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A Scotch poultry breeder is suing his neighbor distiller for demoralizing his hens, which have contracted the habit of intoxication from drinking from a stream to which the intoxicating property was imparted by stuff dumped into it from the distillery. The hens got to liking the exhilarating mixture, and instead of attending to their business in sober fashion, they went to the stream every morning and got on a regular jamboree.

The Washington correspondence of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says a determined effort will be made to push Mr. Torry's bankruptcy bill through this Congress. As the party in power has done its level best to force the country into bankruptcy, it ought to give us some sort of a bankruptcy law.

The quinine compounds of this country, perfectly regardless of the fellow who shakes with chills or burns with fever, demand protection on the stuff they make, but humanity would suggest that it is the fellow who has to be dosed with quinine who stands most in need of protection from the quinine combine.

A Boston professor has come to the conclusion that young women chew so much gum because they haven't yet risen far above barbarism. Now, who ever heard of a barbarian chewing gum? It would be interesting to get the professor's diagnosis of the masculine individual who "chaws" tobacco.

The Kansas and Nebraska farmers have "corn to burn," and when it brings only from 8 to 9 cents a bushel can't care much about it. In this country, when there is a surplus, the denizens in the hill country convert it into moonshine.

The Chicago city fathers have tackled the high hat in places of public amusement in a business like way and passed an ordinance prohibiting the wearing of any kind of hat at the aforesaid entertainments.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. E. WORTH & Co.—Coal. OPERA HOUSE—The Private Secretary MEETING—Lot owners O'Kaledey Com'y.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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Mr. J. G. Johnson, of Harrison's Creek, called at this office yesterday.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

—It has been dry quite a long while for this time of the year, and the dust on the streets is growing to be disagreeable.

—Mr. E. S. Tennent announces that he has gone into business as a real estate broker. Office, No. 18 Princess street, two doors East of the STAR building.

—The annual meeting of the lot owners of Okaledey Cemetery will be held at the company's office, No. 114 Princess street, Monday night at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. W. L. Cunningham desires and requests that as many members of Fifth Street Methodist church as can do so, will attend the services at the church to-morrow morning.

—The district stewards for the Wilmington District Methodist E. church South, will meet in the lecture room of Grace church in this city on the 13th instant, at 12.30 o'clock.

—As a rule the sort of winter day that gives the most general satisfaction is one which marks a change from very cold weather to warmer. Such a day was yesterday, and most people were pleased with it.

—The chief of police announces his purpose to strictly enforce the ordinance prohibiting persons throwing banana skins, grape balls or fruit peddlings up the sidewalks of any of the streets. The penalty is a fine of five dollars.

—The steamer *George W. Clyde* will not stop here on her return from Jacksonville, Fla., to New York, as was reported. The *Clyde* will exchange crews with the *Onida* at Charleston, S. C., and the *Onida* will resume her trips between Wilmington and New York. She is due here Sunday.

—Yesterday morning Dr. J. C. Shepard, Superintendent of Health, examined the body of Misera Evans, the old colored woman found dead in her house over the railroad Thursday night, and gave as his opinion that death was due to a stroke of apoplexy. Coroner Jacobs viewed the body, but did not demand an inquest.

—Rev. L. T. Christmas will preach his farewell sermon as pastor of the Central Baptist church Sunday night, 8 o'clock, at Charleston, W. Va., next week. He would be glad to see all of those who are his friends, as well as those who have so cheerfully and liberally helped him in his struggles. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

—The STAR has received from Messrs. Fowles, Gibbs & Co., a handsome lithographed calendar for 1897. A horse is prominent in the illustrated part. This was to be expected by all who know the admiration of the Senior partner for fine horses. Then, there's a Summer girl "aboard" the horse, and everybody will understand that "Duck" Vick is responsible for this feature.

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WILMINGTON A SUMMER RESORT.

Statistics Showing the Number of Visitors Last Season at the Seaside.

A gentleman who is enthusiastic, and justly so, over the attractions which Wilmington offers as a Summer resort, writes a communication to the STAR in which he shows that the city has fair prospect of becoming the leading watering place on the South Atlantic coast. The correspondent bases his conclusions on facts and figures, having made an examination of the Boiler Hotel register, at which hotel many Summer excursionists put up. An actual count showed that out of 15,000 names registered between the first of January, 1896, and the first of January, 1897, 10,000, or two-thirds, were entered in the months of May, June, July, August and September, these being the main excursion months.

It is estimated further that the registrations at the Bonis represented not more than one-fourth of the entire number of Summer visitors. So, it can be safely said that fully 40,000 people came to Wilmington, or through Wilmington on their way to the resorts near here, during last season.

The excursionists, our correspondent observes, go away from the city laden with bundles of dry goods, furnishings and other merchandise. Supposing each one to spend \$30.00, it is at once apparent what a large sum of money is spent in the run of a season. And this is not taking into account the advertising the city necessarily gets in the process.

In view of the foregoing facts, our correspondent urges the merchants and other business men, who have the welfare of the community at heart, to spare no reasonable effort to make the coming season still more successful than that of '96—a consummation which can be brought about by providing popular amusements such as open air concert, cheap and instructive exhibitions, and other such attractions.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURN AFTER A SHORT SESSION.

