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

Excited at the sight of a telegram being delivered to her by one of the local messenger boys, a negro woman named Banks, of Winston-Salem, dropped dead at her home.

The 6-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, of Salisbury, dropped dead in that town Friday while on her way home from school. She was apparently in the best of health.

Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, was unanimously elected president of the American Public Health Association, which represents this country, Canada, Mexico and Cuba, at the 35th annual meeting held at Atlantic City last week. Only three Southern men have ever been president of this organization.

It may be necessary at times for protection, but it is dangerous to sleep with a pistol under one's pillow. W. B. Higgon, of Greenville, says the Reflector, put his pants and his pistol under his pillow. Next morning he pulled his pants out, the pistol dropped to the floor and Mr. Higgon caught the ball in his leg.

After deliberating less than two hours the jury which had in hearing the \$25,000 damage suit brought by Capt. Jno. D. Bowen, of Wilmington, against the Seaboard Air Line for personal injuries received in the Hamlet wreck a year ago, returned a verdict in the Superior Court, awarding the plaintiff \$15,000.

Sunday night near Farmville, in Pitt county, Thomas Jefferson killed his brother, James, with a piece of stove-wood. James had been demented for some time. Thomas claims he acted in self-defense, but at the preliminary hearing it was proven that James was asleep. Thomas was committed to jail without bail.

Mr. LeRoy Davidson, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Charlotte, a descendant of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration, was arrested Wednesday, charged with operating a blind tiger. A man seen coming out of Davidson's office with a suspicious package swore that he paid Davidson \$1 for a pint of liquor. A lot of whiskey and empty beer bottles were found in Davidson's office.

The development of banks in the State this year has certainly been remarkable about 30 having been chartered, the last being the Merchants & Farmers' at Mooresville, which is to do a general banking business. Many of the banks chartered during the past few years are in very small towns and some have as small a capital as \$5,000 but they seem to prosper and to serve a very useful purpose.

A suit in Buncombe court last week was, by agreement, decided by eight jurors. It grew out of a horse trade and involved only \$50. When the jurors reported disagreement Judge Guion made some remarks about the time, and the expense to the taxpayers, involved in such litigation and informed the lawyers that unless the jury agreed or the lawyers got together he would put the case to the end of the docket and require bonds for the costs. Then the lawyers agreed to a verdict if as many as eight of the jurors agreed, and it was ordered.

A curious telephone suit was decided at Durham last week. Drs. Manning and Mann, who were not business partners, made it convenient to use the same 'phone, thus saving the price of one. The telephone people objected, telling the doctors that each separate business or establishment must have a 'phone, or if two concerns used the same 'phone they must pay the price of two 'phones. Drs. Manning and Mann refused to comply with this regulation and the telephone company ordered the 'phone removed. Then came the suit. Judge Allen, who heard the case, decided in favor of the doctors.

DO IT NOW—Send in your heaters and coal stoves to be repaired before cold weather comes and avoid the rush. J. F. Edwards. 2m

I HAVE on hand two second hand mowing machines that are in tip top running order, and am offering them at a very low price. If you are in the market for a mower take advantage of this offer, as they are bargains. J. F. Edwards. 2m

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ALMOST SEVERED HEAD.

Wife of Judge Robinson Committed Suicide in Goldsboro.

In Goldsboro about 4 o'clock, Saturday morning, Mrs. Robinson, wife of ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, ended her life by cutting her throat with a razor. Her head was almost severed from her body, according to reports, and then in addition to this the lamp was turned over when she fell, and her body was horribly burned—all of her night clothing being burned from her body and even one of her slippers were burned.

Judge Robinson was awakened when his wife fell on the floor above his room and he rushed to her assistance. He found the clothing burning and the blood from the fearful wound was in a pool about the body. He set about to put out the fire, the room being then burning, and in so doing he was badly burned about the hands, arms and face.

