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## GENERAL NEWS.

Last Thursday in Cleveland, Ohio., a fashionable apartment house was burned, and five women and a child perished in the flames.

Thos. J. Allison, of Statesville, has been nominated to the Senate as United States Marshal for the western district of North Carolina.

Mrs. Jeanette Hammond, of Atlanta, Ga., is in jail, charged with having \$39,000 of the stolen cash of the Gate City Bank in her keeping, as an accomplice of young Redwine, the defaulting cashier.

France and England have both raised their legations at Washington to the rank of embassies. This will result in our Minister to those powers having the title of Ambassador, and give them certain precedence at the courts of France and Great Britain not heretofore enjoyed.

Albert Von Puttkamer, a son of Lieut. Gen. Von Puttkamer, of the Prussian army, died at West Farms, N. Y., March 22nd. He was the first German to be baptized in the Baptist faith in the United States, became a preacher, and left more than three hundred flourishing German Baptist churches in the country.

Another cyclone entered Tennessee last Thursday, covered a width of twenty miles, broke the wires between Memphis and Nashville, and did great damage in western Tennessee. Several persons were killed. The day before a severe storm passed over Bowling Green, Ky., doing great injury to property, but none to persons.

Capt. Ehoff, of the Red Star line steamer, Belgenland, reports that on March 21st, he saw the Allan line steamer, Pomerania, disabled with a broken piston, and flying signals of distress, about 700 miles from New York. A heavy sea was running, and the cowardly sailor refused to assist the distressed vessel.

In the department of Cauca, State of Columbia, South America, the volcano, Satara, has been very active lately, and an eruption was followed by the sudden sinking of a mountain ridge called Cruz Lama. Three rivers were dammed up; at last accounts twelve persons had lost their lives, many cattle were killed and a wide-spread destruction of crops is feared to have taken place.

## No More Gideonites.

Raleigh, N. C., March 29.—It has been arranged with the prosecuting officers of the state and the counsel of S. Ortho Wilson, chairman of the people's party state committee, who stands indicted for belonging to a secret oath-bound political organization that Wilson shall, in the superior court, enter the plea of nolo contendere, that no judgment shall be pronounced, and that Wilson shall pay the cost. This is a happy solution of this political prosecution, and is satisfactory to the people. The costs are over \$100.

This disposition has been made of the case.

## THE CRASH OF THE BANKS.

National Banks Go Down in the City of Nashville.

Last Saturday the Commercial National Bank, of Nashville, failed; on Monday the Mechanics' Savings Bank and the Bank of Commerce closed their doors. Over three millions dollars are involved in these failures, and over a dozen small banks in adjoining towns have been seriously if not permanently crippled.

## News About Granite Falls.

Granite Falls March 17, 1893.

Editor PRESS AND CAROLINIAN.—Prof. Fred Page, the blind minstrel, gave an entertainment at the academy last Friday night. The exercises were highly entertaining and instructive, and the audience well pleased.

Rev. G. A. Romoser preached a very acceptable sermon at the Lutheran church here last Sunday.

Mr. D. H. Warlick has taken charge of the sash and door factory at this place.

A gentleman began reading a speech from a third party man the other day, and before he was half through all his audience had left except one who sat with her eyes, mouth, and ears open and drank it all with great relish. They have a zeal, but without discretion.

Hurrah! for Tom Watson, of Georgia!  
May the Lord open the eyes of more.  
SCRIPTOR.

## FRATRICIDE IN BURKE.

Bartow Brittain Kills His Brother, Julius Brittain.

A terrible tragedy occurred in Burke county, three and a quarter miles from Morganton, last week. One brother killed another. Court was in session at Morganton, but the grand-jury had adjourned when the man died on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

