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NORTH CAROLINA NOTES.

Choice Items Taken From Our Exchanges And Boiled Down For The Herald Readers.

The State Committee of Southern and Western railroads meet at Asheville August 3d.

Gen. R. B. Vance, who has been critically sick at his home near Asheville, has materially improved during the past few days.

The first tobacco of this year's crop was sold at Cooper's new warehouse, Henderson, July 27. It was of the goods known as "primings" and brought \$14.

Wonder what the colored people think of the man they elected Treasurer of Durham county, W. A. Jenkins, Esq., trying to break up the public schools of Durham.

Fifteen miles of the Roanoke and Tar River Railroad have been laid from Boykin's depot and trains are running. The road passes within four miles of Murfreesboro.—Ev

The state Board of Agriculture has taken steps for a more active co-operation in farmers' meetings, institutes, etc., all over the State. This is a step in the right direction, as North Carolina is sadly in need of an Agricultural boom.—Greensboro Patriot.

The several Farmers' clubs of Mecklenburg will hold a joint jockification meeting and picnic in this county, about August 16th, and will have species by several of our most prominent farmers. Col. L. L. Polk will also be invited to address the farmers.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Simmons has appointed Mr. George G. Ransom, of New Bern, to a cadetship at West Point, with Mr. J. B. Spillman, of Halifax county, alternate. Mr. Ransom is a son of Gen. Robert Ransom. The appointment was the result of a competitive examination at Weidon.—State Chronicle.

While in Greenville last week our reporter saw a marvelous exhibition of the work of a spider. In the cook room of John Handy, a very large and beautiful spider had spun a circular web of perhaps a foot in diameter, across the centre and horizontally from left to right. He was then weaving and interweaving a very perfect sign. The letters are quite distinct, but what the mystic sign in spider language means no man can tell. These letters y n x n w w l are almost perfect, and there are also two others that seem to be N and W.—Washington Gazette.

We see that Gov. Gordon will ask the legislature of Georgia to abolish the leasing of convicts. We hope that our next legislature will be composed of men who will at least see to it that our convict labor is not given away. The tax payers want that labor on our public roads.

The case of H. Blount against Julius H. Walker was heard in Columbia, S. C., last week, and decision was rendered in favor of Mr. Blount. Allen J. Green of Columbia, and Messrs. Blount and Murry, of Wilson, were of counsel for Mr. Blount, Messrs. Pope and Shand, of Columbia, appearing for Mr. Walker. The point contested was whether a power of appointment given in a South Carolina will was well executed by a will made in North Carolina by one whose domicile was in North Carolina. The South Carolina devised and bequeathed certain property, real and personal, to Mrs. Blount for life, remainder to her children should she leave any—if not, then to such person or persons as she (Mrs. B.) might "by will duly executed appoint." The counsel for plaintiff argued and the learned judge held that the property "passed by the South Carolina will, which only required that the will of Mrs. Blount should be 'duly executed,' and that had been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction—the court of the domicile of the donor of the power, which judgment has been duly exemplified and certified to the probate court of North Carolina—and was good against all the world.—News-Observer.

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Two Suicides in Wake.

The News and Observer of the 28th inst., says that Mrs. J. G. Brown, of Apex, who for the past three weeks has been afflicted with the terrible malady of melancholia, on returning from a visit to her brother's, about 200 yards from her home, expressed herself as feeling much better than she had been. Previous to this time she had been very attentive to her seven month's old infant. She afterward placed the infant on the floor and said to one of her little girls, "attend to the baby, I am going to step out for a minute." Not more than five minutes had passed before she was seen going out the door and leaving by way of the garden, and as they thought at the time, a sane woman. Ten or fifteen minutes had elapsed before her mother said to one of her little girls, "go and see where your mamma went." The little girl was out some little time before returning and said that she "could not find mama anywhere." Mr. Brown was at once summoned and made search, but to no effect. An alarm was made and in less than an hour thirty-five or forty of the neighbors and citizens were in search of her. Diligent search was made until about ten o'clock in the night, when her body was found suspended from a limb of a white oak about fifteen feet from the ground. For at least twenty feet there was not a limb or anything to assist any one in climbing. A noose was placed around her neck and then fastened securely to the tree. Her shoes were found at the root of the tree and her apron was tucked at her waist, securing a place for the rope while climbing. No abrasions about her body could be found except a small scratch on her nose which was done against the body of the tree. A physician was then summoned who found a cervical dislocation which she met with in her leap from the limb. She leaves a husband, mother, brother and six children and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

