

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—Peanuts and Cottonseed from the South

An effort is being made to have the Seaboard extend a branch of its road to Concord.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, is to meet in the city of Asheville, June 16.

A steel and iron bridge is to be constructed across Tar river at Tarboro at a cost of \$15,000.

Raleigh is to have a first class public library; \$1,200 has been subscribed to start it, and \$2,000 is in sight.

Smithfield Herald: The farmers of this county are buying more guano this year than for many years.

Progressive Greensboro has adopted a complete system of an improved electric fire alarm, says the Record.

Col. W. A. Turk has been elected vice-president of the American Association of Passenger and Ticket Agents.

Miss Cornelia Bryant, of Stanly county, has a copper coin that is 566 years old, having been coined in 1330.

The Watauga Democrat says that J. R. Hodges, of Elk, has contracted to sell his silver mine to a California man for \$30,000.

Rev. Thomas W. Gurthrie, a well known minister of the N. C. Conference, died at his home, in Rockingham, last week.

Revenue Officer Vic Davis, was shot by Ed Esstick, at a distillery three miles from Lexington on Friday, while trying to arrest him.

Rockingham Index: Mr. John C. McDuffie died on Thursday at his home near Roberdel, of pneumonia. He was about 65 years of age.

A stock company has been organized with a capital stock of not less than \$30,000 to build a cotton mill at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county.

The Morning Star, Wilmington, observed its 28th anniversary March 20, with the announcement of a reduction of its annual subscription to \$5.

Winston Sentinel: Mr. L. N. Clindard, one of the oldest and best known citizens, dropped dead on the street, in Salem, about 5:45 Sunday evening.

The Carolina Central is putting up a turn table at Lincolnton, preparatory to making that place the meeting point of the freight trains from the east and west.

A statement has been given out that the dispensary system of handling the liquor traffic has worked well at Waynesville; \$2,000 has been cleared in profits.

The Sanford Express states that the Langdon Hensley Coal Company has sold the Cumcock mine, in Chatham county, to the New York G's Coal Company.

Laurinburg Exchange: Mr. Jno. D. Parks died at his home in this place Wednesday night at 11 o'clock of pneumonia, after only a week's sickness aged 66 years.

Bishop Edward Routhaler of the Moravian church, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class at the University at the next commencement.

The Oliver Street Baptist church of Charlotte has called Rev. J. R. Hankins, a native of North Carolina, but now of Louisville, Ky. He will enter upon the work in May.

The Republican says Mrs. J. S. Starbuck has opened in Winston what "is virtually a barber shop for the ladies," but it doesn't tell us what she does—shaves, cuts hair or what.

Atlanta Constitution: Hon. C. M. Steadman, ex-Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, will move to Atlanta from Asheville May 1st, and enter the practice of his profession, law.

It is reported, and we hope truly, that the Rev. E. F. Jones has resigned the pastorate of his churches in Gaston county, and will return to his home in Watauga, says the Boone Democrat.

At Mt. Airy Wednesday a young man named Cud Lineback was arrested and sent to jail for stealing tobacco. Next day he was tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

A colored woman of Monroe, to quiet her restless child, gave it as much morphine as she could hold between her two fingers. The doctor did his best but there has been a funeral in that family.

Mr. William Marsh's barn was destroyed by fire last Friday night. It contained feed stuff, etc., and the loss is fully \$500. It is supposed to have been incendiary, says the Washington Gazette.

Winston Sentinel: A large crowd attended the dedicatory exercises of the new Lutheran church five miles south of Salem, yesterday. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. M. Brown.

W. K. Brock, charged with larceny of a deed from Mr. Barnes Geddie, was tried before Squire McLean yesterday and bound over to the Superior court in the sum of \$50, says the Fayetteville Observer.

Mount Airy News: The crop of apples harvested in this country last year exceeds that of any previous year within our recollection. Large quantities are being sold on our streets daily at very low prices.

Col. W. J. Martin, professor in Davidson College, and Maj. J. C. Winder, formerly superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line, are dead. Both died of paralysis. The former was in his 67th year, the latter in his 65th.

Saturday evening little Mary Lucy Dupree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dupree, met with a very painful accident. A basin of hot water had been left on a table, and the little girl reached up to see what was in the basin, turned the water over on herself. She was badly scalded about the face and neck, says the Greenville Reflector.

The dredging at the wharf the Wilmington and Weldon railroad to deepen the water for the admission of tank steamers of the Standard Oil company, has about been completed, says the Wilmington Dispatch.

At Concord some days ago some one entered the Episcopal church and robbed the box that contained the contributions for the poor. About \$6 was taken, together with a bottle of wine, which was gotten from a closet.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: There is some talk of the Southern Railway running a direct line through from Durham to Rocky Mount. Such a line would open up a grand country besides giving the Southern an almost air line to Norfolk.

