

STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

Some News of the Day at the Capital City of the State.

Glimpses of Life in the Land of the Sky—Notes of Growth and Progress From Towns of the Blue Ridge Region.

The colored people of Raleigh yesterday celebrated emancipation day. The meeting was held in Metropolitan Hall.

The Baptists will again make a fight before the legislature against "state aid" to the university and higher education generally. They have been beaten at this twice.

State Auditor Ayer will recommend that the legislature so amend the revenue law that it will declare no solvent credit as lawful unless it bears evidence of having paid the tax imposed.

The number of licenses issued in this state to building and loan associations during the year was thirty-three. Of these, twenty-seven were issued to domestic associations and six to foreign.

The question of extending the Raleigh city limits is now being seriously discussed in some quarters, but public sentiment seems opposed to the plan, in most instances. Several aldermen are said to favor municipal expansion.

Travel over the Southern is very heavy at this time. The vestibuled south-bound carried 11 packed cars Friday morning. The Florida trains are also much longer than usual. Train now have frequently to be run in sections.—Charlotte News.

The Confederate veteran's association of North Carolina will meet in special session, Wednesday, Jan. 25, near in Raleigh. All camps of U. C. veterans are requested to send representatives, and also Confederate organizations of every character in the several counties. Confederate soldiers who may not be members of any camp will also be cordially welcomed. Special rates are expected from the railroads.

S. D. Stewart, colored, who claimed to be a barber from Rock Hill, S. C., was arrested Thursday night and taken to the tomb for trying to pass a one dollar bill for a 20 at Mr. J. N. Hunter's saloon. Stewart had made the raise of the bill so skillfully that it was hard to detect the change. He had carefully scratched off the ones from the corners of the bill with a knife or piece of glass, and in place of these had pasted on a "20" cut from a piece of cream colored paper.—Charlotte News.

The safe of W. A. Watson and Co. Greensboro, flour manufacturers, was blown open last night, and two dollars in money, and a number of papers, valuable only to the firm, were taken therefrom. There is no clue to the robbers. The safe was opened by boring a deep hole down through the top, into which powder was poured. A number of wet sacks were put on top and around the safe, presumably to deaden the sound of the explosion.

The Wadesboro Messenger learns that a white man named Hinson who lived in Stanley county, was accidentally killed under peculiar circumstances one day recently. Hinson was intoxicated and was on his way to Monroe. The mule he was driving had had the idiosyncrasy of becoming frightened if spooked upon. Hinson did not regard this peculiarity of the animal, with the result that there was a runaway in which he received injuries from which he died in two or three days.

Captain Day, the new superintendent of the penitentiary, took charge yesterday. He states that all the offices now held by the fusionists will be at once filled by competent democrats. All appointments on the farms, captain Day said, would be made by Mr. J. R. Tillery, manager of the farms. All appointments at the penitentiary will be made by Mr. F. B. Arendell.

Advertisement for Cascarets, a cathartic medicine. Text: "I have used your valuable Cascarets and find them perfect. Could I do without them, I have used them for some time for indigestion and biliousness and am now completely cured. Recommend them to every one. Once tried, you will never be without them in the family." EDW. A. MARY, Albany, N. Y.

Poisoned by Ivy

Was in a Dreadful Condition

Happened to Read About a Similar Case—Followed the Other Man's Example and Was Cured.

The following incident is given by Charles Morris, general jobber, 82 Lexington Avenue, North Cambridge, Mass.:

"Several years ago I became poisoned by ivy. I tried many medicines, spending a large sum of money without obtaining a particle of good. My children were also afflicted with the same disease. We were all constant sufferers with an awful itching sensation, and it seemed as if I should tear myself to pieces. I picked up a paper in which I found printed a testimonial from a man in Vermont who had been similarly afflicted and had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla with benefit. I bought a bottle, which we took and it did

me so much good I purchased another supply. We continued taking Hood's Sarsaparilla until we used five bottles and I can safely say that neither myself nor children have any signs of the poison. It has entirely left us and we are perfectly cured. We give the whole credit to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Before resorting to this medicine I was reduced in weight, but now I weigh 175 pounds. Hood's Sarsaparilla has not only done much good but has been the means of saving me a great deal of money. I would not be without it in my house and I heartily recommend it to all who are afflicted. I have written this statement for publication, of my own will, as I want others to know what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for us." CHARLES MORRIS.

