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STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF ALL KINDS FROM ALL PARTS.

The North Carolina Happenings Briefly Collated.

Capt. Wise telegraphs that the monitor Amphitrite will remain at Southport, as it is not deemed advisable to proceed to Wilmington.

At Blowing Rock Saturday the thermometer marked 42 at sunrise and frost was quite visible.

The Monroe cotton mill, purchased last week by Mr. O. P. Heath, was started up today. The capacity is 6,000 spindles. Mr. Heath will double the size of the mill later.

Col. Thomas W. Strange and Col. Walker Taylor are authorized by Gov. Carr to represent the state in receiving Capt. Wise and the other officers of the Amphitrite at Southport today.

The Bessemer city cotton mill was sold Saturday under a deed of trust and bought by Mr. S. J. Durham of Dallas. Bidding was lively and it was finally knocked down at \$24,000.

Mr. James M. Johnson who lives ten miles from Mt. Airy, was found dead by his wife, 200 yards from his house. Johnston was a hard drinker and had been on a protracted spree. It is said he had scarcely drawn a sober breath in ten years. Sunday he drank liquor by the goblet full.

George Sawyer, colored, who was assaulted at his home in Pasquotank county by his own son, is no better; there is very little hope that he will recover. The son fled to Portsmouth, where he was arrested. He says he and his father had some words about cutting wood and the old man threatened to kill him. He cut his father three times with the axe and then shot him with an old musket that he went back to the house and got.

Greensboro has a very interesting legal question on hand now, that is causing considerable comment. Some years ago B. J. Fisher bought a large tract of land north of Greensboro, and immediately opened a street. He then attempted to get the town to pay him for opening the street, but it was decided that the improvement benefited him more than it did the town; consequently, no money was paid him. He concluded he would force the town to pay him, and cut a ditch in the street so vehicles could not pass. The mayor had him arrested and fined him \$50. Fisher appealed. Meanwhile mayor Wilson will fine Fisher \$50 a day as long as the ditch is open.

WEATHER, CROPS.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS NOT SO FAVORABLE

The Nights too Cool—Drought Doing Some Damage.

The reports of correspondents of the weekly weather crop bulletin, issued by the North Carolina state weather service, for the week ending last Saturday, Aug. 3, 1895, are generally unfavorable except from the eastern portion of the state. The temperature has been below normal the entire week, the deficiency averaging from two to four degrees; the days have been warm but nights quite cool, at least retarding growth if not otherwise injuring crops. The precipitation has been very deficient, especially in the western and central districts where the droughty conditions are beginning to prevail over large sections. The average rainfall for the week in the western district was only 0.10 inches; in the central about 0.25 and in the eastern nearly 1.00. The east is not suffering for rain. The lack of rain is at present affecting chiefly vegetables and smaller crops, but if continued much longer will lessen the yield of corn.

In the central district rain is beginning to be needed in this district also especially in the southern counties where crops are being damaged to some extent. In the greater part of the district crops are not yet suffering, though they would be benefited by warm showers. Showers occurred July 30th and on the night of Aug. 3. The temperature has been below normal, which is unfavorable, though there has been plenty of sunshine. Early corn, especially on sandy lands, is suffering for lack of rain in the south. It has been too cool for cotton, which has good weed, but not much fruit; very few reports of shedding are received. Tobacco is excellent; curing will be under way generally within the next ten or fifteen days. Farmers are experimenting with crimson clover; full crops of field peas have been sown; turnips are being seeded; peanuts are doing well, cabbages heading nicely, and full crops of tomatoes are being gathered; watermelons are late and poor. Extensive shipments of fruit are being made.

Lost

Between Boylan avenue and the Union depot, a gold lock bracelet. The finder will please return to this office and receive a reward. Aug. 5th.

The band of "Shining Stars" will give a concert Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Harrison house on East Davis street. Admission 10 cts. The public should encourage these little girls.

AN OLD STORY.

HOW THE N. C. RAILWAY WAS ACQUIRED

The History of the Lease to the Southern.

The state owns a controlling interest, \$3,000,000 in stock, in the North Carolina railway and September 12, 1871, the road was leased to the Richmond and Danville railroad company for thirty years, at \$300,000 a year. This lease therefore expires September 12, 1901. The Pittsboro Record says that there was much criticism of the lease at the time it was made. Indeed it was such a surprise to the public and some of the circumstances connected with it were so secret and suspicious that a legislative investigation of the whole matter was made. The state's directors were all republicans. The legislature at its first session after the lease appointed a committee to investigate all matters connected with the lease and especially whether or not any money or other consideration had been paid to any person for the purpose of procuring the lease.

This committee made an investigation and reported fully, the report being signed by John W. Graham, J. M. Worth, J. A. Jilmer and E. B. Withers. This report says the least was made without any advertisement or public notice, and indeed no notice had been given even to the directors of the particular object of the meeting which had been called for the purpose of making the lease. The whole matter appears to have been arranged by president William A. Smith, and the directors merely ratified his action. The committee's report states "all the witnesses examined deny any knowledge of a consideration, paid or understood or agreed to be paid, except Maj. Smith." The report sets forth in full the question propounded president Smith, which is in the following words:

"Do you know of any sum of money or any other consideration whatever having been paid or promised to be paid to any person in this state or out of it for the purpose of procuring the lease of the North Carolina railroad or in any way connected with said lease?"

