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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.

Anyhow, a nice juicy lemon has been handed to Judge Pritchard—New Bern Sun.

North Carolina put rocks and crosses on the track of the Federal Injunction Special and sidetracked it.

Who says the colored race is not making progress? Down in Mississippi a mob of negroes has just lynched a negro.

The increased valuations placed on property by the assessors this year will add an immense sum to the State's revenues.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway, missed his calling. He ought to have been a newspaper space writer—Charlotte Chronicle.

St. Louis capitalists are organizing a movement to form a coffee and spice trust. This leaves very little now except coffins and embalming fluid.

The Old North State is a bad one to fool when it comes to state's rights. There was a Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.—Atlanta Journal.

A Mason, Mich., farmer has a litter of seven pigs, each with six feet. If nothing happens to them, the outlook for the pickled pig's feet crop will be promising.

A bronze statue will soon be unveiled in Peoria, Ill., to perpetuate the memory of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll the famous agnostic orator, lawyer and politician.

Colonel Watterson thinks that the constitution covers the ills of the time like a blanket. Nevertheless, it has enough holes in it for the mosquitoes to get through.

Speaker Cannon is bidding high and with certainty for the Kentucky vote according to the Washington Star's cartoonist. He announces his belief in the mint julep.

In a good many ways Governor Glenn has lived under a lucky star; but the fates hit him a surbinder when Carrie Nation nominated him for Overman's seat in the senate—New Bern Sun.

The Governor has more power than the law-defying railroads thought. He is a bigger man than Pritchard and Finley and Andrews and Jim Poul all poured into one when standing for the people's rights.—News & Observer.

"Of course," said the serene statesman, "I am the logical candidate." "Perhaps," answered Senator Sorghum. "But you want to remember that when it comes to tallying up votes it's mathematics and not logic that counts."—Washington Star.

The State of North Carolina is sovereign. Its people are capable of making laws to govern the most powerful corporation and the humblest citizen. Its legislative department can make laws that no railroad can violate with impunity. Its judicial department is able to construe the laws without regard to the views of any other authority and to punish violators. Its executive department is vigorous and able to execute the laws in the face of Federal injunctions, threats of Federal troops, and the most powerful railroad influence.—News & Observer.

The Columbia State, without undertaking to determine whether or not a passenger rate of 2 1/4 cents is confiscatory observes that the present struggle in this State over the question "serves to illustrate that the State of North Carolina is true to its long standing reputation for fearlessness, independence and determination to enforce its own laws and to resist interference from without." The tribute is just, and our South Carolina contemporary has put its finger on the sore spot. We object to aliens who do business in our State defying and trying to over-ride our laws.

SI REWARD.

I will pay the above amount for the largest turnip delivered at my store on or before November 15th raised from seed bought from me.

I believe Granville county can raise turnips as big as are grown, and I have the dollar to give the party who grows them and I have the seed that will produce the biggest turnips.

Yours for big turnips,
John P. Stedman.

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THE STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

Met at Morehead City—Officers and Incidents of Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association which was held at Morehead City July 17th and 18th all the essays and addresses were of unusual merit and interest. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children; First Vice-President, J. A. Thomas, of Franklin Times; Second Vice President, W. J. Jordan, of Snow Hill Standard; Third Vice President, A. S. Carson, of Alleghany Star; Secretary-Treasurer, John B. Sherrill, of Concord Times; Historian, T. G. Cobb, of Morganton Herald; Orator, J. H. Cain, of Asheville Citizen; Poet, James A. Robinson, of Durham Sun; Executive Committee, Henry A. London, W. C. Dowd, R. M. Phillips, Josephus Daniels, D. T. Edwards.

It was decided to make Wednesday of North Carolina week Press Day at the Jamestown Exposition. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Charlotte.

Brother J. H. Alexander, editor of Lexington North State, while fishing on the New Railroad draw bridge, drew out the best story of the season. He dropped his eye-glasses in the excitement of drawing up a quarter of a pound perch. Bemoaning the loss of his glasses he fished on for perhaps a half an hour when he jerked out another perch, and perched across this one's nose were his glasses. The nose part of the glasses were imbedded in one eye of the fish. This is one fish that saw the world outside water thro' an editor's glasses, and felt the full force of the lines an editor dashes off.

