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Capital Punisment and Crime.

At a hearing before a legislative committe in Boston on a bill for the abolition of the death penalty, George L Patterson, of Cambridge presented statistics bearing on the subject. He said that he had at one time made a special study of the matter, and had collected considerable materia' from original sources. In Michigan, which was the first State to abolish capital punishment there were thirty-seven murders in the thirteen years preceeding the passage of the law abolishing the death penalty, and thirty-one in the thirteen years following its abolition, a small decrease on the face of it; but as the population had in the second interval increased about 50 per cent., the actual decrease in murder was not more than 40 per cent. Rhode Island abolished the death penalty in 1852, and the decrease had been about 33 per cent. from 1871 to 1889; and in Maine where it had been abolished and reinstated and again abolished, the decrease had been about the same. In Iowa it had been abolished and reinstated; but in the four years from 1872 to 1876, while the penalty was not in force, there was one murder for every 1,200,000 of the inhabitants, as against one murder for every 800,000 in the four preceeding years.

From sources not original he had gathered these facts: In Norway, from 1869 to 1879, 14 men were sentenced to death, and only three executed; in Austria from 1870 to 1879, there were 806 death sentences and only 16 executions; in Denmark from 1870 to 1880, 94 were sentenced and 1 executed; in England about 76 per cent. of all the trials for offences not punishable by death resulted in convictions; in the United States the average number each year was about 2,500, and there were from 100 to 150 convictions. Holland has abolished the death penalty, and there has been a decrease in crimes formerly punished in that way. In Portugal, which abolished the death penalty in 1967, there had been a remarkable decrease in homicides, as he had been assured by the United States Consul at Lisbon, who had consult d native authorities.

It Will Please the Old Hero.

A bill has been introduced in the lower house of congress to create four major generalships for the regular army, the places to be filled with men of the volunteers in recognition of their service in the late war and naming Gen. Wheeler as one of the four. The President is said to be favorable to it and it is believed that the bill will pass. It is understood that Gen. Wheeler will be pleased with it, though he says so for as he knows it grew out of his being asked by a few friends whether he would like a generalship in the regular army, to which he frankly replied that he would.

Col. Carr Quits the Tobacco Business.

Col. J S Carr has severed his connection with the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company. He will give his attention to other interests in which he is engaged.

COLD WEATHER IN THE WEST.

The Coldest Chicago Has Known in 27 Years—Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois Reported Temperatures Ranging from 16 to 34 Degrees Below Zero.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Not since 1872 has Chicago experienced such intense cold as that which prevailed today. The lowest notch reached since the establishment of the weather bureau in this city was 23 below. At 11 o'clock tonight it was 19 below, and when the weather office closed the officials predicted that by tomorrow morning the mercury would reach 25 below. Reports from points in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois show temperatures ranging from 16 to 34 degrees below zero, the latter at La Crosse, Wis. There is much suffering in the interior towns among the poor people.

A Great Loss of Cattle Predicted.

Denver, Col., Feb. 8.—J W Springer, secretary of the Continental Land and Cattle Company received word from its Montana and Texas ranches that the loss of live stock would be very great as a result of the long and general storms and cold. The loss, said Mr. Springer, will be general throughout the Western country, from Montana down through Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. In some places it will undoubtedly reach 50 per cent., and it will run throughout the country between 10 and 35 per cent. "The great loss of cattle is bound to make high prices during the year," he says.

Eight Below, Growing Colder and a Coal Famine Threatened.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 8.—A coal famine is threatened throughout Kentucky. T B Cassidy, of the coal agency representing 11 mines, says that to his knowledge the coal supply will not last longer than 24 hours in any town in Kentuck. The mines are all flooded and it is impossible to get coal. The temperature in this city is 8 below zero and it is growing colder. Only one coal yard has coal, and its supply is limited.

To Worst to Come.

St. Paul. Feb. 8.—The worst of the almost unprecedent weather, it is feared is yet to come. The highest the mercury reached during the day was 18 below zero. At 7 o'clock it was 22 below and falling. Excepting Helena, all Nortowestern weather bureau points reported below zero weather. At 7 o'clock, Helena was 14 above, but Duluth reported 18 below, Swift Current 30 below, Huron, Battlefield and Prince Albert 26 below, and Winnipeg 34 below.

No Damage to Live Stock.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 8—Specials from points in Nebraska, western Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming indicate that no serious damage to live stock has resulted from the present cold wave. In eastern Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa the themometer has ranged from 16 to 30 below zero, but to the westward the temperature has risen.

Coldest of the Winter.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 8.—The coldest weather of the winter was experienced today. The minimum temperature was 2 below zero and the indications are for much colder weather by morning. A piercing wind and fine snow indicate a blizzard. Because of the low gas pressure there is much suffering in the poor quarters of the city.

