

TO GET OUT OF SADDLE.

Federal Office Holders Must Step Down and Out.

Asheville, N. C., April 1.—Special.—Politicians heretofore were very much interested in the intelligence conveyed in a Washington special to the Morning Post today to the effect that Federal office holders must either relinquish their positions or sever their connection with the executive committees in the various southern states. Republican State Chairman Rollins said this afternoon that he had heard nothing of this report, which is said to have come from the White House, although he is inclined to give credence to it.

Mr. Rollins called attention to the fact that in this state only five of the sixteen members of the state executive committee are holding offices, and therefore, said Mr. Rollins, no one is likely to contend that the federal office holders dominate party affairs. The national administration has noted this fact, and while inquiry has been made regarding the situation in a number of southern states, the chairman of the national committee has not concerned himself about matters in this state. It is not considered unlikely, however, that the few office holders identified with the management of the party machinery will retire from active service in this line of duty, to the end that they may avoid every appearance of "pernicious activity."

RUSSIAN GENERALS OLD.

Do Their Advanced Years Account for the Defeats in Manchuria?

Washington Post.
An officer of the United States Navy writes The Post that he sees in the extreme age of some of the Russian generals a possible explanation of their failure to resist the Japanese successfully. He cites the cases of General Kaulbars, who is about seventy-six, and of General Gripenberg, nearly eighty.

The latter was criticised by General Kurapatkin for the loss of the battle of Hailuotai, preceding Mukden, and returned to St. Petersburg, protesting that he had not been properly supported on the critical day by the commander-in-chief. Their quarrel is being investigated.

Kurapatkin, though only fifty-seven, has, after a long series of reverses, been superseded by Livenwicz, said to be about sixty-five. So Russia is ignoring the Oser theory in trying to find a man who can rally her shattered forces and win a victory.

Kurapatkin was certainly more successful when a young man. He entered the Russian army at seventeen, and during the Russo-Turkish war made a brilliant record at the age of twenty-nine.

Soldiers have become famous at varying ages. Our own General Winfield Scott, in the Mexican war, and the famous Von Moltke, in the Franco-Prussian war, scored their greatest triumphs when seventy. Wellington and Napoleon were only forty-five at Waterloo.

HURLED INTO ETERNITY.

Janitor of Capital Meets Horrible Death From an Explosion.

Raleigh, April 4.—In a boiler explosion at a saw mill two miles from Raleigh this morning, Ed Ferrell was instantly killed and J. T. Moore seriously injured. Ferrell held the position of janitor in charge of the state capitol building, and had gone to the mill with a new man employed to run the engine.

At the time of the explosion Ferrell was standing by the engine, when the crown sheet of the boiler gave way with a terrific crash. The engine was thrown thirty feet from its foundation. Ferrell was hurled 15 feet and was evidently killed instantly. Moore was badly cut by flying metal, but will recover. The cause of the explosion was too heavy a head of steam for the old boiler.

SEND IT TO HOT PLACE.

Language of a Pious Old Man to Whiskey Dealer.

All prohibition towns are flooded with circular letters describing the virtues of somebody's brand of fine old rye, or corn whiskey, and Monroe is no exception to the rule. Some of the concerns seem to take much pleasure in sending their advertisements to well-known prohibitionists, the name no doubt being forwarded by local parties for the fun of it. A certain active prohibitionist, who hates whiskey worse than the devil hates holy water, lately received some such letters, all of which he remailed to the advertiser. Yet another letter came, winding up by saying "please give careful instructions where and how to ship." This letter the prohibitionist answered thus: "Please ship all my part to hell," and he's a really pious old man too.—Monroe Journal.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

Splendid Growth of the Order for This Fiscal Year.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows of North Carolina will meet in the city of Raleigh, May 9th. Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell is now busy preparing his report to be submitted to this meeting. The figures incorporated in the grand secretary's report show that the order is in a most flourishing condition. There are now 68 lodges, a net gain of 15 over last year. The membership January 1st, 1904, was 9,490, while the approximate membership now is 10,700.

The receipts in the grand secretary's office during the year have been: For orphan's home \$6,037.40, for home for the aged \$2,195.03, general fund 7,832.13, total \$16,064.56. This is an increase of nearly \$2,000 over last year.