Last year there were no blue birds and the farmers greatly missed these little harbingers of spring. To their delight the blue birds have appeared. It is said the cold weather of the winter of 1894 killed them out, says the Warrenton Gazette.

Mr. D. A. Simpson had the misfortune to cut off a part of one of his fingers a few days ago. He was cutting hay for a horse when he shoved his hand too far into the cutting machine with the result above mentioned, says the Roxboro Courier.

Concord Standard: Rev. J. J. Payseur, of Matthews, preached Sunday morning and night at the First Baptist church in this city. At a business meeting of that congregation immediately after the night services a call was extended. He accepted.

Little Miss Mary McGray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGray, happened to quite a painful, though no ways serious, accident yesterday afternoon. While walking on a fence she fell off, cutting a considerable gash in her forehead, says the Durham Star.

Moses Pender, who killed Mr. Jos. Ruffin in Edgecombe county some time ago, was captured at Scotland Neck Friday. He told a correspondent of the News and Observer that Mr. Ruffin was making for him with a knife when he hit him with the stack pole.

Mr. Charley Wise, a son of Mr. L. H. Wise, by accident took an overdose of laudanum last Sunday night and came nearly giving himself up. But by several experiments and after hard work he came to about 4 o'clock Monday morning, says the Hickory Press.

Charlotte News: A very artistic arrangement of gold ores is now displayed in the windows at the Buford Hotel office. The ores came from Dr. McComb's mines and attract much attention, especially from the Northern visitors. The ores show the sulphurates and gold.

Mamie, the three-year old daughter of Charles Putman near Shelby, was playing with a hickorynut in her mouth and, while coughing one day last week, swallowed the hickorynut. She is now in a dangerous condition, as the nut has lodged in her bowels, says the Shelby Aurora.

The suit of Wm. McIlheny against the Southern Railroad Company, was concluded yesterday at noon. Late in the afternoon the jury agreed on a verdict awarding McIlheny \$1,250 damages. He sued for \$2,000. The railroad company took an appeal, says the Charlotte News.

The Boone Democrat says that one night recently a young man named Moretz shot and seriously wounded a Mr. Waugh, who lives at Old Fields, Ashe county. The shooting took place at Gap creek, and reports say that all the parties concerned were under the influence of liquor.

Dr. G. K. Bagby writes his family that he is having his recently patented tufting machines manufactured in Richmond, where he went to arrange for their manufacture. The first machine to be made is sold right there. Other machines will soon follow, says the Newberne Journal.

A colored man reports to the Fayetteville Observer that he found in the hollow of a large tree three possums, four squirrels and a bushel of honey. The honey was situated in a compartment above the possums and squirrels, and they probably knew nothing of their sweet neighbor.

Nancy Kelly drove a mule to Wm. McDonald's house in Flea Hill township and hitched it to a tree while she went in to sit up with a corpse. During her absence some one stole the team, and though diligent search was made, no trace of the thief could be discovered, says the Fayetteville Observer.

Mr. Jas. E. Yancy, one of our best citizens in Asheville township, lost all of his bacon, about 1,200 pounds, one day last week. He was smoking it when the house caught fire. When discovered, about 12 o'clock, m., the smoke house was too far gone to save anything, says the Roxboro Courier.

The old adage of "it's never too old to learn," is being changed to "it's never too old to marry," in this county. Last Thursday in Register Harris' office David Goss, a bashful swain of 61 years, was united in marriage to Susan E. Leonard, a blushing bride of 45 years, says the Lexington Dispatch.

Fayetteville Observer: Two colored boys were playing with a pistol on Mr. W. N. Williams' plantation yesterday, when it accidentally went off, the bullet entering the neck of one and ranging down. It was thought at first to be a mortal wound and the one who did the shooting was almost distracted.

Lexington Dispatch: In the case of Ed. Clodfelter, for seduction, tried last week, the court gave Miss Alexander \$1,000 damage. In costs and all, Mr. Clodfelter will have to pay about \$1,400. He was also bound over to next term of court in a \$1,500 bond to answer to the charge of criminal seduction.

Some mischievous person put a large rock on the C. C. track above Stouts last Saturday. The night passenger train came along and carried the rock along in front of it some two or three hundred yards. It might have caused a serious accident. Such mischief cannot be too severely censured, says the Monroe Enquirer.

Dolph Smith and Will Coachman, both colored, got into a fight here Saturday afternoon which finally resulted a very ugly cut in the back for Smith. The report goes that Smith on first round knocked Coachman down but was afterwards attacked by Coachman who used his knife with fatal intent, says the Laurinburg Exchange.

