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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED, AND BRIEFLY STATED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Queen Victoria has contributed \$1,000 to the Irish Relief Fund. The Force bill does not "are still settling"—waiting to hatch from a spoiled egg.

There have been several cases of small-pox in Savannah and there are fears of an epidemic.

Evangelist Fife is this week in Lexington conducting a meeting. He is doing good work for humanity.

It is said that Senator Matt. W. Ransom made 956 bales of cotton last year in his farm in Northampton county.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Wilmington has given out a contract for a building to be erected at a cost of \$11,392.

Gov. Hill, of New York, has been elected United States Senator. He is the first Democratic Senator New York has had in over two decades.

The needy and deserving little girls of North Carolina will be now aided by the State to get an industrial education. This is as it should be.

The Russian ministry has decided to begin this year the construction of a railway across Siberia to the Pacific ocean at an estimated cost of \$24,000,000.

Cross and White are pardoned. The Governor, as well as the public in general, thinks that they have already received enough punishment to cover the crime.

The Alliance men in the Kansas Legislature have pledged themselves to vote against Ingalls. Also, it is said, that six Republicans will vote against him. This makes his defeat a certainty.

The Senate bill to establish an Industrial School for white girls passed the three readings with an enthusiastic whoop. There cheers an anti-royal Bengal tiger, teeth, claws and all, for our Farmers' Legislature.

Extreme cold weather still prevails throughout all Europe. Many persons out of employment and the loss in France by the stopping of laborers is estimated at 50,000,000 francs.

This is an era of political surprises. Senator Blair, like Senator Ingalls, has been laid on the cooling board. Unlike Blair, however, Blair has been given no opportunity for a death-bed repentance.—Louisville Post, Dec.

It is very gratifying to note that the government is paying more attention to, and supplying more and better lights on the North Carolina coast. For years these aids to inland coast navigation were shamefully neglected and the lives of waters of our State.—Western Sentinel.

Mortgages are wearing down the spirits of the Western farmers. The Southern lands are comparatively free from debt.—Sentinel.

[We hope that our contemporary has made no mistake in regard to his view concerning the prosperous condition of the South.]

The U. S. Senate dispensed with prayer Saturday. That's right. A gang of congressmen engaged in the work that the majority of the Senate is now engaged in have no use for prayer. It looks like burlesque prayer to be asking divine guidance for them.—Will Star.

Two Senators, both of longer service than two-thirds of the Senate, with their superior ability, gives North Carolina an admirable standing in the National Council. There are not but two or three in the Senate now that were there when Ransom entered that body in 1872.

On last Sunday New York had the most destructive snow storm that it has had in many years. The streets were strewn with fallen telegraph poles and many accidents and fires were the result. The electric light on the electric light wires, but was extinguished without much loss. No such work of devastation has been known since the great blizzard of March 1886.

Mr. Charles C. Daniels, who for several years has edited the Wilson Advance with much ability, has resigned from the editorship of that paper and has been succeeded by Mr. Claude Wilson, its former business manager. Mr. Daniels will practice law at Franklin, some seventy miles beyond Asheville. Both parties have our best wishes for their continued success.

On Monday E. F. Moore, ex-president of the Broken People's National Bank of Fayetteville, was arrested on a warrant sworn out before a U. S. Commissioner, charging him with embezzling \$106,000 of the funds of said bank. It is thought that Moore will waive examination and give bond for his appearance at the Federal Court in Wilmington in May.

As nearly as can be estimated, the fire loss in the United States for the year 1890 amounted, in round numbers, to \$94,000,000. The year 1889 showed a loss of \$117,000,000. This makes a difference of \$23,000,000. It is thought that the multiplication of fire departments and the adoption of more complete precautions against fire have been the cause of the enormous falling off. Or it may just be of year.

STATE CAPITAL.

SENATE CHAMBER, Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 20th, '91. (Condensed from State Chronicle.)

THE SENATE.

TWELFTH DAY, TUESDAY, JAN. 20.

At the request of Mr. Williams, Senate bill 3, amending Sec. 3065, Chap. 62 of the Code, was taken from the committee and placed upon the Calendar. The bill repeals the existing law allowing the collection of more than 6 per cent. interest. Mr. Williams made a strong speech for his bill and urged its immediate passage, but upon motion it was made the special order for 12 o'clock next Wednesday, when there will be a sin rt discussion pro and con.

Mr. Butler, a bill to define the powers of officers in actions where claim and delivery are resorted to. Mr. King, to prevent the playing of games in any place where liquors are sold.