She was about 52 years of age and she left three sons. One is now a clerk in the postoffice at Goldsboro and the other two are students at the university. Her husband was for several years a judge on the superior court bench of the state. She was an Episcopalian in religion and of her family there are several members. Mrs. Robinson had been very nervous for several weeks and only a few nights ago her sister came to be with her. On her last night on earth she was extremely nervous, running about the house in a manner that caused those who were with her to keep a watch on her movements. Just before 4 o'clock she went up-stairs, but no one had any thought that she contemplated the rash act that was taken. The falling of her body, when her head was almost severed from her body, was the first information that attracted attention.

All Applicants Negroes.

That so few white men in the South are seeking civil service positions is now a matter of deep concern to the officials of the postoffice Department. A recent examination, for positions in the railway mail service was held in various points in the South and seven-eighths of the applicants were negroes. The Postoffice Department is perplexed. They say that the reason white men are not taking the examinations is that so many negroes are serving in the railway mail service. In one Southern city all of the applicants were negroes, and the Postoffice Department declines to give the name of this city. They look upon the whole situation as grave, and it is very evident that this particular examination is looked upon with considerable concern—so much so that they are extremely cautious about talking on the subject.

Talking One's Self Down.

Unnecessary criticism of others is one of the deadliest forms of self-injury. It is doubly so when coupled with vindication of self. The man who, for example, is being unjustly attacked or depreciated in his rightful place and work, and who makes it a point to tell friends who have no special connection with the matter, all about it, explaining the unfairness and weakness of his opponents and the strength of himself and his work, accomplishes nothing but a loss of respect for himself on the part of those in whom he confides. The facts as he tells them may be wholly true; but the fact that he tells them may be wholly against him. It is always a temptation, in such trying circumstances, thus to talk about ourselves and others; it seems like a helpful relief of the tension; but the relief is not genuine, and it is costly to our own character and reputation. The most respected man is the man from whose conversation his own grievances and achievements, and his neighbor's shortcomings are brilliantly absent.—Durham Sun.

Seven Room Residence for Rent.

A nice seven-room residence on corner of Broad and Depot Streets for rent. Possession will be given November 1st. Apply to Mrs. L. W. Wright, Broad Street, Oxford, N. C. 1t

JOHN P. STEDMAN, the popular druggist, has received a complete line of HAWKES' famous Spectacles and Eye Glasses, and will be assisted for three days commencing OCTOBER 18, by an expert optician direct from the Home Office. All those in Oxford and vicinity in need of eye glasses and spectacles should not fail to take advantage of this opportunity. Satisfaction guaranteed. Remember the dates October 18th. 2t

FOR Sale—On easy terms the vacant building lot facing The Seminary. Apply to W. L. Peace. 1t

CREEDMOOR SLANDER CASE

TWO MAGISTRATES, TEN LAWYERS AND 45 WITNESSES.

Thomas M. Thomasson Was Sent up for Slander, The Bond Was Fixed at \$100.00.

Friday the slander case against Thomas M. Thomasson, of Creedmoor, was tried in Oxford and largely attended.

Mr. Thomasson, the defendant in this slander suit, was sent to court under bond of \$100. This was promptly given and he was discharged. It is promised that in the higher court there will be a fight that will attract considerable attention.

In this case there was one defendant, ten lawyers and forty-five witnesses. The case was called at 11 o'clock Friday morning, there was adjournment for dinner, then an entire afternoon court with adjournment for supper and it was after 11 o'clock at night when the matter was finally left to the justices. The case was originally set for hearing before Justice of the Peace Wood, but was sworn from him and was tried by Justices T. N. Burwell and T. G. Taylor.

It was charged that Mr. Thomasson had made statements that reflected on the character of Mrs. W. R. Garner in relation to Dr. Sanderford. Dr. Sanderford was in reality one of the prosecuting witnesses. He was present to vindicate his character and that of Mrs. Garner, one of his patients, if possible.

The defendant had some twenty-eight witnesses in his behalf and the others of those who appeared before the court were for the prosecution. It was shown that Mr. Thomasson was a man of high character and had always maintained himself in a manner that caused the best of reports. It was also shown that Dr. Sanderford had lived in the Creedmoor section some 17 years and that he was a man of very high character.

