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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

If silence is golden, Mr. Bryan probably has to use silver altogether.

The Democratic pawn-shop is now very much over-stocked with unredeemed pledges.

Wonder how much the trusts contributed to the Democratic campaign fund in this State last time?

Germany has decided not to wage any tariff war against the United States—and Germany acted wise.

Even if the Democratic Congressmen know they will be defeated this fall you needn't expect them to say so.

An exchange says that 30 cents worth of thymol will cure hookworm disease. But who wants to feel like thirty cents?

It is about time for the Democratic papers to start another "rumor" that Congressman Morehead will not run again.

The South Carolina Legislature refused to invite Senator Tillman to address them. Is the South Carolina Legislature reforming?

The State Hospital Commission has spent nearly a half million dollars, and even now can not properly care for the insane in the State.

A Greensboro correspondent says that Guilford County wants to beat Wake farming this year. She will have to wake up if she does.

Doubtless the Democratic politicians are glad the census enumerators are not required to record how every man voted last time?

The Democrats claim that they will capture Congress this fall. Even if they should capture it they wouldn't know what to do with it.

Some of the Western prohibitionists want ex-Governor Glenn to run on their ticket. Here is a chance for the ex-Governor to show his colors.

The State officers have formed a self-defense club, with offices near the Capitol. Wouldn't that organization come under the head of a trust?

A man in Texas traded 10,000 acres of land for 10,000 gallons of whiskey. Whiskey must be harder to get in Texas than in North Carolina.

In New York Monday the Federal Court put another large trust out of business. What is the record of the Democrats in this State on trust-busting?

It took eight hundred and sixty-three liquor prescriptions, and a quantity of beer, to keep Greensboro folk off the sick list during the month of January.

The Atlanta Journal says that sick people may now be cured by telephone. That may work in Atlanta, but in many of the North Carolina towns some one would have to make the trip to carry the whiskey.

That promised annual report of the penitentiary's affairs, showing a profit of \$70,000, is a long time in making its appearance. Wonder if they found they had made a miscalculation in the amount of profits?

An exchange says that "a little common-sense plainly spoken" is necessary to save the Democratic party at this time. Wouldn't a little common-sense put into practice be even better than much talking?

If Mr. Carnegie fixed the steel schedule in the Wilson tariff bill, how does the public know but that the trusts fixed the other schedules in the last Democratic bill—which Cleveland said was an act of party perfidy and dishonor.

The News and Observer refers to the race between Judge Manning and Judge Allen for the Supreme Court bench as "the friendly contest." If that is a friendly contest, we hope we will not have to witness an unfriendly one, as the loss of life might be appalling.

If the Democrats get short on campaign material this fall they might use the report of the committee that made that secret investigation of the Democratic management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

SOUTHERN SWAMP LANDS.

If Drained Would Be Worth More Than Area Now Cultivated.

Former Senator Marion Butler in an interview in the Washington Post, on February 5th, says:

"Your editorial in yesterday's issue, advocating the establishment of a project for the reclamation of swamp lands by drainage similar to the project for the reclamation of arid lands by irrigation is timely, and will be appreciated by every State in the Union where such lands are located, especially in the South and Southwest.

Irrigation and drainage should go hand-in-hand, and they should be part of the great movement for conserving the country's natural resources. There is more land in the South and Southwest capable of drainage than there is land in the West capable of irrigation. Besides, the work of drainage can be done cheaper than the work of irrigation, and when it is done the lands will be more valuable.

The swamp lands have a deep alluvial soil that will require no fertilization, and will be practically inexhaustible in productive fertility. When once this land is drained none of it can become valueless, as has often happened in the West on account of the rising of alkali.

There are only about 6,000,000 acres of land in my State of North Carolina now under cultivation, out of a total of over 31,000,000 acres. The 6,000,000 acres now under cultivation are very largely upland, with a thin soil, which is soon exhausted, and requires constant and liberal fertilization. There are at least 3,000,000 acres of swamp land in that State alone capable of drainage. The reclamation of these 3,000,000 would more than double the producing capacity of the tillable land of the State.

What is true of North Carolina in this respect is true to a greater or less extent of every other Southern State. There are over 600,000,000 acres of land in the South, but there is to-day less than 150,000,000 acres under cultivation. The acreage in these States capable of drainage would be worth more when drained than all of the land now being cultivated.

A system of drainage under national legislation, similar to the irrigation laws, including the Cary act, under which lands may be taken up and reclamation projects developed by private capital under State supervision, as well as projects carried on under national supervision, would soon reclaim an area of hexastatite soil in the South larger than the territory of the French nation, and would support a greater population."

