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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

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

The commissioners of Durham county have elected John F. Harward sheriff to fill out the unexpired term of F. D. Markham, deceased.

The Acme Match Company has been incorporated to build a match factory at Greensboro. It will employ about 90 hands, the majority being women.

Governor Glenn has ordered a special term of court for Swain county to try civil cases for the week beginning August 26. Judge Charles M. Cook will preside.

The state grants 50 convicts to a new railroad in Hyde county, which is to run 43 miles on the Pamlico sound to a point on the Norfolk & Southern. Hyde county hasn't a mile of railroad in its borders.

Rev. David Sherman, aged 72 a brick mason as well as an adventist preacher, fell 28 feet into a well and landed in seven feet of water. He was hauled out and in a short time was hard at work again, laying a curb around the well.

State Superintendent Joyner is having sent out from his office circulars to the county superintendents of the state notifying them of the State Association of County Superintendents, which is to be held at Montreat, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 4, 5 and 6.

R. G. Carter, aged 28 doorkeeper at the skating rink at Waynesville, was shot and almost instantly killed Monday night by Theodore Davis. The shooting was the outcome of a quarrel concerning the admission to the rink of one of Davis' friends. Davis was arrested.

Mr. L. P. Ratledge, who lives near Calabash, Davie county, was recently bitten by a dog supposed to be affected with hydrophobia. Mr. Ratledge applied a mad stone and the stone adhered from Saturday until Monday night. It is hoped that Mr. Ratledge's faith and the mad stone have made him whole.

August 7th, Ransan Godwin, aged 73 years, near Kenly, following a quarrel with his wife, shot her dead in her tracks. He took to the woods soon after the murder and has not been captured. The sheriff of Johnston county is pursuing him with bloodhounds. The old man is armed with a Winchester rifle with which the crime was committed.

Mrs. Will Holmes was killed by lightning in her home near Four Bridges Friday. She was called into the room to move a bed on which the rain was beating through; and, as she stepped on the hearth, she was stricken dead. Her little niece standing near her was not even stunned. She was the daughter of Mr. William Edwards and was twenty seven years old. She had been married about two years.

While enroute to his home five miles north of Reidsville, Aug. 9th, Mr. Green Craddock was struck by lightning and killed. He and Mr. W. B. Williams took shelter under a barn during the severe electrical storm. Mr. Williams was badly shocked and burned about the face, but regained consciousness and will recover. Mr. Craddock's age is about fifty years. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Mt. Airy Leader: One day last week a man appeared in the Haystack section of this county riding a first-rate mule which seemed tired and had the appearance of having been ridden a long distance, which he offered for sale. Failing to find a purchaser he rode over in the Pine Ridge settlement, where he deliberately went out into the woods and shot the mule a couple of times, killing it and leaving its dead body where it was slain. He was afterward seen on the public highway carrying his saddle on his shoulder. The neighborhood cannot solve the problem for his actions clearly point to those of a criminal or lunatic.

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

I have bought the wood-saw of Mr. Elvin Parham and will be ready to saw wood for the people of Oxford by the 15th of September, and sooner if any one desires it. E. T. Jones. 11 pd.

IMPORTANT TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Will Increase Price of Subscription After First of October.

We hereby announce to our subscribers and friends that commencing October 1st, 1907, the subscription price of the Public Ledger will be \$1.25 per year and 75 cents for six months. Bear in mind all who pay up and renew their subscription before that date will get the paper at the old price.

We regret that we are forced to this necessity, though we do not consider this too high a rate for a good home weekly. Our reason for making this advance is the high price of paper and the increased expense in running the Public Ledger.

As our subscribers know everything which one has to buy has advanced in price, and we regret to say that the masses—the consumers—have to foot the bill. But we are in the hands of the Paper Trust, as our friends are unfortunately in hands of other oppressive trusts.

While some of the editors have advanced the price to \$1.50 we have decided, however, to advance only 25 cents a year—just enough to enable us to meet the additional costs.

Death of Spence Cooper, Colored.