On the same evening, at Cary, at 3:30 o'clock, a pistol shot was heard on the second floor of the Walker House. Upon investigation it was found that the door of a room occupied by an unknown gentleman was locked from the inside. Being unable to effect an entrance through the door, Mayor Harrison and a party proceeded to a window opening on the piazza. Through the window they discovered the only occupant lying upon the floor dead, with a pistol ball of 32-calibre in the head. The ball entered just behind the right ear. The pistol was lying on the floor, covered by the right hand of the man. Upon his person were letters showing his name to be William Norlett. It seems that the deceased walked from Raleigh this morning, arriving at Cary about 10 o'clock. He purchased and ate a watermelon about 10:30, and then went to a barber shop and was shaved. There he wrote a letter. He took dinner at the Walker House and went from there to Tom Hawkins' store, where he procured a pistol. He then returned to the Walker House and went immediately to his room, and in about two minutes the report of the pistol which did the fatal work was heard. He showed no signs of dementia.

Backwoods, N. C.

The Administration.

Once in a while it is a good idea to learn from our opponents and to look at the situation from their point of view. The Philadelphia Press bears us out in this general observation. Hear it: "The Cleveland Administration made a clear sweep in the Democratic State Convention in Ohio. Of this fact there is neither disguise nor dispute." This is true, and there cannot be anything truer than the truth, this particular statement appears to stand as the head. Says the Press further: "It has not been customary for the Ohio Democrats to commit themselves so substantially to the free trade side of the tariff discussion. This declaration in favor of a tariff for revenue only makes a very decided change in their policy." This is true also, and equally in line, as to reliability, with the other opinion.—Washington Post, Dem.

Twenty-two Thousand in Gold.

The Charlotte Chronicle says: "Mr. John T. Cramer, of Thomasville, does not look like a very muscular man, yet he yesterday lugged 1,500 ounces of gold to the Mint building in this city. The gold came from the Genesee Mint, at El Dorado, Montgomery county, and represented one month's run (23 days) at the Genesee.

Mr. Cramer arrived here from Thomasville on the noon train and carried the gold in an ordinary hand satchel, which was, however, doubly strapped. After chatting with Capt. Waring for a few minutes, Mr. Cramer announced that he had come to the Mint on business and had brought a little gold which he desired to have assayed. Capt. Waring is used to such remarks, as miners drop into the mind every day or so with gold for assay, but a surprise was in store for him. He expected to get a pound or two from Cramer, but when he put his hand upon the treasure-laden satchel, he found that there was business in hand for the assay office. The gold was brought in in little lumps shaped like a pineapple, and when Prof. Hanna had completed the assay, six bars were turned out, the aggregate value of which was \$22,500.

This was the largest single consignment of gold ever received at the assaying office here. It represents the business of the Genesee mine, during the month of May 1887, when twenty-three working days put in. A total of about 1,350 tons of ore were worked up. The company employed 150 hands, works 40 steam mills, and the running expenses are \$2,700 per month. The Genesee mine has been organized since June, 1886.

The only banks that don't need constant watching these days are river bank.

Maryland Democratic Convention.

BALTIMORE, July 27.—The democratic convention to nominate candidates for Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General, assembled in this city today.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the administration of President Cleveland and urging the delegates in Congress to work for a reduction of taxation; opposing the introduction of foreign paupers and convicts and for an election law embodying the features of the Tilden law and such other provisions as will assure the purity of elections.

