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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.

Another reduction of forces has been made in the Southern Railway shops at Spencer and 300 men are now laid off with but 500 remaining at work. Further reductions are expected.

Lenoir last week did herself proud in voting \$80,000 for water and sewerage and \$20,000 for streets. Any town that is a town at all these days must have public utilities if it is to develop.

Says the Clarkton Express: "From the amount of hay being saved in this section we don't think much will have to be shipped in next Summer. Messrs. N. A. Currie & Bro. alone have more than 75 acres in peavines."

The whole mountain country is stirred over the prospect of a railroad through from Knoxville via Asheville, Hendersonville, Chimney Rock, to Rutherfordton. Such a road would give competition and would open up as fair a land as the sun ever shined upon.

Miss Carrie Wallace, an 18 year old daughter of J. B. Wallace, living near Concord, fell from a second story window Monday night while walking in her sleep and broke both arms just above the wrist. She had made preparation to leave Tuesday morning to enter Due West Female College.

A charter has been issued to a Charlotte company of farmers and business men, with \$125,000 capital in shares of \$1,000, to hold cotton, it being one of a large number of companies that are to be established throughout the south for the purpose of building warehouses and saving the farmers from having to sell their cotton at Wall Street prices.

Some months ago J. T. Gettman, of Woodlawn, Ala., was in an Atlanta hospital, in a desperate condition, and was attended by Miss Maud Carson, daughter of Mr. William Carson, of Rowan, who has been a trained nurse six years. Now cards are out announcing the wedding on the 25th of this month, at Woodlawn, home of Miss Carson and her patient.

At the Graham Graded School Sept. 19th, Lawson Shields, a pupil, used a knife on Prof. A. T. Allen, inflicting a painful wound in his breast. The pupils were marching from the grounds after recess when Prof. Allen reproached Shields for misbehavior. The boy replied impudently, when Prof. Allen boxed his ears. Shields then drew a knife and attacked the teacher. Shields is a boy of seventeen. He made his escape and is still in hiding. Prof. Allen's wound is not thought to be dangerous.

The suicide of Joshua Harrison, of Currituck county, who committed suicide at a hotel in Norfolk on Wednesday, is a tragic ending of the Beasley kidnaping case. It is said that he left a note declaring his innocence of the charge upon which he was convicted, but in taking his life he has only convinced people that he was guilty. Many had their doubts about it before but the desperate deed of Harrison rather than go to the penitentiary has brought them over to it.

Will Mitchell, a negro who escaped from the chain gang in Anson county, was shot and killed last week by F. L. Autry, who was trying to capture him. Mitchell ran out of a house and drew a shot gun, but the officer shot first. The negro's gun was loaded with buckshot. Lige Redfern, colored, killed one negro and fatally wounded another in Anson last week. He was arrested. Jesse Phillips, a negro, shot his sister-in-law in the back as she was fleeing from him after he had made improper proposals to her. Also in Anson. The Anson negroes seem to be fierce.

#### Washing Machines Free. Keep Your Cash Coupons.

To the party making the largest cash purchase, except of vehicles and live stock, between Sept. 1st and Nov. 1st, 1907, we will give one High Grade Washing Machine, FREE.

Our line of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, general furnishings, heavy and fancy groceries is complete, and we guarantee to save you money on every purchase.

In our vehicle and harness department, we can suit the most fastidious, and prices are rock bottom.

Parham Bros. Co.

If you want to save 25 cents pay your subscription before October 1st.

## DON'T THROW AWAY MONEY.

### Put it to a Good Use And Enjoy What You Make.

The next best thing to making money is to take care of it. This, many of us have not yet learned to do. When we get it, instead of keeping it, our fingers and pockets seem to burn until we have parted with all of it. It is surprising to see how readily many farmers spend their money and how helpless they become when it is gone.

Don't throw away your money trading. Some people seem to think that as soon as they get a little money they should become speculators and be ready to set themselves up as traders on anything which comes along. The right rule is to buy only such things as are actually needed, and see to it that the prices paid are reasonable prices. Part of the money should be saved for purchases during the spring and summer months.