This section was shocked Thursday morning by the sudden death of Spence Cooper colored. He retired as well as usual Wednesday night about 12 o'clock, after sitting up with the tobacco barn half of the night and about 2 o'clock awoke his wife by making a strange noise breathing and died before a doctor could be summoned with heart failure. He was a kind and accommodating old darkey. He moved to this neighborhood about 3 years ago and lived with me the first year. He proved to be an honest and faithful hand always willing to do any thing that he was called upon to accommodate those around him; always willing to take advice when given, and it can truly be said he was a cheerful and peaceable old fellow. And I have often heard him speak of his faith in his Master and his desire to meet him on the other shore. He was laid to rest in Piny Grove cemetery Friday evening. He leaves a wife several children and other relatives to mourn his loss.

B. E. MOSS, Creedmoor, Aug. 6th, 1907.

Hay Ride Tuesday Night.

On Tuesday evening, the 6th., Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Haubold, assisted by Carl Adams, gave a moonlight hayride complimentary to the several young ladies visiting at Mrs. Haubold's home. All present reported a very pleasant evening and plenty of fun. Those attending were:

Miss Alsop, of Richmond, with Carl Adams; Miss Conley, of Manchester, with Hamlin Landis; Miss Lea, of Richmond, with James Murchison; Miss Walker, of Manchester, with Arthur Landis; Ethel Adams with Merrill Peace; Lillian Minor with Moritz Haubold, and Miss Norma Burwell. Mr. and Mrs. Haubold, Mrs. Lea and Miss Woodrum, of Richmond, chaperoned the party.

MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS.

Sandy Moss Elected Superintendent of County Home.

The County Commissioners met Wednesday morning according to adjournment to elect a Superintendent of the County Home for the next 2-years. There were a large number of applications from good men, and after duly considering all the claims our good old friend Sandy Moss, one of Fishing Creek township's truest best men, a capital farmer, a quiet kind-hearted christian man was the choice of the Board, and we feel sure he will make an all-round efficient Superintendent.

It was ordered that the accounts against the County Home in future shall be presented to the County Commissioners for payment by the person to whom the amount is due, and not to the Superintendent.

The Board of Equalization then met and heard a number of the complaints that were made prior to this meeting and a number of persons from Creedmoor were allowed reduction on valuations of property.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

We will sell for cash by public auction at Stem Saturday, September 14, 1907, at 12 o'clock, the land or lots, and one store house of W. T. Stem, deceased. This August 7th, 1907.

H. A. Stem,
E. H. Bullock,
M. J. Bullock.

Children teething often suffer from Cholera Infantum, Diarrhoea, or some form of Bowel Complaint. Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam is the best remedy. Warranted by J. G. Hall.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

ALWAYS PAYS THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES.

The Oldest and Most Reliable Market in the State and has a Fine Record.

Another tobacco season has rolled around and the new crop has commenced to be marketed, and the cry of the leather-lunged auctioneers are heard on our four large warehouse floors. Our warehousemen and buyers are always ready to buy tobacco, as they are always supplied with orders.

Oxford is the oldest market in the State and has been selling the weed for about 30 years. New markets have come and gone but the reliable high average market has stood the storm and is always ready to buy millions of pounds of tobacco.

The American and Imperial Tobacco Co's, the Japan Government and almost every leading manufacturer in the world is represented on the Oxford market by our independent buyers, and it is a settled fact that where a market is in position to handle the tobacco you can always get the cream of the market for all grades.

Oxford now has two of the strongest and best conducted banks in the State, and always supplied with plenty of money, and our farmers can rely on getting the highest prices obtainable on our warehouse floors. Don't forget the old reliable high average market when you get ready to sell your tobacco.

Try it in Granville.

Up in Mitchell county, according to The Mitchell Observer, the people have been able to turn their bad roads to practical advantage. They just set a churning of cream in the back of a hack and before the hack has gone one third of a very short distance the butter is ready to take off. Some of the butter makers in this section might try it. We believe it would work like a charm, and we would be certain that we were using fresh butter. —Tollson Recorder.

