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THE NEW YEAR has come, and with it we hope blessings may come to brighten the pathway of all our readers as they journey on through life. We hope that the farmers will be blessed with bountiful crops, the unmarried men be blessed with loving wives, the young ladies with affectionate husbands, and that the democrats will elect all their candidates!

A STRIKE of unusual proportions is threatened in Pennsylvania by the employees of the Reading Railroad Company. This company owns not only a valuable railroad, but also several valuable coal mines, and employs altogether about sixty thousand men. The latest information is that nearly all those 60,000 men will join in the strike, and, if they do, of course there will be much suffering among their families, and the closing down of so many collieries will increase the price of coal and thus increase the sufferings of poor people in many cities of that section. These strikes generally cause much suffering not only among the strikers and their families, but also among many innocent people not connected therewith. So that, they are a public calamity and their recurrence is much to be regretted. Labor and capital are mutually dependent, the one on the other, and it is to the interest of both that there should be no strife or difficulties between them, and the pestiferous agitators, who stir up strife, are public nuisances.

MANY tax-payers in this State are just now in great distress of mind, for their land is advertised to be sold by the sheriff. Yes, more land is this week advertised for sale in the several counties of North Carolina, than ever before known in the history of the State. The columns of the county papers in North Carolina are this week filled with the Sheriffs' notices of sales, and they will be read with sorrow by many a poor taxpayer. And why is this? Are the sheriffs trying to oppress the people? Not at all—they are only doing what the last Legislature COMPELLED them to do. The sheriffs have no choice about it, but are simply obeying the law as expressed in an Act of the last Legislature, which, for the information of our readers, we copy as follows:

"On the first Monday of February in each year between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and four P. M. the sheriff or tax collector is directed to offer at public sale at the court house or place of holding court in his county all lands on which the taxes levied for state, county, township, village, city, school district or any other purpose for the previous year still remain unpaid, and he may adjourn the sale from day to day until the lands and lots, or blocks, have been offered, and the sheriff shall give notice of such sale of real property by publication thereof once a week for four consecutive weeks, commencing the first week in January preceding the sale, in a newspaper in his county having a general circulation therein, which newspaper shall be designated by the board of county commissioners; and if there be no newspaper published in his county, he shall give notice of such sale by a written or printed notice posted on the door of the court house or building in which the courts are commonly held, for four weeks previous to the sale, commencing on the first week in January prior thereto. The notice shall contain a notification that all lands on which the taxes of the preceding year, naming it, remain unpaid will be sold, and the time and place of the sale, and said notice must contain a list of the lands to be sold and the amount of taxes due thereon. The sheriff shall add to each description of land so advertised the sum of twenty cents other than town lots, and for each town lot the sum of ten cents, to defray the expenses of advertising, which sums shall be added to the amount due on said land or town lot for taxes and collected in the same manner as the taxes."

If the people think this is a good law they can thank their members of the last Legislature for passing it: and, if they think it a bad or oppressive law, then they must blame their legislators, because the journals of the Legislature do not show that any member voted against it!

In this county, Sheriff Brewer has decided to indulge at his own risk our tax-payers as far as possible. He has only advertised the lands of those persons, who are in arrears for taxes prior to 1887, except where the delinquents for 1887 own land but no personal property. He will levy on and sell the personal property of those who owe taxes for 1887, and if that sale does not pay the tax he will then sell the land. So that, all tax payers in Chatham, who have personal property and owe taxes for 1887 only, can yet pay without having their land advertised.

Our Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 1887.