Don't throw away your money for alcoholic liquors. If spent this way it is worse than wasted. Besides taking the money these liquors injure instead of benefit. Think of the young man who works hard to make money and then spends it for strong drink to injure himself and others. Such a course prevents many young men from getting married, from getting good positions and from making a good start in life. It is too bad to be debarred from society, from paying positions and from success on account of liquor drinking. Think of a farmer working hard and working his children like they were slaves to make money to be spent for drink when it should go for the improvement of the home and the education of the children, and other things that go to make life better and happier.—Smithfield Herald.

### Culbreth Cullings.

Tobacco is all cured in this corner.

Prof. Webb and others from Oxford were fishing out here last week.

Joe Allen, colored, lost a barn and the tobacco at the Yancey place this season.

The fodder crop fired up in the fields right badly this fall on account of the dry weather.

There will be a good deal of moving and changing homes this fall as is common after a bad crop year.

The pastor at Mt Zion church, Rev. Weatherspoon, having resigned the church has called Rev. Jos. G. Blalock for their pastor.

There was no preaching at Geneva on the third Sunday in this month on account of the resignation of the pastor Rev. C. G. Christian.

The pastor at Tar River church, Elder A. Blalock died Aug. —, and Mr. Herndon, of Durham, preached for them last Saturday and Sunday.

The new passenger rates has caused a higher freight rate on lumber and is about to put the sawmill men out of business as far as shipping is concerned, we have been informed.

At the residence of Mr. J. L. Clayton, 18th inst. our esteemed neighbor, Mr. J. L. O'Brian, was quietly married to Miss Rebecca Franklin by Squire W. B. Horner. May much happiness be their lot.

The public schools are generally in full operation now and the children have a chance to improve their time, and they should do their best while the weather is favorable to attend and put in some earnest faithful work.

HAT.

### Like Finding Money.

J. G. Hall the popular druggist is making an offer that is just like finding money for he is selling a regular 50c bottle of Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia at half price. In addition to this large discount he agrees to return the money to any purchaser whom the specific does not cure.

It is quite unusual to be able to buy 50c pieces for a quarter, but that is what this offer really means, for it is only recently, through the solicitation of druggist J. G. Hall that this medicine could be bought for less than 50c, he urged the proprietors to allow him to sell it at this reduced price for a little while, agreeing to sell a certain amount. The result has justified his good judgment, for the sale has been something remarkable.

Anyone who suffers with headache, dyspepsia, dizziness, sour stomach, speck before the eyes, or any liver trouble, should take advantage of this opportunity, for Dr. Howard's specific will cure all these troubles. But if by any chance it should not, J. G. Hall will return your money.

## THE WORLD'S OLDEST WOMAN.

### Mrs. Killcrease, a Native of North Carolina, Claims the Honor.

Mrs. L. Killcrease, who lives at Pine Mills, a small village three miles east of Quitman, Texas, says she is 131 years old. She claims to have been born June 10th, 1776. She lives with her daughter, who is 97 years old, and with her grand-daughter, who is 62 years old. It is believed that Mrs. Killcrease is the oldest person in the United States, and probably the oldest in the world. There seems to be no question here as to her age. She has what appears to be authentic documentary proof which shows that she was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, 131 years ago. Her birthplace was near the site of the present village of Scotland Neck in that county. Dr. R. O. Connell, W. E. Burkett and J. H. Saxon, all well known and worthy residents of Hainesville, Texas, near Mrs. Killcrease's home, as well as other people of the community, have investigated the matter of her age and say her statements are true. Her daughter's age is also well authenticated. The latter maintains that her mother was 84 years old when she was born and that there can be no question about the correctness of the statement of both their ages, as well as that of her grand-daughter.

