

STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF ALL KINDS FROM ALL PARTS.

The North Carolina Happenings Briefly Collated.

It is estimated that the trial at Lexington cost Baxter Shemwell at least \$10,000 in cold cash.

Miss Mary Tiffner, aged 60, who lived alone in Rowan county, was found dead in her doorway.

Jim Reeves, formerly of Iredell, who was sent to the penitentiary two and a half years ago for burglary, was pardoned yesterday.

At Greensboro last evening Gary Brewer, watchman at the C. F. & Y. V. depot was run over and killed by a shifting engine.

The Wilmington division of the naval battalion has filled the vacancy caused by Lieut. J. C. Morrison by electing Mr. William M. Atkinson, unanimously.

Isaac Wayne Hughes is the Newbern man who died suddenly at Greensboro. He had been wandering about for 18 years, having been home but once in that time.

Another new cotton mill is being built by the Steeles between Rockingham and the Yadkin river. It is the fourth mill they own on that stream, and will be the largest of the four. It will be three stories high and 500 feet square.

Mr. R. K. Bryan, Jr., editor of the Wilmington Evening Dispatch, and Mr. J. W. Meacham, city editor of the same paper, who were arrested last Saturday for criminal libel against Mr. S. H. Fishplate, have given \$1000 bond each.

Henry Forest, colored, of Concord was on a spree Monday. He met some colored women in a buggy, stopped the horse and bit the latter's nose terribly. The women used their umbrellas on him before they could get him away.

Mr. H. M. Emerson of Baltimore, the rich owner of bromo-seltzer, has given \$1,250 to the alumni hall at Chapel Hill. He was clerking in a drug store in Chapel Hill a short time before he began to manufacture bromo-seltzer. He has recently built several handsome residences in Raleigh. He married a daughter of the late Mr. W. F. Askew.

Summer complaint and bowel troubles quickly relieved by Hicks' Astringent Blackberry Cordial, 25c a bottle. Only at Hicks & Rogers' drug stores.

THE STATE FAIR.

THE PREMIUM LIST READY TO BE SENT OUT.

The Premiums Approximate Five Thousand Dollars.

Secretary Nichols says the premium list is printed, and that as soon as the handsomely lithographed covers arrive six thousand copies will be circulated. He expects the covers to arrive next Saturday. They are the work of A. Hoen & Co., of Richmond. In all 7000 copies of the premium list are printed, and 1000 will be kept for emergencies. Secretary Nichols intends to give the premium list a wide circulation.

The total amount of the premiums is about \$5,000. Great care is shown in the arrangement of these and in their proper regulation. Premiums in some departments have been too high and in others too low.

The large posters of the fair are being printed in Cincinnati. They will soon be here and the state is to be well canvassed in the interest of the fair. President Carr says it shall be the best and biggest fair the state ever saw. He is a man who can make that promise good.

THE WEATHER.

The Conditions and the Forecast.

For North Carolina: Fair. Local forecast for Raleigh and vicinity: Thursday, fair and warm. Local data for 24 hours ending 8 a. m.: Maximum temperature, 88, minimum temperature, 70, rainfall 0.

The large area of low pressure which has been prevailing over the lake region for two days is moving off to the northwest. The pressure is decidedly higher this morning over Tennessee, the highest barometer being 30.18, at Nashville. The pressure is also higher over the Atlantic states. The weather is generally clear over the southern and middle states. But little rain has occurred during the past 24 hours everywhere. The temperature is higher in the Mississippi valley. High maximum temperatures occurred yesterday in the west. Kansas City 96, Chicago 92, Memphis 96. Warm weather may be expected for several days.

Two Sections of Train.

Don't forget the Littleton excursion Saturday morning, July 20th in two sections. Train leaves Johnson station promptly at 6:30 a. m. This will be the biggest thing that ever left Raleigh.

A nice line of gent's four-in-hand ties at Woolcott's.

THE STATE'S CROPS.

JULY'S REPORT SHOWS AN IMPROVEMENT ON JUNE.

Cotton Has Made an Advance of Six Points.