Although many Congressmen have gone to their homes to spend the holidays, the number is not so large as usual. On account of the restriction in railroad courtesies imposed by the provisions of the Inter-state Commerce law. The day of passes is past for our national solons, and its effects is very perceptible to those who watch the movements of Congressmen. One of those who remain, but not from motives of pecuniary economy, is Speaker Carlisle, who wishes to improve all of his leisure time in selecting the House Committees; one not familiar with this duty of the presiding officer can have no conception of the great labor which it involves; it is a whole month's hard work which must be performed in much less time. The Speaker is making satisfactory progress and promises to be able to announce his committees by the date Congress reconvenes. Though the names of the Ways and Means Committee have not been made public, still your correspondent violates no confidence in naming the most prominent members as follows: Democrats, Roger Q. Mills, of Texas; Benton McMillan, of Tennessee; W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky; S. S. Cox, of New York; and W. D. Bynum, of Indiana: Republicans, W. D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, Thos B. Reed, of Maine; Wm. McKinley, of Ohio. It is now virtually settled that Mr. Mills is to be chairman of this, the most important of all the committees. One thing I can say of the gentleman from Texas, and that is the alleged pictures of him now appearing in the press do not at all look like him; this counterfeit presentment must have been taken twenty years ago, if ever, as it represents the Southern statesman as a youngish looking man, though his age is past fifty-five.

As an evidence of the progress of tariff reform sentiment even among our friends the enemy, the course of Mr. Nelson, the Republican (Scandinavian) member from Minnesota, is very suggestive; he has been in Congress three terms, he is invincible before the people and his district is overwhelmingly Republican, yet the gentleman proposes to voluntarily retire at the close of his present term because he is disgusted with the policy of his party on the tariff issue. This is certainly of no little significance—a political study that tends to show the strength of the position assumed by President Cleveland in his great message, especially in the West.

Again this year, as last year, festivities and funeral rites are strangely mingled in the capital of the nation; last Christmas the flag was lowered and crape displayed in honor of Logan; this Christmas the people of the United States sorrowfully commemorated the virtues and the public services of that worthy exemplar of his countrymen, Daniel Manning, who by his courageous efforts, arose from humble beginnings to stand among the honored and powerful of the earth, and then closed his brilliant and successful career with the martyr's crown of duty to brighten his memory for many years, with the Nation's plaudit: well done, which will place him in our temple of fame side by side with Robert Morris, Alexander Hamilton, and Robert J. Walker. Congress is also mourning the death of one of its members, Mr. Moffat, of Michigan, and the customary committee was appointed to escort his remains home and provide for the funeral.

There will probably be another important vacancy to fill in the Interior Department very soon, as General Arthur, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has often expressed to intimate friends his desire to resign and thus relieve himself of the anxieties and responsibilities incumbent upon him. It is said that rather than rely too much on subordinates for the execution of instructions, he devotes himself too much to looking after the details of his bureau.

One of the interesting local events of the holidays, was the celebration of the 89th birthday of Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the noble philanthropist, who is esteemed as the first and foremost of Washingtonians. While he is bowed with physical infirmities, his mind is as bright and his interest in current affairs is as lively as thirty years ago. This benefactor of his race is possessed of the rare gift of growing old gracefully.

Another event was the presence of Mrs. Cleveland at a dinner given to 800 poor children of the capital. The first lady of the land seems in her natural element when doing deeds of kindness and charity.

Whipped by Girls.

GENEVA, N Y., December 28.—Marvin Phillips, a school teacher and a recent graduate of Harvard College, was conducting Christmas exercises in the village of Lodi on Monday evening, and arose to address the Sunday school children, when Miss Jennie Baxter, a young lady residing in the village, rushed upon him and struck him a number of blows about the head and face with a rawhide. Phillips was nearly blinded by the blows and fell, when he was whipped more severely by the young woman. Several persons dragged Miss Baxter away, whereupon Miss Lulu Young, a dashing and attractive cousin of Miss Baxter, seized the hide and dealt Phillips several more blows. There was great excitement in the crowded hall and the women and children screamed. Phillips was finally taken to his room, where a physician treated his wounds.

The young ladies left the hall surrounded by their girl friends. Miss Baxter says that she whipped Phillips because he made remarks reflecting upon her character and will whip him again. Public opinion seems to be divided.

A Female Detective.

From the New York World.