After hearing all of the facts the two magistrates decided to send the case to the grand jury. The bond that was required was \$100 and this was given. The lawyers who appeared for the prosecution in this case were as follows: Judge R. W. Winston, of the firm of Winston & Bryant, Durham, Judge A. W. Graham, Gen. B. S. Royster and Mr. W. A. Devin, of Oxford. Those for the defendant were: Mr. R. P. Reade, Durham; Mr. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson; Mr. A. A. Hicks, of Oxford; Messrs. T. G. Stem and Otho Lyon, of Creedmoor.

Very able speeches were made by counsel on both sides and attentively listened to by the large crowd in attendance upon the trial.

Good Tobacco Sales.

The following farmers sold tobacco in Oxford a few days ago at the Owen Warehouse and received high averages: John Beal captured \$164, 27, 30, 35, 48, 18, 13, 14, L. G. O'Brien pocketed \$112, 18, 25, 40, 16, 11, R. I. Newton was close behind him received \$94, 16, 40, 16, 11. T. H. Clayton was not behind and sold a lead at \$13, 27, 40, 20, 14, 9, 1.

On The Bridge at Midnight.

From the pen of W. L. Roberts will be seen here Oct. 21st. It will be presented elaborately and with a strong company, including some clever comedians, among them that clever German comedian, Oscar Handler, who has been to excellent advantage as Germany a part that fits him to a nicety. The prices for this engagement will be 75, 50, 35, children 25.

"On the bridge at midnight" which has been made familar to the public through several years of successful production, was offered at the Krug last night to the intense satisfaction of a large audience. The company having in charge is one of the best that ever gave it here, and the scenic effects are all right. Oscar Handler is doing the work of the German bookseller, who is forced to turn detective, and is doing it very well. The others in the company are good.—Omaha Daily Bee, Friday, May 3rd, 1907.

Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney trouble that is not beyond medical aid. J. G. Hall.

SOME people say that never in their lives did they save any money until they secured a home auxiliary steel bank. Loaned free by the Oxford Savings Bank.

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.

HIS SKULL FRACTURED.

MR. CHARLES GARMAN VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT.

Pipe Blew off at Southern Wheel Company Striking Him on the Side of His Head.

Mr. Charley Garman, the fine Superintendent of the Southern Wheel Co., met with a very serious accident last Thursday evening. He was looking after the putting in of a steam pipe, which happened not to be screwed up tight, and when the steam was turned on the piece of pipe burst off, flew up in the air, coming down struck him on the side of his head, knocking him senseless. The piece of pipe weighed about 20 pounds, and it is a wonder he was not killed outright.

Mr. Garman was taken to his home, on Broad street, and physicians were summoned who looked after the wounded man. It was several hours before he gained consciousness, but at this writing he is slightly better, while he is still in a serious condition. Deep sympathy is expressed on all sides for the wounded man and dear wife and children.

Good Man's Sudden Death.

Mr. C. C. King, one of the best known men in Durham county and father of Editor J. H. King, of the Morning Herald died suddenly Friday night at his home on Dowd street shortly after 9 o'clock.

Mr. King was sixty years of age and for a number of years has been engaged in the furniture business, being the leading stockholder in the Home Furniture. He was highly esteemed and no man more richly deserved the confidence and good will of his fellows. He was a devoted husband and father and a friend to the human family.—Durham Sun.

Special Tax Sustained.

The Supreme Court renders a decision in a very important case. The law requires that all public schools must be kept open at least four months in each year. The State has for several years made an annual appropriation to aid in this but has contended that it was really the duty of the counties to levy a special tax for this purpose. Franklin county commissioners levied the tax and the taxpayers enjoined its collection. The lower court decided the tax to be proper and constitutional. The Supreme Court affirms this and thus reverses a decision made by it 20 years ago, which all these years had hampered the rural public schools.

Tobacco Sales in September.