Mrs. Killcrease lived for 100 years in the mountains of Western North Carolina, where she was born. She came to Texas with her daughter's family in 1886, and has lived at Pine Mills ever since she arrived in the State. She is in good health and is able to get around the house and premises quite briskly. Her mind is bright and active. She says she was never much of a reader, as she was brought up in a time and place where books and newspapers were practically unknown. But she likes to be told the gossip of the world. She can still relate many incidents of a local character, dating back to a century and a quarter ago, but few of the events of national importance impressed themselves upon her memory. She says that news of such events was slow in reaching her mountain home.

### Courting Over the Phone.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Rock Hill Herald, has come to the conclusion that there is entirely too much spooning and courting by telephone in that town, and says that as a result many subscribers to the local system are greatly inconvenienced by a lot of sweet talk over the wires. This nuisance (for such it is beyond a doubt) is certainly not confined to Rock Hill alone, but seems to be epidemic all over the country. There is enough love-making over the telephone in this community to make a brass monkey blush. And what is worse, it is carried on at the expense of business and the great inconvenience of people who are in the habit of using the telephone for business purpose. Important lines are often held indefinitely by these unblushing public spooners while business waits and begs for a chance. There seems to be but one effective remedy for this great and growing evil and that is for all subscribers who want their phone for business purposes to register a united protest and demand a reasonably time-limit to all conversations over the telephone be strictly enforced. This they have a perfectly legitimate right to do. We shall not stop just here to discuss the girl who engages in spooning and love-making and talking sweet talk over the telephone further than to remark that her main reason for resorting to this expedient is that she wants a sweetheart and wants one awful bad, and it may be that she allows a young man the privilege of making love to her over the telephone because they seldom call at her home for that purpose. Every man knows that the young man who entertains that high regard for a young lady that would lead him to be serious with her would hardly be willing to commit his messages of love to so public a thing as the telephone.—Wax-haw Enterprise.

FOR Sale—Land located in Brassfield township, one fourth mile from Brassfield church, two miles from Wilton, in healthy locality, good water, and good community, and known as the L. F. Allen place. This land will be sold at public auction on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 28, 1907, at 12 o'clock at the home place subject to a mortgage.

J. B. ALLEN,  
Agent of Melba Browney.

Graded School Announcement.  
On account of the advancement already made in the work it will be impossible to enter beginners in the first grade after October 1st.

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## BOYS GO TO SCHOOL.

### Only a Year for Preparation if You Vote in 1908.

We wish to impress upon the boys the great necessity and the importance of attending school now, and we can think of nothing that we could write that would be more to the point than the following from the Sanford Express:

It is always important that children attend the schools, but to the boy nearing his twenty-first year, who cannot read and write, it is doubly so this year. The constitutional amendment will go into effect before another school year, when the grand-father clause will not avail, but the next general election they will be disfranchised unless they wisely employ the golden moments left to them. The teachers should make a special effort to induce these boys to attend, and for once in their lives their parents should do their duty along this line. Tactful teachers can do much to secure this attendance and this attendance may mean a great deal to these boys and their State as well. Remember, boys there is only a year for preparation if you vote in 1908. After July, 1908, the educational qualification will stand between you and the ballot box. This should not discourage you for any boy with average talent can learn to read and write in a year by close application and the reward is worth the time and trouble. Don't stay from school because some small boys are ahead of you in their studies, but attend resolved that you will answer the roll call every day if possible and qualify yourself to exercise all the rights of a free American citizen. If your father is one of the meanly kind who says "skules haint no good nor lamin nuther," and clinches the argument by informing you that when a "kid" he refused to go after the first day; that he had "got along" and that you are "no better than he was"—if you have a father like that you deserve the pity of good citizens for being the son of such a man. However, you can go to school after you are twenty-one. Some of the world's greatest men began to study late in life. One of our Presidents learned to write after he was married.

But the right to vote is not the only thing to be gained. The industrial world is calling for more intelligent workers in all its branches. There is a broad field and rich harvest for men of character, energy and intelligence.