Mrs. T. G. Cobb, wife of editor of the Morganton Herald, lost her wedding ring, a diamond, while in the surf. We'll bet some her-ring is now shining in fishing society wearing that ring below his gills. Cut open the fish that came from Morehead.

Brother J. B. Sherrill, of Concord Times, and the affable secretary of the Association, hasn't as much time on his hands now as he did before he went to Morehead. Coming back, about 3 miles below Raleigh, in taking his vest from the car rack his gold watch, not being on guard, slipped out of pocket and bounded through the window of the fast moving car. We all regretted it. Brother Sherrill did too, and said he had no time to throw away in that manner; that he much preferred losing his ticket to his ticker.

We could not get "Dolly" Thomas, of the Louisville Times, and who has just moved into his own office building, to go into the surf. He said the last time was sufficient for him, as he was at Morehead to feed on fish, not feed them; and besides, he was a modest and peaceful man—he didn't believe in "bearing arms" and well the bathing suits were too abbreviated for him; he could not bear the idea.

Our beloved brother, John Sherrill didn't like the little abbreviated suits they had at the seaside so he carried down a nice, long legged one made of seesucker cloth; he said it was cool—the very thing. After sporting in the waves for some time we saw John in deep water and he looked like he had a small life preserver under each arm. We went to him; he said, "Robinson, go out and borrow two umbrellas, or get some string so I can tie my suit under my feet. My seesucker is up under my arms, and if I don't do something pretty quick it is going to get out here and go home." We got a Sunday World and brought John out all right.

Stovall-Beulah.

During the first week in July the Stovall Baptist church protracted her meeting five days; Rev. G. H. Church, of Durham, did excellent preaching and work in the meeting. The church was greatly revived, and a large number of backsliders were reclaimed. Eight were received for baptism. It was a good meeting.

On the 28th of July we closed a meeting with Beulah Baptist church at Providence. Rev. J. W. Downey, of Durham, rendered the pastor most excellent aid. 21 were added to the little new church, 14 by baptism and 7 by letter. The church now numbers 53, with 60 in the Sabbath School.

J. A. STRADLEY.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stinson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

Mr. J. J. Preddy has opened up his shop in the old mill house at Wilton ready to do all kinds of repair work.

SUPERIOR COURT SESSION.

JUDGE COUNCIL PRESIDING SOL. BROOKS PROSECUTING.

The Criminal Docket Was Disposed of the First Day—The Grand Jury Selected, etc.

Judge Council arrived in Oxford Monday at 11 o'clock and at once convened the July Term of Granville Superior Court, with all the officers at their post of duty. There was a small crowd in attendance and but little interest manifested in the court.

After the list of jurors was called the following grand jury was drawn: Foreman E. T. White, C. S. Cole, T. G. Currin, C. R. Gordon, A. M. Overton, Jr., B. R. Pitts, M. L. Freeman, E. N. Gooch, C. E. Gooch, G. W. Clay, W. T. Perry, W. S. Gooch, E. N. Clement, C. S. Frazier, Ernest Watson, J. B. Ellis, Robt. Faucett, B. M. Haubold.

After they were all sworn in Judge Council proceeded to tell them in a plain, practical way their duty as grand jurors and then discussed the different crimes and offenses against the peace and dignity of the State. Judge Council has been on the bench about 7 years and ranks among the best judges in the State. He will have order, and is not a "tender foot" on punishing violators of the law.

Solicitor Brooks is so well known as an able, fearless prosecuting attorney he needs no words of commendation from the Public Ledger.

The following cases were disposed of: State vs Wiley Tanner, mortgaging property second time, nol pro.

State vs Walter Frazier and Emma Greenway, F. and A., guilty, \$50 fine and cost.

State vs Frank Jones, removing crop, nol pro.

State vs John Newton and Alf Anderson, a. w. d. w., guilty, each fined \$25 and cost.

State vs Robt. Barwell, larceny, guilty, 6 months in jail.

