

STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF ALL KINDS FROM ALL PARTS.

The North Carolina Happenings Briefly Collated.

The school census of Wilmington shows the population to be 22,027. Of these 9,481 are white and 12,545 colored. There are 8,855 school children.

Considerable excitement prevails among the people living near the Virginia line over the smallpox scare in Patrick county, Va. Three towns have quarantined against the disease. Reports received announce eight deaths and twenty-one cases in Patrick.

The secretary of the navy has ordered the U. S. Monitor Amphitrite to Wilmington by August 3d, and F. Winslow, commander, orders the naval reserve of four divisions to be ready for instruction for five days, beginning August 5th.

The body of an old negro named Matthews was found in a tobacco field near Winston yesterday. His head and one arm were off and it was supposed he had been dead for several days. His death is a mystery. Dogs had partially eaten him.

While an engine and three cars of the Hendersonville & Bravard railroad crossing the French Broad river four or five miles from Hendersonville, the trestle gave way and the engine went into the river. A colored man was killed. The fireman swam ashore.

Dr. George C. Worth, of Wilmington, who sails this week as a medical missionary to China, was married in that city last evening to Miss Emma Chadbourn. This evening a farewell service will be held at the First Presbyterian church. The exercises will consist of short addresses by pastor Hoge and others, and a response by Mr. Worth.

Dallas Orr, who recently served a term on the Charlotte chain gang for peddling whiskey, was caught at his old game by the police a few days ago. He is what is known as a walking bar room. He kept a jug concealed and from this would fill a bottle. Placing the bottle in one pocket, a glass in another he would go the rounds among the colored people and sell to such of them as desired it at the rate of a full glass for ten cents or a half glass for five cents. He had a party of negro women drunk the day he was arrested.

All 7-1-2 cent laws, ordgandies, etc will remain 5 cents until closed. Woolcott & Son

MR. WOMACK'S VIEWS

On the Ordinance Regarding Child Bicyclist on the Sidewalks.

Correspondence: I see by the Evening Visitor the mayor says to parents that the ordinance against riding bicycles on the sidewalks will be enforced against children. I sincerely regret that this will be done. I believe the ordinance, while perfectly proper against adults, is wrong in its application to children. I ride a bicycle for health, pleasure and business, and I have found from my experience that on a number of occasions it has required all of my presence of mind and what skill I may possess to prevent being run over by the drivers who think the bicycle has no rights, and who take pleasure in acting on such belief on all occasions. There are very few little boys and girls in the city who, under similar circumstances, which occur almost daily to every rider in town, could protect themselves from injury, and if this ordinance is enforced against the children I firmly believe it will be but a short while before your paper will be detailing a distressing accident, or death, perhaps, occasioned by the carelessness of some driver, or his failure to give the little tots the right of the road, which is so persistently refused by some of the drivers of the city, especially by the drivers of some of the fashionable turnouts. I have no complaint to make against the rigid enforcement of the ordinance against men and ladies under escort. In this respect it is a wise regulation. T. B. WOMACK.

Died

Hattie Jefferson Denton, infant daughter of Mrs. J. N. Denton, died last night, aged four weeks and will be buried tomorrow at 10:30 a. m., in the city cemetery.

I. O. O. F.

Seaton Gales lodge, No. 64 I. O. O. F. meets this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Work in the initiatory degree. Important business on hand which requires the presence of every member. Odd Fellows, attend!

T. E. EMORY, N. G.

THEM, Sec.

Ready for Business.

W. B. Mann says he is ready for business. He says he has his store packed full of nice groceries suitable for summer and fall trade. Wholesale and retail. aug 1 St.

Eight hundred bales of cotton belonging to the estate of R. S. Pullen have been sold this week, in 100-bale lots, from his warehouse in rear of the Pullen building, and 270 bales remain.

FIRE AT DURHAM.

THE LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000

It Originated in the Reams Warehouse and Burned 5 Buildings.

