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## NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

### TERRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

One White Cap Desperado Killed and One Other Wounded.

The people of Lucama, in Wilson County, have been greatly incensed of late over depredations committed upon the property of L. F. Lucas. A gang of law breakers had torn down his fence time and time again and burned the rails. Not satisfied with this they determined to burn two new tobacco barns. Mr. Lucas and five friends secreted themselves near the barns, and awaited further developments. Some men approached the barns, and four went to the residence of Mr. Lucas when they were ignited. The four men who went to the house of Mr. Lucas, seeing the two men approaching, and thinking that it might be Lucas and his son, fired upon them, killing Rob Watson instantly and dangerously wounding John Rowe. As they were white captives it is inferred that they were on their way to join the gang of desperados, and fell at the hands of their own friends.

### THE STATE GUARD.

The Fourth Regiment will encamp at Charlotte. The coming encampment of the Fourth Regiment, North Carolina State Guard, is to be held in Charlotte, and the plan is to make it a practical military affair. The troops are to be actual service. The plan is to consolidate all the companies embracing the Fourth Regiment at Statesville, and to march from there to Charlotte. The distance is 44 miles, but the march will be divided into stages so that four days will be required to make it. The Queen City Guards will have the Gatling gun and howitzer, and all the features of an artillery and infantry march through the country. The regiment will be in command of Col. Armfield, and will be accompanied on the march by Maj. E. Hayes and Inspector General A. L. Smith. The encampment grounds at Charlotte will be at Latta Park.

### STATE GEOLOGICAL BOARD.

Important Measures Before the Meeting. The State Geological Board was in session at the Governor's office at Raleigh Thursday. Present: Governor Carr, Maj. Morehead, Maj. Telfair and State Geologist Holmes. The principal matters brought before the board were the plans for the work of the survey during the present summer and autumn—in which the State Survey and the U. S. Geological Survey co-operate. The most important new work undertaken is that of measuring the water supply and gauging the more important rivers of the State in order to determine the value of the water powers on these streams for manufacturing purposes. Reports on iron ores, gold deposits, road materials, forests of Eastern North Carolina, forest fires. Cradum and monazite have already been published. Reports on North Carolina are now in press. Reports on clays, mica, building stone, gold mining, drinking water supplies, clay deposits, mineral waters, and several other subjects are now being prepared.

The trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College re-elected the old officers and faculty and elect Lieutenant Barnes regularly as military instructor. They find the affairs and equipment of the college in good condition. Experiments in forcing early vegetables under glass are ordered made for the benefit of truckers.

Rev. W. R. Warren, of Pawtucket, R. I., is preparing a book on North Carolina, and has made a request of the Agricultural Department for a number of views, etc., to illustrate it. The department, which never loses an opportunity to advertise the State, sent him forty photographs.

The Board of Agriculture orders Commissioner Patterson to hold many farmers institutes this year. Some of them are to be very large. An enlargement of the State Experiment Station is also ordered. The hand book is approved.

The faculty and trustees of Wake Forest College are determined to allow no secret fraternities there. A local secret society to return unless they abandon the same.

The first, second and third Regiments of the State Guard, have decided that they desire their encampment at Wrightsville.

Crawford Fielder, the Negro who murdered Will Ming, in Charlotte, last October, died in the county jail there last Tuesday.

Of the 165 convicts in the penitentiary about 100 are engaged at present in making brick.

