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## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

### CULLED FROM THE VARIOUS PAPERS OF THE STATE.

#### Tar Heel Items for Tar Heel Readers—Some Happenings in Old North State.

Salisbury is going to celebrate the Fourth of July this year in a patriotic way.

The Retail Merchants' Association, which was in session at Greensboro last week, will meet in Charlotte next year.

The President appoints Richmond Pearson Envoys extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Greece and Montenegro.

The Masonic fraternity of Tarboro has awarded a contract for the erection of a temple, which will cost \$18,000 exclusive of plumbing and heating.

Governor Glenn offers \$150 reward for Edward Ashby, the murderer of D. S. Overcash, near China Grove. The solicitor and sheriff urged this offer of reward.

If the Seaboard would cut the grass off their right of way between Hamlet and Wilmington, while they are laying down their new rails, they would have enough hay to declare a small dividend.

The State reward for the capture of A. W. Aman, the embezzling ex-sheriff of Sampson county, is now \$250. The man has fled the State; in fact, he left very soon after his frauds were discovered.

Salisbury had a fight Saturday morning that beats the band. Three couples fought, all strangers in town. One had no legs, one had no feet and the third was minus an eye and an arm. All were put in the lockup.

The Methodist Orphanage located near Raleigh, reports 115 children present with room for about 150. From the beginning this excellent institution has made steady progress, and won friends for itself among the churches.

People who have court costs tied up should not lose heart. The Monroe Journal records that the former clerk of Superior Court of Union county, who retired from office near 17 years ago, received fees a few days ago that had been due for 20 years.

The entire plant of the Mount Olive Tribune Publishing Company, including their newspaper and job presses, together with a large stock of material and the entire office equipment was destroyed by fire on the evening of June 20th. Origin of the fire is unknown. Partially covered by insurance.

Friends of former Senator Marion Butler have a movement on foot to invite him to make a speech in Salisbury. It is suspected that this is part of a plan for opening up on State Chairman Adams with whom the ex-senator has recently exchanged some compliments in the newspapers.

There occurred a sensational surprise in Lenoir June 21, when A. W. Dula, jeweler, had his clerk, H. H. Tomberlin, arrested for stealing. Tomberlin had in his possession several watches and some small pieces of jewelry. He was bound over in \$200 bond until court, which was quickly given.

With skull crushed and one hand severed the lifeless body of Charles Cheek, of Burlington, was found June 19th beside the North Carolina railroad at a point near Holt's Chapel. The coroner viewed the body and was forced to the conclusion that the young man came to his death by being struck by a train.

The President has appointed Hon. Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, minister to Greece. Mr. Pearson has for some years been minister to Persia and recently returned home on a visit. His transfer to Greece gives him a much more desirable berth, although the salary is the same—\$10,000. Mr. Pearson will be the minister to Montenegro as well as Greece and will reside at Athens.

Pender Chronicle: Our townsman, Mr. J. T. Collins met with quite a painful accident last week. He had started down town, and just as he reached the railroad crossing near his house, was struck by a freight car which was running down the main track, the engine and train being some distance in front. Mr. Collins says that he was looking at the train and did not see or hear the loose car until it hit him. He was struck on the forehead and the right shoulder and knocked senseless, his collar bone was broken and his right shoulder injured.

## BIG REVENUE RAID IN STOKES.

### Ten Men Captured and Two Moonshiner Wounded.

According to reports received from Mt. Airy one or two blockaders near Smithtown, Stokes county, the settlement raided Wednesday by revenue officers, were shot in the battle between the officers and the moonshiners. It is said one of them was shot through the ear. The ten blockaders captured were carried to Mt. Airy where they were given a preliminary hearing before a United States Commissioner. They were held to appear at term of Federal Court in Greensboro, their bonds being fixed at \$1,000 each, in default of which they went to jail at Dobson.

The raid was the largest and the most successful ever made in the State. The squad of government men was directed by Deputy Collector J. C. Norman, of Winston. He had 26 assistants, and 13 distilleries were captured. A man from that section stated that the revenue officers fell short by about 25 distilling plants of breaking up illegal whiskey making in the Smithtown settlement. He says the moonshiners will not by any means be put out of business by the little raid made by the officers Wednesday.