Fire Co. Returns from Wilmington.

Oxford Fire Boys returned Saturday afternoon from Wilmington without a single mishap, and report a most delightful time, and speaks in the highest praise of the Wilmington Firemen and people for the many courtesies extended them. They also pay many high compliments to Major C. H. Gattis, the pleasant and accommodating Traveling Passenger Agent of the Seaboard, who looked after their comfort both to and from Wilmington. The Fire Company and their friends who accompanied them to Wilmington extend him a vote of thanks.

They camped near Wrightville and the ladies occupied one large tent, and received every possible attention at the hands of the boys. Some of the boys indulged in a few pranks on the ladies as indicated by the following: Two naughty boys on mischief bent, Once stole unawares in a ladies' tent, While they were away and left a bouquet Which smelled, strange to say, just like cement.

While the Oxford Company did not capture any of the prizes it was conceded that they had the nicest looking wagon and horses in the great parade.

A North Carolina Candidate.

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, has taken a very sensible view about the suggestions which have been made that he is "the logical candidate" of the democratic party for president. He is quoted by the Raleigh correspondent of the Washington Star as saying that "some people were judging him to be more foolish than he believed himself to be," and that he regarded that the "spontaneous suggestions," based upon his course in the railroad rate litigation, "brought to life in a day are apt to have a brief existence."

With all proper respect for Governor Glenn, and a very high appreciation of his fighting qualities as indicated in the recent controversy in North Carolina, we feel impelled to say that only one man in that state has so far been developed in recent years as available presidential timber—we refer to Chas. B. Aycock, one of the strongest men in the South and beyond comparison, in our judgment, the first citizen of North Carolina.—Charleston News and Courier.

He—So they are engaged, eh! Have they any taste in common.
She—Oh, yes, they chew the same kind of gum.

"I knew you were a fool before I married you!" "I presume my proposing to you satisfied you on that point?" —Houston Post.

ALMOST A SUDDEN DEATH.

MR. W. T. ALLEN FELL A VICTIM TO PARALYSIS.

Passed Away Friday at His Home near Providence—Good Man Gathered to Rest.

The Providence section of Granville county was deeply grieved Friday when it was learned that Mr. Wm. T. Allen was dead, and the news of his almost sudden taking away was keenly felt by all, as he was one of Tally Ho township's most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Allen was stricken with paralysis at his home Thursday and quietly passed away next day.

It was the editor's good fortune to have known him for many years, and we only knew him to esteem him more highly as the years passed by and we shall miss his kindly face.

He was about 60 years old and a member of the Geneva Presbyterian Church, a Mason, magistrate, excellent teacher, and a good citizen. He was a man of generous impulses, kind and hospitable. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands, and he was at home by the bedside of the sick and delighted in all kinds and neighborly offices. He had born adversity and affliction bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly in the old days. He had filled the various relations of life, as son, husband, father, brother, neighbor, friend, and filled them all.

He leaves behind 2 devoted daughters, Mrs. J. H. Terry and Mrs. Ed Osborn, of Wilson, grandchildren, and a number of relative to mourn his demise.

All that was mortal of this kindly man was tenderly laid away to rest by the side of loved ones in the family graveyard with Masonic honors. A very large number of friends, neighbors and relatives bore testimony to their love and esteem by following the remains to their last resting place.

Parted from us, but not forever, Soon we'll meet him, never to sever. In that city the brightest, the best, To dwell with him in eternal rest."

Georgia Disfranchises Negro.

The Georgia senate has passed the disfranchisement bill. The bill which follows closely the Alabama law, provides in order to vote a man must own or pay taxes on five hundred dollars worth of property, or be able to read, write a paragraph of the State or federal constitution, or he must be descended from a man who has fought in any war in which the United States or the Confederate States have been engaged, or he must have a proper conception of his duty to the state and the nation. The adoption of the bill by the lower house is said to be certain. It follows the recommendations of Hoke Smith in his inaugural message.

Notice to R. F. D. Men.

