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STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

T. L. Covington & Co., of Rockingham, have gone into voluntary bankruptcy. Liabilities \$22,000; assets \$18,000.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, in session in Wilmington last week elected Mrs. J. A. Rounsaville, of Rome, Ga., president.

John Felmet, an aged ex-Confederate soldier, was run over and killed by a Southern Railway train, at Leton, near Asheville, Thursday.

Two dwellings were burned in Raleigh Saturday—one occupied by Mr. J. B. Rice, the other by Mrs. Blalock, on Firwood avenue. Loss \$2,500.

The State Board of Education is considering a proposition to sell the timber on 10,000 acres of land it owns in Hyde county at the rate of 50 cents a cord for juniper.

It is said that ex-Senator Jarvis will be a candidate for the nomination for congress in the first district. It is reported that Gen. J. S. Carr will be a candidate again for the U. S. senate.

Mary Slagle, the young girl who recently shot Houston Meriman in Asheville, who she charges with seducing her, and who has since been in custody of the officers, has been released on a \$300 bond.

A charter is granted the Carolina Shingle Mills, at Wilmington. Their product will be 50,000 a day. Seventy persons will be employed. Operations will begin on January 1. A charter is also granted the Brown Furniture Company, of Salisbury, capital \$20,000.

The semi-annual sale of Jersey cattle and Berkshireswine on the Vandesbilt estate took place last week. The Asheville Citizen says 60 Berkshires were sold at an average of \$61 each, the highest price paid being \$201. The highest price paid for Jersey cows was \$262.50.

Governor Aycock has employed James E. Shepherd, James H. Merrimon and George Rountree to aid Attorney-General Giltner in representing the State in the suit to be brought by South Dakota against North Carolina, involving the payment at par of certain bonds of the Western North Carolina Railway.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has given out a summary of this year's statistics as to negro education in North Carolina. There are 219,677 negro children of the school age. The enrollment is 141,180, against 130,005 last year. The average attendance is 80,747, against 64,505 last year.

There was a general jail delivery at Louisburg Friday night. Five people were in the prison at the time and they wrecked one of the steel cages and then broke through the outer barriers. One of the prisoners, Ben. Foster, was under sentence of death for murder, but had taken an appeal to the Supreme Court. All of them were colored.

J. T. Broughton was seriously wounded by the accidental firing of a gun by J. S. Gray while hunting Tuesday afternoon near Raleigh. The entire load entered the back below the shoulder blade and came out on the right breast. His condition is very serious. Gray slipped and fell while crossing a ditch with the gun-trigger sprung.

The board of trustees of Wilson Christian College met Friday night and elected Dr. Daniel E. Motley, of Asheville, president. Prof. Joseph Kinsey, who has been for many years one of the leading educators of the State, and who has done more than any other person to establish a college at Wilson, was unanimously elected professor of Latin and mathematics.

Fire early Tuesday destroyed the Holton block at Charlotte and caused a loss of \$100,000. The principal losers are H. G. Link, groceries, \$30,000; R. H. Field, groceries, \$15,000; B. K. Bryan, groceries, \$48,000; Oglesby Bros., dry goods. All were insured. The fire broke out in Oglesby's store, at the corner of Trade and College streets, and gained headway on account of an accident at the pumping station of the waterworks, which temporarily cut off the water supply. By the time other buildings were in flames the water supply was restored, and the flames were confined to the buildings in the block.

Prices Must Advance.

When any manufacturer wants low priced tobacco and tries to buy it at the same time, is just what makes high priced tobacco, and this is exactly the process that has been going on for a year or more in our markets; it is less that low grades have been abnormally scarce, than the fact that everybody has to be doing their best to make a bad grade of tobacco at a low price. Now that this part of the crop is practically totally exhausted, with a short new bright crop, what can be expected but higher prices, or what is to be had in the better grades that will push each other up higher? However, as we explain elsewhere, there are other causes for higher bright tobacco, and still none so useful or so popular or cheap or in better demand can be produced. The trust process of buying has made low prices so long that the trade has become so much accustomed thereto that a fair advance looks like a much greater one.—Southern Tobaccoist.