The first thing the officers did upon entering Smithtown settlement was to arrest a number of women and children, this being done to prevent the spread of the news of their presence in the community.

### Can't You Help Us Out.

We are here to give you a newspaper and work for the upbuilding of our good town and county. Our ambition is to let no item escape us. However, we can only be in one place at a time, so if you see an item getting away from us please capture it and deliver it at this office and great shall be your reward.

### Gen. Royster to Speak at Clinton.

The Clinton Democrat says: The several Masonic lodges of Sampson county will have a basket picnic and public speaking in Clinton on Thursday, July 4th, 1907. General B. S. Royster, Past Grand Master of the State, will deliver the address. The picnic will be a joint affair of all the Masonic lodges of this county. There will be a public installation of all the officers of the several lodges.

### Crime Anywhere in the State.

Under the new law it is said that drunkenness is made a crime anywhere in the State, that a policeman or officer has a right to go to your home, where you are quietly sleeping off a drunk, arrest you and put you in the lock-up until you are able to go before the court and give an account of yourself. Therefore there is no place in North Carolina where you can get drunk lawfully. If you want to get drunk "according to law" you'll have to move out of the State.

### All Done Good Work.

The Hillsboro Observer places in nomination for the office of State Commissioner of Labor and Printing the names of every Democratic editor and publisher in North Carolina. They have fought a good fight, have kept the faith, and it is very amusing to see how some of them are scrambling for a front seat at the pie counter, and they are already dreaming of what a good time they will have when they go to Raleigh to live, and join the Capitol Club, board at Gerch's, take ice cream with Dughi, and trade occasionally with Plummer Batchelor on the northside of the market.

### Making a Model Judge.

Hon. J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, who was elected a Superior Court Judge last year, is more than meeting the high expectation of his friends. Referring to him upon closing Edgecombe Superior Court, the Tarboro Southerner says:

"Judge Biggs has not only maintained the very favorable reputation he made here at previous courts, but has if possible, added to it. Besides displaying a knowledge of the law and meting out punishment to violators of the law with admirable discretion, tempered with mercy, during the three terms that he has presided, he has throughout manifested a patience an unruffled bearing that these taken all together stamp him of the finest judicial timber. The opinion thus expressed is shared alike by the bar and the public generally."

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## BIG SAINT JOHN'S DAY.

### GRAND MASONIC CELEBRATION IN OXFORD SATURDAY.

#### More Than 10,000 Well Behaved People Attended—Speeches, Singing, etc.

It can be truly said all roads lead to Oxford Saturday and more than 10,000 people come in over the Seaboard and Southern Railroads and in buggies, carriages, wagons, horse back and on foot took part in the grand celebration of St. John's Day. It was a jolly good natured crowd, and the fair sex predominated, and the bright pretty girls and the handsome young men had what they term a "glorious time."

The day proved an ideal one for the occasion—warm and fair, which contributed to the unusually large attendance upon the celebration. There was plenty of ice water and lemonade to quench the thirst of the thirsty, but nothing stronger, as the Dispensary was closed. Out of the immense crowd that filled the beautiful grove of the Asylum and thronged the streets we only heard of four young men being under the influence of liquor which they must have brought with them, unless there was a blind tiger man here selling on the sly.

About 11:30 o'clock the Grand Lodge met in Masonic Hall and at 12 o'clock marched out to the large stand under the giant oaks between a line formed by the 300 orphans neatly attired in white and took their seats while the orphans fell in behind them and took their seats on stand No. 2. The exercises were then opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, after which the orphans' beautifully rendered. "Standing on the Promises." Then Prof. R. G. Kittrell, Superintendent of Granville's public schools, arose and delivered a short and, very appropriate address of welcome which was responded to in a felicitous manner by Mr. W. B. McKay, of the Grand Lodge. Then the orphans arose from their seats on the platform like a white cloud and grandly rendered "The Old North State Forever," the immense audience joining in the chorus.