This question Maj. Smith declined to answer because, as he alleged, "the answer might criminate him or lead to information that would criminate him." The committee, commenting on the refusal to answer, reported that "in this we believe lies the true secret of the lease."

Executive Appointments.

Gov. Carr appoints the following delegates to the national prison association's convention at Denver, September 14: J. A. Turrentine, M. S. Battle, Charles L. Stevens, Rev. L. W. Pease, L. C. Rankin, J. C. McMillan, O. H. Allen, T. G. Skinner and J. W. McNeal.

He appoints the following delegates to the national farmers' congress at Atlanta Oct. 10-16: John S. Cunningham, Robert B. Vance, J. J. Laughinghouse, R. R. Cotten, W. J. Green, Calvin Barnes, J. M. Galloway, W. R. Spehart, J. R. Tillory, B. P. Williamson, and W. L. Williams. At this congress there is also to be a southern irrigation parliament and a national good roads parliament.

The Lindley Training School.

Mrs. Anna E. Lord, secretary and treasurer of the Lindley training school at Asheville, who is so pleasantly remembered here by reason of her earnest work during the last legislative session in the interest of that worthy institution, writes that it is now formally opened and is successful operation and is ready to receive as inmates fallen girls from any part of the state. There are two matrons, these being deaconesses from the Methodist order in New York. The promoters of the school are greatly encouraged. It is the object of Mrs. Lord and the other ladies in charge of the home to stimulate interest throughout the state in this work. At present there are several inmates. They are earnestly engaged in the grand work of reclaiming fallen women and are sure to succeed in it. Another legislature may do something in aid of the school. The last one refused aid.

KNOCKED OUT.

MAGISTRATES CANNOT AFFORD TAX COLLECTORS.

Nor Can They, Instead of Commissioners, Elect Cotton Weighers.

Today the populist and republican magistrates met in the court room and took steps to see whether they could take the tax lists from the sheriff and turn them over to the constables in the various townships and thus make the latter tax collectors. There were 33 magistrates present. Quite a number of democratic magistrates were here but they did not attend the meeting. Ex-judge Whitaker, as the counsel of the fusion magistrates, was called on to give his opinion of their powers. He told them they had no right to meet now; that if they had met the first Monday in June they could have appointed the constables tax collectors, but yet even those appointments would have been worthless unless a quorum of all the magistrates, a quorum being 101, so voted. Attorney T. R. Purnell gave a written opinion of the same tenor. So sheriff Page will collect taxes as usual.

The fusion magistrates wanted also to join with the county commissioners in the election of cotton weighers, but the attorneys decided that under the act of the last legislature they had no right at all to meet with the commissioners. So the latter have the sole power to elect, as heretofore.

THE WEATHER.

The Predictions and the Conditions Local and General.

Local forecast for Raleigh and vicinity: Tuesday, fair, warmer.

Local data for 24 hours ending 8 a. m.: Maximum temperature 75, minimum temperature 64, rainfall 0.02.

A considerable amount of rain occurred in the southern states yesterday. Wilmington reports 2.02 inches and Hatteras 1.18, Lumberton, 1.50. A number of other places in the south report over one inch. The weather is generally fair over the south Atlantic states. An area of low pressure is central over northern Minnesota. It is influencing the weather throughout the northwest, causing southerly winds to the south and east of the storm center, with higher temperature, cloudy weather and some rain. The indications seem favorable for fair and warmer weather here on Tuesday.

SPANISH BADLY BEATEN.

Gen. Valdes, Defeated by Insurgents, Killed Himself.

What is said to have been the hardest fought battle in all the Cuban revolution was fought between the insurgents and Gen. Valdes and 2,000 Spanish troops and the insurgents gained a great victory. Over eight hundred men on both sides were butchered by the deadly machete, or heavy knife. Gen. Valdes committed suicide when he saw he was defeated. Artillery was captured by the insurgents and 400 Spanish soldiers deserted and joined them; the balance fled, half dead and half alive, toward Bayamo. The country around Bayamo is nothing but hills and holes of water. The hills were all in possession of the revolutionary forces, who were patiently awaiting the Spanish troops, and had all the advantage.

After two hours' hard fighting both sides were out of ammunition. Then came a hand-to-hand combat with the deadly machete. The Spaniards were completely routed and fled in terror toward Bayamo, hotly pursued by fresh insurgent forces that had just arrived upon the scene of action.

Last night bold thieves went to the house of Mr. Skinner in West Raleigh and stole and hauled away all the supplies in his pantry. They had a wagon.

Before the clerk of superior court this afternoon there was quite an extended argument by counsel on the question of allowing the widow of Dr. W. J. Hawkins a year's support, upon her petition. The other heirs answered that she had no right to object to the will.