Balloting began at 3 o'clock, and on the sixth ballot Jackson, of Wilcomico county, received a majority of all the votes of the convention and was declared the nominee for Governor. The convention took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

The convention re-assembled at 8 o'clock and at once proceeded to the nomination of candidates for Attorney General and Comptroller.

William Phiney Whyte was named for Attorney General and his nomination was unanimous.

L. Victor Baughman, of Frederick county, now president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, was nominated for Comptroller.

The ticket as nominated, it is declared, will heal all dissensions in the democratic party.

The Origin of Dude.

Who invented the word dude? is a question often asked. Mr. Herman Oelrichs, of the Union Club, of New York, is the originator of the word. Mr. Oelrichs, who is distinguished by a deep contempt for effeminacy, sat one day at a window of the Union Club, gazing abstractedly upon Fifth Avenue. Along came a very much over dressed youth, with so effected a manner and so mincing a gait, that involuntarily one of the clubmen, who was sitting at the window, began humming an accompaniment, to the step, thus: "Du, da, de, da—du, da, de, du." "That's good," exclaimed Mr. Oelrichs, with a sudden inspiration. "I wondered what to call it. It ought to be called a dude." And dicit it has been called, and all the imitators and varieties of it ever since.

The President.

Hon. Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, one of the staunchest and most honest democrats in the party, expresses himself as follows in regards to the president, and he is indisputable on such subjects:

"The President is popular in Ohio, and throughout the country. I attribute his popularity to the man's undoubted honesty and undoubted courage. The American people like a brave man and an honest man. Every body must admit that Mr. Cleveland is both. He has done wonderfully well, and has made very few blunders. Of course he has made blunders, but considering his position, very few. He is stronger than he was in 1884. I think that there is very little opposition to his renomination for the presidency. He would be a hard man to beat if he was renominated. I certainly think he would beat Blaine again, or Mr. Sherman, should he be the nominee. Mr. Cleveland is the strongest man in the democratic party."

A Horrible Accident.

Minnie Armstrong, an eight-year daughter of Mr. J. H. Armstrong, was burned in a terrible manner by a kerosene explosion at the home of her father yesterday at noon. Mr. Armstrong and his oldest daughter were away from home at their work, leaving little Minnie alone at the house with Mrs. Armstrong, who was sick in bed. The little girl set about to prepare a cup of coffee for her mother, and her first step was to kindle a fire in the fire-place by the aid of kerosene oil. Unfortunately, coals were smouldering under the kindling wood, and as soon as the oil touched the fire it blazed up, and the can which contained half a gallon of fluid was exploded, throwing the burning oil all over the person of the child.

The unfortunate little girl.

The unfortunate little girl, with every shred of her clothing ablaze, jumped into the bed with her mother, and both would have undoubtedly have been burned to death, but for the timely arrival of Messrs. David Quinn and Wm. Bennett, who were attracted by the screams. When these gentlemen entered the room the bed was on fire. They extinguished the flames and tore the burning clothes from the little girl. Mrs. Armstrong was burned slightly, while Messrs. Quinn and Bennett were severely burned on their hands. The little girl was burned from head to feet, the flesh in some places peeling off in great flakes. At a late hour last night the little girl was reported dying.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Glenwood Notes.

Bring all your old "Blue Backed" spelling books to the Academy and exchange them for Harrington's "New Graded Speller"; and also hunt up any old readers of the University Series (Holmes), and get the new and improved edition. Low rates of exchange have been made with publishers for 90 days, and we hope that every child may be furnished with these new books before the time of exchange expires.

At the lecture, next Friday evening, Aug. 5th, one part of the exercises will be a "Watermelon Supper," and every body that comes is requested to bring the largest melon that can be found. After the lecture, we will eat melons by the light of the "August-Moon"—we do not know that there is any peculiar efficacy attaching to this particular moon, so far as improving the flavor of the festive melon is concerned, but any way, it will be pleasant to combine a feast of reason (if the lecture fills the requirements of the case) with something more tangible and, perhaps, more digestible.