Having organized a Rural Letter Carrier's Association in Durham July 4th for Granville county, with ten or twelve members, I hereby call a meeting for all the Carriers of Granville county to meet at the Court House in Oxford the first Monday in September, which is our next legal holiday. Hour for meeting eleven o'clock A. M. We want all the members to be present. We also want all the Carriers who are not members to come and connect themselves with this important organization.

As there is no organization in Vance county we invite every Carrier in that county to come and join us.

Program for Rural Letter Carrier's Association at Oxford Monday, Sept. 2, 1907, 11 o'clock A. M.

11 o'clock: Religious services, song, prayer by Rev. F. M. Shamburger.

11:15. Address of Welcome, Mayor W. A. Devin.

11:30. Response, B. L. H. ster.

11:40. The value of the R. F. D. mail, Senator A. A. Hicks.

11:55. What constitutes the true Carrier, William Herndon Moore.

We cordially invite the citizens of Oxford, ladies and gentlemen to be present at this meeting. After the program is rendered the meeting will adjourn, and in a few minutes will take up the private work of the Association.

D. N. HUNT, President.
HERBERT LYON, Sec. & Treas.

It is now denied that Vice President Fairbanks pulled any girl out of that Western lake. Perhaps Mrs. Fairbanks got to inquiring into the particulars.

It is said that Mr. John D. Rockefeller "smiled" when told that Judge Lanois had fined the Standard Oil Company \$29,240,000. Probably he smiled at the expense of the consumers.

DR. JOE GRAHAM IS DEAD.

Brother of Judge Graham Passes Away in Charlotte.

Dr. Joseph Graham died at the residence of his son, Dr. W. A. Graham, at 15 West Seventh street, this morning at 2 o'clock. When the end came he was surrounded by his family and a few intimate friends. The summons was not unexpected. The immediate cause of death was an abscess in the chest.

Dr. Joseph Graham was the eldest child of Gov. William Alexander Graham and a grandson of the famous Maj. Joseph Graham of revolutionary times. His mother was before marriage, Miss Susannah Sarah Washington, of the distinguished Washington family of Eastern North Carolina. He was one of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy. Mr. Robert D. Graham died a number of years ago. Those surviving are: John W. Graham, of Hillsboro; William A. Graham, of Lincoln county; James A. Graham, George W. Graham, of Charlotte; Augustus W. Graham, of Oxford, and Mrs. Walter Clarke, of Raleigh.

Dr. Graham was born in Newbern on the 13th of April, 1837, and was in his seventy-first year. His college days were spent at the University of North Carolina, where he entered in 1853, graduating four years later. As a student he was industrious and thorough. He ranked with the brilliant young men of that great institution.

In his domestic life Dr. Graham was an ideal man, being very fond of his family and devoted to his home. Although his large practice required almost every moment of his time, he always found an hour for those of his household. His private life was with out reproach. It was correct in every particular.

As a soldier Dr. Graham was brave and faithful. He came here in the year 1860 and began the practice of his profession, but when he heard the call of the Confederacy he donned war clothes and went forth to battle. Those who knew him as a soldier say that he was always ready and willing when the signal to fight was given.

Dr. Graham loafed but little. He went from sick room to sick room from the time he got out in the morning until the time he went in at night. The sick bed was his post of duty and he was often there when he should have been at home in bed.

Dr. Graham's profession honored him in various ways. He held the most exalted positions in the North Carolina Medical Society. His ability and loyalty were recognized by the able men of his calling.

Although Dr. Graham was not devoted to any particular church he was a religious man. If he liked a preacher he attended his services and heard him preach. He was an admirer of Dr. Fair, and used to hear him at the Second Presbyterian church. His father was of old Presbyterian stock but his mother was a Baptist. His children are Episcopalians.

In the death of Dr. Graham hundreds of Charlotte families have lost a dear friend, the State a good citizen and his family a devoted husband and father. He virtually died in harness. He was a man of great usefulness.—Charlotte Observer of August 13th.

