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Kinston Items

It continues to rain.

The farmers are complaining of the recent heavy rains—it is getting too wet for them.

The Grady boom for sheriff is leaking much too much at the bung hole. It will be merged into the Fields boom by the 16th of August.

Ticket for the Mugwumps.—For sheriff, Lewis Grady, John Fields or D. F. Atkinson. You pay your money and you take your choice.

A young widow may remain eighteen years old for a good while, but when her children begin to get married she has to own up to twenty-nine.

"Men may dig far months an' fine dat de gol' ain' dar," says Ossie Read, "but when de woodpecker digs a hole in de tree he allus takes out de wurm."

"Be you two unequally yoked," exclaimed a Kinston minister. This is good advice, but how are young people to know before marriage which is the best fighter.

Rev. Moses Anderson, who has just finished a term of eighteen months imprisonment in the penitentiary, returned to his fold last week. He says he was sufficiently reformed to preach his way home.

One of those things for which nobody has ever advanced a satisfactory reason is why the ugliest man at a theatre invariably selects a front seat, and is continually turning his face around so that everybody can see it.

D. F. Atkinson, the people's candidate for sheriff, is racing with old Ben Butler as a demagogue. If elected, he proposes to take from the poor only half fees. He is a candidate only to see how small a vote he can poll.

Woman is so built that she can but seldom throw straight. Providence, it is fairly said, orders everything for the best, and after a husband has seen one tin cup sail harmlessly by his head he can run before she snatches up another.

The young ladies of Kinston are experiencing great solicitude as to Kinston's banker's *far future*. It is said he made a terrific plunge on the wrong side of the plank wharf at Morehead City last week and has been seen to rise no more.

A man in Connecticut recently married his seventh wife. He didn't take any honeymoon, because he had become convinced life was too short for such foolishness. Nevertheless, he is quite sure that he is in the seventh heaven of bliss.

"Boys can you tell me anything remarkable in the life of Moses?" asked a Sabbath School teacher last Sunday. "Yes, sir," shouted one of the boys, "he broke all the commandments at once." This boy, however, did not refer to the Mayor of Kinston.

Col. Moses, the wide-awake mayor of Kinston, is putting the boys through with military audacity. They have discovered he is not the spring chicken they took him to be. He expects to pay $200 for the town mule and pocket, in fees, $1100 in cold cash during his term.

Instead of the 16th, 17th and 18th of July, as stated in the Kinston *Times*, the Kinston colored graded school will close July 8th, 9th and 10th. Hon. George H. White, the eloquent and brainy lawyer of New Berne, will deliver the anniversary address Thursday, July 10th. The public are invited.

And now it is said that Gov. Jarvis, after his gubernatorial term expires, will settle in Kinston to practice at the bar. It is to be hoped the Governor will get here in time to succeed Mayor Moses as Lord Mayor of Kinston or Billy Woodpile in the higher office of county cotton weigher.

Our civil engineers, lawyers, Buffalo Bill, "Levi, the centurion," and a great multitude of ragtags and bobtails were measuring, with level and compass, the town last Monday, endeavoring to find the "dead level" of Kinston. They are trying to demonstrate to our Mayor that water never flows up hill.

It is said that a company will soon be be formed to colonize Dr. Hyatt's shingle swamps in Jones and Craven counties. Only those who feel that they have not attained the position in life which they deserve will be invited as colonists. On that basis it is said that Lewis Grady, John Fields and D. F. Atkinson will be ready for the colony after the 16th of August next.

It is getting to be the custom of the Kinston boys to close each week with a display of muscle and pluck. A. Mitchell, Esq., and A. Fields, Esq., furnished the fun last Saturday evening, while a sympathetic undertaker would "set 'em up" as fast as they fell. It is our experience, however, that the town mule is the only gainer by such amusement.

The valedictory poem used in the "old field" school houses at the cross roads was not as pretty as the latter day efforts of the graduates of city colleges and seminaries, but perhaps it expressed the real sentiments of the valedictorians quite as closely. It used to run thus:

"Good by scholars,
Good by school,
Good by teacher—
Darned old fool."

