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Ex-President Arthur has been in ill health for some time. The latest news from him is that his illness daily assumes a more dangerous form and that his condition is regarded as extremely critical.

The next State Democratic convention has been called to meet at Raleigh on 25th of August, as will be seen from extracts elsewhere taken from the proceedings of the Executive Committee which met at Raleigh last week.

Citizens of Durham and Person counties seem to be thoroughly in earnest about the building of the Lynchburg, Halifax & N. C. Railroad. A delegation of the wealthy and influential business men from the above named counties attended a meeting in Lynchburg last week and talked very hopefully about the project.

An exchange characterizes this election \$500,000 statutes to dead presidents as "tomfoolery." Yes; it is a sort of extravagant foolery that the people are not willing that their representatives in Congress should engage in. Lawmakers are elected to help enact such wholesome laws as will ameliorate the condition of the masses, and not for the purpose of making the already burdensome taxes more onerous. Let us have fewer manumissions and more free, cheerful people. Our capital cities, and cemeteries may not look so grand to the few prospectors of other nations, but there will be more good cheer and contentment at home, which is immeasurably better.

A number of letters were published in the Raleigh News and Observer last week, from various persons in different parts of the State, concerning the workings of the no fence law. In a majority of instances the reports were favorable, dissatisfaction was decreasing, and former enemies of the law were becoming its strong advocates. The stock law has not been in force in the counties in this section of the State long enough yet to give it a fair test. It may now and for years to come work disadvantageously to some; but in a great majority of cases it will be a decided benefit, we have no doubt. "The greatest good to the greatest number" is the rule that should prevail in all matters where the people are affected.

The recent strikes on some of the railroads in the west have caused bloodshed in some instances. In Texas the strikers and civil authorities collided and more than a half dozen were killed besides several wounded. A conflict at St. Louis terminated with about the same result; besides the strikers at the latter place destroyed considerable property belonging to the railroad companies. Street car lines in New York and Baltimore are now at a standstill on account of a strike of the employees.

The strike at St. Louis is to be continued, a call having been made by Masterworkman Powderly for funds to maintain it. It is greatly feared that the Knights of Labor do not comprehend fully the disastrous effect of what they are doing to trade and the general prosperity of the country. Strikers are clearly in the wrong, after having stopped work, to interfere with the property of former employers or to try in any way to keep others, who may be employed to take their places, from working, as has been done in many instances.

Kernersville News: David Pettiford, a colored man who worked a number of years for Eli Atkins, below town, while engaged in work on the farm of Mrs. Willborn, was seen to stagger and fall forward. When parties reached him a thick stream of blood was running from his mouth and he died in two minutes. Mr. Samuel S. Teague, a young man, who was born and raised near this place, has been acting as an agent for J. L. Stone's Organ and Piano House, Raleigh. About two weeks ago, upon the pretense of having orders to go at once to Raleigh to work from the main office, he sold the horse on which the company held a mortgage, collected between three and four hundred dollars on organs sold and shipped the country. Mr. Teague has always borne a good character previous to this.

Col. Bryant Waters, of this State, who is nearly five years old and a survivor of the year of 1812, visited the President a few days ago. Being unable to walk he was carried up the stairs to the White House library in a chair.

(From our Regular Correspondent) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 1886.

The labor troubles, the proposed Exposition in Washington, the probable fate of the new tariff bill, and the President's rumored marriage are among the subjects that one hears discussed here on the streets now. At the Capitol our lawmakers are talking about Interstate Commerce, Secret Sessions, the fisheries question, and appropriation bills.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Willard's hotel a few evenings since, at which representative business men of Baltimore and Washington discussed the projected Exposition to be inaugurated here in 1889. An address was presented, which is to be scattered broadcast over the country, setting forth the plan of the great World's Fair. Congress is to be asked to establish a number of permanent exhibition buildings in the city on the Mall, for the products of North, South and Central America, and the Empire of Brazil. The Mall is that extensive area of parking extending from the Capitol to the White House, including the Smithsonian, Agricultural, and Monument grounds.

It is the intention to strip the project of all local purpose, and to make it national and international, politics being ignored in the interest of all countries. For instance, it is suggested that a building be erected for the display of working models in the interest of inventors, and that there shall be a national art gallery sustained not only by the Government, but popularized by bequests from private individuals. It is expected that one and perhaps both Houses of Congress will take some favorable action on the subject this week.

As to Senators and their secrets, those who have in the debate branded the secret sessions as farcical, childish, cowardly and treacherous, are Platt, Logan, Butler and Riddleberger. Senator Logan was wondering how executive secrets leaked out. Newspaper men always get them in some way. Senator Riddleberger gave his idea of how they were exposed. "I have a private secretary," said he; "I walk down the avenue with him, he asks me a question or two, and being a smarter man than I am, he knows more in ten minutes than I learn in a year. Then he gives it to somebody else and the newspaper fraternity gets it."

Hon. Mr. Whitthorne, who has been appointed to succeed Judge Jackson in the U. S. Senate, will need no introduction to the halls of Congress. He served with distinction in the lower during the forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth and forty-seventh Congresses. As chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee he was earnest and successful in exposing the misfeasance of the Navy Department under Grant and ex-Secretary Robeson.

