

STATE GLEANINGS.

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES.

Happenings of a Week.

KILLED BY A CLUB.

The Kinston Free Press tells of the killing of William Green by Hardy Huddins in Craven County a few days ago.

KILLED WITH A GUN.

Greenville Reflector: There was a general row on the Greene place, near Quinerly, Thursday night before Christmas, in which Hardy Higgins struck Will Greene on the head with a gun, injuring Greene so badly that he died next morning.

KILLED BY A FALLING SHELTER.

Spectral from Goldsboro to the Wilmington Messenger of the 29th ult., says: "A large shelter being erected at the cotton yard here to store cotton, collapsed this afternoon, killing two negro workmen—Abram Faison and Willis Mable. Several white men fell with the building and it is said that one of them named Johnson is seriously hurt. Several were slightly wounded. Removing the braces caused the accident."

DISMAL SWAMP.

Elizabeth City Carolinian: The work on the Dismal Swamp Canal is rapidly progressing. The old locks at South Mills have been taken up and are being replaced by one 40 by 328 feet, which will accommodate vessels of 39 feet beam, drawing 10 feet of water. Work will soon begin at the Culpeper lock, taking it out and let the dredges come down in the low level toward South Mills. A new bridge will be built at New Canal—one that will turn both ways.

NEW TRIAL FOR LEE.

The Tarboro Southerner says this: Christmas was a happy day for Willis Lee, who has been in jail under sentence of death for murder since the Spring term of the Criminal Court. On that day his attorneys, Messrs. Gilliam & Gilliam, received a telegram from Raleigh announcing that the Supreme Court had granted him a new trial. We do not know the exact grounds upon which the court bases its action, as no copy of the opinion has been received. The case will come up for trial at the February term of the Criminal Court.

FOUL MURDER IN CRAVEN.

The New Berne Journal tells of a foul murder about 16 miles from New Berne. It says: "Christopher M. Oxley, a citizen of this city, well thought of by his friends and neighbors, was struck down by an iron weapon in the hands of Jack Jones, a man of very dark character. "Oxley was working at the Landing, employed in cutting wood for W. B. Ellis, of this city. Jack Jones lives in that neighborhood and the two men had a quarrel during the day. They, however, had made up, and to show that all ill feeling had passed, the two shook hands. "Oxley walked away a short distance after the friendly understanding and took out his tobacco from his pocket and proceeded to fill his pipe for solace of a smoke. "But Jack Jones was only waiting his opportunity. He saw that Oxley was deceived by his show of friendship. As his victim was engaged in forgetful preparations for a smoke, Jones crept upon him and dealt Oxley a murderous blow upon the back of the head with a heavy hand-spike, used for canting logs. Oxley sank to the ground without a word. "Mr. Oxley was fifty years old and an honest, hard-working man, but given to drinking. He was well thought of by his employer, Mr. W. B. Ellis, with whom he has been engaged for a number of years. He was born near Grifton, Pitt county, and leaves a wife and two daughters. Also one brother living near Grifton. "Jones is a married man. He is a brother to Chas. Jones, who drowned his wife at Pith Kettle, this county, some years ago, under circumstances of peculiar atrocity. After the woman had sunk in the stream, her husband sat upon the bank and whittled a stick until he was sure she would not reappear. Sentenced to be hanged, he was commuted to life imprisonment, and later escaped from the penitentiary."

OUR GRANDMOTHERS' REMEDY.

Cough medicine will not cure consumption, but Dr. David's Cough Syrup will cure the cough which, if neglected, will end in consumption. Pure pine tar, hound and wild cherry—Our grandmothers' remedy.

Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. B. Spier, deceased, all persons having claims against said decedent are hereby notified to present same to me on or before December 30th, 1897. This Dec. 1st, 1897. CLAUDE KITCHIN, Administrator

OLD PEOPLE'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

They Should Carry a Year's Brightness into the Recipient's Life.

In the Christmas Ladies' Home Journal Edward W. Bok wrote that he "would not be surprised if the dear old ladies of our land should rebel at the customary presents which people send them at Christmas time," gifts that are severely practical, and ever a reminder of their years. "I wish at this Christmas," he continued "every young girl might bring her mind to hunt out some aged saint, and bring new brightness into that life by some holiday thought or attention. A bunch of bright flowers can bring a year's sunshine into a sunset life. Let the gift be ever so simple; the attention ever so small; but let it be bright; let it be suggestive of cheer, of hope, of freshness, of youth—something that will bring the sparkle to the eye, the tinge of color to the cheek. It will be a double Christmas for you; a fresh, new Christmas for the old, while to you, my girl, it will mean more than you think. We always gain more than we give by associating with old people. The poorest old lady in the land is rich in knowledge for a young girl. It always does a girl good to come in contact with an old lady. The girl may be the most brilliant college graduate who ever addressed a valedictory to her class, but in the comfortable chair before her sits one who has learned from experience what the girl has learned from books. As a man takes off his hat to a woman, so I think a young girl should always bow with respect to an old lady. Let our young girls think over this with the approaching holidays, and seek to throw a bright ray of sunshine into some old lady's life. Let every girl who can, see to it that it shall be no longer said that young people care very little for old people these days. There are hundreds of dear old ladies in our land whose lives would be lengthened by some fresh, bright Christmas thought from the hand and heart of a young girl. For many such it would be a new Christmas; a sunrise at sunset."