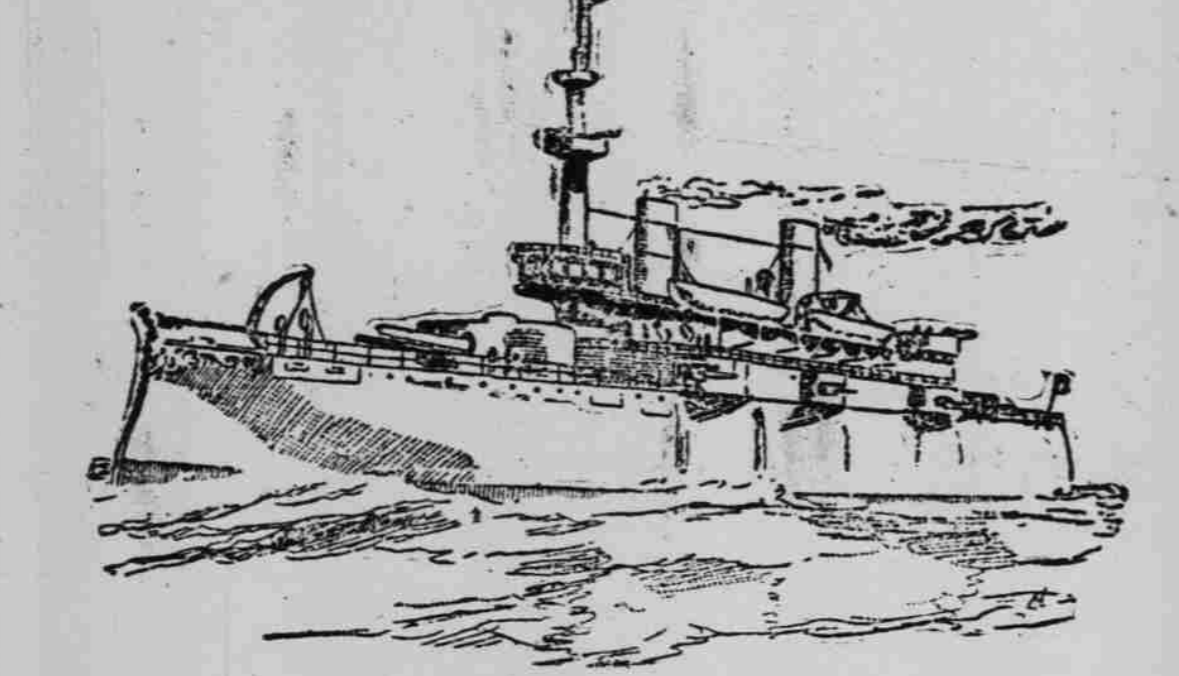
The railroads have made a rate of 1 cent a mile for the transportation of the State Guard to camp.

### TWO MEN MURDERED IN BED.

A Horrible and Mysterious Crime in Columbia County, Ga. A special to the Chronicle from Harlem, Ga., says: A. T. Verdoy and George Edmunds, of Columbia county, living six miles from Harlem, were brutally murdered at the home of Edmunds. They were both attacked while asleep in bed, the murderer using a large stick, which was found in the room. They were both horribly beaten in the face. No clue has been obtained to the identity of the guilty party, and the crime is wrapped in mystery.

## OUR NAVY'S GREATEST FIGHTER.

The United States Battleship Indiana, Now Lying in the Harbor of New York, and Awaiting Further Orders From the Navy Department.



THE BATTLESHIP INDIANA. This is the greatest fighter of the navy so far completed. She arrived at the Port of New York from Hampton Roads a few days since. She has been in commission about five months.

## TO PLAN THE NEW CITY.

Governor Morton Names the Greater New York Commission.