### Clean and Wholesome Kitchens.

Those people who favor the Clayton gentleman for Governor can blow their own Horns with grace and ease. The mountain people can look upon a Craig and rejoice in the beauty of manliness. The Rockingham section may hope to Reid their title clear to a candidate; but we folks in this belt desire to establish a Kitchin—clean and wholesome—which is essential to every well-regulated household. The Democratic household, in North Carolina, needs just such a Kitchin, to cook the Republican's goose.—Durham Sun.

### Death of Mrs. Fannie Peed.

Mrs. Fannie Peed, of Knap of Reeds, Granville county, died Wednesday night and was buried near her home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. W. Robinson. The age of Mrs. Peed was 63 years. She leaves only one daughter, Miss Myrtle. Mrs. Peed was a daughter of the late J. C. Cozart, of Granville county. She was an aunt of Mrs. J. C. Hundley, of Durham, Mr. Graham Roberts and Mrs. J. D. Bullock, of Oxford, and Mrs. C. J. Roberts, of Knap of Reeds, and was a devoted christian lady, and greatly beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

### Millinery Opening At

Landis & Easton, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1st and 2nd. The ladies of Granville are cordially invited to attend our opening sale on above dates. We promise to show the largest and most attractive line of millinery we have ever shown. The latest creations from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and our own work rooms. Miss Creswell an artistic trimmer of experience has been to the largest northern markets where she was assisted by Miss Maud Parham studying the styles and should be a guarantee that our styles are the latest and best.

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.

POCKET knives that are right in price and quality at Stedman's.

Mrs. Thales Turner

Feb. 2, 08

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

## OUR STATE FLAG.

### Why has it not Been Floating From Our Court House Before Now?

The last legislature enacted a law requiring the commissioners of every county in North Carolina to procure a State flag to be displayed on or in the court house during sessions of the court and probably at other times. This is the law, and Granville should comply with it.

The State flag is a beauty, and should be known by every son and daughter of Carolina, but I venture the assertion that not one in one hundred have ever seen it. Let our county commissioners have the flag unfurled from the court house, and do not let it be said that Granville brings up the rear in patriotism.

Every public school house should have the State flag floating over it, and our children should be taught to love this emblem of the Old North State. J. P. STEDMAN.

### Negro Boy Killed at Goshen.

On last Friday morning Graham Bailey, a young negro went to the home of Horace Thornton, a negro, at Goshen and went in and set his gun down. There were too other boys in the room, one of the younger named Hezekiah Norwood, was fooling with the gun, causing instant death. Squire J. G. Shotwell was immediately summoned and after a full investigation ordered the body buried.

### Which would You Rather Be.

If an editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for it, but if a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. If an editor makes one there is a law suit, swearing and the smell of sulphur, but if a doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and a smell of varnish.

A doctor can use a word a yard long without knowing what it means, but if an editor uses it he has to spell it. Any old college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor; he has to be born.

### Does This Apply to Oxford?

There is complaint from the state department of agriculture that the tobacco warehousemen in several parts of the state are failing to comply with the act of the last legislature in reporting monthly to the department of sales of leaf tobacco. There is a penalty of \$500 besides imprisonment at the discretion of the court for failure to comply with the law, and for the penalty to be brought against the warehouse company by any citizen, who can recover the fine.

### Sizzing Hot Times in Raleigh.

There is something doing in Raleigh these days, and The News & Observer and The Times are sizzing hot over the \$6,000 the Southern Railway paid Mr. John C. Drewry last year for advertising and special notices. The investigation in Washington is an eye opener to the people of the State, and the News & Observer is letting them know what the Southern has been doing in letters of red. "Lay on McDuff, etc."

### Long, Blalock & Haskins.

This live Oxford firm ranks among the best in the State and two large stores were never so attractive as they are this season. Progress and up-to-dateness is the watchword here. Every line is complete and attractive, but the things which appeal to woman's sphere are prominently accentuated in the displays. The millinery and dress goods are displayed in unusually rich and becoming effects, while the other lines such as shoes, men's and boys' clothing, furnishings and notions, are given a place which supplies a balancing effect to the entire display, and a most cordial invitation is extended you to call at this great mecca of trade and supply your fall wants. Read their page advertisement on the 8th page as it is brim full of information for the buyer.