The picnic at Warren's mill, last Saturday, was an enjoyable occasion for those who were so fortunate as to attend.

Mr. J. D. Underwood visited his old home last week, and spent a few days with his many friends here.

The Rev. Mr. McAlpine, a Baptist clergyman, accompanied by Mr. —Duncan, passed through this section, last Saturday.

Would that all people might say, with Shakespear, To death to me to be at enmity; I hate it and desire all good men's love.

How much misery comes into our lives because we are at variance with our fellows; and this lamentable state of existence arises solely because we allow ourselves to be torn by prejudices and warped by enmity—jealous and vindictive, sometime we hold aloof from our brother man because he is not "what he ought to be." Who can tell what his environments are? happily with him "at the heaving billows stands the meagre form of Care," and he is, for aught we know, a man of sorrows and griefs too deep for utterance; yea, he stands alone and comfortless, battling against fearful odds, with no one to offer a word of cheer—one kindly expression from a sympathetic heart might lift the thorny crown of woe and shed new life and light abroad in the darkened and dreary soul.

"Full many a shaft at random sent, Finds mark the archer never meant: Oh many a word at random spoken, May soothe or wound a heart that's broken."

The abundant rains of last week made all nature rejoice and sing praises— "Sweet prospects, sweet girls, and sweet flowers"

have all put on their pristine loveliness, and it is so pleasant to enjoy these three—(sweet?) an algebraic expression of "sweet, sweeter, sweetest?"—after a long dearth of such delectables, during the heated term, when even the "sweet girls" look wilted from the heat.

The Glenwood Reading Circle will hold its next business meeting at the Academy Saturday afternoon next at 5 o'clock.

Visit our school, Friday afternoon, August 5th, and be sure to attend the lecture that evening at 8 o'clock.

[The above communication was intended for our last week's issue, but was not received until too late to appear.—Ed.]

A third Baptist church is to be erected at Asheville.

Farmers' Duty to Themselves.

Farming never will be as profitable as it is made out to be until farmers begin to realize their importance as citizens and begin to use the power they really have, not only in the markets of the world, but in halls of legislation. "Trust to luck" policy has kept them down these ages, and will continue to do it until they begin to show themselves men in the land—men worthy of their high calling. They work harder than any other class and produce wonderfully, but when their produce goes to market, they are at the mercy of whom it may please to rob them. Where is the farmer who was ever known to have a voice in the price of their produce? The manufacturer puts his price on his products, the merchant puts his price on his goods, and both put their price on transportation, or what is the same, they dictate to public carriers what they will pay for freight, and their voice is heard, but the farmer has no voice in anything that interests him. Other classes of men can have almost any law passed they want, but the farmer must worry for years to get through the simplest for their protection. Why is this? I think it is because they are not united. With neighborhood clubs, county and State societies and some newspaper through which they could communicate, this would soon be changed; and then and not until then can farmers hope for anything like fair treatment in this age of sharps and sharpers. North Carolina farmers particularly need a central organ in reach of their homes through which they can talk in plain words to each other. They need societies and clubs in which to meet and discuss, not only how to farm, but questions of markets, transportation, and laws, and they need never hope for much change in their condition until they have these.—Home and Farm.

Guard Against Typhoid Fever.

We believe that any good physician will bear us out in the statement that ninety-nine out of every hundred cases of typhoid fever are due to some removable cause. It is dependent upon filth, bad drainage, impure air and impure water. Men can no more reap good health from these conditions than they can gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. It is not typhoid fever alone but a great train of diseases that follow in the wake of bad sanitary conditions. The majority of the acute diseases to which flesh is heir are preventable. How important, then, that attention be given, at least in hot weather, to the laws of sanitation. All fecal matter should in particular be covered up or disposed of; left exposed to the fierce rays of the sun it breeds pestilence and death. No animal or vegetable matter should be allowed to lie and decay in the sun. All foul odors, from whatever cause arising, should be traced to their source and the cause removed. Wells should be cleaned out frequently and the water kept sweet and pure. When all these things are done, when people have taken the ordinary precautions for the preservation of health, the sun may beam down never so fiercely and the atmosphere be never so still; we may suffer from heat, we may undergo considerable personal discomfort, but there is not much occasion to fear disease.