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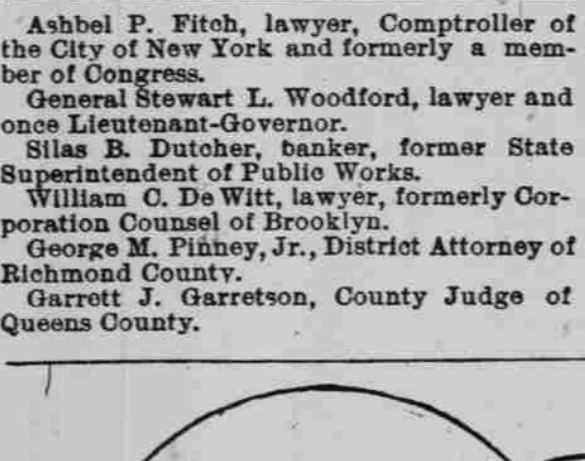
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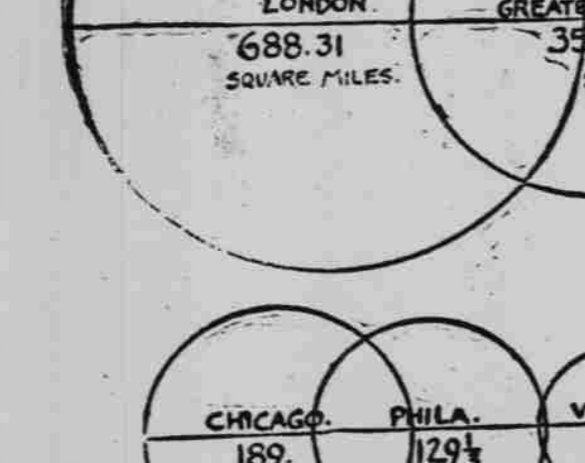
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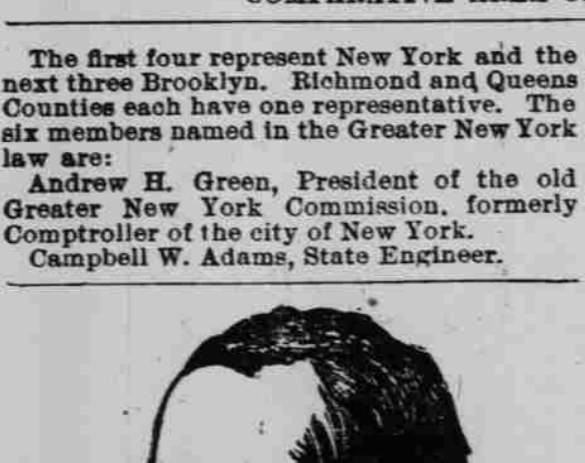
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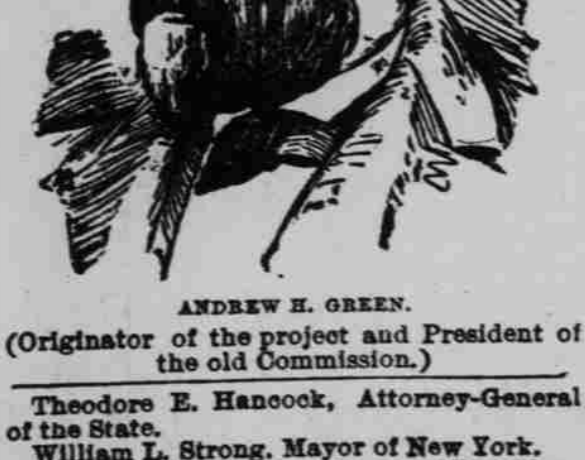
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There are four Democrats on the Commission. They are Mayor Gleason, Mr. Green, Comptroller Fitch and Mr. De Witt. Of the eleven Republicans District Attorney Finney, of Richmond County, County Judge Garretson, of Queens; State Engineer Adams and Attorney-General Hancock are organization men, and General Tracy, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Ditcher and General Woodford are counted as friendly to the organization.

In spite of the fact that it was generally believed that Wednesday would be the last day of the session, there was a rather slim attendance in the galleries, and the proceedings were devoid of interest or excitement. The following bills were passed: Increasing the pay of letters carriers to prevent the transportation of spirituous liquors under false names. The bill increasing the pension of Francis E. Hoover was passed over the President's veto. The latter part of the day's session was occupied by Mr. Stewart, Populist, of Nevada, and Mr. E. M. Johnson, of North Carolina, arranging for generally Congress and the Administration. A concurrent resolution for final adjournment Thursday at 4 o'clock was agreed to.

The first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress gently, and quietly, almost without incident, glided into history Thursday, the closing session of Congress, with a few exceptions, in the history of the government. There was a marked difference between the close-to-day and that of the Fifty-first Congress, the last previous Republican congress. There a bitter conflict raged between Speaker Reed and the minority and no one was to be won, and a rather unusual resolution of business was adopted. To-day Mr. Turner, the second Democratic member of the committee on ways and means, and the chief spokesman of the absence of ex-Speaker Crisp, offered a resolution thanking Speaker Reed for the "ability, faithfulness and strict impartiality with which he had discharged the duties of his difficult position, and at the suggestion of Mr. Dockery and other Democrats, there was a rising vote, that the expression of his appreciation of the resolution might thereby be emphasized. In his closing remarks Speaker Reed offered his grateful thanks to the honorable members of the House of Representatives who are always a high honor, but is especially so at the end of a session where the Speaker has been the recipient of the most generous and than in the history of any other Congress. In the course of the session a number of private pension and relief bills were passed, and the committee on sundry civil bills, Kansas, and Dockery, Democrat, of Missouri, were appointed members on the part of the House. The committee on sundry civil bills, summer and investigate the charities of the District of Columbia.