Seventeen Below Zero.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8—The body of a workingman about 50 years of age was found frozen stiff in the west bottoms of Kansas City today. At Centralia, Mo., it was 18 degress below zero. Many reports of suffering to live stock have been received.

Another Snow Storm in the Southwest.

Denver, Col., Feb. 8.—A snow storm ranging in the mountains again tied up the Colorado lines to the west today.

Seats for Craven Memorial Temple

Mr. D W Lambe, who travels in the interest of a large opera chair factory, spent Monday night here, having come to see Mr. W R Odell on busines. A contract was made by Mr. Odell for the gentleman's factory to furnish the chairs for the Craven Memorial Temple at Durham. The number of seats contracted for was 1024.

INFORMATION WANTED.

By a Federal Prisoner Who Escaped From Salisbury.

The following letter has been received by Postmaster J H Ramsay, of Salisbury. Any one knowing the parties mentioned will confer a favor by writing Mr. Fletcher. The letter, as it appeared in the Salisbury Sun, reads:

Richmond, Kans., Feb. 2, '99.

Sir: In the spring of '65 I escaped from Salisbury prison, some eight or ten miles (as near as I can judge south of there). I stopped at a house to get something to eat. The owner of the place was a widow lady by the name of Sarah Groner, or Growner.

A younger sister was living with her, also Mrs. G's little daughter, about seven or eight years of age.

They kept me there about three weeks until I had gained some strength.

Then I started for our line in East Tenn.

Now my object in writing you is to find out if any one by that name gets their mail at your office or if you know any one by that name in that part of the country. If so you will greatly oblige me, by writing to that effect or any information about them.

I believe they were Germans and her father at that time owned a fine farm or plantation between Salisbury and Concord.

Most Resp't Yours,
J. W. FLETCHER.

Richmond, Kansas.

Some Points Gained About the Mrs Groner.

Since publishing the article some days ago, wherein a man named Fletcher, of Richmond, Kansas, was inquiring for a Mrs. Sarah Groner, with whom he boarded in time of the war. We find some information.

This Mrs. Sarah Groner, of whom he speaks, was sister of Mr. Fred Cline who lives above town, and was also a sister of Mrs. Fred Glass and a Mrs. Earnhardt, of this county, who first time married a man named Dees, a German shoemaker. She was the daughter of Mr. Jacob Cline, a German farmer, who lived about five miles above this place. This lady was a widow and lived about a quarter of a mile above the county home.

In either 1868 or 1869 she moved from here to some western State, but at this time it is not known, but we will find out ere long. Mr. Solomon Rimstein, one of our German inhabitants here, knew her well. These Cline were all German people and were about the only people in that part of the country to whom he could talk in these times before he became able to master our language.

Around the Depot.

For the convenience of unloading stock here, a stock pen is being built on this side of the railroad some distance above the bridge.

Preparations are being made to apply the cement on the walks around next to the station, under the projecting roof.

Hands are at work blasting out the rock near the baggage room for the convenience of wagons loading at that room.

Fifty-eight entirely new settees have been put in both waiting rooms. All are finished in hard oil, and equipped with nicely nickled arms.

What About It?

There is a difference of opinion as to whether Wednesday night was the coldest night that we have this year. Some, judging from water freezing in their rooms, claim that it was while others think not.

Prof. H T J Ludwig, who is the observer of the weather in this part of the State and who is equipped with the best of thermometers, telephones us the temperature during the night came down to 17 degrees.—Daily of the 9th.

Seventeen Dozen Birds for Market.

Mr. Hampton Furr, who lives only a few miles from Locust Level, in Stanly County, spent Wednesday night here on his way to Charlotte. He had in a large sack seventeen dozen birds, which were engaged at that place. He says that he and his brother had killed them since Monday morning. He gets ninety cents per dozen for them.

They're All Right.

Those who saw the fusion legislature of two years ago should drop in on the present body as Raleigh and note the contrast. Instead of a howling, half savage mob will be seen an orderly, dignified body of gentlemen transacting business with decency and dispatch. It is safe to say that more genuine business is done in a day than the former crowd did in a week. The Record dropped in on them yesterday and the difference in what was seen on this occasion and two years ago at once suggested itself. And without stretching the blanket it can also be said that they are a most handsome set of gentlemen.—Greensboro Record.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

Text of the Measure Agreed Upon by the Democratic Legislative Caucus Wednesday and to be Submitted to Vote of the People.

Section 1. That article 6 of the constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

Suffrage and Eligibility to Office—Qualifications of an Elector.

Secton 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this article shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except herein otherwise provided.