The store of Ridley & Co. on Grand street is now a most dangerous place for shoplifters to visit. The firm employ a Vidock in skirts named Barbara Fleischhauer. She is a very pretty young woman about twenty years of age and was born for the detective business. To describe her features would impair her usefulness to her employers, but her most striking features are two flashing black eyes which look right through one.

She was first employed in the store as a salesgirl six years ago, and soon made a record for her instinctive ability to pick out a thief on sight. She first attracted attention by pointing out to the detective in the employ of the firm several shoplifters who were found to have stolen goods concealed about them. She never made a mistake, and this inspired the firm with great confidence in her. A week ago Saturday she caused the arrest of several women for lifting goods in Ridley's store. In two of these cases she made the arrests herself. All the persons whose apprehension she caused were convicted by the Court of Special Sessions last week.

The notoriety which these cases have brought her into has caused an order to be issued to the employees of the firm not to point her out to any one, and she has been taken from her usual counter and has been instructed to patrol the different floors and watch for thieves.

She has so made her arrangements now that when it suits her purpose she can don her bonnet and jacket without trouble and stand at the elbow of a suspected person till the latter commits the criminal act. She says that there is something about the eyes of shoplifters that betrays them to her. Few men now engage in this line of thieving, and as her work brings her in contact with women, when she sees a theft committed she has no hesitation in making an arrest.

Miss Fleischhauer is well known to Inspector Byrnes's men and the police on the east side. They have great faith in her because she has never made a mistake and has always secured a conviction when she has appeared in court. As a witness she is cool and collected. She states the facts in as few words as possible, and several well-known lawyers who have cross-examined her say she is the keenest witness they have ever met. They do not like to hear that she is to appear against their clients. Messrs Ridley & Co. value her services very highly. Any blunders on her part would bring trouble and loss upon the firm, but she never makes mistakes.

A Sad Death.

From the New York World.

The death of Congressman Taylor's wife in Washington City one day last week was peculiarly sad. The deceased lady had been married to her present husband, Judge Taylor, of Ohio, less than a month. She left home on Thursday morning and was stricken down by an apoplectic fit on the corner of L street and Connecticut avenue. No person knew her, she had nothing about her to fix her identity and she was removed to the hospital, where she died in two hours after her arrival, with only strangers around her bed. It was not until evening that her family discovered their loss.

Every person should make a point of carrying a card bearing his or her name and address by which recognition can be made easy in case an accident or sudden illness should deprive one of the power of speech. In Mrs Taylor's case nothing could have averted the fatal result. Yet it would have been a consolation to the lady's husband and friends if they could have been with her when she died, and the shock of their loss is doubtless increased by the thought that they were denied that privilege.

Labor Statistics.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 28.—The Commissioner of Labor has finished his report—the first ever issued in this State. It shows very clearly that mechanics' wages have increased during the past ten years, while agricultural earnings have diminished. There is no doubt, however, that the farmers of this State are as well off as those of any other State in the South. A large proportion of lands in the section east of Greensboro are mortgaged, and the system of crop leins has proved a very powerful drain upon agricultural vigor and prosperity. But some progress has been made this year. There was a sharp decrease in the number of mortgages, and this is a favorable sign.

Barnyard Brothers.

From the Summerville (Ga.) News.

D. Carpenter has a pair of twin roosters, nearly grown, which were hatched from the same egg. One is a dominique and the other black. Up to this time they have never been separated over twenty-five yards, and each night they lovingly roost on the same limb side by side. They never quarrel or fight, and to such an extent does their love go that one cannot flap his wings and crow without the other following suit. This is passing strange, but Mr. Carpenter vouches for its truth.

He Died Twice.

CLEAR WATER, December 30.—Willie Baxter died of diphtheria Monday. Tuesday his body was made ready for the coffin and the family retired from the room. Half an hour afterwards some one returned to the apartment and found the boy up and dressed in his every-day clothes. He insisted that he was not dead, and was not going to die. However, in about an hour, during which time he talked cheerfully to those around him and seemed to be getting better he suddenly fell over and was stone dead in an instant.