The Senatorial Situation Unsettled—Proposed Bill by Bolters from the Populist Caucus—A Cabin Resolution Introduced by Representative Sprague, of Cumberland, and Adopted.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALPH, N. C., Jan. 8.

The Populists met caucus again to-night. There was no reference whatever to the Senatorial matter. Three assistant enrolling clerks were nominated. They were Miller of Caldwell, second assistant; Howard Jones of Nash, fourth assistant; and O. Bird, sixth assistant.

The Populists will caucus again to-night. The Senatorial matter will be settled so far as the Populist caucus is concerned. The matter ought to be decided because the present uncertainty prevents any legislation.

Mr. Grant says Pritchard's friends have obtained written pledges from a sufficient number of Republicans who will support Pritchard to insure his election.

Senator Pritchard will be asked to go before the Populist caucus to-morrow and make a personal pledge of his devotion and friendliness to the silver cause. Representative Harris of Johnston will introduce a resolution in the Populist caucus to-night asking that Senator Pritchard be requested to appear before the caucus.

Six certain Populists will bolt the Populist caucus for Pritchard. They are: Harrison, Barker, Abbott, Abernethy, and Sprague.

Word has been received from the Populist caucus that the Populists will not support Pritchard. They are: Harrison, Barker, Abbott, Abernethy, and Sprague.

Mr. Turner will ask the Legislature to pay him interest on the amount of his claim against the State for public printing, which the late Legislature granted him.

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All agreed that they could not support Pritchard, but thought a free silver Republican should be elected. The resolution against Pritchard was adopted unanimously. Young Senator Butler, brother of Marion, says they had no intention of gagging members. He does not consider them bolters, but says they are filibusters only. Before adjournment at 12 o'clock, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we inform the Republican caucus of the action taken by the caucus to-night and that Senator Mitchell and Representative Johnson inform them.

Senator Butler said to-night, "I do not consider Pritchard elected." Congressman F. Owen said something bigger than that had to happen to defeat Butler. Pritchard forces are happy, and they say Senator Pritchard's election is made sure by the action of the caucus to-night. The majority caucus expects the Republican caucus to reply to their resolution informing them of the action taken in opposing Pritchard.

Chairman Ayer was in caucus in the earlier part of the session. At 2 o'clock a. m. he was shown the signed resolution of the sixteen members composing the minority. Being interviewed, he said that no effort at gag rule was made.

RALPH, N. C., Jan. 8.—The Senate and House of Representatives to-day unanimously adopted the following resolution introduced by Representative Sprague of Cumberland; who is a Confederate veteran:

"That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed and our Representatives be requested to use all honorable means, and as early as possible, to bring about the passage of an act of Congress recognizing the independence of the patriots of Cuba who for so long a time have been struggling for life and liberty, the God-given heritage of all men.

As first introduced the word "belligerency" was used, but there was a unanimous desire for the stronger word "independence."

To-day was the most active and exciting one of all during the present notable Senatorial contest. It was given over to the Populist caucus, which would settle matters definitely. It was reported that Senator Pritchard would be sent for to state his position to the caucus. This was denied this afternoon, and it was said that no one save legislators would be admitted, not even Senator Butler. Congressman Skinner said this evening that he feared a deadlock between Pritchard and Butler; that he was fighting it, but that it might come. He declared he would do anything honorable to elect Pritchard, and that he would vote for certain Populists or Democrats in other words, he was determined some one should be elected. He says a proposition for a compromise was made to him by Butler to-day; that the latter would stand by Skinner if Skinner could get the caucus nomination, but that he would do no such thing, and would rather be defeated as Pritchard's supporter than be named as Senator by Butler or a Populist caucus. He declares Butler is forced to abandon his plan to name a Republican. The tone of popular comment to-night is that Skinner has weakened and Butler gained.

At 8 o'clock the Populist caucus met in the Senate chamber. As its members, sixty-one in number, filed in, Senator McCahey, who is the leader of the anti-Butler faction, said to a Republican: "I have rebelled against high-handed tyranny."

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INAUGURATION PROGRAMME.

Reception Committee Will Come to Wilmington To-morrow—Subsequent Party Will Leave for Raleigh Monday Morning.

The News and Observer prints the following programme adopted for the inauguration:

Judge Russell and the newly elected State officers will be inaugurated on next Tuesday, January 13th. This has been definitely settled.

Reception committees were yesterday appointed by the House and Senate and the citizens of Raleigh. Maj. H. L. Grant is chairman of the Senate committee. Representative Sutton is chairman of the House committee, and Mr. C. T. Bailey is chairman of the citizens' committee.

The chairman and other members of their committees will go down to Wilmington to escort Judge Russell and his family to Raleigh. It is understood that Pullman cars have been placed at their disposal for this purpose by the Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Lines.

The escort committee will leave here Sunday morning on the 11:30 Southern train for Wilmington via Goldsboro. They will spend the night in Wilmington and leave for Raleigh next morning with Judge Russell and family and a large delegation of Wilmington people, arriving here at 8:40 Monday afternoon.

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