Section 2. He shall reside in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote four months next preceding the election; provided, that removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which is, or may hereafter be imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 3. Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as hereinafter prescribed by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

Section 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language; and, in addition thereto shall have paid on or before the first day of March, of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax, as prescribed by law, for the previous year, and he shall exhibit his receipt therefor when he offers to vote. Poll Taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall be issued to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Section 5. No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications prescribed in section 4 of this article: provided, he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this article prior to December 1, 1908, and no person shall be entitled to register under this section after that date.

The General Assembly shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, provide the manner in which the classes of persons provided for in this section shall register.

Section. 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

Section. 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, ———, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as ———. So help me God."

Sction. 8 The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgement suspended, of any treason or felony, or any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Section. 9. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

THE GRADED SCHOOL.

The Report for the Month Past—Some Improvements to Be Made—Suggestions Made By the Superintendent.

Central Building.

Boys 172, girls 167, total 339; attendance 97 per cent; tardy 47, punished 5, truancy 0, visitors 11.

Forest Hill.

Boys 40, girls 44, total 84; attendance 95 per cent; tardy 0, punished 0, truancy 0, visitors 0.

Cannonville.

Boys 41, girls 43, total 84; attendance 93 per cent; tardy 11, punished 0, truancy 1, visitors 2.

Colored.

Boys 97, girls 113, total 210; attendance 93 per cent; tardy 149, punished 22, truancy 0, visitors 10.

White	boys 353,	girls 264	
Col'd	" 97	" 113	
Total	350	367	717.

Honor Roll.

Mr Petty—Nina Hog and Fossie Pounds, Ollie Fisher.

Miss Laura Leslie—Rosa Lungsman, Myrtle Davvault, Grace Blackwelder, Lena Price, Annie Blackwelder, Mary Boger.

Miss Fannie Little—Ollie Blanor, Jennie Coltrane, Mary Lilly Sherrill, Willie Yates.

Miss Pauline Morris—Clarence Boefel, Sam Goodman.

Miss Frances Hill—Verdie Bruns, Annie Hudson, Annie Sherrill, Maggie Wilson, John Rose.

Miss Addie Stricker—Dare Berthard, Adeline Morrison, Nettie Watkins, Simeons Paul.

Miss Mary Louis Harris—Leslie Bell, John Sears, Julia Barrow, Nellie Herring, Carrie Peirce, Lessie Pitts.

Miss Mollie Dodson—Maunie Crowell, Annie Cooke, Maggie Hendrix, Van Ritchie, Lutzer Sappenfield, Kay Patterson for past two months.

Miss Ora Hoover—Emma I Winecoff.

Miss Lena Leslie—George Cowell, Pink Martin, Della McEachern.

Colored School.

A E Gresley—Johnny Murphy, Willie Widenhouse.

Annie E Reid—Mary Melchor, Freddie Turner.

Lulu Jenkens—Ida Alexander, Annie Murphy, Sarah Wall, John Long.

Notes.

This ends the fifth month.

I wish we might have less tardiness. Try getting up sooner. Boys and girls who are in the habit of being tardy at school are likely to be tardy in business and lose a job or fall of success. School is business.

A handsome terrestial globe has recently been purchased for use in the schools.

Improvements are soon to be made to add to the comfort of Miss Little's room.

The eighth and ninth grades have interesting exercises every Friday.

C. S. C.

A Seagull Hovers Into Cabarrus.

On last Thursday afternoon Mr. Monroe Eitchie, of No. 6 township, saw a strange looking bird flying about with a few buzzards. He tried his marksmanship with his gun and brought it to the ground, not knowing what he had killed.

He brought it here today (Saturday) for the benefit of spectators. It is a seagull, a fowl which frequents the coast, but it is something extraordinary that it should drift this far from the ocean. It is a beautiful bird, finely feathered, and measures five feet from the tips of its wings. It is web-footed and has a bill somewhat similar to that of an eagle.

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So much misery and so many deaths have been caused by the Grip, that every one should know what a wonderful remedy for this malady is found in Dr. King's New Discovery. That distressing cough, that inflames your throat, robs you of sleep, weakens your system and paves the way, for Consumption is quickly stopped by this matchless cure. If you have chills and fever, pain in the back of the head, soreness in bones and muscles, sore throat and that cough that gives your throat like a vice, you need Dr. King's New Discovery to cure your Grip, and prevent Pneumonia or Consumption. Price 50cts. and $1.00. Money back if not cured. A trial bottle free at P. B. Fetzer's Drug Store.

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THE INVESTIGATION ENDED

The Committee Does Not Sustain the Charge of Embalmed Beef.

The investigating committee has ended its work and made its findings. They are not given out yet but are understood to not sustain Gen. Miles' charge of embalmed beef. It is said that the beef was fit for all emergency orders and that it was as good as could be got under the circumstances, and that the condition of that complained of was due to climatic influences under certain circumstances. They found that while there was room for complaint probably in some instances there was not so much that was unsatisfactory that it could not be found.