At 1:05 this morning fire broke out in the old Reams tobacco warehouse on Main street, Durham, and spread with alarming quickness. The warehouse was a big one and was quite a landmark. In its basement were six stocks of dry goods and general merchandise. A merchant named Max had many goods there. These were all lost. Mr. J. A. Thomas of Lenoir was at Durham and saw the fire which continued a little over two hours. The fire leaped the street and attacked the block on which Stokes hall stood. It burned the hall, but the stores beneath were saved, though the stocks therein were damaged. The offices of the Durham fertilizer company and the Durham supply company's building were entirely destroyed. The upper stories of R. D. Blackhall's drug store, Max's dry goods store and Ellis & Stone's general store were all swept away. The lower floors were saved. Here again there was great damage by smoke and water and most of the goods were destroyed. The intense heat of the raging fire broke a great deal of plate glass in buildings on the south side of Main street. Mr. Thomas says all the goods stored under Reams' warehouse were destroyed. Max had \$37,000 worth of goods, as was shown at an inventory last week. The total loss is said to approximate \$100,000.

At about 3 o'clock a telephone message came asking for aid from the Raleigh fire department. A special train was at once made up, and the Rescue steamer and hose reel were prepared to go. The threads of the hydrants at Durham are not like these in use here. Within a few minutes after the call for aid chief Mahler says another message came saying the fire was under control and that help was not needed.

Today's morning Herald says that when the fire department arrived the flames were through the top of Reams' warehouse. Before hose could be attached fire caught one side of the Stokes building. The stock of W. T. Saunders & Co., grocers, was completely destroyed. The stores of R. Blackhall & Son, druggists, Ellis, Stone & Co., dry goods, and A. E. Lloyd & Co., hardware, were damaged by fire and water, but are not a total loss. A. Max suffered great loss by both fire and water. Allen Thomas, of the firm of Sneed & Thomas, was overcome by the heat, and is in a precarious condition.

Mr. R. C. Hackney, who came here today, says that the insurance is quite large, and is at least \$80,000 on the \$100,000 loss. The delay in giving the alarm was notable, as the Reams' building was a mass of flames when he bell tapped. Ellis & Stone's stock of goods was valued at \$70,000.

THE WEATHER.

The Predictions and the Conditions Local and General.

For North Carolina: Generally fair, slowly rising temperature today and in the interior tonight and Friday. Local forecast for Raleigh and vicinity: Friday, fair, slightly warmer. Local data for 24 hours ending 8 p. m.: Maximum temperature 81, minimum temperature 60, rainfall 0.

The high area from the northwest now covers the entire central Mississippi and the Ohio valleys, with the highest barometer 30.30 inches at St. Louis. The low has moved off the New England coast. There seems to be a slight storm forming over Arkansas. In this vicinity some rain has occurred during the past 24 hours. Some heavy local rains occurred in Florida, namely at Jacksonville and Jupiter. The weather is cloudy this morning at a few stations in the east lake region, in Georgia, and in the lower Mississippi valley elsewhere it is clear. The temperature has risen ten degrees in the northwest, and slightly in the Ohio valley, and north Atlantic coast; elsewhere the changes have been slight. It remains cool over all sections except the gulf coast. A new storm seems to be forming in the extreme northwest.

GRAVEYARD INSURANCE.

The Sensational Trial of the Conspirators at Beaufort

Yesterday, the third day of the sensational trial of 25 Beaufort people for conspiracy to swindle six life insurance companies, was devoted to proving the physical and financial condition of Charles Arthur, one of the alleged victims. Arthur is proved to have been a pauper and almost a living skeleton. Fraud is proved by the evidence as it stands, but as yet there is no proof of conspiracy. A special to the morning papers says that W. L. Arendell testified that Arthur was a walking skeleton and the nearest to a dead man he ever saw alive. The justice said this did not show conspiracy and further evidence was ruled out.

J. B. Arendell, a notary public, said Arthur came before him not long before death and made affidavit at the request of the agent of the Northwestern insurance company that he had never been examined for insurance; that he had never applied for or authorized any one else to apply for insurance on his life, and so far as he knew there was no insurance on his life; furthermore that he felt he was not a fit subject for insurance and swore that if anybody had insured on his life it was a fraud.

