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TART, TERSE AND TIMELY.

Ward McAllister was born in Georgia. Georgia is probably glad that he left her so early in life.

Mr. Blaine is hardly sitting up nights to worry because more delegates have not been instructed for Mr. Harrison.

Many democratic members of the House will be wishing before long that they had spent more time in their seats.

The largest cattle ranch owned by a single person is in Texas, and its owner is a woman; but she does not wish to vote.

Red hose are fashionable in Paris. The Hosiery had to be in keeping with the prevailing tint of the town.

Tammany Hall, the much abused New York organization has contributed \$5,000 towards building the Grant monument. Now let some of its abusers outdo it in patriotism.

The republican editor who attempts to reconcile the platforms of the New York and Colorado State republican conventions is either a very courageous man or a candidate for the insane asylum.

Again the story is started upon its round that Senator Sherman intends retiring from public life. The Sherman family is not of a retiring disposition, and the Senator will hardly be an exception.

According to Buddhist authority the world will last 427,000 years longer. If that be true what is the good of fretting about things going slow. Rather let us lay in a supply of ice and plant-leaf fans and take things coolly.

Although there are several royal personages in Europe who might easily be spared without detriment to the world, most people are glad that they were not sent away by the dynamic route, as the anarchists had threatened to do, on May Day.

If the mania for uninstructed delegates continues it will be anybody's fight up to the very finish. One advantage in sending uninstructed delegates is, it leaves the convention free to select the candidate who in its judgment is best qualified to win.

In the kingdom of Poland there was, once a law according to which any person found guilty of slander was compelled to walk on all fours through the streets of the town where he lived, accompanied by the beadle, as a sign that he was unworthy of the name of man.

Republicans pretend to have expected that Governor Flower would veto measures intended to take away the political power so long monopolized by New York republicans just to show that he was not controlled by Senator Hill. Bosh: They never expected anything of the kind.

On our second page will be found a letter from Rev. Thos. Dixon, denouncing as false, the report of an interview held by him with Mr. D. F. St. Clair, now a report on the New York Press (Rep.). Since putting this letter in type we have seen a card from Mr. St. Clair reiterating the charge that Rev. Mr. Dixon was guilty of using the language attributed to him.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, it is said, have listened to the pleadings of the merchant tailors of this country, and will recommend a \$100 limit on the amount of clothing which the American tourist may buy abroad and bring home free of duty. The high tariff Republicans who buy their clothes in Europe will not like this.—Wil. Star.

STATE NEWS.

Butler's Star Chamber Conference will be held in Raleigh next Tuesday, the 17th.

The Democratic State Convention will meet in Raleigh tomorrow (Wednesday) week, the 18th.

All the signs point to Governor Holt as our nominee for Governor. He richly deserves that honor.

Raleigh Advocate: The Methodists of Hickory, have decided to build a new \$5,000 church.—The Methodists of Edenton, N. C., are going to build a handsome new church.

Statesville Landmark: Green goods letters continue to flood the mails and have become a chestnut. Hardly a day passes but some of our citizens receive these humbugging propositions.

Near Weldon, last week, the cabin of Sam Johnson was burned and his two small children were burned to death. The cabin in took fire while the children and their mother were asleep. The woman aroused by the explosion of a gun caused by the heat of the fire. She immediately ran out of the house, forgetting her children.

Salisbury Herald: Davidson county was at one time the home of Daniel Boone, the great North Carolina pioneer. Ten miles from Lexington is a cave once occupied by Boone and near this his primitive cabin stood, though the latter is now almost entirely obliterated. But the hearthstone is yet preserved. An effort will be made to have this exhibited at the World's Fair.

Greensboro Record: F. F. Smith, of this city, has ten acres in peach trees in the southeastern part of Guilford county, and a visit to the orchard yesterday discovered that his trees were loaded with fruit. He has given us a twig—three prongs—about ten inches long, which contains 34 well formed peaches, all larger than a buckshot. We hope there are many such orchards in Guilford.