The department of agriculture this afternoon completed its summary of the crop returns for the present month. The report as to percentage of condition is as follows: Cotton 75, increase 6 points on June; wheat 86, decline 2 points (but really it is a full crop); oats 84; corn 89, an increase of 5 points; tobacco 86, increase 2 points; peanuts 83 1-2; rice 81, a decline of a point; sorghum 90; Irish potatoes 85; sweet potatoes 81; peas 89.

The inquiry was made as to the percentage of peas planted for a food crop and for fertilizing purposes. This is given at 94 per cent. Commissioner Patterson says this is much less than was expected and is the most disappointing feature of the whole report for July. It is the first time the inquiry as to peas has been made.

A DOUBLE MURDER.

Two Young Girls Murdered to Get Insurance.

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—The finding of the bodies of the two Pitzel girls in Toronto, Canada, created a sensation in police circles here. The authorities are convinced that they were murdered by Holmes, who is now in prison here awaiting trial on the charge of conspiracy to defend the Fidelity mutual life insurance association of \$10,000. This amount was obtained by lawyer Howe of St. Louis, representing the family of Pitzel, who, it is alleged, was killed in this city by the explosion of a chemical, and who had shortly before been insured in the Fidelity company. It is probable that the charge against Holmes will be changed from conspiracy to murder, as it is generally believed now that Pitzel is really dead and Holmes murdered him.

Just before Holmes was brought to trial he made a confession, in which he said that he procured a corpse in New York, brought it to this city, and disfiguring it by use of chemicals, palmed it off successfully as the remains of Pitzel. After the confession Holmes' trial was postponed until October. It is believed, since the Philadelphia murder antedates the Canada crime by a year, the man will have to stand trial here.

There were no traces of violence on the bodies of the two girls and it is thought that Holmes decoyed them into a trunk under some pretext and took them to the house. Then gas was inserted by means of a tube through a small hole into the close trunk. The trunk, with a hole in it, neatly covered over with a strap tacked down, was found in one of Holmes' rooms. The little girls when found were naked and had been buried without a coffin of any kind. No trace of the boy, Howard Petzel, a lad of eight, has been found, but he is thought to be, undoubtedly dead.

THE PAMLICO MURDER CASE.

The Woman's Body Recovered and Inquest Held.

The body of Laura Thomas, the colored woman of Stonewall, Pamlico county who was murdered Friday by her husband, has been recovered. Her head and neck were badly bruised and her neck was broken in two places. The verdict of the jury was that she was murdered by her husband, Gabe Thomas. After Thomas had been put in jail it was found he and two burglars confined with him had a file and had nearly filed one of the bars off. Precaution has been taken by handcuffing Thomas and fastening him by a chain to the floor. The two burglars have also been shackled. The man who furnished the prisoners the file has been caught and the one purchased the file is known but could not be found. Both are colored.

The county authorities are on the trail of another of the ten prisoners who made their escape from Wake jail last year.

TO BE DRAINED.

THE WATER-WORKS POND TO BE DRAINED.

Meanwhile the Water is not to be Used or its Level Lowered.

Yesterday as the Visitor was going to press Judge Timberlake had fined the water-works company \$10,000 and ordered that the nuisance be abated.

Counsel for the water company declared that the penalty was too heavy and that the risk was too great, and quickly made a proposition for a consent judgment. The counsel for the state had what is slaugherly termed a "catch." The following is the judgment signed by Judge Timberlake: "This cause coming on to be heard before Judge Timberlake and a jury, at this term of the court, and the jury having returned as their verdict that the defendant is guilty in the manner and form as charged in the bill of indictment, it is therefore considered and adjudged by the court, that the said defendant pay a fine of one penny and the costs of this action, to be taxed by the clerk of the court.

"It is further considered, ordered and adjudged by the court that the defendant abate and remove said nuisance, by tearing down and removing from the channel of Walnut creek the dam referred to in the indictment, so as to allow the waters of said Walnut creek to have their natural and unobstructed flow.

"That the said defendant is required to abate and remove said nuisance in the manner above described between the 20th day of November and the 10th day of December, 1895.