Judge Graham was at the bedside of his brother when he passed away, and his host of friends in Granville join the editor in extending deep sympathy to him and other members of the family in the great loss they have sustained.

One of our farmers was telling on the streets yesterday a conversation he chanced to hear between a young boy in his teens and a Christian Scientist. It appears the Scientist came across a small boy sitting under an apple tree doubled with pain. "My little man," he said, "what is the matter?" "I ate some green apples," moaned the boy "and, oh, I do ache!" "You don't ache," answered the follower of Mrs. Eddy; "You only think so." The boy looked up in astonishment at such a statement, and then replied in a most positive manner: "That's all right; you may think so, but I've got inside information."

A Denver man boasts that in 20 years he has kissed his wife 40,000 times. Perhaps he had to lead that strenuous life to try to keep her in a good humor.

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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.

Ex-Senator Marion Butler is now for Roosevelt. The combination will be complete when Tom Watson declares for Bryan.—Chattanooga Times.

Now that the Governor of Georgia has attached to the prohibition bill his name, "Hoke Smith," the whiskey dealers would like to write their answer, "choke Smith."

Georgia is the first Southern State that has adopted prohibition, but she will not be the last. North Carolina will sooner or later follow suit unless the "signs of the times" are misleading.—Winston Republican.

A traveler in the dining car of a Georgia railroad had ordered fried eggs for breakfast. "Can't give yo' friend aigs, boss," the negro waiter informed him, "lessen yo' want to wait till we stops." "Why, how is that?" "Well, de cook, he says de road's so rough dat ebery time he tries to fry aigs dey scrambles."—Life.

One of things the next legislature should be asked to do is to adopt the Australian, or secret, ballot system for all elections in the state, political, bond, and everything else. It is the method which guarantees a man a chance to vote as he thinks without coercion of any sort, and puts the henchman out of business.—New Bern Sun.

In view of the fact that Governor Smith has signed the prohibition bill for the entire State of Georgia, the Americus (Ga.) Times-Record takes comfort in the thought that he can "yet become intoxicated by the beauty of the Georgia girls." Editors who get off on that subject will hardly have a chance for sober reflections.—Wilmington Star.

If the government trust busters will follow up their successful work in the Standard Oil cases by devising a plan whereby that \$29,240,000 fine will not have to be paid by the public, the latter will be duly thankful. The average citizen is not in a position to be very enthusiastic over the trust-busting crusade as long as he has to bear the expense.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

We would like of course to accommodate Mr. Kitchin, but we have not declared against any man's nomination. We are sorry, but really we cannot give him the advantage over his competitors of doing so. Mr. Kitchin evidently knows full well the value of public sympathy. He is an accomplished politician as well as an expert on newspaper criticism.—Raleigh Times.

Dr. Kilgo says that in this country there are 26 millions of church-going and 50 millions of non-church-going people, and that the church-goers furnish 90 per cent of the pupils in the schools. As to the University of North Carolina, the showing for church influences is even greater than this, as 94 per cent of the students there came from church families. He said that the laws for compulsory education are made not for the church people but for the non-church, who so signally fail to send their children to the schools, public or private.

Slowly, but surely, the redemption of Africa is proceeding, and by telegraphs, by railroads first, followed by profitable farming, by the mining of coal, iron and other metal and mineral deposits of more substantial value than either gold or diamonds; then by factories and shops and the ways of civilization. The changes which all this implies are going on in Eastern Africa, from the Cape to the Mediterranean, and now the British Government has decided to construct a 400-mile railway in Nigaria to develop the cotton growing industry in that Western part.

We are pleased to note that Chatham county has erected a monument to the Confederate soldiers who went from that county to the war. The enduring shaft and statue stands on the court house square in Pittsboro, and will be unveiled the 23rd instant. Many of the bravest of the brave went from old Chatham to the war many of them never returned, but some of them have been foremost in the citizenship of that good county since the war, and a few of them are yet left. With a consciousness of duty performed in war and peace, may richest blessings attend their declining years every one.—New Bern Sun.