Tommie Cox, Willie Lewis and Elijah Lewis, three young Kinston gallants whose beards have just begun to sprout, were up before his Honor, the Mayor, last Friday for jumping off the cars when in motion. The boys defended on the ground that they were caught on the cars while treating their departing loves to ripe peaches. The Mayor said the girls must have peaches, if the boys broke their necks while treating them, and so the poor old town mule got not a cent out of the boys. Poor mule.

Beston Items.

Corn is scarce and finds ready sale at $5 per bo

Mr. John S. Herring has a field of the finest cotton that we have seen.

Mr. A. B. Thompson is quite sick at his home in New Hope township.

There will be a Sunday-school picnic at Hood Swamp about the 1st of August.

Miss Annie Crawford, of Goldsboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Wood near Beston.

A heavy rain storm passed over this section last Friday, doing considerable damage to crops.

Rev. J. F Hill, of the Free Will persuasion, preached to a large crowd at Hood Swamp last Sunday.

Sheriff Grantham was down a few days ago looking after some parties that failed to list their taxes last year.

Mrs. Sallie Smith has in course of erection a dwelling which when completed will be an ornament to Saulston

Mr. Jesse Yelverton died last Sunday. He was in the employ of Mr. A. B. Thompson, and was considered a very trusty person.

Mr. Giles Newson, of Green county, had his country store and stock of goods burned one night last week. Loss $1,300; insured for $1,000. Supposed incendiary.

Mr. Council Best is the champion shingle maker of this section. He has already marketed over 60,000 since January. He does his work by hand and has no one to help him.

No weddings this week, but judging from the way that some of our neighbors are buying fine horses and buggies one would think that there is a chance to get some dream cake

Seasons are good and cotton is looking better. Corn is good. Rice is sorry on account of bad stand. Gardens are nice, vegetables are plentiful. Wheat threshing is the order of the day.

M. W. Unsell has purchased of D. M. Stanton, of La Grange, a Deere Cultivator, and is highly pleased with it. Abram Unsell, a colored man, has also bought one and says that he is independent to these sorry negroes that are strolling around now, as he can take the cultivator, with one hand and two mules and do the work of four hands and four mules, thereby saving the labor of three hands and two mules. Work we had more like old man Abe.

Brick laying has commenced in the public square of Kinston.

Mr. [illegible] Kinston, [illegible] the Democratic State ticket.

[illegible] progress up with rapidity.

[illegible] $1,800 failure was what North Carolina furnished the commercial reports for the week ending [illegible] ist.

It was Tyre York [illegible] the Democratic State [illegible] next when he will be [illegible] majority.

New York sheep are flying at [illegible] much grub in the [illegible] they be off in little gulps at the stomach.

W. L. Irvin, our standard [illegible] wishes to know if the States of the Democratic convention are all right and to learn the way they weigh matters.

If made President Cleveland forever. Will put many a Democrat in clover. And when the thing is done an' over, I can't fill this line to suit—by—er.

One reason we cannot support the Republican nominees is because that the Chicago convention failed to insert a plank in the platform declaring against campaign poetry.

L. H. Cutler is having a new brick pavement laid in front of his store. He has one fine fine brick store and when he takes out the other old wooden hull and puts in brick he will have a nice place and be a nice looking man.

"Well, are you all straight?" was asked of a delegate just returned from the State Convention. "Straight as a string," was the reply. "I see," said the inquirer, "a string is always straight when it is tight." And they went right on to their business.

President Arthur has been invited to attend the baptism of Chester A. Arthur Peterson on July the 4th, at the head quarters of Post Metternich, No. 22 G. A. R. Brooklyn, N. Y., and to act as god father for him, the twelfth living son of the devout and patriotic Peterson.

The stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad had a very harmonious meeting at Morehead City. The old directors, on the part of the private stockholders, were re-elected, and those on the part of the State were re-appointed. Mr. Arnold Borden was appointed in the place of H. F. Grainger, deceased.