The orator of the day, Mr. Fabius H. Busbee, a leading lawyer of Raleigh, was introduced by Capt. Frank Hohgood, of Greensboro. Mr. Busbee took as his subject "Ancient and Modern History of Masonry," delivering an exceedingly able address which was listened to with marked attention by all within reach of his voice.

At the conclusion of his fine address the people enjoyed a regular old fashioned picnic dinner under the large oaks. The barbecue, ice cream and lemonade stands were very popular during the dinner hour which resulted in good receipts for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum. Everything was well managed, proving that the various committees had put in good work, and deserve much praise.

Dinner over the splendidly trained children gave an exceedingly fine concert on the stand which was greatly enjoyed by the immense throng of people. The concert ended the greatest celebration the Oxford Orphan Asylum ever enjoyed and will not soon be forgotten by the happy throng of people that help make it such a grand and glorious celebration.

So far as we could learn only one accident occurred, but glad to say not of serious character, Miss Fleming, one of Dutchville's captivating young ladies, and daughter of Mr. "Dutch" Fleming, was thrown out of a buggy and sprained one of her ankles.

### Yours for the Postoffice.

To all Republicans in Granville and especially those committeemen whose duty it is to recommend suitable candidates for postmaster, I take this means of soliciting your support for the postoffice in Oxford provided the policy of the party not to allow a third term shall be adhered to. I believe you ought not to be embarrassed by petitions and too pressing personal solicitations, but that you ought to be left entirely free to meet and make the best choice you can from all the candidates and that when you shall have done this no one should feel unkindly toward you, I shall thereupon avoid trying to get you to pledge yourself to me or any one else in advance of your meeting.

As I am late in the race I hope all noticing this announcement will let those interested know about it. Rest assured that I will most highly appreciate your kindness.

Very Respectfully  
ALEX BAKER.

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## HELP OUT A GOOD CAUSE.

### GOOD PLAY TO BE PRODUCED AT OPERA HOUSE.

#### This Friday Night by Oxford's Fine Amateur Company—Give them a Very Large House.

Our fine Amateur Company will produce this Friday night at Opera House a splendid play entitled, "Fighting for Freedom" for a good cause—that of purchasing a piano for Graded School, and we hope our people will turn out in full force and encourage the ladies and gentlemen in their noble undertaking. The play is a story of the Civil War. Richard Sheldon, a young Northern man, comes to Nashville to fill a political office which has been unacceptably held by a Southern man, Vincent Latham. Sheldon wins the respect of his associates and also the heart of Violet Mason, a girl whom Latham has long hoped to win. Latham's jealousy and treachery draw Sheldon into trouble. The war breaks out and Sheldon is sent as a spy to Chattanooga not knowing that the Southern General's headquarters are in the house of his sweetheart. He secures valuable papers, but being recognized by Latham and little Winnie, the General's daughter, would have been shot but for the loyalty of Violet Mason. After the war peace and forgiveness.

These parts are well sustained by the following cast of characters: Horace Filmore, Preston Farahow, Winifred Filmore, Miss Janie Booth, Richard Sheldon, Crawford Cooper, Vincent Latham, D. H. Bland, Mrs. Mason, Miss Annie Cannady, Violet Mason, Miss Julia Winston, Arthur Mason, Eugene Crews, Lieut. Forshay, Phillip Holt, Sergeant Wood, Melvin Bragg, Dinah, Mrs. Kate Fleming, John Booth, Fletcher.

Don't forget to secure your reserved seats today.

### BEST EQUIPPED MAN NAMED.

#### Judge A. W. Graham for Corporation Commissioner.

We see the names of several gentlemen mentioned for Corporation Commissioner, but the Public Ledger begs leaves to bring out the best qualified man for the position in the State whom we are satisfied would most acceptably fill this important office and give entire satisfaction to the people of North Carolina. We refer with pride and pleasure to Judge A. W. Graham, of Granville, who, while a member of the Legislature, saw that railroads and others corporations paid their just proportion of taxes.