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manager of the state prison. The only requirement I put upon them in selecting these men, continued Captain Day, "is that they choose good democrats and competent officials."

While a Christmas entertainment was in progress at Bell's Chapel, in Chatham county one night last week, the floor collapsed. Some one outside yelled "fire," and for a few minutes pandemonium reigned. Nearly every sleeper of the floor gave way at the same time and the crowd was thrown in a confused pile in the center of the house. This caused a general scramble and great excitement. At this juncture several persons on the outside heard the commotion, and not knowing what it was or what else to do, began to yell "fire!" again. This added new terror to the already excited crowd in the house, and for a while it looked as if a general stampede would follow. Some cool heads, however, soon quieted things. No one was seriously hurt, but several were bruised.

A MYSTERIOUS CAVE. Alto, Jan. 2.—A strange phenomenon is daily occurring in "Peep-eye cave" near Julius Robinson's. It is reported that a cave is found where smoke is continually seen issuing from its mouth and where you can hear rumbling noises. It is called the "Devil's Own Cave."

Mr. J. M. Hall, who is erecting a house on what is known as the Big Butt mountain, reports that he has seen the tracks of some wild animal which he thinks must be a panther. From the scratches it makes in the earth with its claws.

Some of our bad boys took off Mr. J. M. Hipp's wagon wheels Saturday night and by means of ropes drew them up into the top of a tall chestnut tree, and finally secured them to a limb.

Mr. M. W. Broyles, who was seriously injured in the machinery of E. C. Swain's mill the other day, is fast recovering.

Mr. I. G. Dover, our young lawyer, received a nice present off the Christmas tree in the way of a set of law text books.

While E. C. Swain was taking pictures at the Christmas tree Saturday, his chemicals exploded, blowing up his apparatus and doing much damage to himself and to several persons standing around.

Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, of Newfound, and Miss Emma Roberts, of Turkey Creek, were married Christmas morning.

Otis Rogers, of Buncombe, and Miss Maud Right, of Haywood, were married Christmas eve.

ANOTHER SHERLOCK HOLMES

How He Told Who Had Last Used the Telephone.

"The last man who used this phone," said a New Orleans Sherlock Holmes, preparing to wrestle with the instrument in an up-town public station, "was a short, little fellow in a dudge of a hurry, smoking a cigarette. He asked for the Illinois Central freight office, was told they were busy, and repeated his request five times, getting madder at each call. Meanwhile, his cigarette went out, and after vainly searching for a match"—

"Hold on there!" exclaimed a friend who had accompanied him to the booth. "What kind of a fairy story are you giving me, anyhow?"

"No fairy story at all," replied the amateur sleuth blandly. "I was merely stating a few facts."

"But how the dickens did you ascertain them?"

"Plain as A B C, my boy. To begin with, the adjustable mouthpiece of this instrument is pulled down, as you see, to its fullest extent, indicating clearly that the last user was very much underdressed. Is that evident?"

"Ye-e-es, I guess so; but how about the rest?"

"Well, look at that ledge and you will observe five charred spots and an equal number of small piles of tobacco ash. What do you infer? Why, obviously, that the gentleman was smoking and laid down his cigarette each time he called. The piles of ash are still undisturbed, showing they were recently deposited, and they are small, proving plainly that the intervals of calling were brief. My logical conclusion was that the phone he wanted happened to be busy, and I looked instinctively for a memorandum of its number, which most men make under such circumstances. I found it, as I anticipated, on top of the box, scrawled in pencil, and recognized the number of the freight office. Such memoranda are almost always rubbed out by the sleeves of the next customer, and as this one is still fresh and bright it is fair to presume it was made by the last man in the booth—otherwise the short chap with the cigarette. Moreover, a freight office phone is usually busy at this hour, so the clues interlock and sustain one another. Not so, my dear boy?"

"But the matches?"

"Oh, I deduce the match incident from those fresh toothpicks on the floor. Where a man in a hurry searches for a match he invariably finds quantities of toothpicks. I would you through with that phone?"

"Are you stout with that phone?" asked a short, stout stranger appearing suddenly at the door and vigorously puffing a cigarette, "because if you are I"—

"Certainly, sir," said the analyst, smiling. "I think you will find the freight office disengaged at present."