It appears that after the death of their father, ex-Sheriff Brittain, about a year or more ago, his sons Julius and Bartow quarreled about the division of the property. Tuesday of last week Julius Brittain was in Morganton. It appeared that he had been drinking. He was going home late at night, between 8 and 9 o'clock, in his buggy, accompanied by a relative, Mr. E. P. R. Cline. When nearing his brother, Bartow Brittain's house, they were startled by a hail from the porch of his brother's house, where there was a lantern in the hands of Mrs. Bartow Brittain, and Mr. Wm. A. Ogle was with them. Julius Brittain drove on down the road. It turns at that point and passes through a cut. The deceased stated that he drove to the bottom of the hill and his brother Bartow had walked out of his porch and followed around the house, accompanied by his wife with the lantern and trying to flash the light on him. He saw his brother pointing his hand toward him and he heard the fire. He fell over backwards out of the buggy, and got up and held on to the back part. His brother asked him up into the yard, and he replied he had no business up there. He felt the blood on his face and found he was hurt. He rode home. The deceased went to Morganton on Thursday and the wound, in the edge of the hair on one side of the forehead, was examined. He went home; got up for breakfast Friday morning and drank some coffee, began to feel worse, went back to bed and gradually grew worse until he died at 4 o'clock, Friday afternoon.

Another version of the affair is that of Mr. Bartow Brittain, who went to the Solicitor, just after the affair, and told him that his brother had abused his wife and he struck him with a rock. Bartow Brittain was indicted for this. It appears he did not deny it. He was on the petit jury and was in the box on a panel when the announcement was made in the court room of his brother's death. He was at once arrested by Sheriff Webb. Great excitement prevailed in Morganton. The grand-jury had adjourned. The next day, Saturday, an autopsy was held by the physicians of Morganton.

The Coroner held an inquest. The verdict was that Julius Brittain came to his death from a blow from a rock in the hands of Bartow Brittain. The latter had been in jail. Saturday afternoon late, he was brought before Judge McIver on a writ of Habeas Corpus for bail. Messrs. S. J. Irwin, I. T. Avery and J. T. Perkins are the attorneys for the defendant.

Mrs. Julius Brittain and friends employed Col. M. E. Thornton, Messrs. M. Silver and W. S. Pearson to assist the Solicitor in the prosecution.

Morganton court was to adjourn Saturday night. We understand bail was allowed.

## WATSON AND WINN.

They Renounce Third Partyism and return to the Democratic Fold.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 23.—In an interview today, Hon. Thos. E. Winn, people's party ex-Congressman from the ninth Georgia district, announces that there is room for only two great parties in this country; and he further says that if the democrats carry out in good faith their platform the people's party will give them full credit and act accordingly.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson, the most notable Third party leader in Georgia, takes the same position, saying that if the pledges made by the Democratic party in their national platform, on which the party won, are carried out the people ought to be satisfied.

The announcement of these interviews is received with considerable interest here, indicating, as they do, that the Third party in the South will rapidly go to pieces if the Democratic party stands squarely on its platform.

Hon. Joe S. James, who has been appointed United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, married a Miss Maxwell of Charlotte. He comes that near being a North Carolinian.

## CAPITOL CHIT-CHAT.

ECONOMY IS THE WATCHWORD IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

Reducing the Number of Employees—The Extra Session of the Senate—The Seating of Certain Senators Still Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Economy is the watchword in every department of the government and it will not be changed as long as democrats are in control. One of the very first things that President Cleveland impressed upon the minds of the members of his Cabinet was that each of them should be liberal in the use of the pruning knife in cutting off sinecures and useless employees under them. Something has already been done in the cutting off line, but what has been done is as nothing when compared with what will be done. President Cleveland wishes the heads of the departments to anticipate the findings of the Congressional joint commission, which has already organized, for the purpose of investigating the work of the government departments, with a view to a reduction in the number of employees and an improvement in the present slow and in many instances cumbersome methods of transacting business, wherever possible. To change the methods will in many cases require a change in the law, but to compel every employee of the government to render an honest equivalent for the salary received, and to dismiss all the drones and shirks is within the power of the heads of the departments under present laws, unless somebody weakens it is going to be done. I heard of a case the other day which indicates that there is one Secretary who will not weaken, no matter what influence may be behind the shirkers. By accident Secretary Carlisle learned that an \$1,800 clerk—a woman—had only been on duty about half the time during the last twelve months. He sent for her chief and asked why this had been allowed. "Because she is backed by Congressman—(naming one of the most influential members of the House)" "That is no excuse at all," said the Secretary; "dismiss her at once, and understand that all the clerks in this department have got to work for their salaries or get out."