"It is further ordered that in the meantime, that is to say from the present date until the tearing down of the dam as aforesaid, the water of the pond caused by said dam shall not be drawn off, lowered or used by the defendant in propelling his machinery. "All exceptions made by the defendant during the progress of the trial of this action are withdrawn by the defendant and the defendant waives all right of appeal to the supreme court.

REMNANTS.

Prof. D. H. Hill left for Charlotte today.

A great reunion of ex-confederate soldiers at Goldsboro is planned.

Eighty sacks of mail are now sent away daily from the postoffice.

The costs of the water-works case, which fall on the company, are about \$1,000.

Nash square is full of weeds and presents a particularly untidy appearance.

There are now only eight prisoners in jail; all save one United States prisoners.

Yesterday Mr. Ladd, a commercial traveler fell over steps inside a sleeping car at the union station and broke his wrist. The interior of the car was dark and he entered it hastily.

The young ladies have all left the office of the register of deeds and that official is indeed mournful. He declares that they were "the most charming girls in all the world." Clerk Young says Rogers is really in a state of despair, and will use craps liberally in his office.

Yesterday a traveling man who arrived here found he had left some keys at his home near Durham. He telegraphed his wife to send him the keys by a boy who was directed to drive to a station on the railway. Here is the reply: "Dey will meet you at station with keys." It paralyzed him. The message sent was "Dick will meet you at the station with keys."

A force of 7,000 Japanese troops has left to attack the black flags "at Tai Wan Fu," on the island of Formosa. A battle between the opposing troops is expected to take place next Saturday. A strong naval force will co-operate with the land force of the Japanese.

100 empty whiskey bbls for sale July 17. Ed. V. DAWSON.

DOTS AND DASHES.

PICKED UP IN RALEIGH AND VICINITY.

The Happenings of a Day Told in Little Space.

Mrs Charles S. Allen is at Connolly's springs.

Miss Nellie Murray is at Wrightsville for a month.

Two convicts from Randolph arrived at the penitentiary today.

Maj. W. A. Guthrie of Durham and Mr. E. L. Gilmer of Greensboro were here today.

The concert by the Independent band Friday evening will be at Brookside park.

Mrs. Felt and a little daughter of Mr. Samuel Brewer left today for Carlisle, Pa.

The city's financial statement for the past fiscal year is now being prepared and will soon be posted and published.

Judge Timberlake left today for his home at Louisburg, and next week will begin to hold courts in the eleventh district at Monroe, Union county.

The excessive rain of Monday night has done considerable damage in the western part of the county, by washing lands and blowing down corn.

Today at the court house 197 city lots were sold for taxes. The sale was made by tax collector Hutchings and he also bought in the lots, for taxes.

President King and general superintendent, Hudgings of the Norfolk Southern railway appeared before the railway commission today and asked a reduction of the rate of assessment.

A new engine, one of twelve ordered by the S. A. L., arrived today from the Richmond locomotive works, which turn out engines which are extremely good and are much liked by the engineers.

Col. A. Q. Holladay has returned from a trip. At Richmond while boarding a train he slipped and sprained his ankle. Last year at the same place and in the same way one of his arms was hurt.

Several young people left this morning for Baltimore to attend the national convention of the "Baptist Young People's Union." In the party are Misses Dewar, Mary Carter, Pattie Carter, and Lula Wood and Mr. Arthur Johnson.

General manager John H. Winder of the S. A. L. was here today. His corps of clerks has gone from Atlanta to the new headquarters in Portsmouth. He says he cannot imagine how the rumors in regard to the S. A. L. originate.

Work begins next Monday on the new water supply for the insane asylum. A reservoir, above ground, one hundred feet in diameter and 24 feet deep, will be constructed in the rear of the building. It will be of brick. Mr. Holland of Goldsboro is the contractor.

This morning a break in the water main occurred on West Martin street. The water poured out of a place where it broke away the pavement. The work of repairing damages began promptly. The break is probably due to the giving way of lead at a joint of the pipe.

President Spencer of the Southern railway says there is absolutely no truth in the reported purchase of the control of the Seaboard Air Line by the Southern railway. He is now at Asheville. President Hoffman, of the Seaboard Air Line, who is in New York, says: "The story that our road has passed into the control of the Southern railway is untrue." So this statement is proved to be false.