VOMITED FORTH EXPLOSIVES

Boa Constrictors Expel Objects that Burst on Being Exposed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 31—A box of snakes was opened at the Zoo and in it were three large boa constrictors from South America. The boas had a peculiar appearance, as though they had swallowed entire loupes. The motion of the ears made the boas sick, and in the course of their travels they brought to light several curious balls, about the size and shape of a small coconut. Nobody thought of taking them out of the cage and examining them immediately, as they had no idea that that what really did happen would take place. The curious ball like substance had been exposed to the air but a few seconds when they suddenly exploded with a slight noise. Slight as it was, its effect was instantaneous. Every snake restlessly squirmed around its cage. Some buddled together and shook with fear. In the cage occupied by the two new boa constrictors the effect was different. They seemed to be in a trance and for some moments neither of them moved. An examination of the cage was made, but no signs of the curious brown balls could be discovered, not even fragments.

It is supposed that they were specimens of the famous tropical nut known as the grutogasse. This, at first sight, is frequently taken for a coconut, and grows at times to be very large. It used to flourish in large quantities in the swamps of South America, but for the last 100 years it has been so rare that everybody regards it as an extinct species. This nut, if kept from air for some time, undergoes a change. The shell softens and a gas is formed inside which is very powerful. When the nut is again exposed to the air it explodes. This peculiarity causes it to be looked upon as bewitched by the savages.

DOT AND DASH.

PICKED UP IN RALEIGH AND VICINITY.

The Happenings of a Day Told in Little Space.

Charles M. Busbee, Esq., is at Buffalo Springs.

Pullen lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, meets at 8.30 this evening.

Road supervisor McMackin will give a barbecue to those good road builders, the convicts, some time this month.

The Seaboard Air-Line train due at 11:30 a. m., arrived at 1:20 p. m., today. The engine broke down on the R. & A. division.

A plain gold ring was lost yesterday near Davis' store on North Salisbury street. A reward will be paid if left at this office.

At Asheville yesterday judge Simon of the U. S. court decides that section 25 of the revenue act, requiring piano and organ companies to pay a tax of \$250, is unconstitutional.

Five members of the family of Mr. E. H. Love are sick, two of them quite seriously. Dr. Goodwin says the trouble is due to the presence of tyrotoxic bacteria in ice cream which they ate and not to the freezer.

The state board of education met today and heard a proposition made by Messrs. W. G. Burkhead and J. D. Camp of Whiteville, Columbus county, for the purchase of a large tract of swamp lands.

G. V. Carr today paid to Thomas McEchern \$200 reward for the arrest of Duncan McEchern, colored, at Wilmington; the latter man being charged with the murder of his cousin 11 years ago, near Fayetteville. In 1884 Gov. Jarvis offered the reward. Mr. C. T. Bailey who has been on a visit to senator Fritchard returned today. He says twelve men charged with murder are in jail at Marshall, Madison county. Court is now being held there. He also says ten cars of a freight train on the Western N. C. railroad were wrecked at Morganton and thus delayed the passenger train 12 hours.

Mr. Wayne Allcott, as treasurer of Manteo lodge, I. O. O. F., of a lodge of the K. of P., and of the Covenant B. L. association is short about one thousand dollars in his accounts. His bondsmen and his property will make good the shortage. He says he used the money in building a house, expecting another person to return it to him. He will not be sued. He has confessed judgment. He will surrender his property.

The special committee of the board of agriculture, composed of W. F. Green, J. M. Mewborne, commissioner Patterson, secretary Bruner and state chemist Battle, is called to meet tomorrow afternoon to consider the question of allowing the United States to exhibit parts of the collection now in the state museum, at Atlanta. It is the purpose to let four cases of the woods, all the gems and the finest specimens of the minerals and building stones, together with some grain, &c., be sent there. Private contributions will have to pay the \$250 necessary to cover boxing, packing and drayage, but this Prof. Holmes says he will secure.