State vs Dabbs, a. w. d. w., guilty, 30 days on roads.

State vs W. S. Bowling, c. c. w., guilty, fined \$15 and cost.

State vs Lewis Trimble, c. c. w., guilty, \$25 and cost.

State vs Sion Hockaday, c. c. w., guilty, \$20 and cost.

State vs Joe Ray, larceny, guilty, \$15 and cost.

State vs Lonnie Allen, larceny, guilty, 6 months in jail.

Dutchville Driftings.

It's our honest belief that women are angels, but they have worked their wings off in hat trimmings.

If some church members we know ever gets to heaven all we'll ask for is a box of matches and the other direction.

Thomasson & Fleming have moved their saw mill near Lyon on Mr. J. C. Fleming's land, and are getting right down to business as they saw 10 or 12 thousand feet per day.

We are glad to say that Mr. Herbert Lyon, mail carrier on Route 1 from Lyon, who has been carrying the mail about 2 years, has not yet misplaced a single piece of mail.

It is very difficult for some people to content themselves this day, and times when it is warm it's too hot; when it is cool it's too cold for them. Probably an office would suit just such a man.

Mr. S. N. Goss still ranks among the leading tobacco growers of Dutchville as he has a beautiful crop on the hill in spite of the unfavorable seasons. It seems that he knows no other than to raise good tobacco.

If we are so interested in our county affairs why not subscribe to the Public Ledger and keep posted on what is going on or have we become so cold and indifferent that we have to run fool races and wear our overcoats to keep warm this weather.

The cattle inspectors was in our community the past week inspecting cattle. A quarantine line has been established between Wake and Granville, and is \$100 fine to ship their cattle over here as the inspectors found a contagious disease among their cattle.

A revival was held at Concord the past week and was to have been conducted by Rev. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith came Monday but was called back Tuesday as he received a telegram that one of his church members had died and he wanted to preach the funeral, and he could not get back, but the meeting was carried on by Rev. Hudson with good results. Cow Box.

STEM STEMMINGS.

Sickness, Picnic, Runaway Marriage and Death of Mrs. Mary Jones.

Miss Addie Wood, of Oxford, spent the past week in this community.

All crops are rather late in this section owing to the excessive rains.

Owing to her fast declining health, it became necessary for Mrs. J. H. Gooch to seek the mountainous section of Western North Carolina on last Tuesday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Knap of Reeds Baptist Sunday school and surrounding community greatly enjoyed an old fashioned basket picnic on last Thursday in Knap of Reeds, where refreshments and dainties of every description were served in abundance; thereby proving the prosperity and hospitality of the good people of that section.

On last Saturday night the young people around Knap of Reeds met together at the hospitable home of Mr. Lee Veazey's where an elegant ice cream supper had been prepared to the delight of all present and the writer can truthfully say it was the most enjoyable affair of the kind he ever attended as many beautiful and fascinating young ladies graced the occasion.

On Sunday morning July 21st, as the sun slowly rose in the eastern skies, ere but few realized the fact, that before the setting of another sun two hearts would beat as one when Mr. Herbert Washington, of Stem, and Miss Mary Veazey, of Knap of Reeds, were quietly united in marriage in the presence of only a few friends and relatives at the home of the groom's father Mr. W. H. Washington, near Stem. The bride is an attractive and popular young lady of the Knap of Reeds section, while the groom is a genteel, accommodating young man, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. The happy young couple left for Norfolk Monday morning, where Mr. Washington holds an important position with a street car company.

A deep and sad gloom overshadowed this entire community on Tuesday night July 23rd, at 9 o'clock, when the news was rapidly flashed from home to home of the passing away of Mrs. Mary Jane Jones at her home near Stem, after an intense suffering for about two months of various ailments. A glance backward shows that her entire life was spent in advancing the cause of her Master and to assist in uplifting fallen humanity; having at early childhood connected herself with the church of God, and for many years a regular attendant of Moore's Methodist church, to which she liberally contributed of her means towards its support and other churches up to her death at the ripe old age of 73 years. She leaves behind to mourn her loss 5 children, 3 daughters and 2 sons, Miss Lucy Jones, Mrs. Joe Farabow, of Stem, and Mrs. Joe Beasley, of Louisburg, and Messrs. America and Bill Jones, also of Stem. Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Robinson in an impressive manner on Wednesday afternoon, after which all that was mortal of this beloved Christian woman was laid to rest in the family burying ground in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

BOOT BLACK.