Goldsboro Headlight: A number of farmers are complaining of bad stands of cotton, and some will have to plant over. They planted much earlier than usual, and the cotton either did not come up or has died from the effects of the cold weather.—A prominent farmer of this county was in our office yesterday, informed us that there is more corn planted in this section this year than any heretofore.

Oxford Day: A terrible accident happened to a Horner School cadet at 1.30 to-day, during the noon recess. R. M. Shaw, a strong and well grown boy of seventeen, son of Dr. H. M. Shaw, of Shawboro, N. C., accompanied by several companions, went bathing in a small pond dammed up in a spring ditch. He was seized with the cramps, and in spite of the efforts of the other boys to rescue him he was drowned. About eight minutes elapsed before he could be dragged out. Speedy medical attendance failed to revive him.

Concord Standard: M. L. Furr, of Locust Level, is a bee man; he has 48 stands. Last year he got 1,400 pounds of honey. Furr, says he always has the honey and brandy but he has not taken a drop of brandy in 35 years.—Mr. Oscar Thies, not 21 years of age, has made a guitar. It is a beautiful piece of work. Five different kinds of wood were used and the finish is elegant. To look at the instrument one would think it was made by a regular skilled workman in that line. The tone of the instrument, we are told, is most excellent.

A culprit in Tiffin, O., was sentenced by telephon last week. A new field opens for the telephone.

Washington, May 7.—The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a second dividend of 15 per cent, in favor of the creditors of the People's National Bank, of Fayetteville, N. C., making 35 per cent, on all claims proved, amounting to \$114,353.

"Let Us Be Sweethearts."

Anson County's Breach of Promise Case.

Wadesboro, N. C., May 9.—Long before the hour for court to open this morning people began to come into town from all sections of the country, eager to hear the greatest sensational trial ever before the court of Anson county—that of Miss Annie Knotts, who sues Mr. T. J. Ingram for \$5,000 for breach of promise. By the hour for the opening of court the court house was crowded, even all available standing-room being taken.

The case was opened at 9 o'clock sharp, by John H. Bennett, counsel for the defendant.

Miss Annie Knotts was the first to go on the stand. She is 26 years of age, rather tall, stylish, with light hair and blue eyes—upon the whole, what might be termed a handsome woman. She testified that Mr. Ingram had gone to her home, near Lilesville, July 13th, 1889, stayed all night, and on Sunday following (July 14th) he carried her to Gum Springs, about 6 miles distant, and between her home and the church he asked her who was her sweetheart, to which she replied she had no sweetheart. He then asked: "Where is the Baptist preacher, Pruit, and Dobbs?" She replied that they were not her sweethearts, and he then proposed to her that they be sweethearts; she thought he was joking and told him so. He told her he was not joking, and convinced her that he was not.

He then asked her if she would marry him in the fall, and insisted upon an answer before reaching the church. Then, after being convinced that he was in earnest about the matter, she engaged herself to him and they were to marry in the fall. He told her that day that he would go to see her again in August. He also told her that he had been there twice before to see her but had not had a chance to approach her on the subject of marrying.

He failed to come to see her in August, according to his promise, and after this failure she began to fear that he was going to prove false to her. She visited her aunt, Mrs. Ingram, mother of the defendant, in September following, and she and Mr. Ingram went to the vineyard alone. She reproached him for treating her with neglect, and he still told her he was in earnest and would write her a note; to watch the postoffice for it, but the note never came.

During the cross-examination Miss Knotts was so overcome with grief many times that she broke down and sobbed aloud. All the witnesses for the plaintiff testified to her high moral character and social standing.

The defendant, when placed upon the stand, testified that he had visited Miss Knotts and had taken her to church; had talked to her about being sweethearts, but denied asking her to marry him; told her they were too closely related to marry, being double second cousins.

Mr. Ingram tried to hide from the court what he was actually worth—said he supposed he was worth \$4,000 or \$5,000. It was shown by the tax books that his property was assessed at \$18,000.

Witnesses for defendant all testified as to his good character. Counsel on both sides was very able, and many times during the speeches for the plaintiff many persons were brought to tears.

A TRAGEDY IN ANSON COUNTY.

