

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema. The intense itching and smarting...

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WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. AND BRANCHES. AND FLORENCE RAILROAD.

Trains Going South: Leave Rocky Mount 11:52 am, 1:25 pm, 3:45 pm.

Trains Going North: Leave Florence 9:45 am, 1:15 pm, 3:45 pm.

Trains on the Wilmington, N. C., and Charlotte, N. C., Branch Lines.

Trains on the Norfolk and Eastern Shore Branch Lines.

Trains on the Deep River and Southport Branch Lines.

Trains on the Wilmington and Lenoir Branch Lines.

A STATE OF SUSPENSE.

Nothing of a Disquieting Nature Has Been Received at Washington.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WRECK.

The Navy Department's Figures on the Strength of the Naval Militia Shows 4,445 Officers and Enlisted Men.

A Washington special of the 24th says rumors of startling discoveries in the wreck of the Maine were less frequent today...

The surgeon of the Maine, after consulting with other's recommendations, that all bedding and clothing should be abandoned.

Secretary Long immediately answered Captain Sigbee, approving all recommendations.

The Navy Department gave out the figures showing the strength of the naval militia up to date.

Late reports from Havana, have not changed in any degree the views of high officials of the government as to the probable cause of the disaster to the Maine.

Much Interest Manifested. At the Spanish legation much interest is manifested in the developments attending the Maine inquiry.

Two Lynched in Kentucky. Richard Allen and Tom Holmes were lynched at Mayfield, Ky. Allen robbed a house and Holmes killed his wife six months ago.

NORTH CAROLINA GOSSIP.

To County Supervisors. The following circular has been issued by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to county supervisors.

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Sugar-Beet Seed for Distribution. By the courtesy of the Secretary of Agriculture, who has done so much to stimulate interest in the sugar-beet industry, for gratuitous distribution to farmers in the different counties of the State...

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Considered Almost Impossible. A dispatch from Havana says that, despite the rumors to the contrary, that the probability of any plan of negotiation as to the conclusions reached thus far by the court of inquiry.

Increased From 100 to 150. "I do not know whether serious trouble is expected," said an officer of a North Carolina military company to a Charlotte News man, "but I do know that unusual preparations are being made."

Called His Coffin a Meat Box. Louis Bray, an eccentric character, died at his home in Marsh township, Surry county, aged 90 years.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Proceedings of the Senate and House Day By Day.

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The South. Rev. Sam P. Jones has withdrawn from the race for Governor of Georgia.

Fire destroyed the Stamford Dye Works at Lynchburg, Va. Loss \$100,000; partly insured.

Steel and iron workers at Benwood, W. Va. have resumed operations, their demands having been conceded.

Outlaw E. P. Lefford, and escaped convict was fatally shot at Mount City, Tenn., by Deputy Sheriff Donnelly.

A conference of colored farmers at Tuskegee, Ala., adopted resolutions urging member of their race to buy land.

Richard Allen, colored, in jail at Mayfield, Ky., accused of burglary, was dragged from his cell by a mob and hanged.

The fourth annual convention of the North Carolina Union of Christian Endeavor will be held at High Point, N. C., on the 18th, 19th and 20th.

E. H. Marks, of Louisville, Ky., was elected president of the Department of Superintendent, National Educational Association, in session at Chattanooga.

Smallpox has appeared at Columbia, S. C., says the State, but all precautions being taken to stamp it out. Compulsory vaccination has been ordered.

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News reaches Richmond, Va., that the Fry block, at Wytheboro, Augusta county, including the opera house, Masonic lodge rooms, and several stores, has been destroyed by fire.

In the case of Chas. P. Barrett vs. the United States, from South Carolina, in the Supreme Court of the United States, the opinion of the court below, adverse to Barrett, was affirmed.

Henry Howard, a farmer living near Orangeburg, South Carolina, was shot dead, while standing in his own house surrounded by his family.

The Virginia State Senate, after \$100,000 ordered to its enlargement, the cell accommodations of the penitentiary. The money is to come out of future earnings of the prison.

Fire at Louisville, Ky., destroyed the branch plant of the American Tobacco Company. Loss \$300,000; fully covered by insurance.

An elaborate program has been outlined for the festival to celebrate Greater New York's Charter Day, on May 3, 4 and 5.

Representative Cummings, of New York, has introduced a resolution in the United States House calling for \$100,000 of the Maine martyrs to cost \$100,000.

Governor Black, of New York, has approved the Legislative inquiry bill whereby it is hoped to find out what has become of the mail, in the northwest corner of the State.

The Hawaiian ship, Helen Brewer, from Shanghai, has arrived at New York with over 33,000 packages of tea, the largest cargo ever brought by a sailing vessel.