Judge Graham has made a special study of railroad legislation. There is perhaps no man in the State who has such a grasp of statistics and facts and is so well posted on State affairs generally as he.

He is a Democrat who believes in railroad regulation which regulates, yet he is not a man who would employ unsafe, wild-cat methods. If nominated and elected he would stand with the people—where he has always stood—and we believe he would be instrumental in affecting some much needed reforms along several lines of railroad and corporation regulation.

Of his general ability, honesty, energy and fidelity we need not speak, for the common knowledge of these qualities is State-wide. We are only speaking now of his especial fitness for this position, which, upon reflection it believes the people generally will admit. His grasp of affairs, his capacity, his love of popular rights all combine to make him a most suitable man for a member of Corporation Commission. Let him be nominated and no mistake will be made in the selection.

### Dwelling Burned Sunday Morning.

We were sorry to learn from Mr. Sam Hunt, who was in town Monday, of the burning of the home of our good friend L. Elliott at Adoniram about 3 o'clock Sunday morning. It is supposed the fire was from the kitchen flue and part of the roof was falling in when Mr. Elliott and family found out the house was on fire, and had narrow escape from being burned up with their children. Mr. Elliott had no time to save clothing or furniture as by time he got all his family out the roof fell in. There was a small insurance on the house. The kind neighbors come to the rescue of the homeless and provided for their immediate wants.

Eugar Crosby, 11 years old, was drowned Friday in a pond at Cliffside Mill, in Rutherford county. He accidentally fell in the pond.

## LARGE CONGRESSIONAL TIMBER

### Plain Bill Russ Would Make The Boys Hustle.

Our good old friend Bill Russ, Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake county, was in Oxford Saturday to see his kins people, the family of Mrs. Julia Minor, and take in the great celebration of St. John's Day. It was a real pleasure to the editor to meet his old friend again.

"Plain Bill Russ," as he is sometimes called by his friends, is a broad-gauged, able, and popular man—a man of the people. It occurs to us that he is one of the best and largest pieces of Congressional timber in the Fourth District, and should he enter the race it is our opinion that he would come out several lengths ahead.

He is a man whose heart is with the people and whom the people love. He is a good speaker, a hard worker, and would make a strong man in Congress and would stand by the people and against corporate oppression. We believe he would prove a "second Vance" in the halls of Congress. Of course we do not know whether the congressional bee is buzzing in his derby or not, but if he was to join Secretary of War Taft in Washington the Anti-Fat Remedy people would have two large jolly men to work on.

### A. & M. Entrance Examinations.

Examinations for admission to the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts will be held at the County Court House on Thursday, July 11th at 10 o'clock A. M. in the office of the County Superintendent of Instruction. These examinations are required by law, and are intended to save the expense of a trip to Raleigh. Young men seeking industrial education should be on hand promptly. Those who are slightly deficient on these examinations will have a chance to study up and try again in September. The students at the A. & M. College earned last year over \$7,000. There are also 120 scholarships. The College offers large opportunities for working boys to get a thorough education.

### The Kind to be Shunned.

It was our misfortune a few days ago to come in contact with and be nicely talked down by one of those smooth talking friends who carry two faces under "one hat brim." While we are trying to live in peace and advance the interest of mankind, this is one class of the human family that we have but little use for. It has been our misfortune during more than 30 years in the newspaper business to come in contact with the ungrateful and two-faced individuals, but yet we have continued to work for what we conceived to be the best interests of the masses regardless of criticism and abuse. We would not give the snap of our finger for a man who is afraid to express his opinion whether he is a candidate for office or not, neither would we hold office if we had to stifle the right of free speech.

### Oxford vs Lyon Saturday.

On last Saturday the Lyon ball team defeated Oxford in a very interesting game. In the first part of the game the locals had it going their way but by bunching hits and errors of the locals in the sixth inning the visitors took the lead, and kept it the remainder of the game.

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Batteries: Lanier and Pinnix for Oxford; C. Fleming and Heflin for Lyons.  
Time 1:30; Umpire Mr. Beasley.

