

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

— The Colored People's State Fair opened in Raleigh last Monday. Fred Douglass is the orator for the occasion.

— On Wednesday of last week an unknown man was found dead four miles north of Shelby.

— William Parker, a white man, and a negro, name unknown, have been arrested on suspicion of being the assassins of General Bryan Grimes. They are confined in Washington jail, Beaufort county.

— W. W. Pegram, of Charlotte, has sued the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, for failure to furnish cars and engine for two excursions which the road agreed to let him have. He received \$775 in one case and the other was not tried, owing to some technical informality in the papers.

— Tarboro' has a colored woman who was raised as a boy; does not recollect when she began to wear male clothing; still dresses and acts like a man; does a man's work, and bears a man's name. She has an aversion to being with women or doing their kind of work, and says she would go to the penitentiary before she would wear a bonnet. She is a mother, but not at all motherly, and her child calls her papa.

— The *Charlotte Observer* of Tuesday contains a long and thrilling account of the pranks of a mad elephant belonging to Robinson's Circus, which arrived in that city on Monday night about 8 o'clock. The elephant exhibited signs of anger immediately on the arrival of the train, around which a large crowd was standing, and his keeper, John King, warned those who were gazing at the infuriated animal that they were in danger. Immediately after giving this warning to the bystanders, he stepped around to the elephant's head, and was in the act of turning him around, when the enraged beast turned against his keeper and crushed him against a car. The keeper received a severe wound in the head from which he died three hours later. The elephant, after the fatal attack upon his keeper, started at a brisk pace up the railroad track, and was recaptured with great difficulty.

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