Bob Jowers Shot and Killed by Davis Talton While Stealing the Latter's Chickens.

Wadesboro, N. C., May 4.—Robert, or Bob Jowers, as he was always called, a young white man about 25 or 30 years of age, son of Atlas Jowers, was shot through the head by Davis Talton last night and instantly killed. The circumstances are about as follows: Mr. Talton and Mr. Jowers were neighbors, living about 2½ miles from Wadesboro. About 10 o'clock in the night Mr. Talton heard a noise about his fowl house, which was only a short distance from his dwelling. He grabbed his pistol and ran out of the house, and upon reaching the yard discovered something coming out of the fowl house and moving around it, which he thought perhaps was a dog, on account of its appearing so close to the ground; but to be sure, he hailed and no one answered. He then fired. Seeing the object move around the fowl house and stop, he took the precaution to hail again, and receiving no response he fired again. About this time Buck Birmingham, a young man who associated with Jowers a great deal, ran up and cried to Mr. Talton, "For God's sake not to shoot any more for that was Bob Jowers around there, and he expected Bob was killed." They got a light and went to the fowl house and found Jowers dead with a bullet through his head. A sack was found in the fowl house, with one dead chicken in it and another with its head pulled off lying outside the sack. Jowers was barefooted and Birmingham had stood off some distance from the house, holding Jowers' shoes, while he was getting the chickens.

It is said that Birmingham and Jowers made the plot last Sunday to steal the chickens and take them to a negro house where they were frequent visitors and have them cooked. They were both under the influence of liquor.

Fishes From the Clouds.

Scranton, Pa., May 7.—In a heavy rainstorm at Forest City, near here, fishes fell from the clouds, and citizens gathered them up by the handful. They were from three to four inches long and of the species known as devil-fish or "stonewallers."

J. C. Bell, a hotel man, found a number in a small pool of water. They were kept in water and are still alive. Editor John M. Brown, of the News, and Mr. T. J. Pentecost, a merchant, in order to make sure that the fishes came from the clouds, went out on a roof and found four fishes there.

It has been suggested that the fish were caught up in the whirl of the storm and carried along and dropped when the heavy downpour overcame the current of air in which they were floating.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. W. B. Vail has shown the Observer some remarkable growths from his farm. There was lucerne, crimson clover and orchard grass two feet high; and oats three and a-half feet high, the finest specimen of which was that showing 200 stalks from one grain. The latter, Mr. Vail says, exceeds anything he ever raised before. His farm is just a mile from Charlotte, and this shows what can be grown around here, with the proper care.

Mrs. Kate Boyd of Le Lueur, Minn., has recovered a verdict for \$3,000 against a family who had tarred and feathered her.

The Elements in Turmoil

Widespread Damage Done by Lightning, Wind and Rain.

Columbus, Ind., May 7.—A frightful storm swept over this part of the State to-day. The section which suffered the most south of this city is about five miles wide, and extends from near Washington to the line on the east.

The heavens seemed a solid mass of fire from electric bolts for an hour or so, and rain fell in torrents.

There was a washout on the Madison Branch of the Pennsylvania lines near Scottsburg. A large flouring mill at North Vernon was struck by lightning and burned, and the large Universalist Church was wrecked.

At Batesville two breweries were unroofed and much other damage was done.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 7.—The house of John Mercer, a farmer living six miles from Decatur, was capsized by a wind storm last night. Mercer and his wife were seriously wounded and their five-year-old son was fatally injured. Several head of cattle on the farm were killed.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 7.—During a heavy thunder storm last evening the barn of Frank Dunning, near Hooper, was struck by lightning and burned. Three cows and a horse perished.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 7.—The large barns of Joseph Phillips, on the Bridgeport road, north of here, were fired by lightning last evening, and ten cows, eight yearlings, fifty tons of hay and a quantity of farming implements were burned.

Lock Haven, Pa., May 7.—A school house in Woodward township was wrecked by lightning last night.

Bradford, May 7.—A tank containing 36,000 barrels of oil was fired by lightning last night. Several houses were struck and a number of people received violent electric shocks, though no one was seriously injured.

