

STATE NEWS

—RALEIGH, N. C., SEPT. 5.—

Raleigh, N. C., August 29.—The absorbing topic to-day is the action of the Republican Convention in cutting loose from the negro. The negroes are now minus any party in this State, and the leaders declare that they will immediately organize an independent organization. If this is done they may be in a position to dictate to the Republicans or Democrats two years hence, if the white people divide at all evenly. The action of the Republican Convention is considered the smartest political move of the year. Senator Pritchard declared this morning that he was delighted with the outcome of the convention. He thinks that a Legislature can be elected which will return him to the Senat but in this even many Republicans differ from him. The Republicans were greatly disgruntled over not nominating candidates for Associate Justices of Supreme Court, and many openly declare that they will not support Connor and Walker.

Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, has at last come to his senses and will honor the requisition of Governor Aycock for the return of Monroe Rogers, the negro who fled the State from Durham. A message was received by Private Secretary Pearsall from Governor Crane that the requisition would be honored.

Rogers, it will be remembered, is wanted at Durham on a charge of house burning. He has been in custody at Brockton, Mass., for the past several weeks, and twice officers have been after him and twice were refused. The first time some slight irregularity was claimed in requisition papers; in the second instance it was given as a reason for refusal of requisition that it was feared that the negro would be lynched if sent back to this State. There is no danger whatever that Rogers will be lynched. He will be given a fair trial.

A few years since banker ponies were brought here and to other places in the State and sold at auction. These little animals are bred in droves on the sand banks in the east and are hardy. They are much scarcer now than formerly. A car load was received here by Mr. L. O. Woodall at his stables and they are the first brought here in a year or more.

There will be no Labor Day celebration in Raleigh on September 1st. The unions here are now very much interested in building their proposed Labor Temple and have decided not to incur any expense for a celebration but to devote the money that would be thus expended to the temple fund.

The Mount Airy Military Company was ordered disbanded on the recommendation of the Inspector-General, this company having failed to make good in their recent inspection.

The following interesting facts regarding the progress of Good Roads in Porto Rico will appeal to the sound judgment of the citizens of North Carolina:

By the end of this year the Americans will have built as many miles of good roads in Porto Rico as the Spaniards constructed during the four centuries of their occupancy. This statement is made by William H. Elliott, Commissioner of the interior in Porto Rico, who is now in this country, and it shows what American rule has done for that island, to promote its interests and add to its prosperity.

When the Americans gained possession of Porto Rico there was almost no good means of transportation with the exception of the military road from San Juan across to Ponce, called the "central road," and a few stretches of good road running out from some of the towns. The total length of the good road was not much in excess of 100 miles, and the only means

of interior transportation was by horseback and pack animals.

With \$1,500,000 of the \$2,500,000 from refunded duties which congress appropriated to the improvement of Porto Rico, the Americans entered upon a road building campaign, and today 160 miles of first class macadam road is either completed or under construction connecting the most important towns. Porto Rico has an abundance of good stone for road building purposes and the new roads are of the same class as are being constructed in the States.

Some of the democrats express their fear of the independent movement, not so much for what it will amount to this year, which is apt to be very little, but for what it may become two years hence. Others say they think the movement will be so crushed this year that it will cut no figure in 1904.

More reports of damage by lice to the cotton crop come in here. It is said that on a large farm a couple of miles west of here, several acres of cotton show no bolls, the lice having completely destroyed the latter.

The United Mutual Insurance Company of North Carolina has been issued license to do business in this State. The board of directors is composed of L. D. Heartt and J. B. Kenny, of Raleigh, and F. A. Colley, H. N. Bates and T. E. Clary, of Boston.

The Carolina and Tennessee Southern Railway Company has been incorporated here with \$300,000 capital. The route designated is the town of Franklin through the Macon, Graham line. The incorporators are A. B. Andrews, W. W. Finley and other Southern railway people. The line will be a branch from the Southern, connecting with the road extended south from Knoxville.

WAS NEARLY KILLED.

And Then Went in Jail To Await Court as a Witness.