A Shooting Affair.

At Wilson's Mills last Monday Remus Frazier was shot twice with a pistol by Walter Lassiter. Both of them are colored. It seems that Lassiter used some improper words to a daughter of Frazier. The two men met last Saturday night and had some words over the matter. Sunday they met at church and had a quarrel. Monday they met again and a fight occurred. Frazier was the first to begin the fight and was met by Lassiter with a ball in one of his wrists which broke one of the bones. Frazier turned and started to pick up a brick, but while he was in a stooping position Lassiter shot him in the back.

The balls have been probed for by physicians but have not been taken out. His case is considered serious. Lassiter made his escape and has not yet been caught. Both these negroes are industrious and have families and this affair is a surprise to the community.

Turner's Almanac.

Turner's North Carolina Almanac, 64th edition, published by Enniss Publishing Company, Raleigh, N. C., is on our table. Turner's Almanac is an old and established State institution, and because of its reliability, is popularly styled the "Old Reliable." It is the standard of local astronomical time by which to set our clocks and watches, also as to all officers of our State government, salaries, etc., public works, penal, charitable and educational institutions, Courts, members of Congress, Judges, Solicitors, etc. It contains many interesting facts and statistics of North Carolina, valuable for reference, with household and medical receipts for the family. It is a very useful publication, and commends itself to all our people. Price only 10 cents, and for sale by merchants, postmasters, druggists, etc., all over the State, or by the publishers, Enniss Publishing Company Raleigh, N. C.

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BRIGANDS HAVE NOT REPLIED.

Ultimatum, Stating Amount of Ransom, Favored in Sofia.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 17.—The brigands who abducted Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and Mue. Tsilka, her companion, have not yet replied to the latest proposals of Mr. Dickinson, diplomatic agent of the United States in Sofia. This is believed to be due to the fact that the band has many leaders, and that the latter are unable to agree among themselves.

There is a general impression here that time is being frittered away while waiting for the brigands to reduce their demands. It is felt that the only means by which matters can be brought to a head is to inform them as to the sum available for ransom and to declare that this cannot be increased for any consideration whatever. Such an ultimatum might endanger the life of Miss Stone, but it is more probable that the brigands will accept this condition.

Besides every day's delay imperils her life, not so much on the score of the brigands themselves, but by reason of the exposure and strain she is undergoing.—Washington Post.

Martin-Vick.

At Selma Wednesday evening was celebrated a beautiful home wedding. Miss Eudora, daughter of Mrs. Dr. J. W. Vick, was married to Rev. Alexander Martin, formerly of North Carolina, but now resident at Summerville, S. C.

The bride is one of the most charming and accomplished young ladies we have ever known, and is right worthy of the devotion of the best of men. The groom is a young Presbyterian divine, just recently ordained and called to minister at Summerville. He is a splendid specimen of modern Christian manhood, and will undoubtedly do great work and achieve a high prominence in the noblest of all vocations.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. K. D. Holmes, of the Methodist church, according to the rite of the Presbyterian church, at 9:30 in the beautifully decorated parlor of the home of the bride.

Miss Nannie Richardson and Miss Margaret Etheredge, of Selma, received the guests at the door. Miss Charlotte Brown, of Washington, sang some choice selections while the party was gathering. Miss Margaret Long, of Roxboro, played from Wagner's Lohengrin Bridal March while the bride and groom entered, preceded by Miss Bessie Wharey, of Mooresville, maid of honor, with Mr. Roger Martin, brother and best man to the groom.

After being united by the beautiful ceremony of the ring the bride and groom departed on the eleven o'clock train, southbound, for their future home.

Before the marriage took place the bridal party and other guests were entertained at the home of Mrs. R. A. Ashworth with an elegant luncheon prepared by her and served in her inimitable manner. At seven o'clock they were received in Mrs. Ashworth's parlors and conducted to the dining-room, where until nine o'clock they were regaled with course after course of rare dainties, the order being oysters on the half-shell, turkey with cranberry sauce and celery salad with French dressing, entree of banana fritters and cream, orangeade, punch and sweet wafers tied with souvenirs of hand-painted white ribbon, cake and cream a Dughi, cheese and wafers with coffee, olives, salted almonds and other relishes being fully discussed between the courses. Violets were decorations.

