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## STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP.

### Record of Late Events Carefully Compiled From Exchanges.

Strawberries are ripening in Jones county.

W. C. Hedrick, of Davidson, killed a 280 pound bear.

Huntersville, Mecklenburg, is to have a cotton factory.

The State will soon order an oyster gun boat of high speed.

Hebrews have purchased a site for a synagogue at Statesville.

Charlotte is to have the Edison system of electric street railway.

The new depot at Raleigh is being built. It will cost \$70,000.

The average yield of tobacco in Nash county last year was \$166 per acre.

Norfolk parties are negotiating to build a new opera house in Raleigh.

Reidsville expects to manufacture 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco this year.

The capacity of the Henrietta cotton mills in Rutherford county is to be doubled.

An Edgcombe farmer shipped over a thousand barrels of Irish potatoes from fifteen acres.

A measure is before the legislature prohibiting 'possum hunting between the first of February and October.

Speckled trout are very plentiful in all the streams in Graham county. It is an easy matter to get a fine mess any warm day.

The Charlotte Auditorium is to be built to seat 5,000 people. The stage will seat 300 people with dressing rooms underneath.

Mr. J. Van Lindley, of Greensboro, will plant an extensive peach orchard—50,000 trees—near Southern Pines, Moore county.

A bill has passed the legislature authorizing Swain county to build a bridge across the Tuckaseegee river and to levy a special tax to pay for it.

Hon. Kemp P. Battle has resigned the position of President of the State University. He was elected to the position of Professor of History.

Miss Meta Capehart was married to Mr. Field, of London, in Raleigh last week. Miss Capehart was one of the most charming belles of the State.

The lumbering business is assuming large proportions about Robbinsville—1,700,000 feet having been floated down the river to Tennessee this winter.

Graham may fairly claim the distinction of being the banner white county of the South. There is but one colored family within its limits—on Buffalo Creek.

The region around Robbinsville is the hunter's paradise. There are deer and bears, while turkeys and pheasants are to be found everywhere.—Murphy Scout.

To-day the House of Representatives will consider a proposition for the election of solicitors by the entire vote of the State instead of by the vote of the district.

Col. Lott W. Humphrey, of Goldsboro, died at his home in that city Thursday night last. He was a man of wealth and for a long time prominent in the politics of Wayne county.

Western North Carolina is now furnishing mules and horses to this section. Mr. E. S. Street has purchased a lot that is entirely North Carolina raised.—New Berne Journal.

The residence of Mr. Samuel Taylor, at Mt. Airy, was entered Friday night and his safe robbed of \$2,150. The burglars also choked Mrs. Taylor and snatched \$10 from her person.

There is a proposition before the legislature for the extension of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad from Goldsboro westward to a connection with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad.

Mr. A. R. Rudasill, of King's Mountain, and Messrs. M. E. Rudasill, Willie Aderholdt and P. C. Beam, of Cherryville, a few weeks ago purchased the Buffalo Shoals in Cleveland county for \$2,300, and a stock company has been formed, and they will at an early day have a cotton factory in operation at that place.—Lincoln Courier.

The Western North Carolina railway suffers quite a severe loss from the wreck of the three bridges between Dillsboro and the Tuckaseegee river, which were swept away recently by the breaking of a boom which held logs at a saw mill. It is said that the sight was a grand one as the logs were swept down the stream. The bridges were destroyed in a twinkling.

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WHEN IN ASHEVILLE VISIT

# LAW'S

-THREE STORES ON-

South Main Street, Nos. 57, 59, and 61.

Dennison's cotton mills at New Berne were wrecked Friday night by the explosion of the boiler. George Moore was killed and Thomas Cordon fatally injured. Loss about twenty thousand dollars.

Col. L. W. Humphrey, the well known republican leader in North Carolina, is dead. He had been a leader of his party for many years, was presidential elector in the Grant campaign, and held several important offices under the republican administrations since that time.

We learn that the late Mr. J. A. Bonitz of the Wilmington Messenger left \$20,000 of insurance to his family. There are two parties, one from Chicago, the other from New York, who want to buy the Messenger and convert it into an eight column folio paper.—News Observer.

Whitehall Female Seminary, located near Concord, was burned Friday. The fire was accidental. Very little was saved from the building. This school was started several years ago by Northern people for the education of young ladies. It is understood that it will be rebuilt.

Peter Humble, a paralytic, was burned to death in his home in Randolph county, about three miles from Asheboro. He and his little boy were alone at home when the house caught fire. He was helpless and the boy was not strong enough to drag him from the building, though he was himself seriously burned in his efforts to save his father.

The late heavy rains were unprecedented in the rainfall and damage done. The boom at the Dillabore saw mill it was hoped would stand the tremendous pressure from the rapidity of the current and the great quantity of logs it held, but it gave way at last letting loose the logs to be precipitated against the railroad trestles and the bridges below. Their loss is heavy. The first to feel their force was the trestle at the tunnel, a part of which was swept away like chaff before a wind.—Webster Herald.