In this connection it is interesting to note that twenty years ago when Mr. Woodell became grand secretary the total receipts were only \$1,531.37, less than the net gains this year and less than ten per cent. of the total receipts during the present year. This is a splendid compliment to the work of Mr. Woodell.

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Dr. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Maine to be Present.

Interest continues to increase in the great meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly which will be held in Greensboro, June 13-16. The executive committee is making extensive preparation for the occasion.

The city of Greensboro never does things by halves, and when it was decided that the assembly should meet in an inland city, Greensboro decided that the meeting should be held there, and that it should be the greatest educational gathering ever held in the state. She put one thousand dollars into the treasury of the assembly for the meeting, and thus enabled the executive committee to begin the large plans which are under way.

The program that is being prepared guarantees a most significant meeting, a meeting that will certainly mean a vast deal to the educational progress of the state. Several men and women from outside the state, who are known throughout the entire nation, will be present to take part in the work. Prominent among these will be Dr. W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of Maine, who will be present during the entire meeting. Dr. Stetson will work with the department of county superintendents in all of their sessions and will address the entire assembly once or twice. He is a wise man, has a most attractive personality, and is an able speaker. He has done great things in his work in his own state.

In his letter to President Foust, accepting the invitation to come to the meeting of the assembly, he says: "I will come when you want me, and speak upon the subjects that you name, if I can." The committee is very fortunate in securing such a man. They have been equally fortunate in securing other speakers whose names will be announced within a few days.

An address in regard to the meeting has been mailed to five thousand teachers in North Carolina, and Secretary W. D. Carmichael, of Durham, says that he is receiving numerous responses on every mail from teachers saying that they expect to attend the meeting.

Flirting With Death.

The following is from The New York Sun:

"To see flirting with sudden death one has only to watch a gang of track repairers at work on the elevated. The third rail is unprotected and the men, in the course of their duties, have to step over it many hundred times a day. Last Tuesday some of them were employed near the Grand street station of the Third avenue line. One man let fall a crowbar so that it touched the charged rail and also one of the track rails. There was a report, a flash of flame and a cloud of yellow smoke. When it had all cleared away the man was seen to tear off his burning overalls and throw them into the streets. The rest leaned against the guard rail and laughed. The crowbar looked like a badly damaged cork-screw.

New Presidential Timber.

The New York Post says:
"Ex-Mayor Van Wyck, manager of the Democratic Club's Jefferson Day dinner, announced to-day that he had hopes of securing Governor Folk as his attraction. It was also said that if Governor Folk consents to speak, he will be boomed as the next Democratic candidate for president. Joseph L. Willet, of Alabama, will speak on 'The Young Men of the Democratic Party' and he will formally launch the Folk presidential boom if Mr. Folk is on hand."

EARTHQUAKE IN INDIA.

The Severest Shocks That Have Occurred in a Generation.

Lahore, April 5.—Shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday morning the sharpest earthquake shocks within the memory of living inhabitants were felt here, and most of the people left their swaying and creaking houses to seek safety in the open. The damage was extensive. It is feared that there was considerable loss of life in the city where many picturesque, tall, old houses collapsed and parts of lofty buildings crashed on small adjacent buildings. The towers of the golden mosque are reported to have fallen, and Waizir Khan's mosque was badly cracked. Severe shocks are reported from other places, with damage to buildings and loss of life.

Lahore, British India, April 5.—Reports coming in from Hill Station constantly increase the list of casualties and figures as to the amount of damage done by the earthquake, which was felt over a wide territory yesterday. While exact figures are not obtainable, it is known that the number of killed will be large. Lack of food at Delhi and Simla, as well as other cities, is resulting in much suffering. Great havoc was wrought at Dharm-sela, where the native quarter was entirely obliterated and almost the entire population was buried in the ruins.

DON'T KNOW WHERE FLEET IS.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—At the German embassy the statement that it had advised the foreign office that it regarded an early conclusion of peace as probable was denied. The embassy, it was pointed out, simply reported the prevalent talk about peace in St. Petersburg. The embassy now shares the opinion expressed in these dispatches that the efforts made in the direction of peace failed and that for the moment nothing is being done. The general feeling exists in diplomatic circles, however, that peace has been brought appreciably nearer.