At Mount Jewett two oil well rigs, tanks, &c., were burned, together with a large amount of oil.

Troy, N. Y., May 7.—Swollen streams from the surrounding mountains caused the Bennington River, near Bennington, Vt., to overflow its banks this afternoon. Several bridges were washed away. The track of the Bennington & Rutland Railroad was inundated for half a mile and all trains are reported twelve hours behind time.

A Terrific Cyclone Sweeps Through Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., May 7.—A disastrous cyclone, destructive to life and property, last evening struck the farming community of Tevis, a village on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, ten miles southeast of Topeka. A farmer named Mitchell was killed. John P. Hill was badly injured, and may not recover. His wife and child were also badly injured. The buildings and fences on the farms of J. P. Hill, Silas Zeigler and Thos. Brooks were demolished. For a space of about two miles square the farmers suffered severely. Many people were more or less injured. A number of physicians have just left Topeka at this hour (noon) in response to calls from the locality. Hail fell in great quantity, destroying the fruit prospects and breaking the trees.

A Central Park policeman at a New York fire caught a falling ladder, saving a dozen lives, but lost his own.

LIKE AND UNLIKE MISS MITCHELL.

Miss Tipton Loved a Woman, but Shot Herself Instead of Her Sweetheart.

Altamont, Tenn., May 7.—Miss Lula B. Sanders was married April 17 to J. D. Meeks. Since her marriage Mrs. Meeks has lived next door to Miss Kate Tipton. Although they saw each other many times a day they were constantly exchanging notes.

Several days ago Mrs. Meeks wrote to Miss Tipton informing her that she would soon have to leave her. Miss Tipton replied that she could not live without her. Mrs. Meeks' reply to this was found in Miss Tipton's bosom spattered with blood after she had shot herself. It was as follows:

Dear Sweetheart Kate: I am going to leave, and I ought to be the happiest woman in all the world with the love of two noble souls; but you have pierced my heart. O, God! Kate, what can I do to influence you to break your dark resolve. "If it is you or death!" How can I live, darling Kate, when you are dead, dead? And why do I care to live when my darling is at heaven's gate all on my account? Good-by, my darling and my love. Lula B. Sanders.

Miss Tipton's mother found some of Mrs. Meeks' letters and questioned her daughter as to their meaning. Without replying Miss Tipton kissed her sister's children and went to her room. She wrote to her mother and sister: "I cannot live without Lula and take this means of putting an end to myself. Farewell. Don't blame Lula; I am to blame."

She wrote to Mrs. Meeks. My love, farewell. We are caught, and rather than separate you I now take my life. Drop a tear on the grave of her who dies for you. Good-by. Kate.

Miss Tipton shot herself fatally through the breast. Mrs. Meeks appears to be very much grieved, but declines to talk about the case.

Call for the Third District Convention.

Wilmington, N. C., April 12th, 1892.

The Democratic Congressional Executive Committee of the Third District met in the city of Wilmington on Tuesday, April 12th, 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m., by call of Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. W. K. Pigford, of Sampson county, was elected a member of the Committee in place of W. S. Thompson, who has left the District, and Mr. P. M. Pearsall, from Jones county, was appointed in place of Mr. C. H. Foy, who has also left the District.

Mr. Pearsall nominated Clinton, in Sampson county, as the place for holding the next Democratic Convention, which was unanimously adopted. The convention is to meet on Wednesday, July 20th.

The committee provided that the delegates to the State Convention from the Third District select delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

A resolution was passed requesting all papers in the district to publish the proceedings of the meeting, as well as those outside which circulate in the district.

CYRUS THOMPSON, Chairman.
P. M. PEARSALL, Acting Sec'y.

John W. Hodges, a citizen of Cumberland county, residing near Hopes Mills, was brought here yesterday evening by Deputy United States Marshal J. B. Holland, of Dunn, N. C., who arrested him under a warrant charging him with violating the United States statutes relating to sending communications or letters to lotteries through the mails. The accused will have a hearing before the United States District court now in session in this city.—Wil. Messenger.