There has been great improvement in the ways of doing business in the Government Departments here under the new regime, and there are evidences of new life. Still further reforms are looked for through the passage of a bill that is exciting a good deal of interest. It provides for a reclassification and reorganization of the civil service at Washington, and its purpose is to arrange the force of the departments that the same kind of work will receive the same pay. Under the present plan there are clerks drawing \$720 to \$840 who are doing the same work in regard to quality and amount as clerks who get from \$1,200 to \$1,600 a year.

The last classification was made in 1854 when there were only 710 clerks in the departments, now there are 8,031. Under this arrangement there are four classes—class 1, receiving \$1,200; class 2, \$1,400; class 3, \$1,600; and class 4, \$1,800. Clerks have been employed and assigned to these classes with but little regard to their grade. Consequently there is a great deal of waste to the tax-payers in the Departments. But as there is no fixed limit to the revenues of the Government and the burdens of the tax-payers, the waste is not perceived. While the new Administration is setting the Government to rights in order, it proposes to subject the men and women employed here to a thorough investigation, weed out the incompetent, and redistribute the others so as to enable them to do the greatest amount and best kind of work of which they are capable.

Appropos of work, a group of Congressmen were chatting a few days ago when allusion was made to the popular idea that men in legislative positions work little and get good pay. Mr. Scott, the wealthiest member in the House, spoke up: "I've worked harder since I became a Congressman," said he, "than ever before in my life. I get to work every day that I am in Washington at eight o'clock in the morning and I seldom get to bed before midnight, and the work is a hard done then." The Democratic millionaire added that he had had no expectation of having to work like that.

The Third Party.

What Dr. A. G. Hargrove Thinks of the Movement. There is already danger to its movement in Georgia. The extreme people are beginning to advocate a general State law, wiping out the business, root and branch; also a United States law-amendment to the constitution, and such like—making a final closing out of liquor-making, importing, selling, drinking, etc., etc. Some of them begin to talk strongly of a "Third Party." Republicans and Democrats being called on to forget all that has been done since they repudiate both and "carry the country" on the naked issue of prohibition. A few of them have already reached the point of questioning the temperance principles of those who cannot go in for a "Third Party." I have myself recently had some sharp questions put to me by latter, because I cannot believe this "Third Party" movement promises any good for temperance reform, and because it seems to me altogether irrational to run an election involving the whole United States upon any single issue whatever. For the time the politicians are bewildered. But just as soon as they see that they can use temperance people, they will know what to do; they will use them, deceive them, and destroy them. The vital thing as it seems to me, is Georgia, at this time, to be saved by a union, voting on the naked issue of "sale" or "no sale" without involvements with candidates for office or parties. Whether we have the wisdom and patience to resist the temptation to "go into politics" remains to be seen.

Gleaned from the State Press.

Richville will vote on local option the first Monday in June.

Fayetteville has a grog shop for about every 200 inhabitants.

There are now fifty children at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

The beloved wife of Mr. W. H. Blount, editor of the Wilson Mirror, is dead.

It is said that it will cost the Richmond & Danville Railroad two million to change the gauge of its various lines of roads.

Joseph Ashby secured seven adult and ten young squirrels from the same tree last week, says the Danbury Reporter.

The State Normal School to be held at Winston will open July 8th, with Prof. J. L. Tompkins, of the Winston Graded School, as Superintendent.

Asheboro Courier: The Randolphan Mfg Co. made during the month of March on 100 looms, 233,795 yards of plaid, averaging 75 yards per day to the loom.

Smithfield Herald: Deputy United States Marshal Temple made a raid recently through Wake, Harnett and Johnston, and reports the arrest of four illicit distillers.

Mr. Geo. D. Boyd, a venerable and well-known citizen of Rockingham county, the father of Collector Boyd, died at his home on Saturday night last, in the 82th year of his age.

Roanoke Courier: Mr. Bob Stanford, who lives near Bushy Fork, had the misfortune of getting his leg broke last Saturday by the kick of a horse, near Patin's Tavern.

A young man named Madison, who was shot and died near Pigeon river only a few weeks ago and was thought to have been murdered, is now believed in that section to have been the victim of suicide.

A case was decided in the Supreme court a few days ago, it being an action for the purchase money for a mule. Costs, attorney fees, principal and interest amounted to more than a thousand dollars. Costly mate that.

The Lenoir People says the mountain wagons are bringing large quantities of maple sugar to market these days. It is made in the sugar maple forests of Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe, and retails readily at 10 to 12 cents per pound.

Dr. Grisson reports that there are 250 patients in the insane asylum at Raleigh, and says no more can be accommodated. He further says: From careful estimates the number of insane in the section east of Greensboro needing medical treatment is over 1,000. Insanity has increased in the State during the past fifteen years.

Pittsboro Home: At the residence of the bride in Gulf township, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. C. L. Boon, Mr. Vincent Hart, aged 82, was married to Miss Emeline Gilbert, aged 64. Elsie Hart, of Gulf township, died suddenly on the 7th instant. He had gone to Richmond station on business, was taken ill and died before reaching home. He was about seventy-five years of age.