### Millinery Opening.

I will have my fall millinery opening on Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 1st and 2nd, and will show a beautiful selection of pattern hats in the very latest styles and designs. These patterns were selected after a careful examination of hats in the leading northern markets and are the very newest creations of the milliners art. I also carry a nice line of notions. The ladies of the town and county are cordially invited:

MRS. T. LANIER,  
(Miss M. B. Gregory.)

The handsomest collection of Japanese and other fine china ware we have ever shown. Stedman's Drug Store.

## 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.

The name of the new mayor of Shelbyville, Tenn., is "Tune." He ought to give the criminal class a "Hot Time."—Raleigh Enterprise.

No wonder the Boers were not allowed to have the Transvaal all to themselves. Within the past six months the mines of that country have produced \$55,000,000 in gold.

A Chicago dispatch states that ten cats have alienated the affections of Mrs. Jacob Roseberg "from her husband." Probably the old man had often hurt her felines.—Wilmington Star.

The Atlantic City tax assessor levies \$100 additional on men who are bachelors. No well posted bachelor, however, is going to be forced into marrying under the belief that he can save that hundred by getting a wife.

Major Chas. M. Stedman's name having been mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination, the major asks that it be stated positively that he is not and will not be a candidate but that he is supporting Kitchin.

Mashed onions and salt is recommended by a Kansas paper as a cure for snake-bite. North Carolinians will ignore the Kansas cure as long as they have what they know is the traditional remedy handed down by the fathers.

A man in the State of Washington acknowledges that he has been married so many times that he cannot remember the names of all his wives. His married life must have been such that his wives didn't make it warm enough for him to remember them.

The fellow who predicted that the country would come to an end August 30th may feel silly, but he certainly can't be put in a class of insanity alone when there are so many supposedly intellectual folks who are foolish enough to predict that the country is going to the dogs.—Wilmington Dispatch.

W. H. Rogers, of McIntosh county, the only negro member of the Georgia legislature, has resigned his seat in the general assembly. He gave no reason for his action, but it is believed that the passage of the negro disfranchisement bill by the last legislature influenced him.

If cotton brings 13 cents the pound, 18 should be regarded as the minimum marrying age of young ladies, but if it should bring 15 cents the pound, marriages at 16 would be entirely proper. With 15 cents cotton a very youthful wife may be easily supported.—Charlotte News and Courier.

"My love is dressed in sunbeams, with a rainbow round her brow," sings a Western poet. That sort of costume may go in Texas, where, according to George Bailey, the Garden of Eden was located, but anywhere else we fear the police would proceed to get busy.—Washington Post.

Why is it that the newspapers of the United States do not make an organized and determined fight against the paper trust? If this were done there are a good many Protection Congressmen who would vote to repeal the duty on paper and raw material for its manufacture or be left at home.—Wilmington Star.

W. W. Kitchin, Locke Craig and Ashley Horne are the leading candidates for Governor. Mr. Kitchin is a member of the Baptist church at Roxboro, Mr. Craig is a member of the First Baptist church at Asheville, and Mr. Horne's wife is a member of the Baptist church at Clayton.—North Carolina Baptist.

In view of a report that Representative Pou is in declining health there are four new aspirants for the Democratic nomination, for Congress in the fourth district and amidst the shouting and the tumult Mr. Pou ups and says he is as solid as Muldoon, invites a skeptic to feel the muscles in his back, and announces that he hasn't gone anywhere. And there you are.—Charlotte Observer.

North Carolina editors who have been denouncing the laxity of our divorce laws will do well to train their guns on the Chicago and Dakota divorce courts for a while. The mill got busy in Rowan this week and five divorces were granted, in every instance infidelity being the cause for action. As it is in Rowan so it is in all the more populous counties of the State.—Salisbury Post.