

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

OCCURRENCES WORTH NOTING FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

Can a Lease Be a Sale?

Some months ago the directors of the North Carolina Railway, which had been leased to the Richmond and Danville Railroad for thirty years, leased it to the Southern Railway for ninety-nine years.

POISONED HER HUSBAND.

She Then Married Again and is Now in Jail.

A special from Lenoir to the Charlotte Observer says: Some six months ago Toy Green, who lived in Globe township, this county, died suddenly after having taken a glass of elder carried to him by his wife while at work in the field.

Not in Contempt.

Last July the Asheville Citizen forcibly and earnestly commented on the removal by Judge H. C. Ewart, of the Criminal Circuit Court, of a murderer trial from Buncombe county to Henderson county.

STATE NEWS DOTS.

At Enfield a fire cracker set fire to the cotton platform and forty bales of cotton were burned.

A MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

Fifteen Hundred Pounds of Dynamite and Much Powder Blows Up.

The magazine of the Smithfield Hardware & Furniture Company, of Salisbury, containing between 40 and 50 kgs of powder and 1,500 pounds of dynamite, exploded Tuesday afternoon with a terrific report.

Up town the excitement was great. Glass was broken in the court house and the Catholic church.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

A powder magazine at Lockport, Ill., blew up Friday. The shock was heard 30 miles.

Harry Menier, of Brooklyn, jumped from the bridge at St. Paul into the waters of the Mississippi Christmas day, a leap of 125 feet.

A terrible fire occurred Baltimore on Friday, corner of Charles and Baltimore streets, and before the flames could be extinguished \$350,000 had gone up in smoke.

The Savannah, Ga., board of trade and the city council of Savannah have adopted resolutions endorsing the bill introduced in Congress by Senator Squire to provide for fortifying the coast cities.

There was a cry of fire at Front Street Theatre in Baltimore on Friday night, and the large audience made a mad rush for the exits.

Secretary Carlisle has been interviewed in regard to the pending bond bill and tariff measure.

The President has pardoned Peter S. Davis, convicted in Georgia of robbing a postoffice and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

The first national congress of colored women in the United States convened with the Cotton States and International Exposition Friday.

At a special meeting of the Charleston, S. C., chamber of commerce held Saturday resolutions were adopted calling upon the South Carolina Congressmen and Senators to support the Squire bill.

A dispatch from Constantinople to the Central News says that the United States have demanded from the Porte the payment of an indemnity for the loss sustained by American missionaries through the action of the mobs in Asia Minor.

Wesley Watson, a young man 22 years of age was killed near Ararat, Surry county, N. C., Saturday night in his attempt to jump from a passenger train on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road while it was running at the rate of 25 miles per hour.

Hon. Matt W. Ransom, minister to Mexico, spent Christmas at his home in Northampton county.

A team of mules belonging to Kelly Woods were drowned Thursday at W. A. Bailey's ferry on the Yadkin river, in Davie county.

Chief of Police Melton and City Sergeant Sheehan, of Wilmington, have been bound over to the January term of court to answer for falsely arresting and imprisoning Mr. Robt. E. Daniels.

SEVENTEEN DROWNED.

The British Ship Moresby Goes Down in a Gale.

The British ship, Moresby, Captain Coomber, bound for Pisagua, Chili, from London, went ashore in the bay of Guaymas, on the south coast of Ireland.



THE NEW YEAR BOWS ITSELF IN.

Table showing the new year bows itself in, with columns for months and days.

PANIC IN A THEATRE.

A Terrible Scene in Baltimore at the Beginning of a Play.

Twenty-eight persons were crushed and trampled to death in a panic at Front Street Theatre in Baltimore Friday night.

The audience arose in a mass and made a mad rush for the exits. The actors ran down to the footlights and shouted, 'Sit down, there's no danger.'

ECLIPSES FOR 1896.

Table listing eclipses for 1896, including total eclipses of the sun and moon.

WHEN A TEN CENT PIECE IS GOOD.

