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## State News Notes.

Three persons of the family of Hugh Jordan, of Wadesboro, have died this week of ptomaine poisoning. It is supposed that the poisoning was caused from the eating of canned goods. The whole family, consisting of ten, were stricken and several of them are seriously ill.

The Bell Telephone Company is trying to get a franchise at Asheboro to drive the independent company out of business, but the people there seem to be fully alive to the situation. The Courier of last week has a lengthy article giving the reason why the Bell should not be granted a franchise.

Professor J. C. Kendall, assistant professor of dairy husbandry in the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, has been appointed State Dairy Commissioner for Kansas, an office created by the last Legislature of that State to control, regulate and advance the dairy industry of Kansas.

Mr. W. A. Granam, Jr., of the State Department of Agriculture, who has just returned to Raleigh from a trip into several of the extreme western and middle counties of the State, says that the damage to the fruit crop, apples and peaches especially, is enormous, and that farmers are very despondent over the situation.

Dr. R. H. Lewis, Mr. F. H. Busbee, and Mr. Josephus Daniels, have been appointed a special committee by the directors of the University of North Carolina, to look into the matter of providing in Raleigh a permanent home for the Medical Department. The Department is now quartered in an inadequate building on Fayetteville street. The matter was discussed at length Friday afternoon by the executive committee.

Since the announcement that Dr. Dinwiddie is going to sell Peace Institute was made, the Presbyterians of the State, desiring to continue the college under the auspices of their church, have been making a determined effort to buy the property. The alumni of the Institute are aroused and without doubt they will succeed in raising the necessary funds for the purchase of the property. Governor Glenn and Insurance Commissioner James R. Young made speeches before the Albemarle Presbytery at Goldsboro Wednesday night in behalf of the college. The college can be bought for \$50,000.

A very distressing accident occurred at Buckhorn Falls in Chatham county Tuesday. Hans Thorson, of St. Paul, Minn., general foreman, of Phoenix Construction Company, and E. A. Brady, assistant foreman, and two negroes were in small launch, which was swept over the falls all four of the men being drowned. The death of Thorson is peculiarly sad on account of the fact that he was to be married next Sunday, his sweetheart, Miss Thelma Lindgren, coming all the way from St. Paul to Raleigh to wed him. Mr. Brady is a brother of Mrs. S. S. Coley, who conducts the Tuscarora Inn at this place.

Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, announces the completion of the programme for the 24th annual session in Durham June 11-14, presenting, he says, the most attractive array of speakers ever offered to an educational gathering in North Carolina. The programme is filled with a variety of subjects of interest not only to teachers, but to the general public as well. Besides all the prominent educators of this State there will be a number having Inter-State and National reputation, including P. P. Claxton, University of Tennessee; Dr. O. T. Corson, Ohio; Miss Martha Berry, of Rome, Ga.; Dr. Charles W. Kent, University of Virginia; O. J. Kern, of Illinois; O. B. Martin, superintendent of schools in South Carolina.

## TRAGEDY AT WILLOW SPRINGS.

Marshall Rowland, a Young Man of High Character, was Shot Sunday by Youth of 16.

Marshall Rowland died at Rex Hospital in Raleigh Monday night from the effects of pistol shots received at Willow Springs Sunday afternoon at the hands of Rowdon Black, a 16 year old boy of Fayetteville. Black was carried to Raleigh and lodged in jail. Rowland had the reputation of being a model young man and his death is deeply deplored. The story of the tragedy is thus told in Tuesday's News and Observer:

"Some time before the tragedy occurred a small brother of Rowland's came upon the scene where Rowdon Black and several others were loafing about the cars of a work train on a siding near the railroad station, all of them being laborers in a gang employed in regrading and 'pulling' track. When the boy came up Black asked him if he knew where he could get some liquor. The boy told him he did not and if they wanted liquor they would have to find it for themselves. At this Black slapped the boy down, striking him so severe as to bring blood from his nose and mouth. Then Black stood over him and dared him to get up. Finally the boy got up and left.