Mr. Butler, a bill to create a Railroad Commission. This is the bill formulated by the Railroad Commission. [The Chronicle will give the bill in full when it comes up for discussion.] The bill was referred to the joint committee on Railroad Commission, of which Mr. Butler is chairman. Two hundred copies were ordered printed.

THIRTEENTH DAY, JAN. 21.

Mr. Culbreth, to enlarge the jurisdiction of magistrates. Mr. Butler offered a resolution of thanks to Hon. J. L. M. Currie for the eloquent, able and highly instructive address with which he favored the General Assembly to-day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. A bill to change the name of the Western North Carolina Insane Asylum to the North Carolina Hospital provided its several readings. The bill passed for the care of a limited number of inebriates in the institution and for police regulations.

Mr. Bellamy's bill to prevent persons making assignments to have preferred creditors was made special order for Friday at 12 o'clock.

FOURTEENTH DAY, JAN. 22.

At this juncture Mr. Butler announced that Hon. J. L. M. Currie had complied with the request made yesterday, and moved that 1000 copies of his educational address be printed. The motion prevailed.

The President announced that the special order for this hour was the consideration of the bill establishing a Normal and Industrial Training School for girls.

The bill of much discussion passed its second reading by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Allen, of Bladen; Allen, of Granville; Alston, Ardrey, Avery, Aycock, Bellamy, Bishop, Bowers, Bull, Chesson, Culbreth, Davis, of Franklin; Durham, Freeman, Galloway, Gilman, Greene, of Harnett; Greene, of Wake; Griggsby Hobson, King, Lucas, McLean, Mitchell, Morgan, Paine, Parker, Reid, Reynolds, Rose, Russell, Shankle, Speight, Stanford, Turner, Twitty, Walsor, White, Wilcox, Williams.

Nays—Messrs. Bell, Davis, of Haywood. Mr. Butler explained that he did not vote for the reason that he had been instructed by the Sampson county Alliance not to support the bill. He felt sure that if they knew the circumstances, and that the State would not be taxed for the school, they would not object to the bill. But with instructions not to support, he could not vote against the bill.

FIFTEENTH DAY, JAN. 23.

Mr. Allen, of Granville, to make appropriation for the Colored Orphan Asylum at Oxford; to provide for the removal of incompetent County Superintendents of Education.

Bill to amend chapter 202, laws of 1889, passed third reading. Bill to amend chapter 68, laws of 1887. The bill makes the minimum fine for carrying concealed weapons thirty dollars.

Bill to incorporate the Leakville Aluminum Manufacturing company allotted considerable discussion on the clause allowing perpetual succession. It was amended by striking out the words "perpetual succession."

Mr. Butler said that he was glad the "perpetual succession" clause was stricken out, but that that was not the worst feature of the bill. That its capital stock was unlimited and that that had the power to merge with any other company and go into even a different business not contemplated in its charter. In short it was the most sweeping bill that had come before this body. He moved that the bill be recommitted for closer examination and for amendment. The motion prevailed.

SIXTEENTH DAY, JAN. 24.

On motion of Mr. Turner, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Williams' bill making Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday a legal holiday, was taken up.

Mr. Williams said that this bill is to commemorate the name of one of the greatest men known to history. He was certainly the greatest warrior that has ever lived. His character was spotless. He possessed magnetism as no other man known to the world had possessed. It is not his heroism so much that we would like to bring before the youth of the land, as his devotion to duty. We have very few holidays in this country, and he thought it wise and fitting to have days upon which our people will assemble and talk about the great men who have made our history illustrious. The bill passed without a dissenting vote.

SEVENTEENTH DAY, JAN. 26.

A resolution, introduced by Senator Aycock, thanking our Senators and Representatives in the U. S. Congress for their manly and able fight against the Force bill, and further that this Legislature would not appropriate one cent to the Columbian Exposition if this bill should become a law. The resolution passed by a strict party vote.

The action of this body was flashed over the wires to Washington. In less than two hours the news flashed back that the Democrats in Congress had succeeded in postponing the "Force Bill."

NOTES.

Mr. Neal Bell, of Piney Grove, was up Tuesday to see his little daughter, who is in Raleigh.

The R. R. Commission committee give a public hearing to the Railroad to night. The bill has passed its first reading and will probably be put on its second reading Friday.

Senator Culbreth, of Columbus, has been appointed chairman of the committee on re-districting the Senatorial districts.

The 6 per cent interest bill will be strongly advocated this week.

