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## STATE NEWS.

The town commissioners of Nashville, Nash county, have refused to grant license to sell liquor.

The State Anti-Saloon League has called a State temperance convention to meet in Raleigh July 7.

An election has been called for June 20th on the question of extending the corporate limits of Raleigh.

Rebecca Grimes, colored, said to have been 100 years old on the 10th of February, died in Asheville last week.

The Bank of Jonesboro has been incorporated with \$12,500 capital, R. M. Nelson and others incorporators.

The Breeze is the name of a new weekly paper just started at Hendersonville, with Mrs. J. M. Ransier editor.

The Carolina Steel Bridge and Construction Co., with a capital paid in of \$100,000, has begun business at Burlington.

John Hardy Rano, an old man living near Canton, in the western part of the State, was struck by lightning and killed Saturday.

Annie Grass, 10 years old, was burned to death at her home in Charlotte Wednesday. She used kerosene to start a fire and the can exploded.

Chief Justice Walter Clark has accepted an invitation to address the Virginia State Bar Association August 22nd at Hot Springs, Va.

By a majority of two Clinton voted Tuesday of last week, for a graded school. Sixty-nine votes were cast for the school and sixty-seven against.

The Southern Music Teachers' association and the Northern Music Teachers' association will meet at Asheville during the latter part of June.

A small boat containing several negroes en route to Edenton, Chowan county, was Wednesday capsized near Edenton and two of them were drowned.

Dr. W. C. Weaver, of Rutherford College, has been elected president of Davenport College, Lenoir, vice Rev. R. C. Craven, who will re-enter the work of the ministry.

Fire at Louisburg Thursday destroyed eight business houses, including the hotel, bank and postoffice. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Bishop Haid, of the Catholic church, stated recently that North Carolina had the smallest Catholic population of any State, only one-fourth of one per cent., but the faith is spreading.

Ex-Associate Justice Charles A. Cook, of Warrenton, says that he and his family have arranged to move to Muskogee, Indian Territory, to live. They leave North Carolina next month.

The condition of representative H. B. Parker, Jr., of Goldsboro, who was injured in the Southern railway wreck, is now steadily improving and the physicians think that he will be out this week.

The Marlboro Fruit Company, of Gibson, with D. D. McCall as secretary and treasurer, and Z. T. Pearson, president, will plant 94,000 peach trees, mostly of the Elberta and Cremen varieties.

### A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c. at Hood Bros.

## General News Items.

The Pacific cable has been successfully landed at Guam.

May cotton closed Monday at 11.52; August at 10.75, and December at 9.36.

The "bulls," Brown & Sully and others say that cotton has not yet reached its top notch.

Topeka, Kan., May 22.—A tornado at Clay Centre tonight killed two girls and injured others. Half the town is reported blown away.

The acting secretary of the navy has directed the final acceptance of the torpedo boat destroyer Dale, built by the Trigg company of Richmond.

The permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba, in which is incorporated all the provisions of the Platt amendment, was signed Friday afternoon.

The celebration of the 250th anniversary of New York's establishment under special charter was begun on Sunday in the churches and will continue throughout the week.

Paul Blouet, (Max O'Rell), the author and lecturer, died in Paris Sunday. He had been ailing for several months, and, in fact, had never been really well since he was operated on in New York last year for peritonitis.

Superintendent Baker, of the anti-saloon league, of Ohio, reports that there are now as many churches as saloons in the Buckeye State. In the cities the saloons run far ahead, but the country districts quite make up the deficiency in churches.

John D. Rockefeller will give \$50,000 to the Washington Young Men's Christian Association. The gift is conditioned on the completion of a canvass for \$300,000 for the association before January 1, 1904. The amount contributed thus far is raised by the Rockefeller subscription to \$210,000.

One section of Montana is eaten by locusts while another is under three feet of snow. A district forty miles square east of Forsythe is pestered by the Rocky Mountain grasshopper, which has eaten up everything. Cattle have to be removed from the infested sections as there is nothing for them to feed on.