Scotland Neck Democrat: A colored man named Neptune Anthony died recently at the home of his son, Peter Anthony, at the age of 110 years. He was twice married before the Nat Turner insurrection, was able to walk about until a few days before his death. He did his first plowing when he was a lad with a wood n plow. His father came from Africa.

John P. Bean an acting deputy sheriff under Charles H. Rhodes, sheriff, was arrested and tried on Thursday for embezzling or misappropriating about \$500 or \$600 of the public money which he collected by reason of his office. He was tried before S. P. Sherrill, J. P., and bound over to court under a \$600 bond, says the Lincolnton Democrat.

A supposed attempt was made to burn the store of J. R. Gattis, on Chapel Hill street, last night. This morning it was found that somebody had poured oil on the outside of the store, near the corner, where a can of oil was sitting on the inside. A goods box sitting on the outside of the store was burned, but the house did not catch, says the Durham Star.

In speaking of shad a few days ago, the New York Herald said that some years ago it was thought by New Yorkers that shad of the finest flavor were found only in the Hudson river, but in late years it has been ascertained that New York receives the finest shad from North Carolina waters. All in all the Old North State has no superior among the States of the Union.

Alfred I Craven, a native of Yorkville and a resident of Gastonia and afterwards of Atlanta, was arrested last week in Atlanta on the charge of forging a \$100 check on his employer. He was book-keeper in the Atlanta Coffee Co., and is also short in his accounts with that firm. The Atlanta papers give the details of the forgery and shortage, as alleged. He escaped from the officer and has fled, says the Shelby Aurora.

Gastonia Gazette: While Statesville and Louisburg are wrestling with the second hand clothing business, it is proper to note a state of things over in Cleveland county. A gentleman from the western part of Catawba county brings to the Newton Enterprise news of current reports over that way to the effect that Mr. Jake Swain, a merchant near Mooreboro, Cleveland county, has the small pox and that he got it from a lot of second-hand clothing which he opened a few days ago.

Salisbury Herald: Robert Douglas, who was arrested here last week and taken to jail in Statesville, charged with murder in Virginia, will be able to prove an alibi. The Statesville correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says M. W. Bell, of Mount Mourne, was in Statesville Saturday and says Douglas was hauling cotton for him the day the murder was committed. Again it is in evidence that the young man was at home the night of February 2nd, going from Mount Mourne to Iredell on the train.

On Tuesday of last week Mack, Loyd and Jud Wagner were arraigned and given a preliminary trial at Boone, charged with burning Mr. W. L. Bryan's store, barn and dwelling last July. James Cornell, one of the parties in the case, turned state evidence and testifies that he and Waycaster (now in jail at Statesville) were hired by the Wagner boys to fire the property for the purpose of destroying evidence in the possession of Mr. Bryan in the postoffice robbery case in which Tice and Mack Wagner are implicated.

A Lewis, of Kernersville, was in Winston yesterday. He showed a Sentinel representative \$45 in green backs which were taken from Banner Jordan's pocket after he was killed. The bills on one end were soiled by blood. Mr. Lewis offered to pay them to Mr. J. L. Patterson in settlement for a debt, but the latter gentleman was opposed to taking "blood" in money and asked Mr. Lewis if he could not give some other kind of money. The Kernersville man was prepared to accommodate him—Winston Twin City Daily.

Burlington News: News reached this place of the robbing of the residence of Wm. Dark, a well known citizen of the southern end of the county. It is said that one night last week two men entered the house and demanded his money, when he slipped out of the back way and ran for a neighbor to help him, leaving the women of the family alone with the robbers, who proceeded by threats and cursing to frighten the women, while Dark was out in the dark night hunting for help instead of defending his own with what weapons he had at hand. The robbers secured \$200 in gold and other valuables.

CHEATED BY HER FINANCEE'S DEATH.

St. Paul, Minn., March 24.—Miss Kitty F. Smith has filed a very unusual kind of claim against the estate of Alfred J. Hill, who died last June, and whose estate is now undergoing probate in this county.

Miss Smith was the financee of Hill, and bases her claims on that fact, demanding \$200 for expenses incurred in preparations for marriage, \$100 for resigning her position before marriage, and \$2,000 said to have been promised her by Hill in consideration of the marriage. The estate is valued at \$65,000.

WARMTH SAVES FOOD.

Feed serves to maintain heat in the animal and it is true economy to preserve it by outside means. Warm stables save food, and as lumber is cheaper than fodder and hay, this warmth should be provided wherever animals are kept.

LANGDON IN JAIL.

Samuel P. Langdon, President of the Chatham County, N. C., Coal Mines, in Jail at Philadelphia Charged With Murdering His Mistress.