The Admiralty professes ignorance of the exact whereabouts of Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron and has no information showing that the three vessels sighted by the steamer Marmoramo (which arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, yesterday), 350 miles southeast of Ceylon, April 4, belonged to the Russian squadron. Nevertheless, the belief prevails in naval circles that the squadron will go through the Straits of Malacca, but that Admiral Togo's heavy division will not be encountered until Rojstvensky reaches the Eastern Sea.

Tokio, April 6, 1 p. m.—Imperial army headquarters, reporting to-day, says: "Part of our Kaiyuan force engaged in driving the enemy occupied Kuyushu, three miles northeast of Mienhuachieh, on the afternoon of April 4.

"On the afternoon of April 3, the enemy with mounted artillery and machine guns, advanced south from the direction of Tawo, on the Fenghua road, and on the morning of April 4 opened a bombardment on Chinchestun. Simultaneously, a large force of infantry advanced from the vicinity of the main road, two other columns detouring to cover both our flanks. They approached within 400 metres of our position, but at 6 o'clock in the evening we entirely repulsed them.

"Our cavalry casualties were 27 men wounded. The enemy's loss is uncertain, but it is estimated at over 200 killed and wounded."

Chicago, April 6.—A special to The Daily News from Catavia, Java, says: "Togo's fleet was sighted this morning south of the Island of Mindanao, the southernmost of the Philippine group.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Ignorant people are born critics.
After the storm look for a rainbow or a policeman.
Ships deteriorate with age—with the exception of hardships.
He who loves without reason is apt to reason without love.
Wise is the orator who knows when to cut a long story short.
Fry men are able to achieve greatness without advertising the fact.
Some women are unable to play on any instrument except the eardrum.
Faint heart never won fair lady—unless the fair lady happened to be a widow.
A boarding-house patron who doesn't complain is either satisfied or subdued.
A woman writes a letter because she either has something to say or nothing else to do.
When you hear a man praising his neighbors it's doubtless to fudge he wants to sell his house.
Nothing gives a woman's religion such a jolt as the suggestion that she got the husband heaven really intended for her.
Now the summer girl will soon begin to freeze on to the reckless youth who has a mania for squandering his coin for ice cream.—Exchange.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Rapid Extension of This Branch of the Service.

Washington, April 7.—Over five thousand new rural routes were established in the various states and territories during the ten months ending April 1, last, and over one thousand additional routes were authorized and will be put into operation within the next sixty days, according to a bulletin made public today by Fourth Assistant Post-master General DeGraw. At this rate it will be but a comparatively brief time until every rural community in the country sufficiently populated to justify the service will have rural delivery.

Postmaster General Cortelyou said to-day that the policy of extension would be continued, and that there would be no change save that an effort toward economy would be made wherever possible without curtailing the service.

On April 1, there were 29,996 rural routes in operation as against 24,568 June 30, 1904. Petitions for additional routes to the number of 4,521 are pending, and of these 1,016 have been authorized and will be started within sixty days.

The rural service has not as yet been extended to the insular possessions of the United States.

Governor Appoints Justices.

Governor Glenn yesterday, on recommendation of Mr. M. L. Shipman, chairman of the democratic committee of Henderson county, made the following appointments of magistrates for that county to take the place of legislative appointees who had failed to qualify.

C. S. Corpening, in the stead of J. L. Allen; T. E. Hughton in the place of C. J. Heatherly; G. O. Love in the place of T. P. Rogers; W. W. Capps to take the place of T. J. Shipman.—Raleigh Post.

NEXT TO THE EATING HABIT.

Colossal Clientele in Number and Cosmopolitan in Character Enjoyed by Newspapers.

The newspaper reading habit probably stands next in universality to the eating habit. The newspapers reach and are read by practically the whole people, not only those on whose doorsteps or in whose postoffice boxes they are laid every day, but also the shifting, transient elements of the community who have no doorsteps nor postoffice boxes and yet must buy something to eat or wear or otherwise use in daily life.

No other agency on earth speaks to a clientele so colossal in numbers and cosmopolitan in character. No other has such unflinching access to the ear of the people or is so promptly and universally turned to when information is desired. In this, as in all human affairs, what the newspaper prints is of value, as regards those for whom and those to whom it speaks precisely in proportion to the high character it maintains.