The Houston Chronicle Sunday severely criticised W. J. Bryan and came out squarely for United States Senator J. W. Bailey for Democratic nominee for President. Among other things the editorial says: "Bailey is conservative and sound, advocates no vagaries and is not influenced by the clamor of the demagogue or the screech of the theorist. He will some day be the party's leader and will win where Bryan lost."

### PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Mrs. Phebe Brown continues very ill.

Lafayette, little son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Jones, died Sunday.

Mr. Alex. Rae, of South Carolina, is visiting his brother, Mr. James T. Rae.

Mr. T. T. Oliver died Thursday and his son, John, died Saturday following.

Mr. James and Miss Bessie Woodard spent Sunday with Mrs. Ida Woodard.

Miss Mamie Creech spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Fred B. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daughtry spent Sunday with their brother, Mr. Ira Pilkington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Denning spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. W. H. Gurley.

Mr. J. B. Edgerton, of Goldsboro, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. C. D. Oliver.

Mrs. Ray Phillips spent Sunday in the country with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Strickland.

Rev. John W. Gardner, of Goldsboro, preached the funerals of Mr. Pool and Mr. Silas Little Sunday at Bethany church.

## UNLUCKY TO MARRY IN MAY.

Some of the Superstitions That Are Advanced by Knowing Ones.

Nothing makes a woman so superstitious as being in love.

When she gets engaged, that only makes matters worse, and when the time rolls round for the marriage day, she bumps up against a whole battalion of superstitions that attach themselves to weddings, and some of which cling to those who profess skepticism. You don't find many girls getting married on the thirteenth day of the month. They may not believe the day of the week can effect their future happiness, but they will choose so-called lucky days in preference to others. Saturday is a day of ill-omen and Wednesday is the day of all others to select.

As to the months, May is proverbially regarded as an unlucky month in which to marry. April would not be April without its Easter brides, and June even outrivals it in popularity as a month for weddings. But most brides shun May.

The old rhyme runs:

Marry when the year is new,  
Always loving, kind and true;  
When February birds do mate  
You may wed, nor dread your fate.  
If you wed when March winds blow,  
Joy and sorrow both you'll know.

Marry in April when you can,  
Joy for maiden and for man;  
Marry in the month of May,  
You will surely rue the day;  
Marry when June roses blow,  
Over land and sea you'll go.  
They who in July do wed  
Must labor always for their bread;

Whoever wed in August be,  
Many a change are sure to see.  
Marry in September's shine,  
Your living will be rich and fine.  
If in October you do marry,  
Love will come, but riches tarry;  
If you wed in bleak November,  
Only joy will come, remember;  
When December's snows fall fast  
Marry, and true love will last.

You may scoff at all this as utter nonsense, but it may surprise you to hear that the superstition that May is an unlucky month in which to get married is nineteen hundred years old. Ovid, the poet of Rome, of the time of Christ, alludes to it.

The superstition has been handed through ages, and in many countries.

In the north of England there is an old proverb:

Marry in May  
And rue the day.

In Scotland they have very much the same saying:

Marry in May,  
Rue for aye.

### A MINISTER'S WARNING.

An old Scotch minister warned his hearers that "the girls are all stark mad that marry in May."

Truly heroic was the Scotch couple who would defy the declaration that

Marry in the month of May,  
Baith bride and groom won't long be seen.

Even Sir Walter Scott was not free from superstition regarding the unlucky character of May as a hymeneal month, for we read how he hurried away from London that his daughter's wedding might take place before the approach of the inauspicious month.

On the morning of the fateful marriage of Mary Queen of Scots to Bothwell, on May 15, 1565, a quotation from Ovid regarding the ancient superstition was found fixed upon the gate of Holyrood palace.

May was likewise in bad repute among the lovers of France. There are a number of French sayings alluding to this belief.

### LUCKY AND UNLUCKY DAYS.

Another queer old superstition once cherished was "the day of the week on which the 14th of May happens to fall is esteemed unlucky all the remainder of the year; none marry or begin any business on it." This suggests that there was a time when belief was firm in lucky and unlucky days.