Clean Up the City. There is much work for a sanitary officer just now in Asheville, and unless the garbage and other filth is cleaned up before warm weather sets in we may look for a first class epidemic. It is the duty of every one to see that their own premises are kept clean, and a great deal of sickness may be avoided by carefully looking after this matter. But there are a great many people who are too lazy or careless to look after such things, and where this exists it is the duty of the city to compel compliance with the sanitary laws.

Railroad Accident. A combination passenger and freight train, on the Chester & Lenoir railroad, jumped the track on a trestle two miles from Newton, Monday at 4 p. m. W. W. Ross, a flagman, of Chester, S. C., and D. M. Morrow, were killed; the fireman, J. Hoag, of Chester, died two hours afterward. Rev. M. L. Little, President of Gaston College, was dangerously hurt and has been unconscious since the accident.

Admiral David D. Porter, of the United States Navy, died Friday at his home in Washington of fatty degeneration of the heart, aged seventy-eight years.

### Large Real Estate Transfers.

Some large real estate transactions were consummated last week. Messrs. W. T. Reynolds and C. E. Graham bought of Mr. N. P. Chedester, through Messrs. Natt Atkinson & Son, that portion of the Grand Central Hotel on the north side of Patton Avenue. The price paid was \$36,000. Mr. W. T. Reynolds also bought from Capt. T. W. Patton, through Cortland Bros., the house on the corner of Water street and Patton avenue, now occupied by the Model Laundry. The price paid was \$13,000.

Messrs. Atkinson & Son also sold the Lowndes farm, on the French Broad, 25 miles above Asheville, to Jno. M. Thrash of Cherokee, formerly of Buncombe. The price paid was \$22,000. It is stated that Mr. Thrash has been offered \$38,000 for the place since his purchase, but has refused it.

At a sale on Saturday of a portion of the A. M. Alexander estate the following was the result: R. B. Vance, 108 acres and hotel, \$5,880; R. B. Vance, 185 acres, \$1,202.50; T. F. Davidson, 120 acres, \$1,980; A. B. Sheppard, 118 acres, \$2,950; A. B. Sheppard, 77 acres, \$1,155; W. L. Buckner, 2 acres, \$100; Gwaltney & Sheppard, 42 acres, west side river, \$3,090; total \$13,009.50.

Mr. P. F. Patton has purchased Mr. C. E. Graham's handsome, large residence at Park Place, overlooking the French Broad. The price paid was \$15,000. Mr. Graham will erect another residence near the one sold to cost \$12,000 to \$15,000. This sale was also made by Natt Atkinson & Son, making a total of \$73,000 worth of real estate sold by this firm during the past week. We congratulate them on their success.

### The Harvard Quartette.

The Harvard Quartette Concert Co. will give an entertainment in the Grand Opera House on Saturday evening, Feb. 21st, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. This company consists of a male quartette with fine, well-trained voices, who render popular songs; Miss Gertrude Lufkin, cornetist and pianist; and Miss Ida Florence, elocutionist. They give a very pleasing entertainment and we can assure all who attend a rare treat.

### The Bingham School

is assured for Asheville. At the meeting on last Thursday night it was decided after a long discussion to first make an effort to secure the fund of \$30,000 by private subscription before putting the proposition to the people of the city of lending the amount. A committee was appointed and the money secured in less than two days after the meeting. The Bingham School will be built in Asheville.

### And Still Another.

Mrs. Person:—It is with pleasure I add to your long list of certificates the following which I know to be true. Two years ago I had a colored nurse named Isabella Caldwell; she was a large, healthy woman, weighing 160 pounds. She was taken with some ailment, I do not know exactly what, but she had violent pains in her head, neck and back. She suffered a great deal and came near dying. She fell away until her weight was only about 100 pounds. My wife gave her half a bottle of your remedy and she began to improve, and another bottle entirely relieved her. Hoping you success, I am yours truly, WALTER BREM. Charlotte, N. C.

### A Warning.

EDITORS DEMOCRAT:—I would kindly warn the people in this portion of Western Carolina against sending money by registered packages. Of late several registered packages, containing money, mailed at Boilston and Mills River post-offices, and going by way of Asheville, have been broken open and the money extracted, and the packages rearranged, and the letters clipped at ends forwarded on to destination minus the money.

Four packages from Mills River and three from Boilston within the last few days have been sent as above specified, and in each case the money did not arrive at its destination. I hear that complaints of similar character come from Transylvania county. It is not my object now to discuss or comment upon the cause of the trouble, or to endeavor in anywise to locate it. I hope the proper postoffice officials will early see to that.

But I wish to say to the public, in view of the recent losses of money by registered packages, that under the present system it is not here a safe way of transmitting valuables. Experience shows that there is something wrong. The public should be warned. Persons living at a distance from the banks and money order postoffices will have to try some other way of sending money than by registered packages, unless this refined thievery be stopped.