John T. Heath, Esq., of Jones county, has secured the contract for carrying the mail between four years from this city to Trenton and return. We are glad to say that he is not a sub-contractor but secured it from head quarters. The former contractor made a nice thing of it, but his sub did the work.

We call attention to the advertisement of Mr. James Redmond in to-day's paper. He is now giving his entire attention to bottling of beer, of which he sells the best made and a great deal of it. To those who know him, he needs no recommendation from us, but to those who do not, we can say a trial will prove him a square dealing business man and one with whom it is a pleasure to have dealings.

We call attention to the card of Gardner & Glenn, buggy makers, in to-day's paper, who have established themselves among us and are prepared to do all work in their line. They *guarantee their work* at low prices, and we hope our people will take an interest in this enterprise and encourage these gentlemen. We all want mechanics to come among among us and to give them a liberal patronage will be sure to bring them.

First Cotton Blossom.

The first cotton blossom of the season come to our office Saturday from the farm of Joel Kinsey, Esq.

Tall Cotton.

Mr. Freeman Ernul, of this county, brought in a sample stalk of cotton which measured thirty-two inches from the ground to the top. Mr. Ernul has many more like this and a good prospect for lint in the fall.

A Relic of the Old Tiffie.

Mr. E. H. Norton, of Torrington, Conn., writes that he has in hand for sale, as executor, in a library, one volume of Blackstones Commentaries, printed in Dublin in 1796, once the property of Hon Wm. Gaston, of this city. Should any one wish to buy it they may address him as above.

Fine Onion.

We have an onion which was sent us by Mr. Joseph McCloud, of Hyde county, which is of astonishing size. Four of them together weighed four pounds and two ounces. Such specimens as this will make our exposition of value to the State, and we hope that Mr. McCloud will take steps to have some there. This one is larger than the average flat turnip of this section.

Boy Overboard.

Franklin Wood, colored, a boy seven years old, the son of Cicero Wood, while engaged in fishing Saturday on a flat near the market wharf, fell overboard and was apparently drowned, when Capt. Sam'l Howland of the sloop *Nellie May* dove down and brought him to the surface.

Mr. Geo. N. Ives and Capt. Howland set to work and by earnest efforts succeeded in resuscitating the lad who was taken in charge by his father with many expressions of gratitude

The Stonewall Affray.

We publish elsewhere a communication giving a little different version of the serious difficulty which occurred at Stonewall last Friday evening from that published in Sunday's issue. Perhaps it is well for us to state that our Stonewall itemizer is the father of the young man Lane, who was one of the parties engaged in the affray, and this fact would naturally make it almost impossible for him to give a strictly impartial statement of the affair. Mr. T. J. Mitchell arrived from Stonewall last night and reports that both the young men are improving.

Preparing for the Exposition.

Mr. Geo. Allen has some blocks of shell rock from the farm of W. H. [illegible] Jones county which are to form the base of the marl exhibit at the State Exposition. Mr. Allen is showing commendable interest in the [illegible] of marl for the [illegible] and [illegible] the marl plant and energy [illegible] he has a popular [illegible] meeting points to forward to him as specimens for that article they may have worth [illegible] properly cared for by the [illegible] and forwarded to Raleigh at the proper time. We hope other [illegible] general committee [illegible] equally zealous, but as [illegible] nothing from them.

Political.

In response to a serenade [illegible] night at his home in Raleigh, the Hon. [illegible] gave a majority to [illegible] who had that day been renominated for Congress.

That was a real live Congress [illegible] of the Fourth District at Raleigh, both in enthusiasm and [illegible] candidates presented.

R. H. Battle, Esq., of Wake [illegible] for electors for the convention [illegible] 4th District and R. H. Fuller and W. A. Fuller delegates to Chicago, with R. M. Arrington and [illegible] Scott alternates.

