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RALEIGH, N. C., FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31, 1900.

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## TOM JONES PERISHED-ON THE SCAFFOLD

### His Neck Dislocated by the Fall and Death Came Swiftly

## REV. FATHER GRIFFIN SPOKE FOR HIM AT THE GALLIES

### The Murderer Was Cool, Calm and Steady at the Fatal Hour—His Last Prayer and Goodbye—Story of His Atrocious Crime.

Tom Jones paid the penalty for his frightful crime on the scaffold this morning. The execution passed off swiftly. The murderer's neck was dislocated by the drop; in six minutes he was virtually dead; eight minutes after the fall his pulse was still and five minutes later his body was taken down and carried to the undertakers.

### THE EXECUTION DAY.

Early in the morning persons eager to get a view of the scaffold or catch a glimpse of Tom Jones, the condemned felon, as he marched to the fatal trap, began to congregate about the jail and court house.

### THE DEATH WATCH.

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### WARRANT READ.

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Sheriff of Wake County—Greetings. Whereas, Thomas Jones, charged with murder in the first degree, in a bill of indictment found by the grand jury of Wake county, in the Superior court, thereof, was at March, 1900, term thereof, duly tried and convicted of the said crime and the penalty of death adjudged.

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By the Governor: DANIEL L. RUSSELL, Governor.

## RELIEVED AND RELIEVERS FALL OUT

### Officers and Foreigners Accuse Each Other of Misrepresentation.

## BOXERS HELD MISSIONARY GREEN AND FAMILY

### Looting Proceeds Shamelessly in Pekin and the Americans Alone Refuse to Take Part in the Flagrant Robbery There.

Taku, Aug. 31.—There is much recrimination between the foreigners who were besieged at Pekin and the members of the relieving force. Officers say that the besieged foreigners sent out alarmist reports and that the condition of the foreigners was never one of such extremity as the official despatches represent.

### DEATH WARRANT RETURN.

The return of the death warrant reads: North Carolina—Wake County. Office of Sheriff.

### MALCUS W. PAGE, Sheriff of Wake County.

### THE MURDER.

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### WHY HE KILLED HER.

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### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

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## REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS

### Building Permits Issued During August

## SEVERAL IMPORTANT CONTRACTS MADE

### The Permits this Month Not So Numerous as in the Spring But Show the City's Steady Progress.

While the number of building permits issued this month by the chief of police were not unusually large yet some important contracts have been given during the month of August. The following are the permits issued:

### PERSONALS.

### Family Faces Among the Passing Throgs.

Mrs. J. E. Arnold and children, of Archdale, are visiting Mrs. Alfred Willis, Mrs. Arnold's mother.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

### Register of Deeds Did a Good Business in August.

Capt. W. H. Hood, register of deeds, during the month of August, ending today, issued twenty-six marriage licenses; twelve to white couples and fourteen to negroes.

### FAIR WEATHER

The forecast for Raleigh and vicinity issued by the Weather Bureau says: Fair tonight and Saturday.

### ELOPED.

### Man Runs Away With a 14-Year-Old Girl.

(Charlotte News) Mr. W. H. Johnson of Davidson, is here today looking for his 14-year-old daughter, (another Miss Packard) who has left home with a man named Tilden Harrison, whom Mr. Johnson had employed on his farm.

### YELLOW JACK.

New York, Aug. 31.—A passenger on the Spanish steamer Leon XIII arrived this morning from Havana. He was moved to Swinburne Island for treatment and observation shows yellow fever symptoms.

### CORBETT VS. JEFFRIES.

New York, Aug. 31.—Corbett has challenged Jeffries to fight just as soon as a match can be arranged, and a battle ground found. At his house last night he said for seventy-five thousand he will fight West.

## THE CONVENTION COMES TO A CLOSE

### It Will End its Labors this Afternoon

## THE CATTLE QUESTION DISCUSSED TODAY

### Association to Visit Towns in Western North Carolina—Visit A. & M. College Tomorrow Morning—The Convention a Great Success

The second annual convention of the Agricultural Commissioners of the Cotton States is drawing to a close. They will complete their work late this afternoon or tonight.

### MORNING SESSION.

The members of the association met this morning at 10 o'clock.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the session this afternoon other important subjects will be discussed.

### A TOUR WEST.

Tomorrow afternoon the visitors will take a tour of inspection through a part of the western part of the State under the direction of the members of the Agricultural Department.

### YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was largely taken up with a discussion of the report of the Committee on Fertilizers, and resulted after much debate in the adoption of the report as a whole.

### THE AUDITORIUM.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Auditorium Association at the office of Mr. Charles M. Eubank tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

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## A ROW IN THE CABINET

### Secretary Hay and the President Seriously Disagree

## PRESIDENT'S PRO-RUSSIAN POLICY THE TROUBLE

### Sec'y Hay Would Naturally Lean Towards England—United States the Only Country Which Has Yet Sanctioned Russia's Plan.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Reports are current that a serious split has occurred in the President's cabinet and Hay red in the President's cabinet, and Secretary Haycombsrdl vbkg cmfwy vbk retary of State Hay is said to be at out with President McKinley over the latter's position on this government's China policy, hence Secretary Hay's retirement to New Hampshire. It is freely stated that a pro-Russian policy was only decided upon after the most strenuous opposition of Secretary Hay. It is stated that when Secretary Hay found that he could not hope to stay events fact that all the latest negotiations that he retired from the scene. It is a have been transmitted through the assistant Secretary of State. A plea of illness was thrown out by the administration but it is known here that Secretary Hay is not ill, despite all reports to the contrary.

### BLACK HANGED.

Belair, Md., Aug. 31.—William Black, colored, was hanged in the jailyard today. Black would have been lynched had he been caught by the country people, when he committed his crime.

### ESTES PAGE VERY LOW.

Sheriff Page, while in the city this morning, received a telephone message saying that his son had shown no improvement since the sheriff left Morrisville last night. Sheriff Page says that the young man has a complication of pneumonia with typhoid fever and is as low as he can be. The attending physician has informed the sheriff that he thinks there is little or no hope for his recovery. Estes Page is only seventeen years old and is the sheriff's youngest child by his first wife. The people of Raleigh deeply sympathize with Capt. Page in his anxiety and trouble and earnestly hope that his son's condition may speedily take a favorable turn.

### JOHN STEVENS

### A Young Man Just Twenty-Two Leaves a Widow.

Mr. John Stevens, overcoat on the farm of Mr. Henry Jordan, died this morning at his home in Cary, after several weeks' illness with typhoid fever. He was only 22 years old and leaves a young wife.

### FIFTY PERFORMERS

### Al. G. Field's Greater Minstrel's this Season—Greater Comedy

There is no lack of comedy element in the performance of the Al. G. Field greater minstrel who come to the Academy of Music September 5th.

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