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Kinston Items

It turned off clear and very cold Monday.

A man thinks he knows but very little until he knows better.

Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own.

Women never make up anything too long to be written.

Motto for a magistrate: There will be no fighting done without trying.

Women ought to be employed as railroad engineers. They never get on sprees and see double tracks.

The brilliant sunsets are satisfactorily explained. It is caused by one Duplin county man with his long red hair.

Cotton came in more freely last week. There were between four and five hundred bales shipped from this point last week. The best brought 9½.

The earth was covered with snow for the second time this winter, last Thursday morning, but the warm humid atmosphere soon melted it away.

Writers on health say that persons should repose on the right side. Husband claim it is injurious to lie on both sides, but we don't know where they will find a healthier set of men than the lawyers.

The vacancy in the Kinston Graded School, caused by the resignation of Mr. B. W. Ray, has been filled by the election of Mr. —— Grimsly, of Greene county. It is a good selection.

David Isler, a colored youth about 18 years old, has gone the "hard way" of the transgressor, having been sent to the penitentiary eighteen months by the Inferior Court for stealing a pair of old boots.

All successful men have agreed in one thing—they were causationists. They believed that things went not by luck, but by law. Belief in compensation—or that nothing is got for nothing—characterizes all valuable minds.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Brittain, of this place, a United States pensioner, gives up her pension and takes a husband, a Mr. J. J. Dukes. They were married last Sunday at the residence of the bride, in Kinston, by Rev. W. C. Gannon.

The Lenoir county moonshiners are a pushing and enterprising gang. Their stills which were recently destroyed in one night were mended up and put to work the next night, at a short distance from the place of their destruction.

Owls may be very fashionable birds to keep, but they prove sometimes to be very expensive to deal with. The keeper of the "Owl House" experienced a loss of $125 in cold cash by the conflict of its owl with the Inferior Court last week.

The January term of the Inferior Court closed last Friday evening. It has been quite an interesting term, the attorneys being full of "law points" and argumentive as a mother-in-law. Two cases go to the Superior Court on appeal.

The blind preacher, Rev. W. H. Milburn, delivered his lecture on S. S. Prentiss to a large and delighted audience, at the opera house, last Thursday evening, doing the orator almost as well as the gifted Prentiss himself could have done.

The difference: Give $50,000 to a New Bernian and he will place them in a bank, retire from active life and believe that he resides in the ancient Athens of Greece. Give $50,000 to a Kinstonian and he will go to work like a beaver, build a brick store and believe he owns the Universe.

Neuse river, at Kinston, has been promising a big rise for the last week. It got up high enough to give the contractor of the new road from Kinston to the bridge some uneasiness the last week, but is now falling without doing any material damage to the road. It is now safe for passengers, either by foot or in vehicles.

The question of teaching natural history in the public schools has been favorably discussed in Massachusetts. One speaker recommended "throwing over some of the deadwood of geographical unessentials, mathematical conundrums and nonsensical parsing" to make room for the proposed study. The speaker will have many followers.

In the way of getting beef to eat, the people of Sand Hill township appear to be living in common like the philosophers. It seems to be the custom down there, when any one feels like enjoying a good steake or a luscious roast, to step into the woods and kill the first fat beef his mind fancies, regardless of ownership. At least this condition of affairs seem to have been established in the Grand Jury at Kinston last week.

Most people unwittingly commit a dreadful heresy over the ordinary Christmas mince pie. Its usual shape at the present time is round. Four centuries ago to eat a round mince pie would be to stigmatize yourself as a Jew or heritic. The orthodox shape is a long oval. It was doubtless meant to represent the cradle in Bethlehem and tradition further asserts that the strange mixture, which makes mince, represents the fruits and spice with the three kings in the legend filled the cradle.

A visit to the new road in the Southern portion of the town is just now the sensation of the hour. The wonder is what can there be in a new road that invites all the males of the town to visit it so frequently. Clerks, bankers, cotton buyers, cotton weighers, druggists, doctors, lawyers, steamboat men, elders, deacons, preachers and "old Chow Chow," all vie with each other which shall pay the longest and most frequent visits. This itemizer has surveyed the premises, in vain, to discover the cause of this tendency of the male sex to visit a new road so often and in such numbers.

The Inferior Court moves along slowly. The law breakers fear its judgments and keep them off as long as possible by dilatory pleas and motions. Since Monday evening, the following cases have been called:

State vs. W. T. Rouse—A. and B. Continued.

State vs. Henry Spencer—larceny. Defendant submits. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. T. J. Hardison—assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Fine $25 and costs.

State vs. Alex. Gray—larceny. Defendant called and failed. Judgment nisi and continued.

This is from the New York *Journal*:

In the presence of father and mother and sister.
Under the mistletoe bough I kissed her.
Just for fun.
When forfeits redeeming, my sentence rang clearly:
"Kiss one in the room you cherish most dearly."
'Twas earnestly done.
When downing my hat, but a few minutes later,
After saying adieu to mater and pater,
My glove, from the hat stand had fallen behind it;
She stooped and I stooped, as we both sought to find it.
We never knew why
Our hands clasped, our eyes met, the glove is still missing;
But we found the best method—just try it—'tis kissing.
Your girl on the sly.

If disease has entered the system the only way to drive it out is to purify and enrich the blood. To this end, as is acknowledged by all medical men, nothing is better adapted than B. B. The fault hitherto has been that it could not be so prepared as to be absolutely harmless to the teeth. This difficulty has been overcome by the Brown Chemical Company of Baltimore, who offer their Brown's Iron Bitters as a faultless iron preparation, a specific cure for dyspepsia, and all liver and kidney troubles, etc.