Very truly,  
J. J. OSBORN.  
Boilston, N. C., Feb. 16th, 1891.

### A Tribute to Bingham School.

HOT SPRINGS, N. C., Feb. 14th, 1891. Sunshine and brighter prospects for the future! Dear old DEMOCRAT! What a pleasant pastime it is to the weary housewife, through with her daily duties which occupy from the rising sun until the twilight hour, when she can restfully fall into the old arm chair and take up the dear old DEMOCRAT to soothe the aching and weary limbs of an every day's exertion, and be as well posted in the news of our sister city as if there. I feel that I must tell you how delighted I was to learn that Asheville was so favorably impressed and has offered so generously to secure the greatest enterprise yet offered her city. That is, to secure the establishment of the Bingham School. Maj. Bingham is the man to give strength to the young mind and to discipline the character of the student. His teaching inspires him with a love for whatever is just and beautiful in thought and expression, awakens refined and elevated feelings, and leads to a relish for whatever is moral in tendency and noble in sentiment.

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This is the point which Major Bingham has carried, not only to the heart of many a fond mother, but to our halls of science and educational fame. God grant that your enterprising people and beautiful mountain city may be blessed with this moral and spiritual home to guide and direct our brilliant and worthy sons of Western Carolina. If I had twenty sons I would sacrifice every pleasure in this life to send them to Bingham School.

MOTHER.  
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### GENERAL NEWS BRIEFS.

Crisp Condensations Carefully Compiled from Wire and Mail.

Canada's destiny, according to Goldwin Smith, is annexation to the United States.

Senator Aldrich is to leave the Senate. He is too poor to devote his life to the public.

There were 836 cremations in the capital of Japan during the month of November.

John Jacob Astor, of New York, and Miss Alva Willing, of Philadelphia, were married on Tuesday.

Minus C. Keith, a Brooklyn man, is said to be the real ruler of Costa Rica, as well as its wealthiest citizen.

The California legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$300,000 for that State's exhibit at the World's Fair.

A fire in the New York postoffice from an electric light wire caused great disorder among the mails late Saturday night.

Ex-President Cleveland has come out in a letter opposing the measure pending in Congress for free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Mary Dunlap, an old colored woman, died a few days ago in Chesterfield county, S. C. She claimed to be 109 years old at the time of her death.

Hon. Alexander H. H. Stuart, who was Secretary of the interior in President Fillmore's cabinet from 1850 to 1853, died at Staunton, Va.

At last reports 50,000 persons had been affected by "the grip" in Yokohama, Japan, including the Emperor and other members of the royal household.

Judge Pratt, of the New York supreme court, has just been relieved of 378 grains of Confederate lead, which he carried twenty-nine years under his nose bone.

The Pennsylvania Veterinary School will try the Koch remedy on diseased cows, which are considered the source of much consumption in the human family.

The Indiana legislature has passed a law making it a felony to conduct a bucket-shop, deal in margins or rent a building for this purpose within the State of Indiana.

When the carpet has been soiled by ink, says an exchange, instantly apply blotting paper, then milk, then blotting paper, and so on until the spot is out, as it will be. Don't rub.

There is said to be a railway in Mexico on one section of which the ties are mahogany, simply because in that part of the country mahogany is the cheapest and most available wood.

The loss on St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., which was destroyed by fire Sunday night, was \$65,000. Fireman Frank Jayne was fatally hurt by falling from a ladder. None of the patients were injured.

Owing to the continued rains the lower part of the city of Johnstown, Pa., is under water and the people have left their homes and gone to the hills. The streets along the river at Pittsburgh are also under water.

The committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States on the revision of the Confession of Faith, after a session of eleven days have completed their work, and will report to the Assembly in Detroit next May.

Fire which started in F. Stiersky's jewelry store, New Westminster, State of Washington, on Sunday, destroyed the block of buildings in which it was situated and the Masonic Temple. The damage is estimated at \$500,000. John McCannon, a fireman, was killed.

Dispatches from Chicago intimate that Geo. J. Gibson, the secretary of the whis key trust, who was arrested on a charge of employing S. T. DeWar, a government ganger, to blow up H. H. Shufeldt's anti-trust distillery in Chicago, has forfeited his \$20,000 bail and left the country.

Dr. James S. Kelly, a New York physician, who has been in Berlin studying Dr. Koch's treatment, has returned home a convert to the system, but strong in the belief that the lymph is dangerous in inexperienced hands. He says: "I consider that the lymph, to the medical world, is what dynamite is to the engineer."

Mrs. William Astor has a gold dinner service valued at \$50,000, and this service in lion and unicorn repousse work is set always upon the finest of white linen cloths, with no sashes or fluff of silk. The most valuable dinner service in the world, however, belongs to Queen Victoria, and occupies two rooms at Buckingham Palace, over which two men watch continually.

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