One of the Great Needs of the South.

We need petty industries. We want small enterprises in manufacturing established in our villages towns and cities. We want employment for our women and children, that they may be self-supporting and be producers of wealth instead of consumers. No need of calling for the building of railroads, cotton factories, furnaces and other enterprises requiring immense capital. These will come of themselves and in due time. Capital will find the places and the investments where it will be the most remunerative. But we must encourage those with small capital to invest in small enterprises. The Southern community that realizes this truth and acts upon it will be wise.—Progressive Farmer.

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RANDOM RAKINGS.

Newsy Items Which Are Gleaned From Various Sources And Prepared For Our Readers.

The President has concluded to visit Kansas city during the fall.

Startling revelations are made in Ottawa, Ont., as to traffic in young girls.

A storm in Dakota, Monday, was the most violent ever known; much damage done.

The Pope decides that there is no ground of interference with the Knights of Labor.

The President promises to consider an invitation to attend the Virginia State Fair in October.

Virginian's Democratic State convention was held at Roanoke Thursday and was largely attended.

A negro who outraged a white woman at Redan, Ga., was hanged by a mob Wednesday of last week.

A family feud has broken out afresh in Illinois with the assassination of James D. Belt at Cave-in-Rock.

Two colored men fought a duel with shot-guns on the banks of the Yazoo river, two paces apart, both were killed.

The committee of arrangements for the ex-Confederate reunion to be held in Mexico, Mo., in September, are busy with preparations.

Josiah R. Jones, the millionaire publisher of Bibles, of Philadelphia, is preparing a hearty welcome, they say for a live Presidential bee from the prohibition camp in his bonnet.

Ninety per cent. of the population of Atlanta (Ga.), including men, women and children who are able to work, are it is said, engaged in some money making enterprise; hence Atlanta fairly hums.

Ex-Governor Hoadley, of Ohio, says President Cleveland will be renominated, being the unanimous choice of his party, and that he can defeat Blaine or any other Republican who may be nominated.

Rev. Dr. Howard Henderson, of the Sixty-first street Methodist church, in his sermon last night declared himself a convert to Henry George's views, which, he said, were consonant with Christianity.

A woman named Ross has been arrested at Caraguet, N. B., for killing her infant by forcing a spoon down her throat. It is suspected that she killed two other children of hers, who died recently. She is not married.

The Knights of Labor through their general treasurer, Frederick Turner, of Philadelphia, have brought suit against Bayette Bros., Syracuse N. Y., cigar makers, for the use of a cigar label alleged to be a counterfeit of that of the Knights.

F. A. Sawyer, who was once a United States Senator from South Carolina, is now a clerk in the Quartermaster-General's office, Washington, on a salary of \$1,400 a year. He at one time held the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.—N. Y. Herald.

Martin Lewis, who has been systematically robbing jewelers in New York city for some time, by purchasing diamonds and giving worthless checks on Boston and Philadelphia banks, has been arrested. It is believed he has victimized jewelers all over the country.

A special from Atlanta, Ga., says: The educational committees of the house and senate in joint session last evening reported in favor of the Glenn bill, which makes it a penalty for any teacher to teach white children in a colored school or colored children in a white school, the schools being kept separate by the constitutional law of the State. The preliminary discussion of the bill created considerable excitement in the North. Its passage is accepted here as the fixed policy of the State. There was little discussion in the committee. Every white man voted for the bill, the two colored members of the committee voting adversely.