Mr. William Daughtry, of Sampson came all the way to Raleigh to see Senator Vance re-elected. He spent several days here.

THE HOUSE.

Though no time has been wasted in this body, not many measures of general interest were considered during the past week.

A bill levying a tax of 25 cents per ton on fertilizers sold in the State passed the House. It provoked some discussion—some members opposing the tax and others wishing to make it less.

The most important bill to our section of the State, which will probably be considered during the session, passed the House on Tuesday. It is Mr. Sutton's bill to tax emigrant labor agents. It provides that no agent or person shall solicit any person to leave this State or the purpose of being employed outside of the State without first obtaining a license therefor. For this license he shall pay one thousand dollars in each county in which he shall solicit laborers. The penalties are heavy.

So if the bill passes the Senate, and proves to be constitutional, the business of enticing laborers from North Carolina will probably be put an end to. The bill will hardly fail to pass the Senate, as all the central and eastern sections are suffering under the evil sought to be remedied.

On Friday Mr. Jones introduced a resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our representatives in Congress to vote against the force bill. This precipitated a warm discussion. In explanation of his vote Mr. Pritchard, the Republican leader of the House, made a bold, bitter, partisan speech against the resolution. He declared the election bill aimed at in the resolution was no "force bill." It simply meant a free vote and a fair count. Experience had demonstrated that the colored man in the South dared not cast his vote as he wished, and if he did it would not be counted, and much more to the same effect.

Mr. Peebles, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Jones replied to him, and did it effectively. Mr. Pritchard is a man of handsome presence and marked ability, but his partisanship is limited only by the exigencies of his party. Judging from his course here, he is in full accord with all the schemes of the national Republican party to perpetuate its power.

Mr. Bell has introduced a bill to abolish county boards of education and to pay County Superintendents \$1.00 a day out of the public school fund and requiring all persons examined by them to pay them \$2.00. Also one to prohibit the sale of liquor within one mile of Turkey post office. The latter was asked for by nearly all the citizens in the community.

NOTES.

One member from an extreme eastern county has been urged by one of his constituents to secure erection of a light house at the mouth of a certain creek and to have that constituent appointed keeper.

The same gentleman also has been appointed to secure an appropriation of \$25,000 to clean out a certain stream.

Many of the members are still sick.

Mrs. W. K. Pigford, accompanied by one of her little girls, was in the city last Friday, on her way to visit relatives at Winston.

Some days ago a Republican member of the House, before the committee of the present House had been printed, read over the list of the committees of the last House and became very angry because he had not been appointed on any committee.

A TRIP.

Through Eastern Cumberland and Northern Sampson. (Special Correspondent.) FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., January 21st, 1891.

Mr. Editor: On last Friday morning in company with a friend, the writer left this place on a trip through Eastern Cumberland and Northern Sampson. On the way we found the farmers busy plowing and repairing their fences, all of which goes to show that the farmers are more determined than ever to make success of farming. Most every farmer's house we passed was found from ten to fifty bags of cotton in their yards and this shows that they are out of debt.

After a long and weary ride through the main we arrived at the home of that clever gentleman, Mr. George Williams, of Newton Grove, where we spent the night, and a very pleasant one too.

Next day we visited Newton Grove, where we find everything in a prosperous condition. The school at that place has a good trade, and if they had a railroad there it would be one of the foremost towns in this country. We think that the farmers and business men of that section should hold a meeting and take steps towards getting a railroad through that section.

That night we returned to Mr. Williams', where we attended a very enjoyable dance given by the young people of that place. The music, which was very good, was furnished by the string band. The music rendered by Miss Sallie Sneed, on the violin, was as good as we ever heard.

Sunday we visited the Salem section of Sampson county, and find the school at that place in a prosperous condition; we also find a large building in course of erection there for the accommodation of pupils. The main building is to be eighty-five feet by forty feet, two stories high, and there is to be a boarding house added to the main building, 40x35 feet. Salem is destined to become one of the best institutions of learning in the State.

Sunday night was spent with our good friend, Mr. C. H. Williams, of Dismal, where we had the pleasure of meeting the Music and Art teachers of Salem High School.

After a long ride, Monday night finds us again in the old historic town of Fayetteville. "ETTELAM."

A Night of Horror.

The Egypt coal mine, near Egypt Station, N. C., is the only coal mine in North Carolina, and has some 400 hands employed in it. The pit is 450 feet deep, and there is only one cage used to draw out the men. During one afternoon the cage was caught by a slight snag in about midway between the top and the bottom, and the men were held in the cage and it took some time before the only means by which the laborers could get out.