There was a quiet simplicity and elegance about the whole event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and all were earnest in expressions of good wishes for happiness and success.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Democrats will have 60 majority on joint ballot in the Kentucky Legislature.

A Northern Central express train was dynamited near York, Pa., but no one was injured.

Prof. John E. Gilman, of Chicago, claims to have discovered in the Roentgen ray a cure for cancer.

Noah Raby, of Plainfield, N. J., who claims to be 129 years old and has hitherto had excellent sight, is now totally blind.

The 17 buildings of the Charleston Exposition are ready for exhibits, and every foot of available space has been allotted.

The report of the Commissioner of Immigration shows that the steamer arrivals during the year ended June 30 last numbered 487,918.

Some friends of A. P. Gorman intimate he may decline the Senatorship with a view to securing the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1904.

The Methodist committee at Pittsburg appropriated 43 per cent. of the missionary money for home missions and 57 per cent. for foreign missions.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad authorities have announced that beginning December 1st the wages of all mechanics in its shops will be advanced 10 per cent.

Fire at New Haven Saturday ruined the finest of the Yale student's dormitories—the Hutchinson—which was erected a few years ago at a cost of \$200,000.

Orders have been issued by the War Department directing the Twenty-seventh infantry to sail for the Philippines as soon as transportation can be provided.

It is said that the expense of the court of inquiry to Admiral Schley is over \$52,000 and that the expense has absorbed all his means, including the prize money he won in the Spanish war.

President Williams, of the San Francisco Board of Health, recommends that the famous "Chinatown" be burned to the ground as a safeguard against infection from Oriental diseases.

Senator McLaurin, in a speech to the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association, at Atlanta last week, declared for the isthmian canal and building up merchant marine as aids in extending foreign trade.

The Hardwick bill, providing for the disfranchisement of a large portion of the negro voters was defeated in the Georgia House of Representatives Tuesday by a vote of 113 to 17. The same measure was introduced and met a similar fate two years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Uriswold Morse, widow of Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, died in Berlin, Germany, on Thursday, at the home of her daughter. She was Prof. Morse's second wife, and was married to him in 1848. She was born in 1822.

Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Merrimack fame, has been ordered detached from the bureau of construction and repair in Washington and assigned to duty in connection with the management of the government naval exhibit at the Charleston exhibition.

The only gold medal authorized by Congress for heroic conduct during the Spanish war was forwarded Friday to Lieut. Frank H. Newcomb, at Patchogue, N. Y. Lieutenant Newcomb commanded the revenue cutter Hudson and rescued the officers and crew of the torpedo boat Winslow off Cardenas, Cuba, during the action of May 11, 1898, at which time Worth Bagley, of North Carolina was killed. The medal contains about \$750 worth of gold.

WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest From the Nation's Capital.

Joseph Jefferson, the venerable actor, was a caller at the White House Saturday.

Strong influence is being exerted to have the President recommend the re-enactment of the Chinese Exclusion act.

Mr. Herbert H. D. Peirce, the newly appointed Third Assistant Secretary of State, appeared at the State Department Saturday and was received cordially by Secretary Hay and his assistants. The oath of office was administered to him and Mr. Peirce entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The cabinet meeting Tuesday lasted about two and a half hours. The whole time was spent in the reading of the President's message and in commenting on its various features. The message is long and is said to be vigorous in tone; in that respect at least, quite characteristic of President Roosevelt. No other business was transacted.

Representative D. B. Henderson, Speaker of the last House and practically assured of re-election, reached Washington Saturday and took up his residence at the Normandie Hotel for the winter. Mrs. Henderson is visiting relatives in California and will not reach Washington for several weeks. Her two daughters will spend the winter abroad completing their musical studies.

