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STATE NEWS FROM RALEIGH

Wake County Criminal Court to Open Monday.

Apportionment of School Funds, by the Board of Education.

Over \$50,000 Paid Out in Pensions Last Month, by the State Treasurer \$20,000 Received in State Taxes.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The January term of Wake county criminal court will meet here next Monday and Judge Timberlake will preside. There are one hundred cases docketed and two of those are capital ones. During the month of December the state treasurer paid out \$57,258 in pensions.

The sheriff of Wake has paid Treasurer Worth \$20,000 of state taxes, and he has paid to the county \$60,000.

The board of education has been in session apportioning the school fund. There is now on hand of this fund \$31,041.50. This was distributed to the county schools according to the enrollment population in the townships. There are 17,738 school children in the county and to each of these \$1.75 is apportioned, and the amount on hand will run the schools for nearly five months.

The Dramatic club of the university will appear here on Friday next in "London Assurance," for the benefit of the "Ladies Hospital Aid Association." The papers, wherever this club has played, have given them much praise.

Judge P. H. H. of Guilford, says he has turned over to the United States his judgeship, and that he will keep the people guessing for some time yet as to his successor.

In a recent case a plaintiff made out that the state library is not kept open but a few hours and not at all after 5 p. m. Whoever has the authority to regulate the hours should take the matter in hand and require Librarian Cobb to do more work for his pay.

It seems now that T. M. Argo may yet get the district attorneyship. Claude Bernard was sure of it a week ago, but things have changed. Cook's friends, seeing his "goose was cooked," are determined that no first district man shall get the place, if they can help it, so they are waging war against Bernard.

Lawyer's fees in Governor Russell's suit to annul the North Carolina railroad lease are so large as to make the directors feel faint. Amitt's bill is \$2,000 and there are others equally as large. None are paid.

Alex Gilmore, a negro desperado, was put in the penitentiary here yesterday to serve a ten years' sentence. Then he will be turned over to South Carolina to serve a sixteen-year sentence there.

The Seaboard Air Line notified the railroad commission that they will not issue any more passes except to persons that are excepted by the commission's act.

This city now has six public schools, and in the spring will begin work on another.

At the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville a very bad type of measles is raging. No deaths have occurred.

People from all the eastern sections, where so much trucking is done, report the outlook as very favorable.

There is an increase of twenty-five students at Wake Forest as compared with the fall term.

A prisoner was brought here to the penitentiary today from Cumberland county, and when he was captured a fight ensued, and this fellow, Wright, was shot in the back, making him a helpless paralytic.

There was a sensational rumor here yesterday that the old railroad commissioners, Messrs. J. W. and S. O. Wilson, would attempt to take possession of the commissioner's office, so the keeper of the capital and the night watchman were constituted a guard to protect the office. Major Wilson says he has no idea of doing anything regarding the office, but will leave the whole of the matter to his attorneys.

The dispensary at Fayetteville, from the following figures, is a money making affair. In July the net profits were \$150.87; in August \$347.23; September, \$406.17; October, \$599.36; November, \$62.36; December, \$931.02.

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TYPICAL SOUTHERN COTTON MILLS.

Sarranburg Dispatch to the Boston Journal, December 31.

The two sets of mills, under the control of Capt. Montgomery, and also those under the control of the Converse Manufacturing company, are thoroughly typical of the mills of South Carolina. Captain Montgomery controls the two Spartan mills, with their 72,000 spindles and 2,453 looms, and the Pascolet Mills, which are really one, containing 36,323 spindles and 2,160 looms. The Converse company, which is represented here by the president, Mr. Converse, and the treasurer, Mr. Twitchell, both originally from the north, controls three mills at Clinton with 55,792 spindles and 2,170 looms, and the smaller

affair at Glendale with 47,280 spindles and 518 looms.

There are 1,272,363 spindles in South Carolina, so this single township with these five mills contains one-fifth of the total number of spindles in the state. Only one concern in the Piedmont region contains a larger number of spindles than the Clinton mills. This is the Peizer company at Peizer, which runs 107,000 spindles. The Piedmont Manufacturing company at Piedmont runs 58,720, the Union Mills, at Union, 54,848, the Gaffney Mills 51,116, the Henrietta Mills at Henrietta, N. C., 60,000 and with these exceptions no mills in the Piedmont region run more than 50,000.

When it is said of these establishments, therefore, that they run full time and that they just about plan to come out even at the end of the year, it may safely be assumed that similar conditions prevail elsewhere. The Spartan mills will declare a dividend of one and one-half per cent. on January 1.

In the past two years several new mills have been put in operation, Spartan No. 2, Clinton No. 3, the Whitney and the Arkwright. Two of these, the Spartan and the Clinton, are as thoroughly equipped as any cotton mill in the world. The Spartan mill is running on spirit cloth, 27 to 28-inch goods, and there is only one other mill in the region, so far as known, which runs on this particular grade of goods, although there are several which print 23 to 40-inch goods. Clinton No. 3 is equipped throughout with Lowell machines. It has what is probably the most compact card room in the south, with 123 Lowell revolving cards in a space of 208 feet long and 50 feet wide. There are electric attachments to the drawings which, with the rollers, are all attended to by boys, and the water power is governed by electricity through the electric governor on the water wheel. There are 24 Klason pickers the cotton being brought to them through the trunk system to the third floor.