At first nobody knew what to do. Mothers, wives, and children of the imprisoned men gathered about the mine and their cries of agony resounded like a mile away. It was known that the water rose very rapidly in the mine, and with the machinery blocked there was no possible way of pumping it out. The miners would therefore drown if not rescued, and no voice could penetrate the depths, and no sound could be heard from below.

Night came on, but there was no prospect of rescue. At last the president of the mine company got some men and tools, and they set to work to rescue the men. They tried to loosen the machinery with ropes and down weeping, with babies in their arms.

Midnight came but nobody thought of sleeping. Just before daybreak some men were lowered down to the fastened cage and cut a hole in it. The glad tidings were sent up that the men were all alive. Soon ropes were let down, and one by one they were pulled out. All were all right, and the rescue had been delayed a few hours more all would have been drowned, as the water in the mine had risen four feet and would soon have covered the head of every man. They were all wet, cold, and half starved. One old man said:

"We did not expect to be rescued at all. We felt sure that the mine had caved in at the top, and not a man of us were expected to be taken out of that pit alive. We huddled close together, and spent the time in singing and praying. We knew by the rate at which the water was rising on us that it could only be a matter of a few hours before we should all be drowned, and it required a lot of talk and persuasion to keep some of the men from lying down in the water and drowning before it was three feet deep. We then made a bargain to stand our feet just as long as we could, and when we could stand no longer we huddled all lie down in the water at the same time and die. It was an awful time, and I think we all suffered the horrors of a hundred deaths."

DUNRAVEN RANCH.

A Story of American Frontier Life.

By Capt. CHARLES KING, U. S. A.

Author of "The Colonel's Daughter," "From the Range," "The Deerler," Etc.

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CHAPTER X.

HE hounds were out, and all for Rossiter "society" to Capt. Stryker, and a very bright and beautiful little boy, as she rode over the spring turf at the side of the dark haired troop leader.

"Hard lines on Perry, isn't it?" said Mr. Graham, as he trotted up beside Mrs. Belknap, and took his place for the moment with her boy of cavaliers. "First time he ever missed a hunt, I reckon."

"He needn't have missed this one," said Parke. "It was my week, and I told him to go; and Capt. Stryker said so."

Here Mr. Parke broke off suddenly and looked in mild wonderment in Dana's face, for that young gentleman had managed, unseen by Mrs. Belknap, to swing his dog and give the speaker a kick on the side of the head, which he had heard of before. Mrs. Belknap had heard it.

"Are you cavaliers all so little to be trusted?" she asked, with a brilliant smile upon her flushing face. Exercise and excitement had lent her a glow, and her eyes and color to her cheeks—"she is positively beautiful today," as Mrs. Lawrence confessed to the colonel at the moment.

She had a note from Mr. Perry this morning saying he was grievously disappointed, but that some troop duty had been assigned to him which could not be transferred, and he must stay and finish it.

"What he said is true, Mrs. Belknap," promptly answered Mr. Dana. "The papers have all to be in readiness for muster on Monday, and the saddle kits put in shape for inspection."

"Only in Capt. Stryker's troop?" softly inquired the lady, with eyelids raised indignantly.

"No, of course not. One officer is back at the post from each troop. It happened to fall on Perry in his."

"I fancy I should prefer serving in some older captain's troop if I were you," said the girl, with a nod.

Perry. It seems that while your other captains stay home and look after their companies, Capt. Stryker has a subaltern attend to his while he comes a-hunting."

"Oh, the other hand, we fellows have a dozen things to do in our troops that Capt. Stryker does himself in his. It's as broad as it's long, Mrs. Belknap," said Dana. He did not fancy her criticizing and meddling with his cavalry associates, and was positively a little piqued at her decided annoyance she showed at Perry's failure to attend. Meantime, Stryker, all unconscious of her presence, was chatting laughingly with Mrs. Sprague and exchanging shots with the colonel and Mrs. Lawrence. The four were getting on a horse together, and seemed too much absorbed in their own fun to note the fact that Mrs. Belknap and her knot of four or five satellites had been gradually edging away toward the right, and that the rest of the hunt was becoming widely scattered.

"It is time we stirred up a jack rabbit at least," said the colonel. "Suppose we veer over toward the northwest a little. Whatever we do, we want no chase down toward Dunraven; those wire fences would spoil it all."

"I wonder if those people never hunt?" said Mr. Farnham, who had joined the quartet: he always kept close to his colonel, as he felt an aspirant for the adjutancy. "Englishmen generally game for all sorts of sport."