The enormous value of advertising, if it were attested in no other way, would be demonstrated by the host of imitators and would be rivals it has tempted. Even the monthly magazines have not been above the temptation, though observant men know their usefulness even as for telegraphic intelligence, while the daily newspaper, speaking thirty times as often, speaks to many hundred times more hearers.

A HAPPY HOME.

"Hello, Sweetheart." An Evidence of Brightness and Contentment.

We were riding on a trolley car, as we sometimes do, for recreation and pleasure and to see the growth and expansion of Durham.

It was near the noon hour when the car slowed up near a vine-clad cottage and the motorman's wife ran out with a basket of dinner for her husband. As she approached the car the motorman greeted her with "Hello sweetheart!" Her pleasure was evidenced by a smile and a hastily thrown kiss over her shoulder as she tripped back to the porch. The sunshine of the incident pervaded the whole car, and even the staidest passengers smiled their approval.

We venture the prophecy, there is a happy home and that motorman has the choicest bits that can be prepared by dainty hands. We can almost hear the little wife's heart singing for joy all day long just for that cheery "Hello, Sweetheart!"

But, you say, what has all this to do with new ideas? Oh, we don't know. We have seen and heard so much of the other kind of greeting that the practice of this method might be a new idea to some of us. May all of us who have wives try the "Hello, Sweetheart" method and see if the world—our world, at least—is not the brighter for it.—Durham Sun.

DOING A SHAKY BUSINESS.

Bank Closed by Order of Corporation Commissioner.

Raleigh, April 7.—The corporation commissioner has directed State Bank Examiner John W. Ellington to take charge of the bank of Benson, at Benson, Johnson county and hold the assets until the commission names a receiver to wind up the affairs of the bank.

This action is taken on the strength of the report of Examiner Aycock that the institution is insolvent and conducting business in an unsafe and unauthorized manner, jeopardizing the interests of its depositors. J. D. Parish is president of the bank which opened in 1900. Its capital is \$10,000, assets \$32,000, due depositors \$18,000, according to the last report.

Chicago Still Democratic

St. Louis, April 6.—Complete returns give Mayor Wells, Democrat, for reelection, a plurality of 1,425 over Judge Tally, Republican. Other candidates either ran slightly ahead or behind the party leaders and the Democrats and Republicans about equally divided for offices other than that of Mayor.

The proposition for an increase in the bonded indebtedness of \$9,000,000 for public improvements was overwhelmingly defeated.

The new house of delegates will be composed of 19 Democrats and nine Republicans. The new city council has seven Republicans and six Democrats.

NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

The University of N. C. Will Have Law Session Only.

There will be no summer school for teachers at the University of North Carolina this summer. This was the determination reached Saturday by the executive committee of the board of trustees held at noon in the executive office of Governor Glenn. However, the summer school of law will be held as usual.

There was a general discussion on the proposition on the part of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to give \$50,000 for the erection of a \$50,000 library building provided the friends and alumni of the University would contribute an additional \$50,000. A resolution was adopted accepting the proposition and the work of raising the \$50,000 for endowment will begin at once. There is already in hand a considerable sum that will form a nucleus for this fund. The members of the executive committee express confidence that little trouble will be experienced in getting together the amount necessary (50,000) to secure the gift from Mr. Carnegie for the library building.

The meeting was attended by Col. A. B. Andrews, Mr. F. H. Busbee, Hon. R. H. Battle, Mr. Josephus Daniels, Mr. Claudius Dockery, Col. Thomas S. Kenan, Dr. R. H. Battle.

BUCKET SHOPS MUST GO.

The State Wins in First Round—Appeal Taken.

Raleigh, April 1.—Judge Neal in Wake Superior Court this afternoon, made an order for entry of "guilty" in the noted bucket shop case, to test the constitutionality of the anti-bucket shop act by the recent legislature, of State vs. McGinnis, who is the agent of Ware and Leland, who maintain office here.

An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court on the grounds, as stated by counsel for the bucket shop, that the act is in violation of the fourteenth amendment of the Federal constitution in that it restricts inter-state commerce, and of article 7, section 2, of the constitution in that it grants special privileges by exempting manufacturers and wholesale dealers. The fate of the exchanges all over the state hangs on this test case.