The September statistics for sale of leaf tobacco in the warehouses of North Carolina are just made public by the State Department of Agriculture to which all warehouse men are required to report by a special act of the Legislature. The report shows total sales first hand aggregating 19,869,656 pounds, as compared with 8,614,229 pounds for August. The resale for September amounted to 21,711,108 pounds. Wilson leads with 4,476,185 pounds; Greenville is second with 3,556,685 pounds, with Kinston ranking third and Rocky Mount fourth with respectively, 3,051,959 and 1,358,042.

Found Cravat, Shirt and Whetrock.

Mr. Ben West, an old Confederate soldier of Person county, was in Oxford Friday selling tobacco and told a number of friends about his experience last year in a Danville hospital, as his health had been bad for sometime and went there for treatment. He said they commenced by giving him Turkish baths, one each day for three days. On the third day they had rubbed so much of the old skin off they found an old red cravat that he had on when he enlisted in 1861, and when they reached his body discovered the shirt he had on at the first battle of Manassas. The attendants next turned their attention to his head wondering what they would find embedded in his scalp. He said to their amazement they found the small whetstone he carried with him to the war to whet his knife on.

Mr. West said the doctors told him after getting rid of these incumbrances they felt sure he would finally get well. After he returned home he continued quite weak, and concluded to try Smith's water, which restored him to health. He is quite happy over his recovery and never fails to say a good word for this excellent health giving water.

Obstinate cases of constipation and nasty, mean headaches promptly disappear when you take DeWitt's Little Early Riser Pills. Sold by J. G. Hall.

TWO VERY BRAVE GIRLS.

Horse Runaway Monday, and They had Close Call.

The buggy horse of Mr. B. F. Taylor ran away with two of his daughters Monday afternoon, and fortunately neither one was hurt, but they had a narrow escape. Quite a number of people witnessed the runaway and expected to see the girls hurled to the ground.

The horse was frightened by a motor-cycle, and several persons tried to stop the fleeing horse. He struck the sidewalk near the Johnson Warehouse and one wheel grazed a telephone pole, throwing Miss Pearl down in the foot of the buggy with one foot over the front axle. Miss Oza held to her sister the best she could, and after getting the horse into the street finally stopped him without either one receiving a scratch. They are certainly brave girls and we admire their courage, but it is certainly dangerous for them to drive that animal about town.

Visits His Old Friend.

Tuesday morning an old loose mule was strolling leisurely along Main Street no doubt looking for the mule millinery opening at Parham Bros. Co. When he arrived in front of the Buggy and Harness Emporium, spied his old friend "Drew" Bryan and he deliberately walked in and as good as asked this clever gentleman to clothe him with a good set of harness, but his old friend did not recognize him, and he walked out and went on his way.

Elegant Barbecue.

Mrs. Roy Currin royally entertained about 100 of her neighbors and town friends at her pretty country home Thursday afternoon, and a bountiful menu of barbecue and brunswick stew was served with accessories. It was elegantly prepared by Mr. J. S. Hoggood, and greatly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to gather around the bountiful tables. The guests after extending many thanks to the pleasant host and hostess left for their homes with many good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

M. C. Moore Sues the Southern.

Mr. M. C. Moore, a veteran of Granville county, yesterday instituted suit against the Southern Railway asking for \$1,000 damages. The affair that caused the suit occurred last January at Durham, and he said that morning that the Southern promised to compromise the matter and this has caused the delay in instituting the suit.

He contends that he was treated unjustly by a conductor on the Southern road who put him off the train when he offered to pay his fare.—Durham Sun.

"Nearly all Baptists or Methodists."

This story is told of the Episcopal bishop of London, who is attending the Episcopal convention in Richmond. Meeting a policeman the bishop said: "This is a beautiful city of yours." "Yes, sir," said the bluecoat, "this is God's country." "Now, why should you call it God's country?" asked the bishop. "Are the people of Richmond any more religious than those of other places?" "Oh, yes, sir," answered the officer. "Nearly all the people here are either Baptists or Methodists."

North Carolinians in Oklahoma.