At the convention of the first district held at Lamb's [illegible] Martin were appointed delegates to the National convention with L. I. Smith of Gates and Appleton Smithwick of Pasquotank alternates. A week but not weak [illegible]

The Ninth District [illegible] A. M. Pender, McDowell and [illegible] delegates [illegible] Black [illegible] and J. G. Martin of [illegible] nates.

The Fifth sends Col. A. B. [illegible] and J. C. Buxton delegates to Chicago with A. J. Boyd and W. A. Bu[illegible] alternates.

From the Seventh [illegible] of Rowan and M. H. [illegible] Davis [illegible] son, go as delegates [illegible] G. F. Shepherd, of Iredell [illegible] Williams, of Yadkin alternates.

The Eighth sends B. C. Cotten, of Lincoln, and H. D. Lee, of Cleveland, as delegates to Chicago. B. F. McAden, of Gaston, and W. L. Hardin, of Burke, alternates.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

That was a rousing convention held by the Democrats in Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday last. It made up was of as good material in point of intellect, business qualifications and good sense as can be produced by any State. After the permanent organization it was soon discovered that the delegates did not go there to hear speeches but to transact business, and upon the whole they did it decently and in order, though at times quite enthusiastically. The utmost good feeling prevailed among the aspirants for the various positions, and there was no more than the usual amount of log rolling on such occasions.

PERSONNEL OF THE CONVENTION.

"If all your party were such fine looking men, said District Attorney Robinson, I would have to join you, but you always pick out your best to send here." From the many expressions given by others as to the fine appearance of the body we were bound to conclude Mr. Robinson was right, that is, the Democrats had acted very sensibly and picked out their best men to transact the most important business of their organization. After the delegates were seated in Metropolitan Hall the first individual that attracted our attention was

R. H. BATTLE,

the Chairman of the Executive Committee, a man who works without making much noise. He had the good sense to call the convention to order, state the object of the call and name the temporary chairman without making a spread eagle speech. He named

C. M. COOKE,

of Franklin. He went straight to business, showed a thorough knowledge of parliamentary law, and presided with ease and dignity until the permanent President,

HON. THOMAS RUFFIN,

was conducted to the chair. Tall, spare build, lank and lean, dignified and courteous, he made an excellent presiding officer, with the exception that he made too many suggestions to the convention. On the door immediately in his front, surrounded by the delegates from the trans-montane district sat

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ROBINSON,

a splendid specimen of a sturdy mountaineer. He has a strong voice and made good use of it in favor of allowing two of his mountain counties to have their votes cast in accordance with their expressed wishes notwithstanding they had not complied with the plan of organization in sending delegates or proxies. Just behind the 9th district were seated the delegates from the 8th, and among them sat a small, puny looking individual, yet one of the most eloquent and effective speakers on the floor.

CAPT. W. T. B. BELL,

of King's Mountain. He placed in nomination for State Treasurer, Mr. Wittkowsky, of Mecklenburg, a merchant Jew, in which he paid a beautiful tribute to the character of that remarkable people. Just in the rear, and to the left of him sat

R. Z. LINNEY,

of Alexander. He too is of the 8th district, and one of the "talking men" when he is in the notion. Though not of a very commanding appearance, yet his smooth, shrill voice commands attention. He seconded the nomination of General Scales in a very happy speech. Next up the line in this middle tier of seats was the seventh district, and among them was a young man of more than ordinary promise.

W. G. BURKHEAD,

of Catawba. He made one of the best speeches, in presenting Maj. S. M. Finger for superintendent of Public Instructions, that we heard, and yet his beard has hardly shown itself or else he had been to see a mighty good barber. We predict a brilliant future for him. Farther up the line in the 5th district, which had a fine representation notably among whom was

JOHN BAXTON,

of Iredell. Fully six feet in his boots, well proportioned—a perfect giant in appearance—and he commenced with his head high and since the convention was rent to hear him. Other they wanted to hear. Opposite the 5th district and to the left front of state from the stage was the 6th district, and there we saw the stalwart form of H. Walters, of Davidson. Mr. Walters [illegible] take the [illegible] Assembly [illegible] [illegible]

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