Many North Carolinians know Samuel P. Langdon, late President of the Cumcock Coal Mine, Chatham county, where nearly forty men lost their lives just before Christmas by an explosion of fire damp. Langdon is in jail at Philadelphia. A young girl, said to have been his mistress, lies dead in Philadelphia. The following dispatch from Philadelphia gives some of the particulars:

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 26.—There is little doubt that Annie McGrath, the beautiful eighteen-year old girl who was found dead at 2926 Girard avenue on Monday night, was murdered by Samuel P. Langdon, the wealthy coal operator, whose mistress she was.

The evidence thus far adduced points almost conclusively to the theory that Langdon killed her, and then attempted to commit suicide, but weakened in this and fled from the house. He is still a prisoner in the cell room of the City Hall, where he will probably be kept until the chemical analysis of the girl's stomach is completed.

The wet towel which lay over the girl's face when the body was found in the possession of the detective department, but its condition is kept a profound secret. The most incriminating fact, however, is that the girl's lips and almost the entire interior of the mouth were burned and discolored, as if by acid poison, while Langdon's tongue from tip to palate is a series of ulcers and mucous patches, which, according to his own statement, were not there before Monday. This condition is almost exactly similar to that existing in the girl's mouth, except that in the latter it is more aggravated.

The statement made by Bertha Stewart, the colored servant employed by the couple, clearly show important facts. She was the last person, with the exception of Langdon, who saw the girl alive. This was about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Langdon, as she was known, came down stairs and told the servant to prepare for dinner. She then returned to the bed room, where her supposed husband had been with her all day.

There was no further sign from the upper part of the house until 4:30 o'clock, when she heard a piercing scream. She hurried up stairs and knocked at the door. Langdon, clad only in a night shirt, opened the door slightly, and told her that her mistress was suffering from a bilious attack, to which she was subject. Through the aperture the servant saw her mistress lying on the bed with the towel on her face. She was motionless, and may have been dead at that time. Langdon had evidently been lying on the floor.

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THE CUBAN RESOLUTIONS.

Members of the Committee Say That Positive Active Action Will be Taken.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The managers on the part of the two houses in charge of the Cuban resolutions failed to agree this afternoon and adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Many tentative propositions were discussed. It was apparent, however, that neither house will adopt the text in toto of the other. The opinion is expressed that the Senate conferees will agree to the first and second clauses of the House resolutions, striking out the third clause, which reads:

"Resolved, That the United States has not intervened in struggles between any European governments and their colonies on this continent, but from the very close relations between the people of the United States and those of Cuba, owing to its proximity and the extent

of the commerce between the two peoples, the present war is entailing such losses upon the people of the United States that Congress is of opinion that the Government of the United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of our citizens by intervention, if necessary."

This will remove the objectionable features discussed during the debate in the Senate, and it is thought the House will accept the resolutions as so amended.

While the members of the conference adhere to the statement that no conclusion was even approximately reached, they all declare that they will report a conclusion that will be satisfactory to both houses, and which will be agreed to. They assert with emphasis that the latter is not to be left hanging in the air, for the overwhelming vote in both houses is accepted as an evidence of the sentiment of this Congress that final and positive action of some sort should be taken, and that the Congress should not be frustrated by a few friends of Spain, developed by the debate in the Senate. For this reason they say they will agree upon resolutions that must command the respect and support of both houses of Congress.

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"I had not been with him long before I regretted my action. He tied me to the top of a trunk with a sash-cord, and beat me. He threw hot milk at me and carried me around the room with his teeth clenched. He recited poetry from nine o'clock at night until he went to bed at five o'clock in the morning."

"Frequently he would force me out of bed in the dead of the night, and insist that I should dress myself and go with him to Prospect Park. He smoked cigarettes, and dropped the ashes upon his food. Then he would mix the ashes with his food. He said he had a right to kill me and use me, as he could not be held accountable for anything he did."

A year after our marriage, I learned of his insanity. He told me he had been in a retreat for nervous prostration. He was arrested on the Brooklyn bridge at the order of his brother, who was in pursuit of him. He was taken to the station house and turned over to his father, who took him to Mount Hope Asylum, in Maryland.

"A child was born to us. It had more than human strength. It acted wildly, and died within twenty-four hours. In at boat once, a Jamaica Bay, Gottsberger attempted to drown me. I left him last year. He came after me each week, and once, seeing me on the stoop, he seized me and carried me to the street. While I was living with him he locked me in a room without food, and when I was sick he would provide no medicine for me or consult a physician. I got a girl nurse and he locked her up. He forced the door open and pulled her out and threw a large dog on top of me. The last place he lived was at No. 42 St. Mark's Place. I regard him as an insane man. He has not been rational since I married him."