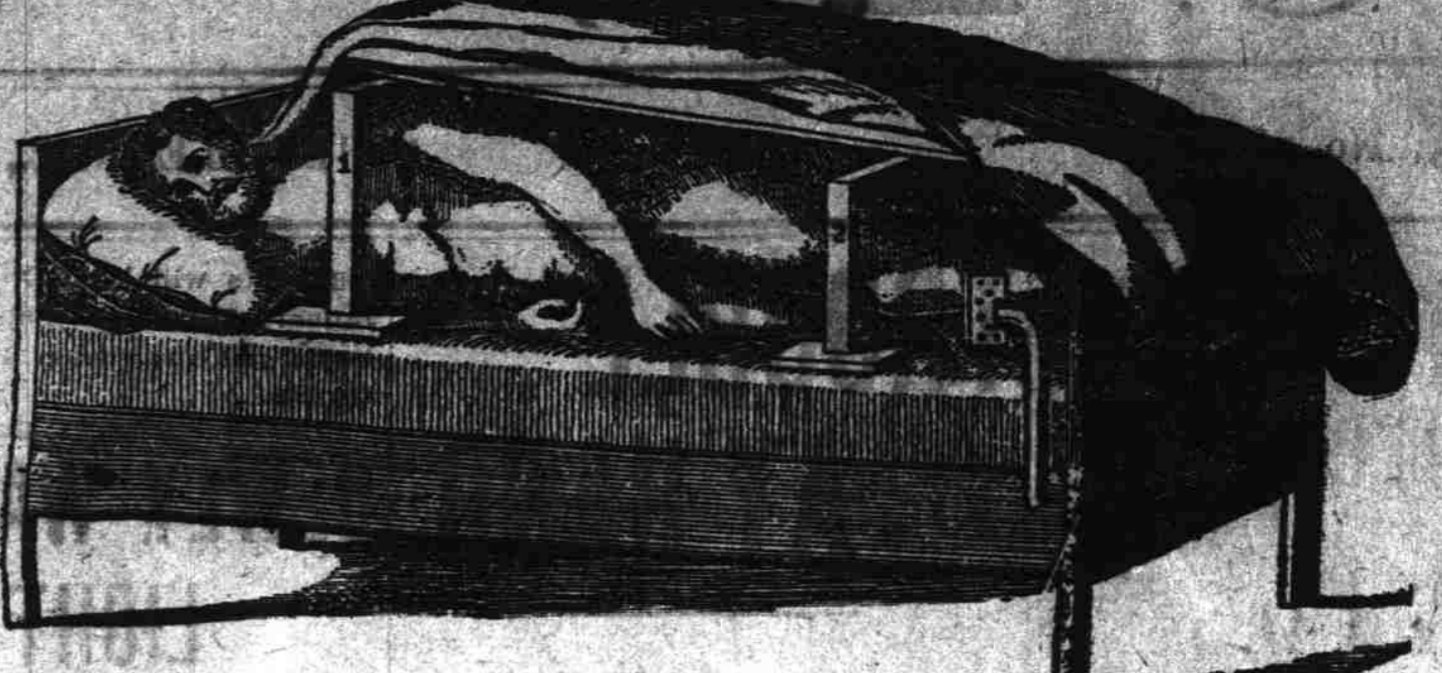
"Well, I'll be hanged!" said the friend.

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Greatest of Gluttons. Apicius, the greatest of all gluttons, wrote a long and elaborate work on culinary science, which is filled with descriptions of extraordinary dishes and sauces. His ambition in life was to discover novelties in food, and to this pursuit he devoted all his energy and most of his wealth. Shrimps were at one time his hobby, and because the marshes of Minturne produced shrimps of an enormous size, he set up a magnificent establishment in that seaport and made himself happy with his favorite luxury until he heard by chance that still larger shellfish of the same sort could be found in Africa.

Instantly he bought a ship and set sail for the blissful region. He was nearly drowned on the voyage, but that did not worry him. His single thought was of the delicious monsters awaiting him, but when the fishermen he employed could show him nothing bigger than he had eaten at home he flew into a rage and straightway started across the Mediterranean again, declaring that the whole continent of Africa was worthless compared with his private shrimp bed at Minturne.

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