I LIVED on the farm before I came to Oxford and my neighbors did say that I was a turnip raiser. Come in and let us talk turnips and turnip seeds. John P. Stedman, the Turnip Seed Man.

Smith's Water on Top.

Virgilina, Va., R. F. D. No. 1, July 31st, 1907.

Dear Sir—For more than two years I have been afflicted with a most painful and distressing eczema. My whole body being covered with pimples and sores, and I could not rest night or day. I have also had very serious disease of the kidneys and have spent at least three months in the hospital, and spent over \$400 on medicines and doctors and without relief.

About two months ago I began using Smith's Famous Lithia Water, drinking and bathing with it, and today my body has not a sore nor a pimple on it, and I am entirely well, and I ascribe the cure entirely to the use of your water. Very truly,

BEN H. WEST.

DR. JAMES EDWARD HOBGOOD hereby offers his professional service to the people of Northern Granville. He can be found at the residence of Mr. Graham B. Royster, in Oak Hill township, after July 15th.

JAMES LOCKE ERWIN, JR.

On the Death of a Bright and Lovable Boy.

On Wednesday, July 17th, at 12:30 p. m., little Locke Erwin, of Oxford, passed into the Land of Light. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Locke Erwin, had hurried him to Richmond, Va., the day before for an operation for appendicitis. But the operation brought no relief.

His little body was brought back to Oxford on Thursday and Friday morning it was laid to rest in God's acre, to await the resurrection.

The floral offerings were evidence of the love which the little fellow had won, as was the large congregation at St. Stephen's Episcopal church for the funeral service. The service was conducted by the rector, the Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, the Rev. Francis Hilliard, and the Rev. Milton A. Barber, of Christ Church, Raleigh. Because of the deep attachment existing between little Locke and Mr. Barber, the latter said the committal service at the grave.

Knights of St. Stephen attended in a body and it was truly a triumphant funeral. The music in the church and at the grave was very sweet and floral tributes numerous and very beautiful. Many relatives were present from Durham, Burlington and other places.

The active pallbearers were: Dr. E. T. White, Dr. J. G. Hunt, H. G. Cooper, Jerome C. Horner, R. W. Lassiter, J. A. Hall.

The honorary pallbearers and floral bearers were: Gen. B. S. Royster, Hon. A. W. Graham, Dr. T. L. Booth, A. A. Hicks, J. P. Stedman, Thornton Yancey, Benson M. Caldwell, W. R. Graham, C. H. Landis, T. N. Burwell, Dr. I. H. Davis, W. Z. Mitchell, L. F. Lanier, J. S. Vincent, Frank Lyon, Mott Pinnix.

Locke Erwin was born February 3rd, 1894. He was the only child of James Locke Erwin, son of Col. Jas. J. Erwin, among whose ancestors were John Locke and Matthew Erwin of Revolutionary fame, and of Ida Taylor Erwin, eldest daughter of the late Benj. Taylor, of Maryland, and a member of the Colonial families of Atkinson and De Rochebrune.

About a year ago he was confirmed at a special visitation of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Locke was a very unusual child. Indeed, one might call him an ideal child. His tender little heart went out in love to all about him. An old man came to the home where the lifeless little body lay awaiting its burial, and said to the grief-stricken parents that he had lost his best friend. It certainly was unusual to see a town so universally grief-stricken over the death of a child as was Oxford over the death of this sweet and beautiful little boy. His passing hence seemed to be a personal loss to every one because he was everybody's friend.

For years he had been a devoted companion to his invalid mother, whom he always called by the endearing name of "Ducky". She was his companion, his confidante, and his best friend. His bright little life was a benediction to all who came in contact with it. No clouds could linger in the sunshine of his sweet presence. Frank, sincere and tender-hearted, he was a perfect little gentleman. He has been an angel of light in many a home of sickness, taking flowers and delicacies to the sick and suffering.