"I can see horsemen out there on the prairie to the east of the ranch," said Stryker, whose eyes were keen, "and I could have sworn a moment ago that I saw a horseman."

"Nonsense, Capt. Stryker!" exclaimed Mrs. Lawrence, yet with a quick glance at Mrs. Sprague. "What could you have taken for a 'lady on horseback'?"

"Do you suppose there could be ladies at Dunraven and we not know it?"

"Hardly possible," answered the captain, "and therefore I doubted the possibility of my senses. Yet something very like a lady followed by a groom rode down the slope into the valley about ten minutes ago. She is out of sight in the timber now. If Perry were only with us I'd send him off there to see."

"Yes, we miss Perry on our hunts," said the colonel to his lady friends.

"He is one of our best riders and most enthusiastic sportsmen. He will be out, will he not, Stryker?"

"Yes, sir. There is really no necessity of his staying in, and I so told him; but he felt that he ought to be, at least until certain work was finished. Then he said he could ride eastward and join

us. Hurrah! sure you go!

Far out to the front, straight to the east, a gray streak with a white tip—

was shooting into space as though launched from some invisible bow drawn by giant power. A big jack rabbit, bill legs and ears, had listened quivering and trembling to the sounds of the approaching hunt, and an enterprising terror, leaping out into space as though launched from some invisible bow drawn by giant power. A big jack rabbit, bill legs and ears, had listened quivering and trembling to the sounds of the approaching hunt, and an enterprising terror, leaping out into space as though launched from some invisible bow drawn by giant power. A big jack rabbit, bill legs and ears, had listened quivering and trembling to the sounds of the approaching hunt, and an enterprising terror, leaping out into space as though launched from some invisible bow drawn by giant power.

"Ho! ho!" yells the sergeant as he sights the quarry. "Hurrah!" about the nearest huntsman, and, with one simultaneous impulse, skirmishing ours, steady springing bounds, eager steeds, and jubilant riders—men and women—away goes the entire field sweeping in pursuit. At first all is one mad rush until it is certain that the rabbit is a quarry, and that the chase is a long chase all the world over.

Close behind the master of the hounds, all eyes fixed on that bounding tuft of gray and white a few score yards ahead, bounding over the hedges, necks and keeping just enough pressure on the bit to prevent overlooking the huntsman, ride Parke and Graham, two "light weights," who have covered nearly a mile of prairie.

Behind them, a little to their right, Mrs. Belknap, her well fitting straight out behind, her glorious eyes flashing, her dark hair flushed with triumph and the exhilaration of the dash; her little hands wound about in the reins she holds so firmly. Splendidly she sits her fleet racer, from Dana's urging and spur his clamor troop horse to keep in close attendance. These four are well in advance of all the others.

Back of them, gallantly urging on her sturdy steed, comes Mrs. Sprague, riding riding widely alongside and watching her "going" before he will satisfy himself that it is safe to trust her to her own guiding. Level as the prairie here, she knows that a mile or so ahead there are "breaks" leading to a wooded valley of one of the innumerable tributaries of the Washita. Then the story may be different.

He looks up in surprise at the thunder of hoofs close alongside, and Mrs. Lawrence, with excitement in her eyes, overtakes, then passes them on the way to the front. "So!" he points to his partner, "see that dark shadow across the prairie out there. We cannot ride at this rate, but we must pass that shadow before it gets further. He glances over his shoulder and signals to the nearest officer to follow Mrs. Lawrence and look out for her, and the gallant does so, but all are at top speed; the colonel and the sergeant, with their hounds and cavalry, are beginning to lose ground, and still that gray "puff ball" far to the front seems inch by inch to be slipping away from his pursuers. Will he keep his dog close alongside, and Mrs. Lawrence, with excitement in her eyes, overtakes, then passes them on the way to the front. "So!" he points to his partner, "see that dark shadow across the prairie out there. We cannot ride at this rate, but we must pass that shadow before it gets further. He glances over his shoulder and signals to the nearest officer to follow Mrs. Lawrence and look out for her, and the gallant does so, but all are at top speed; the colonel and the sergeant, with their hounds and cavalry, are beginning to lose ground, and still that gray "puff ball" far to the front seems inch by inch to be slipping away from his pursuers. Will he keep his dog close alongside, and Mrs. Lawrence, with excitement in her eyes, overtakes, then passes them on the way to the front. "So!" he points to his partner, "see that dark shadow across the prairie out there. We cannot ride at this rate, but we must pass that shadow before it gets further. He gl