SHE WOULD BE GOVERNOR.

Mrs. M. M. Ricker Announces Her Candidacy in New Hampshire.

Dover, N. H., Feb. 6.—The announcement made by Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, a lawyer and a leader in the suffrage movement, that she is to be a candidate for the governorship of New Hampshire, has created a sensation. Mrs. Ricker, who is wealthy, is now in California, but she has sent a dispatch announcing herself as a candidate on the woman's rights platform.

Mrs. Ricker is the first woman to attempt to vote in this State. This was in 1870, when she fortified herself by preparing a constitutional argument for the selectmen of Dover, which closed with these words: "So long as women are hanged under the laws, they should have a voice in making them."

For a number of years past she has paid her taxes under protest. Her last reads as follows: "Taxation without representation is tyranny. I hereby protest the injustice of being compelled to pay taxes without having a vote to protect my property."

A VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

Volcano Poas, in Costa Rica, Throws Forth Volumes of Melted Lava and Stones—Several Killed.

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Feb. 8.—Thousands of villagers at the foot of volcano Poas, new in the most active eruption in history, belching forth molten lava, ashes and immense rocks, are fleeing for their lives, the streams of lava are flowing through the fertile valleys and destroying towns and plantations on every side. Rocks weighing 200 pounds have been hurled a distance of two miles from the crater of the volcano. Villages within the zone reaching almost to the capital, San Jose, have been deserted by the panic-stricken residents.

There has been loss of life on the plantations nearest to volcano, but the extent is not yet known.

Hon. Thomas Settle.

Charlotte Observer.

We hope that the report from Washington is true that Mr. Thomas Settle, of Asheville, is to be appointed an assistant to the Attorney General at a salary of \$5,000 a year. There can be no question about Mr. Settle's ability to fill much higher positions than this, and his affable manners at all times have made him a host of friends outside of his own party who would gladly see his abilities recognized in a fitting manner.

COURT ENDS TRUST

Paper Combine is Crushed and Aggregate Fines Amount to \$52,000.

DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY.

Twenty-six Paper Manufacturers Are Included in the Indictments Which Were Made by a New York Federal Grand Jury Last December—Thus Ends the Second Organization of Paper Manufacturers Organized by John H. Parks.

New York, Feb. 7.—Twenty-six manufacturing firms of the paper board association, indicted by the Federal grand jury in December last, as members of an illegal commission in restraint of trade, took the easiest legal course today and entered a plea of guilty as an association in the United States Circuit Court.

The indictment, among other things stated that because of this illegal commission, the association levied as an annual tax of \$5,000,000 on the people of the country. Fines of \$2,000 each, \$52,000 in all, were immediately imposed and in all except one case were paid in cash.

Thus ends the second organization of paper men formed by John H. Parks. The fibre and manila combine met a similar fate in the Federal courts some time ago. By pleading guilty at corporations today individuals also indicted in the paper board association succeeded in having their indictments quashed. The association had its headquarters in this city and had been in excess for more than four years.

SHOT DOWN AT THE ALTAR.

Colored Preacher Shot from Ambush While He and Congregation Were Kneeling in Prayer.

Monday's Charlotte Observer carried the following account of a sensational shooting at Waxhaw, which is about 25 miles from Charlotte: "A long distance telephone message from Waxhaw last night conveyed to officers in Charlotte intelligence of one of the most sensational shootings that ever occurred in this section of the State.

"While Rev. William McDonald, pastor of the colored Baptist church of Waxhaw, was on his knees engaged in prayer in front of the pulpit of his church, and surrounded by his congregation, three pistol shots rang out on the night air, one going wild and two striking the minister in his left side, one inflicting a wound that is serious though not necessarily fatal. The shots were fired through the rear window of the church and all were aimed at the colored preacher, one inflicting the fearful wound, a second striking the watch in his vest pocket and glancing, and the third burying itself in the floor. The congregation immediately dispersed, some hurrying into the town to notify the officers while others scattered to find out who had fired the shots. No clues were discovered, no one in the confusion being able to find out anything. The shooting took place at a time when all heads were bowed in prayer and hence no one saw the face at the window when the pistol was sighted. McDonald had been shepherding the Waxhaw flock only about four months.

EX-VICE-PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS IN ROME.

Makes Address at the American Methodist Church—Why He Did Not See the Pope.

Ex-Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, was in Rome, Italy, last week. On Saturday he was presented to the king, on Sunday he delivered an address at the American Methodist church, and on Monday he had an engagement to meet the Pope, the head of the Catholic church, but the Pope would not see him because he had visited the Methodist church. The Pope gave as his reason that the Methodist church had been trying to get the Catholics to join their church.