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Wise Words.

Selected. Among the wisest words ever spoken by Mr. Moody were those spoken at his mother's funeral, when he told how this good Christian woman made her boys go to church regularly. "And it did not turn us against going to church," said Mr. Moody. It seldom does, any more than sending boys and girls to school turns them against education, or requiring them to practice on the piano turns them against music. There is a good deal of foolish sentiment on this subject of "turning children against church going." About the surest way to do that is to turn them over to their own devices on Sunday until they are past the age when habits are easily formed. They will be turned against church going pretty effectually by that time. "Train up a child in the way he should go," is old fashioned advice; but somehow the moderns have failed in their efforts to improve upon it. A stimulant is often needed to nourish and strengthen the roots and to keep the hair a natural color. Hall's Hair Renewer is the best tonic for the hair. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Mark Twain's New Story.

Mark Twain's new humorous story, which he is writing in Vienna, is to go to the Ladies' Home Journal, which magazine has also secured F. Marion Crawford's new story, which is a tale of the unreal, with the strikingly un-canny title of "The Dead Smile."

A January thaw is always more productive of colds and coughs than a January freeze.

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FORGER ARRESTED.

PLAYED A BIG GAME BUT IS FINALLY PULLED.

Greenville Reflector.

There is an old saying that it is a long lane that has no turning. Equally true is the assertion that it is a lucky thief who can continue to ply his game and keep beyond the clutches of the law. Last July a large, robust, handsome looking man stepped off the train at Greenville. When he gave his name as H. H. Harding he was remembered as a young man who left Beaufort county twenty years ago to seek his fortune in the great west. He represented that he was a member of the Colorado Construction Company with headquarters at San Francisco, that his company has built railroads in this and foreign countries, and that he was then en route to Cuba to look after some work for which his company had contracted with the Spanish Government, and took advantage of the opportunity to once more visit his native section of North Carolina by coming this way.

He spent some days here and proved of very pleasant manner, a fluent talker and an interesting narrator of incidents connected with his extensive travels. Nor did he mind letting it crop out that he had made his fortune in the west and had his barrel. He let it out also that his company wanted to purchase 5,000 acres of tobacco land in Eastern North Carolina for the purpose of locating a colony, and he had an eye to prospecting for that while sojourning in this quarter.

This land hunt brought him in contact with Mr. E. B. Higgs, cashier of the Bank of Pitt County, who became interested in the plausible talk of the stranger and in turn undertook to interest him in some Halifax county lands. Harding sought Mr. Higgs several times at the bank and had long talks with him. Finally he divulged the secret that he was a little short of easy cash, having been on the road for some weeks, and wanted to deposit a check with the bank, get a few hundred dollars on it and leave the balance here to his credit, but Mr. Higgs was too shrewd to be taken in that way.

While Harding never got any money here, he got something else that later served his purpose as well, for he slipped a package of blank cashier's checks on a New York bank of which the Bank of Pitt County is a correspondent. Before leaving he notified Mr. Higgs that he was going to Washington, N. C., for a few days at which place he would like to receive a letter giving some additional information about the Halifax lands and if satisfactory he would return here to take an option before proceeding to Cuba.

Mr. Higgs wrote the letter as promised, and armed with his autograph and the blank checks Harding was ready for business. Here the land matter ended, yet nothing wrong was suspected until one day an inquiry came from the New York bank about a certain check drawn by Mr. Higgs in favor of H. H. Harding. Mr. Higgs having drawn no such check at once discovered Harding's game and advised the New York bank that it was a forgery. The matter was kept quiet in the hope that Harding might be located and arrested. Nothing more was heard at this end for some time until Harding put in at South Omaha, Neb., and got off one of the checks on a bank in that city. He skipped before the forgery was detected.

Next he showed up in Seattle, Wash., where he put up an \$8,000 check on a bank and got \$3,000 on it. As soon as the Seattle bank discovered that the check was a forgery they determined to hunt Harding down no matter what the cost. The cashier of the bank with a deputy Sheriff got on his track, followed him over into British Columbia and finally arrested him in Regina, in the North West Territory. Harding fought the extradition, but they managed to have him held in prison until the proper requisition can be obtained to have him brought back across the line and tried. Mr. Higgs at once from Regina advising him of Harding's arrest, and there was not a happier man in town than he was when the letter reached him Monday. The Bank of Pitt County has lost nothing by Harding's forgeries, but their blank checks being in his possession has caused them trouble and annoyance. The State that gets Harding in its penitentiary can use his knowledge of railroading to advantage by putting him to work. He is able bodied enough to do heavy work and carry a ball and chain at the same time. Do doubt he is a forger of long standing.

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NOTICE. By virtue of power in me vested by that deed of trust which was executed to me by A. J. Jones and his wife Mary, which is duly recorded in the Register's office for Halifax county, in Book 85, on page 513, I shall sell for cash at auction in the town of Scotland Neck, on the first day of January, 1898, the property therein described, to wit: That land near Hobgood Fork, bounded by the lands of R. W. Hyman, the Bland land, W. T. Jones, and the road leading from Hobgood to Scotland Neck and containing twelve acres, more or less. This Dec. 7th, 1897. W. A. DUNN, Trustee. 12 9 4t.

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