Pittsboro Record: The post office at Waller, in this county, has been discontinued. We learn that a five-year-old child of Mr. Joseph Riddle, of Williams township, was burnt to death on the 3rd inst. It accidentally caught on fire while its parents were a short distance from the house and was fatally burnt before the fire could be extinguished.

Winston Sentinel: Forsyth's new jail will cost about \$12,000.—Seventy convicts passed through here on Last Wednesday, from Dalton, enroute for Greensboro. Where they will commence laying the track on the C. F. & Y. V. R. R.—On Tuesday morning the dwelling of Jesse Riggs was burnt. Loss not given. Insurance some \$1500. Nearly every article of furniture saved. The fire company arrived too late to do much good.

Milton Advertiser: On the 6th of May Danville will vote on a \$150,000 subscription to the Atlantic & Danville Railroad.—The wheat in this section is improving very rapidly in appearance, and the crop in this section will be nearly an average one.—We learn that Col. C. S. Winstead, of Person, while attempting to cross Hico, while swollen, came very near being drowned and only escaped by dint of hard struggling after testing sufficiently the depth of the water.

Louisburg Times: In company with friends, the editor took a trip last Sunday to hear the woman preacher, at Saint's Delight church, about nine miles from Louisburg. Her name was Mrs. Davis, and is from near Goldsboro. A large crowd was present to hear her, a large number of whom had never before seen a woman in the pulpit. She made many excuses for appearing before the people, but said that she was fully convinced that she had been called by her Lord and Master.

A terrible and very destructive cyclone visited portions of Minnesota on Wednesday last. The places of the greatest damage were St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids and Rye Station. The cyclone was attended by a furious rain. Twenty-two bodies were taken out of the ruins at Sauk Rapids, and a large number were injured. The loss of property is estimated at \$300,000, with not a dollar of insurance. At a church near Rye Cove Station thirteen persons of a wedding party, including the officiating clergyman, were killed. These are but portions of the fearful story.—Ex.

High Point Enterprise: Mrs. Ernest Snow has a Plymouth Rock hen which laid an egg this week that contained ten yolks.—Mr. Jeffrey Horney died at his residence, about eight miles from here, on the 9th inst., aged 68 years.—The authorities of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad contemplate building a branch from some point on that road to a point on Deep river which will be most convenient to the greatest number of the river factories.—A man by the name of Charles Horney, who lived about seven miles from here, on Deep river, committed suicide Wednesday morning by hanging himself to the limb of a pine tree. He was in bad health and temporarily insane.—Two female young colored women were arrested last Sunday afternoon for fast driving on the streets and lodged in the town prison. Later they were released. They were found guilty and the fines and costs amounted to \$40.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

At a meeting of the Democratic State executive committee held in the mayor's office in the city of Raleigh, Thursday, April 15th, the following proceedings, among others, were had: The resignation of W. W. Montgomery, Esq., of Concord, as a member of the committee was received, and H. S. Puryear, Esq., of Cabarrus, was elected to fill the vacancy. It was resolved that the committee request the several judicial districts for which superior court judges are to be chosen to hold district conventions and recommend to the State convention candidates for the office of judge from their respective districts. It was also resolved to appoint an executive committee for each judicial district, whose duty it shall be to determine the time and place of holding the conventions for their respective districts. On motion Raleigh was designated as the place, and Wednesday, the 25th of August, as the time for holding the State convention for nominating candidates for chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court, and superior court judges, and the transaction of other business.

R. H. BATTLE, Chairman, B. C. BECKWITH, Secretary. The following executive committee was appointed for the Fifth Judicial District: [We omit committees for other districts.—Ed.]

Fifth District: Durham, J. S. Manning, chairman; Chatham, J. G. Eyster; Granville, W. W. Haynes; Guilford, R. R. King; Alamance, James A. Graham; Orange, C. E. Parrish; Caswell, George N. Thompson; Person, James F. Terry.

Appropriate resolutions were passed relative to the death of the late J. J. Litchford, Esq., formerly Secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Lease of the Va. Midland Railroad.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—At Alexandria, Va., today the property of the Virginia Midland railroad company was formally transferred to the Richmond & Danville railroad company under a lease of ninety-nine years by Col. John McAnerney, president in charge of the Virginia Midland company, to Col. A. S. Buford, president of the Richmond & Danville railroad company, in presence of E. B. Thomas, general manager, Maj. Peyton Randolph and Col. Andrews, superintendent of the Midland Road and others. Printed notices of the lease and transfer were issued to all the officers and employees of the Virginia Midland road and its connecting lines. The officers of the Richmond & Danville road formally took possession under the lease.

It is stated that the road is leased for its fixed charges and net earnings; that is, the Richmond & Danville company guarantee to pay 6 per cent per annum on the Midland mortgages, amounting to \$12,500,000, and give the net earnings over the operating expenses to the Virginia Midland stockholders. Col. McAnerney says the lease is very favorably considered by parties interested in the Midland company, as it will enable that company to be put in first class condition, meet its growing business, and to erect port stations and give the people along its line facilities which they have not heretofore enjoyed.

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