The American Tobacco Co. and the various branches in Durham has given in the taxable property in this country and the total taxes of this company and the cluster of companies amount to a total of \$5,891,490. This does not include the individual taxes given in by those of the American Tobacco Co. who own property that is taxable.

### Notice to Taxpayers.

The Board of Equalization of the county will be in session Monday, July 8th, 1907, to hear complaints of the valuation of property (both real and personal) as returned by the List Takers and Assessors from the various townships. Parties feeling aggrieved and having complaints to make, will take due notice. E. C. HARRIS, Chm'n. Bd. Co. Com'rs.

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## ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES.

### NEWSY, POINTED ITEMS GATHERED FOR OUR READERS.

#### Short and Seasoned, Wise, Pert, Gay and Solemn Things Talked About in the Merry-go-Round.

One of the senators from Oklahoma is blind. It is said that he can see more clearly than some already in the senate.

That Oregon man who stole a train and ran away with it might start at the bottom of the ladder under Mr. Harriman's regime.

If the summer girls of Atlanta get busy with sufficient quickness, perhaps they can stop the construction of that home for bachelors.

If some men had to live and die without being able to raise a fuss they would not be satisfied with going to Heaven.—Greensboro Record.

There are said to be 1,000 different religions in the world. Nevertheless some people haven't been able to get much of any of the lot.—Wilmington Star.

A Chicago woman has purchased a \$38,000 bathing suit. It is most appalling how little you can buy with your money these days.—Washington Herald.

As the result of a disagreement with his wife, W. W. Barton, of Jasper, Fla., on Wednesday night killed wife and three children and committed suicide.

When one town can advance its claims only by running down some other town, it is getting down to small business. The same rule will apply to individuals.—Greenville Reflector.

The Durham Sun admits that it can't elope with any cantaloupe until the price gets lower. The Sun seems to forget that melons can be secured without price. Still, it is somewhat unsafe.—Raleigh Enterprise.

Greensboro is doing her best to keep the merchants from thinking of their business troubles. A barbecue and a trolly ride isn't so bad, so wives have no fear of your husbands. Greensboro will take good care of them.—Durham Sun.

On and after July 1st there will be an advance of 4 cents a thousand in the price of stamped envelopes and stamped newspaper wrappers sold by the government. The advance is doubtless due to the increased price of paper.

The Alabama legislature is considering a proposition to require all persons who carry pistols to wear a big metal badge inscribed with the word "armed." This bill if it becomes a law, may rise to embarrass the State seriously some day.

A woman in print, suing her husband for divorce, testified that he took his dog to bed, and when she objected, kicked her out and she had to sleep on the floor. The woman was not Irish. If she had been, there would have been a lovely fight, and she might have been the better man.—Raleigh Times.

There is a fearfully solemn lesson in the career and ultimate ruin of Franc H. Jones. According to his own testimony, he found it impossible to resist when once the speculation-mania had found his soul with its cackling touch. This is an evil whose results are written almost daily in a record of crime, and it is an evil that is growing with alarming rapidity.—Charlotte News.

The people love to be on friendly relations with the railroads. They are not opposing them. They simply demand that justice be accorded them—simple justice, "equal rights to all and special privilege to none." Justice and a square deal are now denied to North Carolina manufacturers, North Carolina merchants, and North Carolina consumers by the great railway systems. The people will be satisfied with nothing less.—News & Observer.

The Charlotte drug clerk who caused the death of a little child by putting carbolic acid instead of castor oil in a prescription has our deepest sympathy. Every man, no matter what his business or profession, makes mistakes. A careless move on the printer's part puts the wrong letter in a word, a heedless blow from a hammer in the hands of the carpenter mars a piece of work, a careless stroke with a hoe cuts down the finest stalk in the field and soon all through the whole list of the lines of work. None of us can plead not guilty when charged with making errors, and the man who says that he never makes a mistake—well, he lies, that's all there is about it.—Monroe Journal.

*Mrs. Turner will give \$150 donation*