Supreme Court of the United States Made an Important Decision.

One phase of the silver question came up in the supreme court of the United States in a case decided by Chief Justice Fuller.

SWITZERLAND'S NEW PRESIDENT.

M. Adrian Luchenaal is an Able Lawyer and a Splendid Orator.

M. Adrian Luchenaal, the new President of the Swiss Republic, was born in Geneva, in 1817.

Salisbury's Reply.

Lord Salisbury's two notes in reply are addressed to Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington.

Army Officers Rebuked.

Certain army officers who have appeared in recent interviews in the newspapers in discussions of the possibility of war.

Schools in Alaska.

The United States Commissioner of Education has issued a report on education in Alaska.

Ensnared by the Missouri Flood.

As the water recedes in the submerged districts of Missouri the extent of the damage is becoming known.

LATIN-AMERICA'S VIEWS.

The Southern Republics Discuss the Monroe Doctrine.

A cablegram from Caracas, Venezuela, says: The annals of Venezuela do not contain any record of such a peasant as has just occurred here.

The procession was reviewed by President Crespo and his Cabinet. One of the most striking incidents in the programme was the signal honor paid by American residents to the statue of Bolivar.

A reception was held in the evening and many speeches were made. That delivered by the Minister of the Interior Department, Dr. Francisco Castillo, attracted much attention.

Mr. Akers, the correspondent of the London Times, has left for Caracas. The Spanish newspaper, 'El Comercio,' has been appointed special agent for Venezuela.

The United States Minister received six gifts some beautiful flags and many flowers.

Venezuela in Paragrafts.

Eight States are in the Union. Population of Venezuela is 2,212,998.

Venezuela contains 668,000 square miles. Fifteen per cent. of the population are pure blooded Indians.

The territory in dispute is about the size of our State of Maine.

British Guiana was acquired by England through treaty in 1814.

Slavery in the Republic was abolished by the decree of March 24, 1854.

Venezuela's export trade with New York reaches \$5,000,000 a year.

It is estimated that seventy-five revolutions have occurred since the establishment of the Republic.

Previously to 1836 by public school system was very unimportant.

The Constitution makes Presidents ineligible for re-election.

It is the earnest endeavor of Venezuelan statesmen to establish the politics of the country on a firm footing of peace and order.

Ex-United States Minister Pile, of Virginia, once ventured to present himself to the President, minus a necktie.

President Blanco very sharply reminded him of his crestfallen and crestfallen appearance.

Difficulties between Venezuela and Great Britain first arose in 1836.

King Humbert, of Italy, has a private fortune of \$30,000,000.



ON THE YURUAN RIVER, IN THE DISPUTED TERRITORY.

At this point it was that the arrests of British Guiana police officers were made by Venezuelan soldiers.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

Secretary Olney's Note to Ambassador Bayard Concerning the Aftir.

Although the matter submitted to Congress in connection with the foregoing message consisted of three diplomatic notes only, they are very voluminous.

Mr. Bayard, concerning the threatening aspect of affairs between Great Britain and Venezuela is first in the correspondence.

It is dated July 29 last, and deals with the question at great length.

Beginning at the very inception of the dispute which has now assumed so serious an aspect, Mr. Olney carries his argument of the American claim for arbitration based on the Monroe doctrine down to the present time.

Mr. Olney gives in his note a firm endorsement to the principle enunciated by Monroe and defines Great Britain's position in the light of the American doctrine.

Mr. Olney says that the British note is not a declaration of war, but a declaration of a policy of justice and fair play so eminently characteristic of the English race.

In conclusion, Mr. Olney says that in the British note the President appears to him unmistakable and imperative.

President Barrios, of Guatemala, said that the United States deserve the approval of all America for the attitude they have assumed.

President Guzman, of El Salvador, expressed himself forcibly upon the Anglo-Venezuelan question.

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A TARIFF BILL PASSED.

Adopted in the House of Representatives by 205 to 81.

NO AMENDMENT SUBMITTED.

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