Mrs. Cleveland has not indicated whether she intends holding any public receptions this spring, but all who desire to meet her can do so by writing and requesting that privilege, as she sets aside an hour twice a week—on Tuesdays and Fridays—to receive those who have in this way obtained her permission to call on her.

Almost as many misstatements have been made concerning the status of the extra session of the Senate as about the intentions of President Cleveland. Long stories have been written, and editors who knew no better have printed them, about the Senate remaining in session against the wishes of the President, and about the annoyance it was causing him. As a matter of fact, the extra session only continues at the pleasure of the President, and as soon as he shall notify the Senate that he has no further communication to make to it, adjournment will follow, unless precedents are all set aside. So powerful is precedent that at this writing it seems probable that the democratic officers of the Senate will not be elected at the extra session, although they have been nominated by the caucus and a resolution adopted to proceed to elect them. The republicans entered a protest against this proceeding, on the ground that it would be a violation of precedent, and the indications are that the democratic Senators will not act against that protest.

Democrats who are here after office do not as a rule take kindly to the order closing the offices of the members of the Cabinet to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays.—Cabinet day—but it is really in their interest, for it will give the heads of the departments an opportunity to go over the papers filed with them and make selections for appointments.

The reports for and against the seating of the appointed Senators from Montana, Washington and Wyoming, were presented to the Senate today. It is expected that the debate will begin at once and that the Senate will hold daily sessions until a vote is reached. The result is still very much in doubt.

## SPEAKER CHAS. F. CRISP.

One of the Best Since Henry Clay. So says a Competent Critic.

The following is taken from a long letter from Washington to the Courier Journal and is by "Savoyard," a brilliant newspaper man and one of the most learned men in the business.

As Speaker of Congress, Mr. Crisp has added to his fame. He took it at a time when a strong hand, and a stronger mind, were required at the helm. As a presiding officer that chair has never known his superior since Clay left it. Not even Carlisle was more fair in his rulings. Reed, the leader of the minority, was more than once rebuked, without insolence and without brutality, but effectually rebuked. Even Sherman Hoar, who refused to vote for him after the caucus decided for him, now says his chief regret in leaving Congress is that he can not vote for Crisp for Speaker of the next Congress. Though a pronounced advocate of free silver, the Speaker has steered his party clear of the silver whirlpool. He had much to learn, and has learned much by experience. One thing he has demonstrated, and that is that he is every inch a Democrat. He is a strong man; has the confidence of his party and his country; and when chosen Speaker at the next session of Congress he will give the country a better administration than the one just closed. I do not believe he will have opposition, and, if he does, he will triumph over it.

## GOVERNOR-MADE SENATORS.

Senator Vance Presents the Democratic Side in the Case.

The Governors of the three States of Montana, Wyoming and Washington have appointed Senators to the United States Senate on account of vacancies and non-election by the Legislatures. The matter of seating them has been up in the Senate this week. The majority report, which is in favor of seating them, was made by Mr. Hoar and is advocated by the Republicans. It is a very able plea and trends in the traditions of the government, with precedents.

The minority report was made yesterday by Mr. Vance, and is advocated by the Democrats. It objects to the seating of the appointed Senators in these cases. It must be very ably presented to overcome the majority report.

## The Waldenses.

Much has been said in the papers, recently, about a sect of people, the Waldenses, 2,000 in number, coming to this country from the southern slope of the Italian Alps, and that they would come to North Carolina. They are a peculiar religious sect, and have been much persecuted, it is said; hence their removal to a country where they can put their thrift and frugality into operation with benefit to themselves, and pursue their religion in peace. About one year ago, their head preacher, who could speak English, visited Georgia, Tennessee, South and North Carolina and probably other States. He reported, it seems, to his people in favor of North Carolina.

