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THE LATE GOVERNOR RUSSELL.

With the Wilmington special of yesterday in mind the announcement this morning of the death of ex-Governor Russell is not a surprise.

He was a Confederate soldier and was ever after the civil war a Republican in politics except for one division when he became a Greenbacker in a campaign when the greenback had a vogue, and defeated Hon. A. M. Waddell in a race for Congress.

A BULL-HEADED TAR HEEL.

The best thing in to-day's paper, and something that nobody should fail to read, is the story from Volume X of the Journals of the Continental Congress, transmitted by the Washington correspondent of The New York Evening Post.

Evidently Thomas Burke was a game old bird. How many of our readers ever heard of him or know that he was our State's first constitutional Governor?

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THE QUEER CASE OF COLONEL STEWART.

Wednesday's reference to the Senate committee on military affairs of Mr. Rayner's resolution directing the appointment by the President of a court of inquiry in the Col. William F. Stewart case doubtless means that a clash over this matter between the White House and the north wing of the capitol will be avoided.

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ALL VIRTUALLY OUT BUT TAFT.

The Washington Herald prints a political news story from New York which asserts that "men of high station in the political and financial world of the metropolis who, a month ago, looked forward to Taft's nomination as a certainty," now expect President Roosevelt's re-nomination.

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ROBINSON ON PROHIBITION.

Effective Speech Makes a Strong and Definite Stand for Prohibition.

General Robinson, who is to be appointed to fill his appointment this forenoon, addressed a large crowd in the court house to-night on prohibition, making a strong and effective speech.

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TO FIGHT INSURANCE LAW COMPANIES ARE BEING GOUGED.

South Carolina's Senate Taxing Commission For State, County and City Revenue Almost Certain to Be Tested as to Constitutionality.

It is now almost certain that the State is to have a big legal battle with the insurance companies over the taxing of their premiums for State, county and city revenues.

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BIG SPECIALS

Prices Cut Nearly in the Middle. One Lot "A. F. C." Dress Gingham that has been selling at 12 1-2 to 15 cents. Now only 10 cents.

Men's and Boys' Straw Hats Half Price.

We are making a regular clearance sale of Men's and Boys' Cheap Straws and a lot of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats. Read all this.

Men's Pants and Boys' Suits.

One lot Boys' \$2.50 Spring Suits... \$1.79. One lot Men's Work and Dress Pants, sold from \$1.50 to \$2.00; choice... 97c.

Crockery Department.

10c. Glass Dippers... 6c. Kitchen Spoons, three for... 6c. Towel Racks... 6c. Large Perforated Chair Bottoms... 6c.

Notions.

U. S. Mail Laundry Soap, 8 for... 25c. White Wool Soap, 7 for... 25c. Octagon Soap, 6 for... 25c.