The Charlotte Observer says: "Since the war there have been seventeen homicides in Davidson county and not a conviction. Five or six years ago a man was lynched in that county for a homicide, and at another period one submitted for manslaughter. These are the only cases in which punishment has followed the crime of killing. The record is not one for the county of Davidson or the state of North Carolina to be proud of."

NO REASON

why any one should

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that is not accurate.

The only reason we can think of that a stock of

Tested Thermometers

has never been kept in the city.

We have bought a good stock of accurate ones and sell at reasonable prices.

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AT 19 CTS.

Shown on Special Tables,

DRESS GOODS. Printed Silk Stripe Challies,

HIGH CLASS NOVELTY COTTONS,

—SWIVEL SILKS,—

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WHITE DOTTED SWISS MUSLINS

—MEN'S DRAWERS,—

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MEN'S NECK TIES, MEN'S HALF HOSE,

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO!

Duck and linen suits made to order and they fit too, at Woolcott's.

A complete line of ladies' underwear at a very low price at Woolcott's.

Gents' gauze shirts, good ones for 25 cents each. Woolcott & Son.

Ives seedling claret wine, old and very fine, for sale at the Central Cafe at 50 cents per gallon.

Best 4 Year Old

Pure cider vinegar at D. T. JOHNSON'S.

Woolcott has a few things that will interest you if you call at their store. Dress goods of all descriptions.

Pure Country Lard.

Small N. C. and sugar cured hams received today at D. T. JOHNSON'S.

Boys bring your girls along. The manager of the Relief Association excursion have engaged the best music, have a brand new dancing pavilion. Time, July 20th, 1895. July 17th

Snuff.

Go to W. B. MANN'S for snuff per barrel or small. Railroad Mills, sweet or strong, Egerton strong, Carolina strong, sweet and salt, Gail and A. strong, Hero, strong Durham sweet and strong, Lorillards, salt. July 17th.

If the weather is too hot or too wet for you to come down town, simply call over to telephone No. 10 as heretofore and order anything you want in the way of new novels, newspapers, latest style stationery, &c., &c., and we will send what you order. We are receiving new goods from the north every day, and will be glad to have you visit our store and make yourself at home. Yours truly, NORTH CAROLINA BOOK CO., E. G. HARRELL, Manager, July 15 4t

Wanted.

Mrs. Anna Pell wishes to take in ladies' white work, and also boys' shirt waists. West Jones street. July 15 4t

MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES HOT.

BARGAINS INNUMERABLE.

Crops abundant and Harvesters display fine judgment reaping—the benefits of OUR INVENTORY CLEARANCE SALES— DRESS GOODS, DRESS GOODS, CLEAN, BRIGHT, FRESH AND NEW. STAPLE, MOURNING AND NOVELTY DRESS GOODS All Wool, Wool filled and silk mixed in the smooth, fancy and rough weaves, at prices positively less than elsewhere in the city. Investigation has already proved this. Comparison always does it. BEFORE you buy SEE for yourself. Not much money in it for us it is true, but there is some satisfaction in leading the town with the lowest prices ever named for a like quality of goods.

WASH GOODS, WASH GOODS,

The murderous prices we place on all kinds of light summer weight materials for Dress, such as Printed Lawns, Dimities, Organdies, Ducks Piques, Dotted and Figured Swiss, India Linons, Check Muslins and all kinds of white goods, is done to CLOSE THEM out, at the same time they furnish a Royal Treat "Stay-at-Home."

Knit Underwear for Summer. All kinds, quantities and sizes for gentlemen, ladies and children. Negligees, Towels, Scarfs etc., at PRICES CUT to make quick work. LADIES, MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S OXFORD TIES, At prices the lowest ever named for such qualities. They must be sold. G. A. SHERWOOD & CO.

"Imported direct from the East." Describes our stock to a "T."

WE OFFER THIS WEEK

the beginning of the tea season on a pound of choicest

BLEND PURE TEA

and 3 lbs Granulated Sugar for 50c. JAMES G. BALL.