Railroad Collisions.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Dec. 31.—The fast Chicago Express on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, consisting of two sleepers and five day coaches, collided with a freight train consisting of two engines and sixty cars, three miles west of this city at 8 o'clock this morning. Five persons were killed outright, among whom was one passenger; thirteen others were wounded, nine of them fatally. Both trains present a terrible scene of destruction. When the collision occurred the fast Express was making up lost time and going at top speed. Blame is said to rest with the engineer and conductor of the freight train, who were running on the Express train's time.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 1.—A disastrous collision occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, near Greenwood, Tenn., between the so-called "Cannon ball" trains, bound respectively north and south, on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad. These trains are the fastest in the South, making the run between Cincinnati & Chattanooga, a distance of 336 miles, in nine hours and forty-two minutes. Owing to the fact that the telegraph poles at the scene of the wreck were prostrated or burned, it has been impossible to get the details of the catastrophe until to-day. At the time the collision occurred the No. 2 north-bound train was running at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and No. 1 south-bound train, at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, and they came together with a terrific shock. Fire at once broke out in the wreck and three cars were entirely consumed.

The accident was caused by a mistake of conductor Sharman of the North-bound train, in reading an order from the train dispatcher. The order directed him to pass the South-bound train at Summit, but he mistook that station for Somerset, which is a station twenty-two miles further north. He escaped serious injury, but became insane as a result of the accident, and is now a raving maniac.

The Court Killed.

SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 30.—A fight took place today about 2 o'clock, in the office of Trial Justice Haynesworth, between Mr. P. G. Bowman and Mr. John P. Kells, both lawyers of Sumter, in which some of the friends of both parties were involved and which resulted in the death of Justice Haynesworth and the injury of five or six others. The affair grew out of a former difficulty at Bishopville, several days ago. The parties were taken before the Justice to give bond to keep the peace, and while the Justice was preparing the papers the shooting began. About a dozen or more shots were fired in rapid succession. Justice Haynesworth received a fatal wound in the head. Bowman, J. R. Kells and D. R. Kells, Pennington, W. I. Hardy, and one or two policemen were all wounded, though none of them seriously. Reports as to the beginning of the difficulty are conflicting.

The parties are under arrest and investigations will be had.

North Carolina's Dead.

From the Wilmington Star.

During the year 1887, North Carolina was bereaved of many valuable sons—some of them of State reputations, and a few of distinguished abilities. We note the following: Rev. Calvin H. Wiley, D. D., Rev. J. F. Moore, Dr. Joseph Hollingsworth, Judge Thomas S. Ashe, Rev. W. A. McDonald, Dr. D. G. W. Ward, Dr. W. R. Smith, Rev. Thomas A. Stone, Dr. James A. McRae, Traeis E. Hooker, Edwin E. Burruss, Dr. W. H. Pool, Edmund S. Burwell, John Woodhouse, M. P. Leak, Judge D. H. Starbuck, William L. Smith, Major Peter M. Hale, Maj. James T. Littlejohn, Dr. Samuel L. Love, John C. Washington, Ex Lt. Governor James H. Robinson, John W. Cunningham, Col. Edward Graham Haywood, Dr. James P. Bryan, Nathan A. Stedman, V. Q. Johnson, Henry T. Jordan, Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D. D., Dr. Giles Christian, Col. Matt. Love, and Dr. James F. Long.

Selling Counterfeit Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Three notorious "Green Goods" men were arrested in a saloon today while they were negotiating with four countrymen for the sale of mythical counterfeit money. The intended victims were Jefferson Lawrence, a grocer and farmer, and Tully J. Lozier, a saloon keeper of Sumter county, S. C., and John C. Wilson and Cornelius Price Hampton, farmers from Yancey county, N. C. Two of the "green goods" men were fined $10 each for vagrancy, the third named Morris, was held for examination in default of $10,000 bail. Lawrence and Losier were committed to the House of Detention as witnesses against Morris, and Wilson and Hampton were let go after being soundly lectured by the Court.