A committee of two of their number arrived in Morganton, Burke county, N. C., last week, and took dinner with landlord Walton, at the Hunt House. They could not speak English, only French and Italian, and did not register. But they were soon joined by M. Emile Frissard, a French gentleman of means, good taste and practical learning, who has built him a beautiful house behind the hill, hid from public view in Morganton and made it his home. He took the committee of Waldenses gentlemen in charge and has been entertaining them ever since. As M. Frissard has an abundance of fine horses, he has carried them, almost daily, to various places accessible to Morganton, and they have looked at the lands with much interest. They wish to purchase a tract or tracts of land, all adjoining, sufficient for their whole tribe of 2,000. They wish to be ready for business next year. They are a farming people as well as horticulturalists and wine vintners.

LATER—The committee of Waldenses have agreed to the purchase of several tracts of land all adjoining and aggregating ten thousand acres beginning four miles east of Morganton on the Western North Carolina railroad; both sides. They have called their President who is in the Northern part of Italy. Burke people are highly elated. So are we.

## STATE NEWS.

Jim Mills and Will Ritchey, colored, got drunk while playing cards Sunday last, near Asheville, and Coroner McBrayer held an inquest over Mills while Ritchey was running away Monday.

It is rumored, but not generally believed, that Judge Dick will resign his office if Judge Armfield could be certain to succeed him. Representative Henderson, who has been considered as certain of the Federal Judgeship after Dick, is not bestirring himself at all to get, as he says, into the shoes of a man who is not even sick yet.

The Charlotte Observer's special says:—"Mr. Walter E. Faison, of Duplin, was promoted today (Monday) to chief of the Consular Bureau of the State Department, vice Dr. F. O. St. Clair removed. For years a corruption ring has existed there, composed of a number of officials who parceled out consulships and consular clerkships to favorites, but this blow from Secretary Gresham means its extinction, as it will be followed by other removals. St. Clair was appointed 1865.

## Jacobs Fork News.

Editor PRESS AND CAROLINIAN:—Wheat is beginning to make some show in the fields. Oats are also showing their front.

Farmers are beginning to look at their rusty ploughs and are fixing them up for service.

The Rev. P. W. Whitener of the Baptist denomination made a flying visit to his son-in-law here. He is a native of this Township where he was raised but now residing in Burke county; He preached last Sunday at Wesley chapel.

There was a considerable crowd at the sale of Daniel Jarrett's on last Saturday. The property brought a pretty fair price. In the evening a snow storm came and there was a general scattering of the people hustling for their homes.

The little village of Plateau is said to be rising; it is located on the Shelby road about 10 miles from Newton and about 25 miles from Shelby. It is a beautiful town on a high elevation perhaps one of the highest places east of the notable Blue Ridge. Its location makes it a very healthy place for invalids. It has schools twice a year spring and fall. There is an excellent and beautiful street car line in progress. The company are working for the early completion of the road. The cars are all there ready and fully equipped. Nothing is wanting only the cross ties to be laid and the rails fastened thereon. The company have secured the services of J. N. Casswell president and general superintendent and engineer of the whole concern; J. J. Kistler, C. P. Shuford, Kistler, Van Dagerhart, Pink Riehl and W. P. Workman trustees, John Clay contractor and Eli Clay machinist. There are three stores, two dry goods and a grocery and drug store. Those who are seeking for pleasure better come to this notable and healthy place, where the fresh mountain breeze comes directly from those mountains booming up in the distance, and go up on the high and steep bluffs of old notable Hoghill and from its top view the beautiful places of Maiden, Newton, Hickory, Lincolnton, Andersons, Linns; Pine and Baker's mountains. They have four mills and one wool factory. Travellers who wish to visit the place can get board for \$1 per day in private families. Anybody wishing for a fuller description of this place can gain all the information desired by conferring with any of the trustees.

The debating society at Wesley chapel is still in full bloom. Last Saturday the discussion was whether the United States was justifiable in colonizing the negro. The committee decided the debate in favor of colonization. I don't know where.

Jonathan Carpenter a 54 year old man living near the Catawba county line at Jacobs Fork Township is now prostrated with the black palsy on his toes and is in a crippled condition. He told me when he was first in Lincoln it was but a small town. There is a Mr. Cerking and wife now in Jacobs Fork Township working on sewing machines and putting them in as good repair as new.

F. A. Yoder planted about four acres in Irish potatoes.  
It is said that Daniel Jarrett and family are soon to move to Hickory. J. F. T.