Gouged Negroes Eye Out With Pitchfork.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 4.—With his eye gouged out by a pitchfork, Chas. Young, a negro of this city, is at Lincoln Hospital, and Tom Brown is in jail, for development of the injuries. The two, who happened to have been working for P. D. Broadwell to pay costs in actions against them by recent courts, had a quarrel yesterday afternoon and the white man says the negro attacked him with a rock. The white man then harpooned the African with the instrument. It caused the poor fellow to howl with pain, and in extracting the fork the eye was pulled almost entirely out.

Negro Confesses to Triple Murder.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 4.—By his own stoic confession, Bingham Bryson, a negro, is the man who, on December 9th, killed three white women, Mrs. Eliza Gribble, aged 70; Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, her daughter, and Mrs. Maggie Hunter, in their home on Perry street, in the heart of Savannah.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Gilliam Lewis fell dead Sunday afternoon at his home near Middlesboro.

Sheriff Watson, of Cumberland County, captured two more illicit stills last week.

Mrs. E. J. Love, said to be a wealthy Philadelphia woman, dropped dead on a train at Greenville, S. C., Friday.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature to allow a vote on State prohibition.

The dormitory at Mt. Pleasant High School, in Nash County, was destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon.

The Durham Hosiery Mills No. 4, of Chapel Hill, has filed certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State.

The W. T. Hill Piano Company of Asheville has been organized for the purpose of manufacturing a new kind of piano.

Goldsboro Township, in Wayne County, has voted \$15,000 in bonds for good roads.

Jessie Crisp, a negro woman of Greensboro, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon by Emma Walker, also colored.

Henry Atwood, a shoe-maker, was found dead sitting on his bench near Yadkinville. He had been in falling health for some time.

John Hodges, a seventeen-year-old boy who lived near Selma, had his skull fractured while playing baseball Friday afternoon.

Representative Lovering, of Massachusetts, died in Washington Friday morning of pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks.

Julia, the ten-year-old child of Mr. J. W. Trent, of Spencer, was seriously burned Sunday while kindling a fire with kerosene oil.

A press dispatch states that the Navy Department has ordered Admiral Peary back to duty. He has been off of duty for about twenty years.

In Superior Court at Lenoir last week M. Holden was sentenced to two and one-half years on the roads for killing Walter Hawkins in a crap game.

Col. Wesley Andrews, State Republican Chairman of Pennsylvania, and secretary to Senator Penrose, died in Washington Saturday of pneumonia.

Chicago will vote on the question of prohibition in the near future unless some irregularities are discovered in the petition presented to the board of elections Saturday.

The United States Senate passed a resolution Monday permitting the Confederate veterans to use the Government's tents at their reunion in Mobile, Ala., next April.

The cold wave Monday and Tuesday extended over the entire east coast, many towns reporting the coldest weather this winter. Two persons froze to death in Philadelphia.

Two cases of small-pox were discovered in the Rowan County Jail Monday and the sheriff and attendants have been quarantined as a precaution against the spread of the disease.

The little two-year-old child of Mr. Rogers Collins was burned to death Saturday at their home near Lumberton. The child was standing near a burning brush heap when its clothing caught fire.

The February term of Davidson County has been postponed for two weeks on account of the small-pox situation. It is estimated that there are one hundred cases of the disease in that county.

The case of Solomon Shepherd, the Durham negro charged with the murder of Engineer Holt, was called in Granville court yesterday. A large number of men have been summoned from which to select the jury.

The stockholders of the South-bound Railway have authorized the issuance of bonds to the extent of five million dollars, to be used in the equipment of the road, which is now being built from Winston to Wadesboro.

An aged man named Pete Goodwin was burned to death at Chapanoche, Perquimans County, Saturday night. The old man had told some of the people of Chapanoche that he had run away from the County Home, in Norfolk County, Virginia, and was on his way to Edenton, where he had a daughter living. He was allowed to sleep in an outhouse that night and some one kindled a fire for him. It was not long before his screams were heard and the old man was found enveloped in flames. He died in great agony a few hours later.

MAY LOSE HIS SEAT

Democratic Congressman From Virginia May Be Deprived of His Office.

CRAZY MAN WAS IN RACE.

Case Now Before House Election Committee—May Not Be Any Increase in Rate on Second-Class Matter—Government Will Loan Tents to Confederate Veterans for Their Reunion at Mobile in April—Federal Incorporation Bill Introduced—Meeting of Gridiron Club.

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