"A short time afterward Marshall Rowland came upon his little brother at the station with a bloody face and crying. He asked him what was the trouble and the boy pointed out to him the young fellow (whose name he did not know), who had struck him. Rowland walked down to the flat car upon which Black and several of his colleagues were sitting and upon which there was also a part of a new saw mill. Rowland in a cool manner made some remark about the machinery and they spoke in turn. Then he asked Black why he slapped his brother. At this instant and without warning, Black drew a pistol on him and fired three shots. The first did not take effect and Rowland said he thought for an instant that it was a blank, but a second more and he fired the ball that entered his jaw, at this Rowland turned to run and the third ball was fired into his back, between his shoulders and just below the neck. At the fire of the pistol he was paralyzed and dropped to the ground. He was immediately taken up and placed on a cot until he could be taken home where he was kept over night."

She Is 22: He 70, And Rich.

New York, April 18.—"I accepted Mr. Heins because I love him. Age doesn't figure where love is concerned, no matter what a lot of 'wise' folks may think." This in part is the idea of true love expressed today by Miss Margaret A. Boschen, a pretty 22-year-old stenographer who is to marry John L. Heins, president of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company. Mr. Heins is a septuagenarian and a widower, his first wife having died about one year ago.

Governor Glenn was in Washington Saturday and requested the Secretary of the Navy to permit the Marine band to attend the exercises at Raleigh May 20th when a monument to the lamented Worth Bagley will be unveiled.

Doing Business Again.

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old, and am still gaining daily." Best tonic medicine on earth. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. druggists 50c.

## HER EASTER HAT.

She sat so sedate through the sermon,  
You scarcely would have believed  
Her heart was not in the right place;  
And the preacher would have been grieved  
In his righteous soul, if he could have sat  
Behind her to day as I did,—  
For pity held a lower place  
In her pretty head than pride did.

Ah, she had on the loveliest head-gear!  
I could see at a glance 'twas a new one,  
The ostrich plume that adorned it,  
Was a beautiful soft-light blue one,—  
And 'twas rising and falling so gently,  
I counted and found by that  
That her heart was not in the right place,  
For 'twas beating up there in her hat.

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A Noble Life Ended.

Our community was deeply grieved Wednesday night, April 17th when it was learned that Alice Lassiter was dead. "Aunt Alice," though having been in feeble health for several years, was confined to her bed only a few days, and the news of her death was felt keenly by all. She was born January 13, 1843, and all through her life, which was spent in doing good to others, she was respected, esteemed and loved by all who knew her. Her highest aim was to serve her Maker and do His will and in some mysterious way she must have realized in her dying hours that "all was well," and that her life had met with His approval for a sweet smile lighted her face which was still observed after death. As the ripples gather and reflect the rays of heavenly sunlight and vanish, so was the purity and goodness of her life portrayed to those around her in her last hour by the smile upon her face.

During her earthly stay of sixty-four years her sweet traits of Christian character were displayed in her everyday life in her home and community. They stood out as beacon lights to lead mankind to a higher and nobler life. If for every kind and loving deed she did for suffering humanity a star is added to her crown, it will shine among the angels as her spotless character shone among men.

Her remains were taken from Four Oaks to her old home in Elevation township where they were interred Thursday evening. She leaves three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. Weep not loving sisters in this dark hour, but look to Him who doeth all things well, and strive to meet this noble spirit in a brighter home above.

Four Oaks, N. C. J.

Warehouses Springing Up.

All the cotton growing states are building war-houses, but in Texas—the empire of Texas—the movement is at its height. Under the laws of Texas—not of New Jersey—the Texas Cotton Warehouse Company has been organized. It is capitalized at \$2,500,000, and it proposes to get 300 warehouses ready by the time the new crop comes in.

The desire in Texas is to have enough warehouses to take the bales as they fall from the gin, make advances on them, and hold them to be marketed in accordance with the views of the owners and the advice of the Farmers Union and the Southern Cotton Association. The hope is that when cotton is stored spinners will buy direct from the warehouses thus eliminating all middlemen.