The Shooting Excursionist in Jail.

Joseph C. Hudson, a white man of 25 of Stedman, Cumberland county, is in jail here, charged with shooting Emma Davis, colored, three times at Cary Tuesday evening. He was required by justice Moyer to give \$400 bond. There are two cases against him; for the shooting and for carrying concealed weapons. James Price of Sanford, also white, is locked up at Cary until he gives \$100 bond for participation in the same crime. The mayor of Sanford telegraphed that Price's bond would be made up. The woman's injuries are not necessarily fatal.

Home for Incurables.

St. Luke's circle, King's Daughters, has secured the house on the south west corner of East Davis and South Person streets as a "Home for Incurables." All sorts of house furnishings are needed.

NO REASON

why any one should use a

THERMOMETER

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.

THOS. H. BRIGGS & SONS RALEIGH, N. C.

SMOKE JULE CARR, BLACKWELL'S DURHAM CIGARS

THE BEST NICKEL CIGAR IN RALEIGH, FOR SALE BY

J. Hal Bobbitt, Thos. Pesud, Yarboro House, Robt. Simpson, John U. Smith, Jarroll & Harris, W. H. King & Co., Sam T. Smith, Wm Simpson, A. Dughi,

JOHN Y. MACRAE, O. G. LOWRY, BARBEE & POPE, A. V. EMBERY.

Manufactured by the Mallory Durham Cheroot Co.

CONTINUATION

OF OUR ROOM-MAKING Sales.

NEW SPECIAL VALUE TABLES

will be made up during the week

Everybody should avail themselves of this great opportunity to buy

Dry Goods. W.H. & R.S. TUCKER & CO

The revenue officials now instead of seizing whiskey and breaking up registered stills where there are frauds, assess the amount they think the distiller has cheated the government out of, and he is generally willing enough to pay it. They took a record of the "run" at M. P. Stroup's distillery in Lincoln county. They had suspected that he had been doing too much business. The result proved that they were right. They assessed Stroup \$2,900. He had over 100 barrels of whiskey on hand at his distillery.

Tooth Brushes

Are a household necessity. We have them at all prices and of all qualities. Our 25 cent brush does not have bristles. Hicks & Robbins, Prescription Druggists.

We have a very large line of shoes and would like the ladies to see our new \$2.00 and \$2.50 lines. We have an elegant spring hat button D. & K. width for \$3.00. It is the famous Faust-Schoke make. Sizes 2-1-2 to 6. Woolcott & Son.

TREMENDOUS BARGAINS.

Judges of value know and profit by it. It takes nerve to sell at a positive loss and what we haven't is supplied to us. The magnificent offerings of all washable dress goods, summer silks, white goods, laces, embroideries, small wears, &c., made last week have been widely advertised by a multitude of thoroughly well-pleased buyers. This week we will do even better by lumping all of our imported washable fabrics, in all colorings, worth 15, 18, 20, 22 1-2 25 and 30c. in one pile, and placard them

YOUR CHOICE 12 1-2 CENTS.

Thus creating a merry-making enthusiastic "burrh" among the cheerful buyers, who know "good things" when they see them and profitable advantage of the occasion by making splendid investments.

KINDLY TAKE NOTICE.

During this week we will sell Oxford Ties and Slippers at what they cost us, in order to create a swift clearing. An easy shoe is one of the greatest comforts of life. If you can use them, buy now. We advise it; they are not likely to be so cheap again. We warrant all of our shoes for wear.

"BANG-UP" BARGAINS in Negligee shirts and light-weight underwear, for all ages, and both sexes. Right now is the time for our friends to "get in" their "special" work on these "special" prices during our "special" sale days. "Specially specified as every day during this week."

C. A. SHERWOOD & CO. "Imported direct from the East." Describes our stock to a "T."



WE OFFER THIS WEEK

the beginning of the tea season one pound of choicest

BLEND PURE TEA and 3 lbs Granulated Sugar for 50c. JESSIE G. BALL.