Witnesses to Be Respected.

Judge Walter H. Neal called down a prominent attorney last week in Wake county Superior court for abusing an innocent, helpless witness. This is exactly right. There are entirely too many lawyers who, it seems, do not know how to respect witnesses in court and think because they are employed on the opposite side of the case that it is their business and privilege to abuse and try to break down the character of these witnesses. Lawyers have rights and they should be, and are, respected. It is the duty of the presiding judge to call down an attorney when he is so little and narrow minded that he feels compelled to go outside of his case and abuse and vilify innocent witnesses, who are compelled by law to testify in a court of justice. The rights of people must be protected.

SALT LAKE PHENOMENON.

Its Waters are Gradually Becoming Sweetened.

Are the waters of the Great Salt Lake becoming freshened through the construction of the great Ogden-Lucan cut-off of the Southern Pacific?

Engineers of the railroad are much puzzled over the matter, writes the Salt Lake correspondent of The Chicago Tribune. It is declared that the waters north of the cut-off, which in times beyond the memory of man have been bitter brine, are gradually becoming sweetened. Experts are unable to account for the phenomenon.

The freak is the subject of much discussion around Union Pacific headquarters in Denver. So far none of the local officials have been able to explain it.

One theory is that the Bear Spring river, flows into the great salt sea near Ogden, is forcing the briny water beyond the cut-off. This stream is about 300 feet wide and is of the sweetest in Utah. It pours an immense volume of water into the lake daily. It is argued that the embankments and piles of the cut-off check the flow of the salt water. Thus, the sweet water of the river in flowing into the northern end of the lake is kept sweet and pure.

Japs Demand \$800,000,000.

Paris, April 1.—Although official information is lacking, it is asserted in well informed quarters that Japan has permitted Russia to learn that peace conditions will be severely rigorous and not be responsive to the recent plea to Japan's magnanimity. In particular, it is said that Japan's indemnity figure is \$800,000,000 and that this stupendous sum has proved so staggering to Russian diplomacy that it is the chief cause why the peace preliminaries do not advance to a decisive stage.

This Editor Had Been There.

Some of our exchanges speak of this paper as a farmer's paper. Well, we must acknowledge we have a leaning towards the farmer—in fact, the editor is a farmer.

We have followed the plow and a pair of brindle mules to turn over many acres of black alluvial soil and bumble bees' nests. We have chopped off and set out hundreds of shocks of corn when the frost was on the pumpkin.

We have waltzed after the scythe and cradled to tie up acres and acres of golden grain in days gone by.

We have tunneled into the potato hill and brought out bushels of the rich, luscious fruit, with the hoe and the plow handle.

We have turned the grindstone for hours and hours in the bright summer's sun, until the world all seemed a hollow mockery.

We have chopped down the Jimson weed in all its glory, and saw it fall a withered mass of ruins to the earth.

We have cut stove wood with a dull axe in the bright July sun until we felt like running away from home and becoming a train robber.

We have played hide and seek with the razor-back sow in the corn field for hours and hours, when the mud was on our breeches and the water in our socks.

We have chased the cow with crumpled horn out of the wheat field, and watched the wobble-legged calf hang on the teat like the politician to a fat office.

In fact, we have done everything that is done on a farm, from engineering a hay rake to fighting over a line fence, and have raised everything that can be raised on a farm from an umbrella to a deed of trust and why shouldn't we have a fellow feeling for the farmer?—Exchange.

COMING BACK HOME.

Return of Southern Flags to Their Native States.

All the southern states are receiving the flags which were captured during the Civil War. The government has returned thirty-two of these flags to North Carolina, and they have been placed in the Hall of History at Raleigh. That is where they should be kept.

Mr. Cleveland was the first man who proposed to return the flags to their respective states. Senator Foraker was bitterly opposed to such an act, taking the view that to send the flags back would give much of the feeling which existed during and soon after the war. After Mr. Cleveland's suggestion met with so much opposition it was thought that the chances of ever returning the old war flags were very remote. But the questions was revived during the last session of congress and it was decided to return them. It is entirely proper that the flags should be given back to the southern states. Our people are very glad to receive them, but it is not having the effect that Senator Foraker predicted. The southern people simply look on it as the government doing its duty.—Charlotte News.