Railroad. One of the white men was severely wounded in the fight, and one negro was killed and several badly hurt. The exact cause of the trouble has not been learned, but it is supposed that it grew out of a drunken row.

A TEMPERANCE VICTORY.

The People of an Indiana Town Rid Themselves of the Last Saloon Keeper.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Kakomo, Ind., says the temperance people of Greentown, a place of one thousand five hundred inhabitants, have finally driven the last saloon from their midst. They have kept up a continual fight for two years. Three weeks ago the only saloon remaining in the town was destroyed by dynamite. The owner soon resumed business, and was immediately arrested on twelve affidavits, and court costs were piled up against him until Saturday, when he surrendered his premises to the sheriff, who closed the saloon.

FRIGHTFUL DISASTER.

A Switch Engine Runs into an Excursion Train near Chicago—Several Persons Killed and Injured.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—At 3 o'clock to-night a switch engine in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad ran into the rear of an excursion on the Illinois Central road near Eighteenth street, which resulted in a frightful tragedy. For a time the confusion was so great that even an approximate idea of the loss of life was impossible to obtain. The first report from the police had it that forty people probably had met death, while the railroad officials said only two or three persons were certainly known to have been killed. Within half an hour, however, seven mangled corpses had been dragged out of the heap of broken timber, and twisted iron that marked the spot where the collision had taken place. By this time it had also been ascertained that at least three people were seriously injured, and six others slightly.