It seems that a number of North Carolinians will help inaugurate the first State government in the new State of Oklahoma. Mr. W. H. L. Campbell, of Iredell, was elected clerk of the Supreme Court along with the balance of the Democratic State ticket.

Mr. H. S. Blair, former editor of the Lenoir Topic, at one time a member of the State Senate from the district embracing Caldwell county, and long prominent in public affairs in that section, was elected a member of the Oklahoma State Senate at the recent election. Mr. Blair moved to Indian Territory only a few years ago. He is a brother of Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the Christian Advocate. Mr. Blair is a strong debater, and will be heard from in the Oklahoma Legislature.

It is more than likely that other North Carolinians have also gone in under the new deal in Oklahoma, for the average Tar Heel isn't going to let an office run over him.

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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.

The telegraphers' strike has been called off because the treasury is depleted and there is no probability of a compromise on the part of the telegraph companies.

The hundred and fourteenth anniversary of the North Carolina University was appropriately celebrated Saturday, with Dr. McKelway, of Brooklyn, N. Y., as orator of the day.

Dr. Wiley, the government's food expert at Washington, says: "A drink of real Kentucky whiskey compared with an imitation is like a beautiful girl compared to a wooden figure in a store window." That Wiley seems to know his business as a taster.

The father of a girl in New York recently refused to permit her to wear a peekaboo waist to a dance. She retorted by throwing an oil lamp at him cutting his arm all to pieces and setting fire to the house. It was surely tough on the old man, but then think of the provocation.

The nearer we get to the cross, the less we see of church steeples, for the more we see and learn of Christ, the Crucified One, the less care and need we have for empty and hollow creed, for Jesus is the only way through which to go and find the fondest splendors of eternal day.

President Roosevelt once said that there are "good trusts and bad trusts." The Tobacco Trust has taken advantage of that opportunity to declare in its answer to the government's complaint that it is good, has been good, and has been just as nice as it could be in actually competing with itself to prevent "restraint of trade."

"Eighty per cent of the human family is sane," is the opinion expressed by a Tennessee farmer. How does he account for the fact that a majority of American voters permit the Republican party to hoodwink them into voting to keep it in power so it can tax them unreasonably and outrageously for the benefit of the comparatively few beneficiaries?—Wilmington Star.

Senator Beveridge, of Child labor fame, is respectfully informed that Ola Graham of Newberry county, aged 10, picked 426 pounds of cotton in two days, while Tompkins Graham, 14, picked 554 pounds and Clarence Graham, 330 pounds. There are not two men and women in Indiana who, together could do as well. Senator Beveridge himself, likely and strapping young fellow that he is, probably couldn't earn forty cents a day picking cotton at sixty cents the hundred.—Charleston News and Courier.

Unless the railroad agree upon some plan by which interstate passengers may secure the benefit of the reduced rates, the chance are, it is said, that Congress may take hold of the situation with a view of requiring it by legislative enactment. In some Western States tickets are sold on the basis of the two-cent rate. This, however, is not generally done in Virginia, for instance, the two-cent fare applies solely to interstate business, the same being true in North Carolina. Moreover, a ticket to Washington from Richmond is on the basis of 3 cents.

The Homicide at Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, Oct. 15.—Mr. R. A. Watts, who was shot by a disreputable woman named Hazel West, is dead. The circumstances of the killing are as follows:

Mr. Watts was employed by the firm of Robinson & Bro., ice dealers, and he went to Webbtown to deliver some ice at the residence of Ernest Pent. After making the delivery Mrs. Pent told young Watts that her husband was at the house of a woman by the name of Hazel West, and requested that he go and tell her husband to come home at once. Mr. Watts did so, repairing to the woman's house and knocking at the door. Hazel West met him and after delivering the message she told him that she would not have her friends interfered with in any such manner, and pulling a pistol, shot him through the head.

Mr. Watts was a splendid young man. The woman is in jail. The coroner empaneled a jury and they returned a verdict that Sam Watts came to his death as a result of a pistol wound, the weapon being in the hands of Hazel West.

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