He was religious by nature, and early learned to love and fear God. His faith was beautiful.

On the train, as his sick body was being hastened to Richmond to be operated on, he lifted up his little heart and voice to God in prayer. One other instance must here be mentioned: A few weeks ago his parents moved into a beautiful new home. When his father had said grace over the first meal in that home, before they could be seated, little Locke added: "And God bless our new home." Surely, that home will ever remain hallowed by the trustful prayer of this little child.

His little life has made the world better and brighter, and we believe Paradise is now richer since his entrance into it. He is not dead; he is just away.

"I cannot say, and I will not say that he is dead—he is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be, since he is there.

Think of him as faring on, a dear In the love of there as the love of here. Mild and gentle as he was brave When the sweetest love of his life he gave.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

CULLED FROM THE VARIOUS PAPERS OF THE STATE.

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

The commissioners of Cleveland county have decided to build a \$75,000 court house.

An express package containing \$10,000 in money has been lost at the Florence, S. C., office of the Southern Express Company.

John Jones, of Anson county, was acquitted at Monroe Friday of the charge of participating in the lynching of John V. Johnson.

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company will build a branch establishment in Salisbury which will employ about 56 men and will cost upwards of \$30,000.

David S. Rowland and Lillian M. Rowland, his wife, are remanded to Wake county jail, without bail to await their trial upon the bill of indictment found against them at the last term of court.

Blanks are being mailed from the Department of Agriculture to all the leaf tobacco warehousemen of the State for their use in making their reports to the department, according to a act of the Legislature, which is effective August 1st.

Anglo Saxon: Passengers on a northbound train Sunday morning after passing Pee Dee river bridge, on the Richmond county line, where astounded to see a man and his wife at work on a farm. The old man was chopping corn while the old lady was planting peas.

Laurinburg, N. C., July 27.—Last night an attempt was made to assault Mrs. A. W. Ellison in her own house. Her assailant, a negro, whose name is unknown, made his escape, although pursued by a party of men. Mrs. Ellison tried to shoot the negro, but failed to hit him.

A negro prisoner leaped through a closed car window on a rapidly moving train near Durham Friday and escaped, leaving his coat in the hands of the officer who attempted to hold him back. The officer stopped the train and set out in pursuit but lost track of the fugitive and returned on the next train to Durham.

George E. Adamson, aged 41 years, who had been working as a machinist in Charlotte, was killed in a trolley accident near Norfolk Friday night. He was to be married in a few days to Miss Alda C. Sherrill of Cornelius, near Charlotte, who was accompanying him to his old home in Providence, R. I., when the fatal accident took place.

Chatham Record: Did you ever hear of a man marrying the widow of his son? There is a man in this county who married his deceased son's widow and is the stepfather of his own grand children. Such a marriage brings about a medley of mixed kinship. For instance, the children of such a marriage are the uncles and aunts of their half-brothers and sisters!

News was received at Winston-Salem, July 27th, of a peculiar accident which occurred at Kernersville, resulting in the death of Mr. Dewitt Marshall, the 19-year-old son of Mr. A. F. Marshall, a prosperous farmer living near Kernersville. The young man fell from a load of wheat-straw and struck a pitchfork, the prongs of which penetrated his breast, killing him almost instantly.

The Selma people are certainly in earnest about the memorial to Henry A. Wyatt, the first Confederate soldier killed in battle, to be placed in the capital square. With the assistance of a number of the national guards, it is proposed by Captain Paul Jones, of the Tarboro Company, of which Wyatt used to be a member, to reproduce the battle of Bethel here at Raleigh during the State fair. He will again visit the battleground so as to be prepared to give a fine reproduction. There will be temporary buildings like those on the battlefield, notably the one which Wyatt and several comrades were ordered to burn on which they were advancing when Wyatt was shot.

To simpler things, where the violets grew,
Pure as the eyes they were likened to.
The touches of his hands have stayed
As reverently as the lips have prayed;
Think of him still the same, I say;
He is not dead—he is just away."

REV. M. A. B.