THE HOUSE. SATURDAY. The House sat eight hours Monday in continuation of Saturday's session; by this parliamentary action continuing in effect the resolution of the House to suspend the order motion to pass bills under suspension of the rules. The House conferees have offered a compromise to the Senate conferees on the Indian appropriation bill, which will be accepted and this bill together with the naval bill will be got out of the way early Tuesday morning. The House will agree to the Senate conference report on the Indian appropriations for sectarian Indian schools at the end of the next fiscal year, with a proviso that the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to divide the appropriations as evenly as possible during the next fiscal year between the various denominations. This will end the sectarian question, and will remove the one great stumbling block that has for several days stood in the way of a final settlement of this question.

Tuesday, the day before which Congress is confidently expected to finally adjourn for the session, the House spent six and a half hours in the consideration of a contested case—Truman H. Aldrich, Republican, vs. Oscar W. Underwood, Democrat, from the Ninth Alabama district. There was considerable Republican opposition to the recommendation of the committee on the resolution declaring Aldrich entitled to his seat was agreed to by less than ten majority, the vote being 118 yeas, 107 nays. The conferees report on the Indian appropriations bills were agreed to amid applause.

WEDNESDAY. Wednesday morning of the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress was practically concluded by the agreement of the two bodies upon the sundry civil and District of Columbia appropriation bills, the only remaining matters of difference between the two houses when they met this morning. To accomplish this the House voted to concur in the Senate's amendments to the sundry civil bill appropriating, direct and contingent \$900,000 for certain public buildings. This vote—100 yeas to 88 nays—demonstrated what had been feared—namely, that the House would not be able to reach this conclusion the House passed many measures under suspension of the rules.

THURSDAY. If the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress has been a "done-nothing" session, as has been styled, the closing day of the Senate furnished a fitting culmination to the session. It was a day of inactive, drifting, laborious effort to kill time by doing nothing, when according to the concurrent resolution agreed to Wednesday, the two houses were to adjourn. The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock when the District of Columbia appropriation bill was read and the President signed the Vice President, thus disposing of the last of the general appropriation bills, so far as the legislative branch was concerned. The galleries were most deserted during the early hours of the session, but when the Vice-President delivered his valedictory he had a good sized audience in the galleries, though there were but twenty-five Senators present at that interesting moment. As the Vice-President uttered the last words, and the gavel fell for the last time, there was a faint outbreak of applause, after which the scene of many stirring incidents was left to the pages and attesting until the first Monday in December next.

Swept by a Tornado. A small manufacturing town of Wyeth City, Ala., was mowed down like grass by a tornado. Thirteen houses were rased, many barns and outbuildings swept away, trees uprooted and fences and other obstructions lifted into the air and set down hundreds of yards away. Perhaps eighty persons resided in the track of the storm, but by a miracle only two were killed outright, and these were struck by lightning.

Justice Pipe, of Colorado, has rendered a decision that the recent State law prohibiting gambling is unconstitutional.

Spain Anxious for War. A dispatch from Springfield, O., says: James Freeman, an exiled Cuban war correspondent, says he thinks there will be war with Spain. He asserts that the American people will be thunderstruck when the documents in possession of the State Department are made public. Spain, he says, is anxious for war. Twenty-five million dollars worth of American property has been destroyed in Cuba, according to his story, and many Americans have been killed without provocation.

Rous Memorial Battle Abbey. The committee at Nashville, Tenn., to raise funds for the Rous Memorial Battle Abbey, in case it should be located at that city, has started to work. Gen. W. H. Jackson, owner of Belle Meade, started off the list with \$2,500. It is the purpose to raise \$100,000 in addition to the \$115,000 already raised there, this latter sum including the site.

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