DOT AND DASH.

PICKED UP IN RALEIGH AND VICINITY.

The Happenings of a Day Told in Little Space.

Mrs. Haywood White of Washington, D. C. arrived this afternoon.

Mrs. Rachel Wildes is quite sick at her home on South Dawson street.

It will be five weeks before the Fairview road improvement is completed.

The board of railway commissioners meets tomorrow.

Mrs. Albert Johnson is sick at her home on Hillsboro street.

The posters of the state fair are being put up. There are five kinds.

Mr. Henry Cross is sick at his home on East Martin street.

It is intimated that there will be no more band concerts at the park this season.

Mrs. Ethel Perry left today for a two weeks visit to friends and relatives in the country.

Quite a number of people in the extreme southern part of the city are having chills.

Miss Kate Boylan is very seriously sick. Her sister, Miss Adelaide Boylan, is also sick.

A drunken white man from Raleigh was fined \$7.25 by mayor Russ today.

Four disorderly negro women were sent for by the mayor today, but three of them left on the 11:30 train.

Dr. H. B. Battle is at Southern Pines making experiments as to fruit tree fertilizers.

Mrs. R. E. L. Bunch of Washington, D. C., is here on her way to Wrightsville.

Mrs. Charles R. Johnson, Miss Mary Johnson and Miss Mary Turner arrived this afternoon from Boston.

It is said that the Southern railway will put down steel rails, 90 pounds to the yard, between Greensboro and Selma.

A negro woman from near Rand's Mills who assaulted another with a stone and hurt her badly was before Justice Roberts today.

There is complaint that four to six wagon loads of filth are dumped daily along Rocky branch just below the Fayetteville road.

Grand master C. F. Lumsden of the I. O. O. F., left for Rockingham this afternoon, to deliver an address this evening.

There was one accession by baptism to the Fayetteville street Baptist church yesterday evening.

Mr. David H. Medlin is confined at his home, corner Bloodworth and Martin streets by sickness.

Young men's meeting at the Baptist tabernacle Sunday school rooms at 8 o'clock this evening. Subject the miracles of Christ.

The county commissioners met today and disposed of the pauper list. Tomorrow they will transact school business and draw the jury for the criminal court.

The work of macadamizing Hillsboro street between St. Mary's and West street has begun. The remainder of the street ought to be macadamized.

Supervisor McMackin says that later in the year a top dressing of Graystone granite will be put on the asylum road. The stone will be delivered on the Caraleigh branch. The road will then be carefully rolled.

Two or three companies of the first regiment will encamp at Ocracoke. The Governor's Guard will not be of the number. The latter company will fit up a club room in the front part of the armory. In this there will be a library, supplied with books, newspapers and magazines.

The Buffalo Shoals cotton mill, capital \$100,000, is now a certainty. \$50,000 having been subscribed in 24 hours. The enterprise embraces the cotton mill, roller flour mill and a bridge across the Catawba river.

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.

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OHN Y. MACRAE, O. G. KING, H. L. LOWRY, BARBEE & POPE, A. V. EMERY.

Manufactured by the Mallory Durham Cheroot Co.

31 w.

ROOM-MAKING Sales.

WE WISH TO CLEAR UP ALL OUR SPECIAL VALUE TABLES THIS WEEK, AS WE ARE REALLY ANXIOUS TO BEGIN THE WORK OF RENOVATING OUR STORE ROOMS.

WE HOPE OUR PEOPLE WILL BE INTERESTED THIS WEEK IN THESE SALES FOR A LIKE OPPORTUNITY CANNOT OCCUR AGAIN.

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

A Grand Handkerchief Sale Tuesday, August 6.

We will offer on that day a large lot of good handkerchiefs just received from New York.

- Lot 1, 240 ladies' fancy hemmed handkerchiefs value 5c, price 2 1/2c.
- Lot 2, 480 ladies' fancy handkerchiefs value 9c, price 4 1/2c.
- Lot 3, 240 ladies' white handkerchiefs value 10c, price 5c.
- Lot 4, 240 ladies' fancy embroidery and scalloped handkerchiefs value 12c, price 7c.
- Lot 5, 480 gents' Irish lawn handkerchiefs value 12 1/2c, price 6c.
- Lot 6, 240 ladies' Irish lawn handkerchiefs value 17c, price 10c.
- Lot 7, 60 gents' hem-stitched handkerchiefs value 20c, price 10c.
- Lot 8, Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs value 20c, price 12 1/2c.

Woolcott & Son.

On exhibition in our west window.

Tooth Brushes

Are a household necessity. We have them at all prices and of all qualities. Our 25 cent brush does not lose bristles. HICKS & ROGERS, Prescription druggists.

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 sold to us. The magnificent offerings of all washable dress goods, summer silks, white goods, laces, embroideries, small wares, &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, 23 1/2, 25 and 30c. in one pile, and placing them

YOUR CHOICE 12 1-2 CENTS.

Thus creating a merry-making enthusiastic "burrab" 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 8 lbs Granulated Sugar for 50c. J. H. H. & S. H. H.