Of the many remedies for debility, specific for Nervous Debility and all disorders of Nerve Generative System, there is none equal to Allen's Brain Food, which promptly and permanently restores all lost vigor; it never fails. Sealed pkgs. 6 for $5.—At druggists, or by mail from J. H. Allen, 315 First Ave., New York City.

RECEIPT COLUMN.

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The comet has appeared and been seen in the northwest of late.

Business on the A. & N. C. Road is picking up since the mill has [illegible]

Farm work in this section is much retarded on account of unfavorable weather.

Rome was not built in a day but wood piles are bestowed in a day this cool weather.

The Maryland Legislature elected Judge E. S. Wilson to the U. S. Senate on the 18th inst.

Mattamuskeet apples have about "played" for the season. There is no a better winter apple brought to the market than they.

"Wood subscribers" must be hard cases, judging from the way some of our exchanges have been complaining during the cold snap.

The cold snap played havoc with the cabbage crop, but the insects, that seem determined to destroy what plants are alive, were not hurt.

The old market house, at the foot of Middle street, caught on fire Sunday, but was discovered in time and arrested by ex-policeman Hunt.

There are twenty-four persons cared for at the county poor house and one who is not an inmate. Twenty-three of these are colored persons and two are whites.

As an evidence of the fine oysters brought to this market, one was opened here Saturday, the shell of which measured 7 inches in length and four in breadth.

The steamer *City of Columbus*, bound for Savannah from Boston, was driven ashore on Devil's Bridge, Gay head, on the 17th. One hundred lives are reported lost.

Mr. Joseph Banks, one of Jones county's prosperous merchant-farmers, was in the city Wednesday with fifty bales of cotton, and as usual, with him, got a good price.

We have received the prospectus of the Raleigh *Register*, the publication of which will commence early in February. It will be a Democratic paper edited by P. M. Hale.

Mr. Pat Trenwith advertises a farm near the city for sale. In addition to having a good quantity of cleared land it has a good spine beach which is quite profitable during the shad season.

The *Clinton Caucasian* says that corn recently sold in that county for $1.40 per bushel and cotton at 13½ cents per pound, but both on six month's credit. People don't mind paying double prices by giving their notes.

Robert Woodard and Winston Richardson, two young men of Pamlico recently made a trip to Florida on a prospecting tour. Last Saturday they were in the city and took passage on the steamer *Elm City* on their return to dear old Pamlico.

We are indebted to the marshals for an invitation to attend the 49th anniversary of the Euzelian and Philomathesian Literary Societies of Wake Forest College, which takes place on Friday, Feb. 15th. The cards are gotten up in handsome style.

Mobile has lost, it is estimated, two million dollars in its truck interests by the recent severe freeze. Is not Mobile's loss New Berne's gain? The extreme South was severely visited, and presuming upon a reasonably early change of weather, would it not be well for our truck farmers to put in a large crop?

A New Bernian who had taken about three drinks too much, was giving his opinion of Jones countians rather too freely at the Hennessee House on Thursday night when a couple of young giants from that county took him up, or rather took him down by knocking him through the window, smashing up the sash and glass.

The steamer *Carolina* seems to have a run of bad luck. Her first boiler was condemned and had to be replaced with a new one, and after this was put in one of the boxes about the machinery broke on the first trip, and now the news comes that she went to the bottom near Snow Hill a day or two ago with a cargo of cotton aboard. A bad beginning generally makes a good ending, we hope this may prove true with the *Carolina*. She has been resurrected and will yet bear the products of the fertile county of Greene to this market.

At a recent meeting of the Light House Board, a resolution amending the rules for the government of the service was adopted, requiring all employees to wear a prescribed uniform while on duty, the same to go into effect on May 1st, next. From the published circulars it seems that John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia is to furnish the uniforms, which, by the way, is no small job, as there are over a thousand employees in our own district. The prices are $17 and $21, according to selection.

In 1883, as we gather from *Bradstreet's* of the 12th of January, 1884, the capital invested in the South in business, amounted to $855,881,000. North Carolina had $51,519,050. The number of traders in the South was 95,022, in North Carolina 6,939. The number of failures in the South 1,038, or 1 in 92, and averaging $9,000. The number of failures in North Carolina was 57, or 1 in 91, and averaging $7,400. In the whole country in 1873, there were 548,189 failures, this was the year of the panic; in 1880, there were 503,328; in 1883, 898,828. In 1878, the ratio of failures to traders was 1 in 56; in 1880, it is 1 in 162; in 1883, it was 1 in 82. S. 1884 shows better than 1880, the year of the Presidential election.—*Star.*

Postmasters very often have to bear the blame of other people's carelessness. We were shown an instance of this on Friday. A prominent merchant of this city, one who is accurate and painstaking in business, mailed a letter containing a check for a considerable amount of money to a man in Kinston. Days, weeks passed by and nothing could be heard from the letter. Somebody was at fault, and the fault could be traced to one of three persons, the postmaster at New Berne, the route agent or the postmaster at Kinston. Finally, the postmaster at this place received a package from the dead letter office in which the letter containing the check was returned to the gentleman who sent it. It was directed to Pinebold instead of Trenton, where it remained until the postmaster there wearied looking at it and sent it forward to the dead letter office.

Military.

The young men of New Bern and vicinity are forming a military company, [illegible] spirit seems to be [illegible] this spring [illegible] years [illegible] company [illegible] Bern [illegible] Light Infantry [illegible] Light Infantry [illegible] Light Infantry