When James Gold, of ebony hue, staggered into Mayor Wilson's tribunal Friday afternoon he presented the appearance of a rough house survivor and such he was. According to his story he had gone over to Ike Turner's kitchen to return borrowed property. That Ike mistook him for an encyclopedia and plied him with questions which he was incompetent to answer and that upon his refusal to satisfactorily answer those questions Turner became livid with rage and patted his cranium with an axe. He pulled a bandage from around his head and showed His Honor the bump inflicted with the axe. It looked as if an Irish potato had reached maturity 'neath the cuticle of his pate.

Ike took the stand and proved to Tully's satisfaction that he (Ike) was the only Annanias in existence. Ike, though sober and in his full senses, couldn't remember what he hit Gold with. He said it might have been a little piece of dirt but he thought it was a griddle cake.

His Honor, tiring of the Annanias act, placed Turner under \$100.00 bond to appear at court. Gold was placed under \$25.00 bond to appear as a witness. Being unable to furnish a bondman he was placed in jail where he will quietly await the arrival of court.

Exchange of Stores.

When E. S. Chesson & Co. announced their purpose to engage in the gents furnishing business in this city they intended to occupy Jones Raper and Co's, old stand, next door to Barclift and Willey's. They decided differently and are now employed in opening up and arranging stock in the Barclift & Willey store. The latter firm has moved next door to the Jones-Raper stand and will carry an extensive line of goods exclusively for the ladies.

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AN IDLE REPORTER.

Loves Labour Lost or a Lesson, by Which Others May Profit

A certain young man in this city has about come to the conclusion that a woman can't be placed at her face value so long as cosmetics are on the market; and that the old saying; "parting makes the heart grow fonder," is only applicable to the bill collector. He was forced to these conclusions by a circumstance which often occurs in the romantic life of any youth. Being enamoured of a certain young lady and believing that his feelings were, in some degree, reciprocated he thought to further strengthen her affections by some material token of his regards. A box of bon bons seemed most timely and he forthwith purchased a tempting package of Huylers and thinking to surprise her sent it by a boy. Later in the evening he called upon his lady love anticipating a wreath of smiles. Much to his dismay—we might say despair—his bird had flown off to a soda fountain, with another fellow, and her little sister was treating her playmates with the remainder of his compliments to "Big Sis." Later he learned that the same "other fellow" had eaten most of the candy and pronounced it French mixture.

Infinite wrath and infinite despair settled upon his countenance and that same brow, whose briny transpiration purchased the Huylers, assumed a ghastly pallidness.

Now it happened that the candy was purchased on "tick." So much the worse because the fatal 1st brought the bill collector his way and the having to pay for a thing that—Too bad.

DO YOU BELIEVE IT.

A stock farmer, living near here tells us the following story. Those who believe it may stand on their heads.

"I had a very valuable little Jersey calf and keeping it penned up all the while I decided to turn it out for a few hours romp.

After it had enjoyed an unusual hearty breakfast of rich Jersey milk, it was turned loose. There was great kicking and running for a few minutes, and then suddenly the calf keeled over and died. When a veterinarian sought to ascertain the cause of the valuable little animal's death, he discovered that the violence of its gamboling had converted the milk into butter and death from indigestion had quickly ensued.

WHOM DO YOU SAY.

We Want to Know Whom You Think the Most Popular Young Lady in Pasquotank County.

In other columns is a coupon and additional information concerning the Albemarle Belles contest. What we want to know is who our readers think the most popular young lady in this county. We have already received a big batch of blanks and a number of young ladies are receiving votes. But what we want is a vote from every reader of the paper. Look about you. Think of the young ladies of your acquaintance and the one whom you think the most popular; vote for.

This is going to be a spirited contest and you should not fail to participate in it. Let us have your vote.

Mail the coupon to this office before October 1st 1902. It will be placed on file and the young lady who receives the largest number of votes will be accorded the honor of being the most popular young lady in this county. Her photograph will be secured and printed in these columns, as early as possible, after the date of the close of the contest.

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