All waste is utilized and the mill is arranged so that time and space are saved to the smallest detail. The mill gets out four-yard sheetings, like a good many other southern mills, notably the old Spartan and the Pascolet. With the construction of these mills the passion of building seems to have been sated for a time. The only additions contemplated in any North Carolina or South Carolina mill, so far as learned, is the Wabasha, which is planning an increase from 2,000 spindles to 10,000, and which is to be under the control of Mr. Stone, the superintendent of the Spartan Mills.

As a rule there is a good deal of difficulty in getting at the rates of wages. Most of the mill men who have been seen admit that there is a difference of between 25 and 30 per cent. between the south and north, the advantage of cheapness being with the south. Here are some of the figures of the Clinton Mills, where rates are a trifle higher than in some other places. There are no speeders working under \$4 a week. The average pay for speeders is \$5.04. The wages for spinning vary considerably. Boys running four sides make 32 cents a day. A woman running eight sides makes 72 cents a day. This figure is given in comparison with wages paid in Lowell years ago when women made 75 cents a day, and had to do their own oiling and reeling.

A considerable number of hands make \$2 a day. Weavers average some thing less than \$1, although there are a few who get \$2 or \$3 a month. The card help get only 30 to 75 cents a day. There is no intermediate work. It is all on the coarsest grades. The rubber bands for 52 spindles stubbers will get in the neighborhood of \$1 a day. These are maximum prices. The average in the mills seen in Charlotte and Spartanburg is considerably less than this. The men in control both at Clinton and Spartanburg declare that they have a far greater advantage in the modernness of their machinery and in the completeness of their mill equipment than in the cheapness of labor. The operatives with whom I talked all declared themselves satisfied with the present condition of things.

TOWN TOPICS.

Up to date Chicago has abandoned the old fashioned habit of boiling the water. They grind it now.—Los Angeles Times.

A Chicago man is making artificial milk that cannot be told from the genuine—that is the Chicago genuine.—Washington Post.

The Gothamites object to the name Manhattan for their enlarged town. Well, Martini would fill the mouth equally well.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The man who founded Chicago was just died. His great crime was committed many years ago, but he was never able to live it down.—Buffalo Express.

Bean shooting has been forbidden by the Boston city council. What's the matter? Are beans in danger of being exterminated?—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Mr. Bryan has christened the city of Monterey "the Chicago of Mexico." There is a left handed compliment in this for one or the other of those cities.—New York Mail and Express.

The New York minister who told his congregation that he was in Chicago once and that "nothing could induce him to repeat the experiment" is a moral coward. Every minister should be willing to pursue the devil in his hair if necessary.—Kansas City Journal.

Worn Out?

Do you come to the close of the day thoroughly exhausted? Does this continue day after day, possibly week after week? Perhaps you are even too exhausted to sleep. Then something is wrong. All these things indicate that you are suffering from nervous exhaustion. Your nerves need feeding and your blood enriching.

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In reading this you may think it merely a scheme to attract trade, but it is not. It is not an excuse, but a condition.

It has for years been part of the Sumner way of storekeeping to have heavy January sales of merchandise. We believe we could sell really dependable goods as cheap as other stores sold questionable goods—maybe cheaper. We have determined to skip January dullness, and maintain the low fair prices that people were appreciating. Hence this January Slaughter Sale, not an excuse for sensational advertising, but a courageously met condition.

We are heavily stocked on many lines of seasonable goods that are needed by the people, and to make our January Sale a success we have placed many of these goods below cost of production.

Look carefully over the list and see if you ever saw real value offered so very low. We will continue this sale through the entire month of January, or until the different lines are sold.

First Lot.

For 21c We have exactly 1,200 pairs of Ladies' fine Hermsdorf Hose, high spliced heels and toes, double soles, that will cost you 33c during this year, they will go single pair or by the box for 21c a pair. You will be wise to get a box.

Second Lot.

For 29c All Wool Serge Diagonal, regular selling price 50c. They can not be duplicated for less than 40c. Full 42-in. wide and good fine Colors.

For 49c A big line of all wool fine Storm Serge 54-in. wide, big value at 75c. Cost over 50c to manufacture, but they must go, and at 49c.

For 39c Black and Navy Blue Storm Serge, 64-in. wide, selling every day at 59c and 65c. Must go at 39c.

For 89c All those splendid Brocaded Silks, 25-in. wide, and sells regular at \$1.15 and \$1.25 per yard, but January price will be as advertised, 89c.

Third Lot.

For 16c All the Standard 10-4 Sheeting selling now at 12 1/2c. Best grade Pepperell Mills. Housekeepers will do well to call early, as this lot of sheeting will only last a day or so.

For 15c All the 9-4 Sheeting, cheap at 20c, but must go at 15c.

For 10c All the 5-4 Pillow Caseing worth in any store 12 1/2c and 15c, but will close all at 10c.

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FOR \$5.98 Every one of our \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00 Jackets and Capes. These garments costs to make them \$10.00 to \$12.50, but what do we care, if you need them? Come and take your choice in our entire stock for \$5.98.

FOR \$3.98 All Jackets and Capes worth from \$5.00 to \$7.50. Among this lot are plenty of nice garments that cost \$4.00 or \$5.00 to manufacture, but if you need them, we do not. Come this week and take them for \$3.98.

FOR \$5.98 Do you need Blankets of any kind? We will not need ours in July—so we give you a chance that will not come again soon. The best all wool California Blankets worth from \$7.00 to \$10.00, all to go this week for \$5.98.

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