One of the Saxon chronicles mentions no fewer than twenty-four unlucky days in the year. Another specifies six certain days

as being bad, not only for killing man or beast, eating goose, but also for a child to be born; while another names particular days in the month of April and May in which we ought to be bled, if we wish to avert fever, gout and blindness. An old astrologer asserts, with the placid positiveness which is so characteristic of these prophetic authorities, that the angel Gabriel revealed to Joseph that there are twenty-eight days in the year decidedly good for bleeding, purging, curing wounds, trading, sowing, building, traveling and fighting battles; children born on either one of these days will never be poor; and children put to school on these days will become apt scholars.

Coming more particularly to the lucky and unlucky days on which to be married, the blackest day in the year is Innocent's day, December 28—the day on which the children of Bethlehem were massacred by order of King Herod. It was also considered unlucky to put on a new suit, cut one's nails or begin anything on Innocent's or Christmas day. Indeed so black was the anniversary accounted that it was once thought that whatever day of the week soever it lighted upon, that day of the week was by astronomers taken to be a cross-day all the following year.

### DON'T MARRY ON FRIDAY.

An ancient legend tells that one reason why it is not good to get married on Friday is that Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit on Friday and they both died on Friday.

No couple chooses to marry except with a growing moon and some even wish for a flowing tide—runs an old, old superstition.

Maybe as you have read this article you have discovered that you have violated some of these unwritten rules of superstition. If so, don't worry, because one of the comforting things you will discover if you delve among the dusty lore on the subject is that what one prophet predicts, another frequently flatly contradicts. You can even find an old calendar of 1655, that recommends among days "good to marry, or contract a wife (for then women will be fond and loving,) the 2nd, 4th, 12th, 20th and 23rd of May." So that if you are thinking of getting married in May go ahead. Trust to Cupid's arrow, which is far more to the point than a mere flimsy thread of superstition.—Washington Post.

### McKoy Notes.

Wedding bells are ringing in this section.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. C. B. Johnson is quite sick.

Mr. Julius Barefoot continues quite sick with rheumatism.

Mr. J. T. Lee, of Benson, spent Sunday night in this section.

We are glad to note Mr. D. D. Lee is improving after a spell of fever.

A severe hail storm passed through parts of this section last Sunday.

Mr. Rosmal Smith, of Rome, spent last Saturday night in this section.

Miss Ora Chester Lee, who has been attending Turlington Institute, returned home last week.

Mr. James W. Lee, of Fayetteville, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lee.

Mr. Flay Wagstaff and Miss Hawkins Johnson spent Sunday afternoon visiting relatives and friends in Sampson.

Misses Azubah Lee and Isabella Johnson, of this section, spent last Saturday night with Miss Nora Eldridge, of Glenwood.

### PATRICK.

Why suffer pain and severe sickness from Bowel Complaints, when Arnold's Balsam stops one and cures the other. It has been successfully used for fifty years. Warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded by Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C. 2

## CROP OUTLOOK GRAVE.

THERE IS A PRACTICAL SUSPENSION OF ALL FARM WORK.

Raleigh Had the Longest Period of Drought on Record This Being Twenty-three Days.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin, of the North Carolina Section of the Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau for week ending Monday, May 25, 1903, says:

Over a large portion of the State severe drought continued to prevail during the past week, and the prospects for crops has become extremely grave. In many counties, especially in the central-west portion, no appreciable rain has fallen for nearly four weeks, and on account of the small size of the plants and their inability to withstand drought, present conditions may prove to be very disastrous. At Raleigh the number of consecutive days without rain was 23, the longest period of drought on record. Where no rain occurred the great increase in temperature which otherwise would have been very favorable, served only to intensify the drought. Conditions began to be favorable for local thunder showers about the 21st, and since then in some dozen chiefly eastern counties irregularly distributed showers have fallen, generally in amounts quite inadequate, only two places, Lumberton and Raleigh, receiving over an inch. The small amount of rain that did occur was very beneficial. The temperature averaged over 10 degrees above the daily normal, the maximum exceeded 90 degrees during the last half of the week, reaching an extreme of 90 degrees at Marion. Every day was warm and sunny. The drought has caused the practical suspension of all farm work, as the soil is in bad condition. For the time of the year crops are generally quite small and inferior.