The properly equipped warehouse is the hope of the south, and care should be taken even at the outset to see that the trust evil does not gain a foothold in it. The warehouse building movement is assuming large proportions, and it is full of promise to the entire cotton belt. No cotton state can afford to be backward in this great effort that springs from organization and particularly from the Southern Cotton Association.—Risingham Age-Record.

Kenly Council Presents Bible and Flag.

Kenly, N. C., April 24.—On the morning of April 19th at 10:30 o'clock Kenly Council, No. 136 Jr. O. U. A. M. with visiting brethren from Wilson and Smithfield assembled with the teacher and patrons of Buck Horn School for the purpose of presenting a Bible and Flag.

An educational address was delivered by Hon. Fred Woodard, spoke of the great strides being made in our State for educational facilities, comparing the present advantages with those of forty years ago. This address was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Next on the program was dinner, which consisted of baked turkey, chicken, barbecue and many other good things which were prepared by the good women of the neighborhood.

At 1:45 the Juniors met in the church and marched to the school house, where the audience had reassembled. The congregation joined in singing our National Hymn, America. After which the County Superintendent of schools, Mr. E. J. Barnes, introduced Mr. O. P. Dickerson, an able lawyer and speaker, of Wilson.

In his fine discourse on the principles and objects of the order, Mr. Dickerson presented Bible and "Old Glory," which were received by Mr. Barnes in behalf of the school.

Then all gathered around the flag pole and amid cheers for the Red, White and Blue, the flag was hoisted sixty feet in the air.

Next was a very interesting game of ball between the Kenly boy's and Pittman's school the score being one and one, when darkness interfered and prevented Kenly's just deserts, last inning. Then supper was served after which the exercises by the school were greatly enjoyed for two hours. On account of unfavorable weather during the day the program was not carried out fully. Although everybody seemed highly pleased with the favorable impression made in regard to the future prosperity of the Jr. Order.

Lovers Die Together.

Springwood, Va., April 18.—Stewart C. Gay, 19, years old, and Miss Mabel Pendleton, 17 years old, committed suicide today by leaping from the suspension bridge across Jackson river at Clifton Forge.

They started last night to Washington to be married, but were intercepted at Staunton and brought back to Clifton Forge.

Gay was a son of Conductor Charles Gay, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

Miss Pendleton was formerly from Buckingham county and was related to several prominent Virginia families.

Bitten By a Spider.

Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington of Bosqueville, Tex., would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores, had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes: "The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores." Heals every sore. 25c. Hood Bros. druggists.

## Kenly News Notes.

Miss Maud Edgerton went to Wilson Thursday.

Mr. O. P. Dickerson, of Wilson, was in town last Thursday.

Miss Clyde Richardson visited friends in town Wednesday.

Mr. S. J. Darden is spending several days at Stoney Creek.

Miss Marie Kirby spent last week visiting friends near Pinkney.

Preparations are being made to build a Missionary Baptist Church here.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton went to Richmond last Wednesday and returned Thursday.

Miss Essie Sasser, accompanied by Miss Emma Matthews, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sasser, in Wayne county.

Mr. Frank Bowen received a 'phone message today stating that his father, Mr. Charlie Bowen, was dead. He appeared to be in good health, ate his dinner as usual and then lay down to rest. When a member of the family went to arouse him he found that he was dead. His home is not far from Kenly, out near Beulah.

The Epworth League organized at the Methodist church a few weeks ago is progressing nicely, there being on roll now over fifty members. The installation services were held the second Sunday night, conducted by the President, Miss Emma Matthews. While we have a large number already enrolled, still there are others who we would gladly welcome to join with us and help carry on the good work.

Mr. Elias A. Baldree, a popular citizen of Winterville, N. C., and Miss Lula Spivey, a beautiful young lady of Kenly, and a daughter of Mr. A. G. Spivey, were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony today (Wednesday) at 12:30 o'clock in the Free Will Baptist Church.