Both Preacher and Lawgiver.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

There is a colored preacher on Lee Jordan's plantation who is a veritable Napoleon in his way. His church has the largest membership of any in the State and his income is princely. The negroes fear and venerate him, and, without the aid of courts, he settles all their difficulties, deciding pro and con, and meting out justice in his own peculiar style. When husband and wife are at variance he is sent for, and never fails to adjust their quarrels. He often takes the whip of justice in his own hands and makes offenders howl. The position he occupies is unique, and he looks upon it as a sinecure.

The extensive sash and blind factory of N. Partee & Co, at Walnut Cove, N. C., was burned Friday night. Loss $25,000, insurance $3,500. The fire was accidental.

A Romantic Elopement.

From the Raleigh News and Observer, Dec. 31st.

Mr. S. T. Wilder, of Walnut Cove, Stokes county, and his niece, Miss Mattie Wilder, of Franklin county, who has been living in Stokes for some time past, are registered at the Hotel Florence. Miss Wilder's life for three or four days past has been one of romance. While residing with her uncle in Stokes county, it seems that she had a love affair in which the gentleman principal was known to none of the family except herself. She kept her secret with a woman's firmness of purpose and on Tuesday morning last between 1 and 3 o'clock left her uncle's house, as is supposed, with the gentleman, for the purpose of being married. While Mr. Wilder knew nothing of what was going on, he was tenderly watchful over his niece, and her absence was discovered soon after she left. He immediately started in pursuit, not knowing which way to go, but firmly determined, if it were in the possibilities, to overtake her and bring her back home. By incessant travelling to and fro, and a liberal use of the telegraph lines, he succeeded in getting on the track of the couple. It seemed as though they knew he was after them, and they adopted every means to prevent being overtaken, but he was so vigilant and persistent that he overtook them at Kernersville after travelling "hither and yan" for three days and nights, during which time he slept none at all. When he reached Kernersville on Friday morning he found his niece, but the gentleman was nowhere to be seen, and Miss Wilder has so far positively refused to disclose his name or whereabouts, and declines to tell anybody anything about the affair. Mr. Wilder is now conducting his niece to her father in Franklin county, where she will remain for some time.

Miss Wilder is fifteen years old, is very pretty and attractive and has charming and engaging manners.

Marcus W. Rasbach, cashier of the Herkimer, N. Y., National Bank, has absconded with over $30,000 of the bank's funds.

The Knights of Labor Smoking tobacco factory at Raleigh did not succeed and its machinery has been removed and packed away.

Miss Annie Cane, of Dallas, Texas, was burned to death at Ward's Seminary, last Sunday. She was in her room, partially dressed, and climbed up in a chair to arrange a picture over the mantel, when her clothes caught fire from the grate.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CHATHAM: IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

G. W. Foushee, administrator of J. J. Knight, against, Fred Knight and others.

This is a special proceeding for the final settlement of the plaintiff's administration of his intestate's estate, and it appearing by affidavit that Fred Knight is a necessary party thereto and is a non-resident, he is hereby notified to be and appear at the office of the Clerk of the superior court in Pittsboro', on SATURDAY, the 4th day of February, 1888, and plead, answer, or demur to the plaintiff's complaint, or judgment will be taken pro confesso. S. M. HOLT, C. S. C.

Dec. 1, 1887.

VALUABLE FARM.

BY VIRTUE of a mortgage executed to me by W. R. Edgerton on the 1st day of January, 1885, I will sell for cash at public auction, at the court-house door in Pittsboro', on SATURDAY, the 28th day of January, 1888, that valuable farm near Pittsboro', known as "HAILBECK", and containing about 400 acres.

It will be sold either as a whole, or in small lots, as purchasers may prefer. Parties desiring to see the land can call on Mr. Edgerton on the premises.

This is one of the most desirable farms near Pittsboro', and a good bargain can be had.

Dec. 29, 1887. H. A. LONDON.