Early planted cotton is being chopped out, and this work is nearly completed in the south portion; much cotton is not yet up, and it is feared that seeds have started to germinate and have subsequently perished in the hot, dry soil; planting is not finished, and necessarily stands are poor; the growth of cotton that is up has been slow, and in some sections plants are drying. Corn is in somewhat better condition, early planted and well cultivated fields are doing very well, though suffering for moisture; late planted is irregular, much is not up, and considerable replanting must still be done; worms are doing some injury; growth of corn is also slow. Tobacco could not be transplanted this week except by watering, and very little of that work was done. Early transplanted tobacco has a fair stand, but many plants are buttoning low, and the drought has caused some plants to run up to seed. Wheat and winter oats will give a fair yield in many counties, in others both crops are nearly a failure; spring oats are deteriorating rapidly; cereals are now in bloom but heads cannot fill without more moisture. Digging and shipping Irish potatoes are under way in the east, with short yield of fair quality; in the west potatoes are up and being injured by the Colorado beetle; sweet potato slips are not growing well. Pastures are becoming parched; gardens are suffering and the outlook for fruit is less promising.

### Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gulledege of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing all tumors. After doctors and 24 remedies failed, Bucklen's Arica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured it. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c. at Hood Bros., Druggists.

You will find nice Dress Shirts and Ties at Yelvington's Store.

## CLAYTON.

Sheriff Ellington was here Tuesday.

Dr. J. A. Griffin went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mr. Ashley Horne returned Monday from New Orleans.

Mr. M. G. Gulley is a grand juror in the Federal Court this week.

There's a visitor at Mr. John S. Barnes'. She's one week old Thursday.

Mr. I. W. Dodd traded horses five or six times Monday. Seems like old times.

The old soldiers will have a reunion and picnic Friday, May 29th, at Liberty Park.

Mr. A. J. Barbour went to Portsmouth, Va., Monday. He is now at Wilson, N. C.

Every lady should see the fashion sheet that Jno. S. Barnes & Co. are giving away.

Mr. I. S. Bagwell went to Greensboro Sunday. He bought a big line of dry goods Monday.

The Baptist Sunday School is planning an excursion for the near future. Watch for announcement.

Miss Berta Walker, a handsome young lady of Mt. Olive, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Fussell.

Mr. John W. Hales left Wednesday for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will be treated for rheumatism.

The readers of THE HERALD in Clayton wish to thank the publishers for the interesting story "The Mystery of Graslov" which is being given us.

Don't forget the commencement of Clayton School, beginning Sunday, May 31st, sermon by Rev. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of Baptist church, at the High School auditorium. The regular nights are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Baseball Thursday and Friday.

Lightning struck the cotton warehouse at the cotton mill and burned considerable cotton before it was extinguished. The loss is estimated at about 50 bales out of 300. Mr. Joe T. Barnes' barn was struck and all his feed and two fine mules were burned, loss about \$1,000. Mr. M. M. Gulley's barn was struck, no damage.

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## SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mr. C. S. Powell is at Raleigh this week on business.

Mr. George Whitley, of the Avery's Mill section, visited in the neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

The happiest man at present is Mr. Condary Godwin—it is a boy. The next happiest is Mr. Will Smith—it is a girl, and a week old.

Messrs. Aurelius and Egbert Jones, accompanied by their beautiful and accomplished sisters, Misses Althea and Effie, were guests in the community Saturday and Sunday.

The first picnic of the season was held at High Banks last Saturday. The program of boating, riding, fishing, mosquito-fighting, flirting, courting, and eating dinner was well carried out.

Quite a number of our young people attended T. I. commencement. Many went away weeping and disconsolate for the Turlington Institute that is gone, but feel that they can see something "almost as good" in the future Turlington Graded School.

After cracking his heels on the streets of New Orleans while the reunion was in session, Mr. C. S. Powell returned home Monday, bringing with him a pair of very tired and worn-out feet, but happy in the thought that he was with the boys during the four years of strife, and could again grasp some of his old comrades by the hand and exchange a hearty "God bless and keep you."

W. G. Yelvington's Store is the place to buy nice Dress Goods and Shirt Waist goods.