The bride and groom are deaf and dumb which caused the ceremony to be of great interest to those present. Lonengrin's Wedding March was rendered by Mrs. R. E. Rentrow while the groom with his bride marched to the altar where the ceremony was performed by Rev. T. H. King of Lenoir, N. C., in the usual custom, while Mr. John Kay, of Raleigh, interpreted it to the bride and groom. After the ceremony which was made so solemn and impressive by Rev. T. H. King and Mr. Kay was performed Mendelssohn's Wedding March was rendered while the bride and groom retired from the church. Their many friends presented them with many beautiful and costly gifts. They left on the train for Winterville, where they will make their future home. Notwithstanding the church is very large every seat was filled, and several had to stand. We all join in extending to them our hearty congratulations and best wishes that they may live a long and happy life.

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Tributes to Shakespeare.

Shakespeare, the wisest of men as the greatest of poets—Walter Savage Landor.

Shakespeare has had neither equal nor second.—Macaulay.

The great master who knew everything—Charles Dickens.

We account for Shakespeare as we account for the highest mountain, the greatest river. He was—R. G. Ingersoll.

I am always happy to meet persons who perceive the transcendent superiority of Shakespeare over all other writers.—R. W. Emerson.

North Carolina furnishes some notable instances of longevity. Rev. George Bromfield, who died at Huron, Ark., a short time ago, aged 108 years, was born in this State in 1799, and went to Arkansas when 24 years old, and was in the Methodist ministry nearly all his life. He left 14 children, 50 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

## Polenta News.

Mrs. N. T. Johnson continues critically ill.

Our farmers are not through planting cotton yet.

Miss Ava Yelvington is visiting friends in Smithfield.

Mr. W. T. Adams and wife spent Tuesday in Smithfield.

Fruit in this section is about all killed by the continuous cold weather.

There will be preaching at Oakland Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders.

Most of the corn planted early in the spring will have to be planted over.

The new public school house for this district will be located near Oakland.

Douglass Johnson, little son of Mr. Ash Johnson, who has been quite sick, is better.

Miss Eva Yelvington, who has been quite sick, is up again, to the delight of her many friends.

Rev. Mr. Hudson, the pastor, preached an excellent sermon last Sunday morning at Shiloh to a large congregation.

Tobacco plants are scarce, on account of which, some of those who intended planting have abandoned the idea.

An election will be held in this township May 25th to decide upon levying a tax to build a Township Court House.

Mr. C. L. Sanders is having his residence painted, which will add wonderfully to its appearance. C. W. Lindsay & Co. are doing the work.

We learn that Mr. J. H. Yelvington and Mr. J. W. Myatt will make needed improvements on their plantations at an early day. The paint brush will be put to work, besides other work is to be done.

On the 16th day of April, 1907, Mrs. Sudie Coats, after an illness lasting several months with that dread disease, consumption, departed this life. She was a woman of sweet disposition, exemplary character, and when the summons came was ready to answer to the call. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, kind neighbor, full of energy, in fact a first class woman all round. She was born Jan. 6th, 1876, was united in marriage to Mr. A. L. Coats, who survives her, January 11th, 1893 and died April 16th, 1907. A mother, two brothers, one sister, and six children, besides her husband and a host of friends are left, to mourn her demise. This whole community deeply sympathizes with the bereaved ones. Her remains were interred in the cemetery on Mr. F. M. Weeks' place Thursday evening where several others of the family are buried.

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Vance Punished for Swearing.

Like all precocious boys, Vance, when at his first school, rapidly picked up a vocabulary of swear words. The teacher undertook the task of breaking him of the habit, and as punishment he placed the boy at a mouse hole in the school room, gave him a pair of tongs, and told him not to open his mouth until he had caught the mouse. An hour passed and little Vance was forgotten in the routine of drowning recitations. Suddenly a shout startled the school. "Damned if I haven't got him," exclaimed the lad, exultingly waving aloft a captured mouse caught in the tongs.—Washington Post.

Dead at the Age of 150.

Santiago, Cuba, April 24th.—Antonio Infante died today at the age of 150. Despite his great age, the greatest recorded in modern times, he retained all his faculties unimpaired to the end.

He was born in 1757, nineteen years before the beginning of the American Revolution.