The new pair of bays that were bought in Baltimore by President Roosevelt for the use of his family have proved entirely satisfactory. They are being put to the best use by the ladies of the family who drive behind them these brisk mornings. The surrey without a top is the favorite vehicle and is used more frequently than any of the other carriages. This is lined with tan cloth. The colored driver and footman served for the late President and Mrs. McKinley.

President Roosevelt entertained at dinner Saturday the Secretary of War and Mrs. Root, the Attorney-General and Mrs. Knox, the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Smith, the Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Wilson, the Secretary to the President and Mrs. Cortelyou, the Lieutenant-General of the Army and Mrs. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hague, Mr. and Mrs. Brock, Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Murchie. The decorations were white chrysanthemums.

Selma Graded Schools Arbor Day.

BY A STUDENT.

On Friday, Nov. 15, 1901, the Selma Graded Schools celebrated their Arbor Day, first, by giving an entertainment, which was very much enjoyed.

After the exercises, the pupils in company with the teachers went to the woods in search of trees. The second, fourth and seventh grades went in one direction, and the first, third, fifth and sixth in another.

Selecting as many trees as were wanted, all returned to the school house, each one carrying a tree, which was set out on the school grounds.

The seventh grade sang and danced around theirs for good luck. The trees being set out and lunch being eaten, the remainder of the time was devoted to playing on the campus. Several games were played, and all felt that the day had been well spent, especially as to setting out the trees.

Don't Suffer.

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NORTH CAROLINA'S COTTON CROP.

Estimated at 328,040 Bales, Against a Crop of 542,000 Last Year.

The News and Observer on Sunday morning printed letters from nearly two hundred correspondents in all sections of the cotton belt of North Carolina, answering questions as to the cotton crop in the State this year as compared with last year's crop. These letters show that the cotton crop of North Carolina this year is 65 1-12 per cent. of last year's crop, which will give 328,040 bales, against 542,000 last year. There is yet remaining in the fields, according to these correspondents, who are all cotton planters, manufacturers or buyers, 10 1-16 per cent. of the crop. The reports show that the average amount of lint cotton produced per acre is 14 1/2 pounds. The News and Observer in an editorial claims that ninety per cent. of its information is based upon actual knowledge and only ten per cent. of estimates.

Obituary.

The subject of this sketch was Sarah, the eldest daughter of Joel J. Hudson and wife, and was born on the 19th of October, 1866. She was united in marriage to John W. Wood on the 25th of March, 1887, and died November 1st, 1901.

She had been sick for several months of heart dropsy, and all that kind friends, skilled physicians and an indulgent husband could do was done, but for some time it was seen that the end was near, so the Death Angel entered while she was resting, quietly resting in the arms of her husband and gently bore her spirit away. None were surprised.

Her sufferings were borne with patience and fortitude. She had learned to look to Jesus to lead her safely through the valley and shadow of death. Her only regret seemed to be at parting with her dear husband and six little children. In her death they have sustained an irreparable loss, but may He who doeth all things well be their comfort in this dark hour of their bereavement. Although she can never come back to them, may they so live that when their stay on earth is ended, that they can meet her in the Spirit Land to dwell forever in the "House not built with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

SYMPATHIZER.

The Youth's Companion in 1902.

To condense in a paragraph the announcement of the Youth's Companion for 1902 is not easy. Not only will nearly two hundred story writers contribute to the paper but many of the most eminent of living statesmen, jurists, men of science and of letters, scholars, sailors, soldiers and travellers, including three members of the President's Cabinet.

In a delightful series of articles on military and naval topics the Secretary of the Navy will tell "How Jack Lives;" Julian Ralph, the famous war correspondent, describes "How Men Feel in Battle," and Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., whose daring escape from a Boer prison pen is well remembered, will describe some experiences "On the Flank of the Army."

And this is but a beginning of the long list. A complete announcement will be sent to any address free. The publishers also announce that every new subscriber who sends \$1.75 for 1902 volume now will receive all the issues for the remaining weeks of 1901 free from the time of subscription; also the Companion calendar for 1902—all in addition to the 52 issues of the Companion for 1902.

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