Gen. Alger and his subordinates are praised for faithful and efficient service.

For Legalized primaries.

The sentiment in favor of a legalized primary grows. Ex-Gov. Jarvis, who was here a few days, says the legislature ought to pass an act having a legalized primary for every office from Senator down to the smallest county office.

Speaking of the primary system Col. John S Cunningham says:

"The primary is my opinion, should be regulated by law. They are the fountainhead. They must be kept pure, and there must be perfectly fair dealing, and no tampering with the ballot. The elections should be settled in primaries, and these primary elections should be protected by an act of the General Assembly, and illegal voting in them should be punished.

"Whatever promotes honesty and secures peace and good government to our people should be adopted. It has been stated already, and it is true, primaries invite the best men to participate in politics, and aid in putting men in office who will represent the best interests of the people and of the State."—Raleigh News and Observer.

Spanish Engineers Play Jokes.

Mr. Gordon Olney, in writing to the Observer from Cuba says:

"Someone greased the rails of the Marianao Railroad one night this week, and when the passenger train came along it stopped on the grade, and was there two hours. The Spanish engineer was greatly frightened, and could not find out what was wrong. He thought he was held up, and uncoupling his engine took it to Quemados station, where, in his bewilderment, he started to take down the side rods to find out what was wrong. Someone suggested that he go back to his train and try sand. Finally he consented, and got his train away. When the joke was explained to him he was greatly amused, and immediately greased the rails behind his train, and then had the joke on the engineer of the next train. Since then every still the trains are late, south engineers are sworn by the bleeding saints or."

Rev. Dr. T N Ivey left today for Raleigh to make preparations for the first issue of his new new paper, the Raleigh Christain Advocate, which will make its appearance next Wednesday. The Advocate is the new organ of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South, and will start out under most auspicious circumstances. Dr. Ivey was unanimously elected editor of the paper by his conference and those who know him are pleased to believe that he will conduct a journal of the highest order. During his two years residence in Greensboro as co-editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate he has made many warm personal friends who regret to see him leave.—Greensboro Patriot of the 8th.

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CALOOCAN QUICKLY REDUCED.

Was Shelled By the Monadnock.

Manila, Feb. 10, 7.40 p. m.—The American forces, at 3 40 this afternoon, made a combined attack upon Caloocan and reduced it in short order. At a signal from the tower of the De La Lomech, the United States' double turreted monitor Monadnock opened fire from the bay, with the big guns of her forewarret on the earth works, with great effect. Soon afterward the U S Battery bombarded the place from the land side. The rebels reserved their fire until the bombardment ceased, when they fired volleys of musketry as the Montana Regiment advanced on the jungle. The Kansas Regiment, on the extreme left, with the Third Artillery deploying to the right, charged across the open and carried the earth works, checking, under a heavy fire. Supported by the artillery of the church, the troops further advanced, driving the enemy, dabbing every foot, right into the town line, and penetrated to the presidencia and lowered the Filipino flag at 5 30 p. m. The enemy's sharpshooters, in the jungle, on the right fired at long range on the Pennsylvania Regiment, but the rebels were soon silenced by shrapnel, and the Pennsylvanians remained in in trenches. As the Americans advanced they burned the native huts. The rebels were moved down like grass, but the American loss was slight.

Six Cases from King's Mountain.

Superintendent Cobb, of the Odell mills, informs us that Mr. R A Wilson, of King's Mountain, a man who has a good knowledge of mill work, has been given charge of the spinning department at night, which place until recently was filled by Mr. Will Robbins.

Mr. Wilson will move his family here, having two daughters and one son. His son, Mr. Robt. Wilson is a band man—a baritone player—and will very probably add much to our newly organized band.

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It Will Take a Long Time.

A Havana correspondent to Charlotte News has the following:

Sergeant Denton, of Company L., is still working on his discharge. His first application was presented but August in Jacksonville. He is as much in the dark at present as at that time. He wants some one to tell him how long it will take for a regiment to get out of service at the rate his discharge is going.

Judge Shaw Strengthens Statutes.

The Statesville correspondent to the Charlotte Observer says that Judge Shaw fined Mr. H Q Falmster fifty dollars for contempt of court, and dismissed him from the grand jury. Mr. Falmster was unwell Thursday, and took some whiskey, but unfortunately he took so much that he reported at the court house intoxicated. The judge also gave the county commissioners some "straight goods," because no place had been provided for the petit juries to hold their deliberations during this cold weather and for some other matters. It is hoped his remarks will bear fruit.

He had come upon her dozing in a hammock, and when she woke up she accused him of stealing a kiss. "Well," he said, "I will admit that the temptation was too strong to be resisted. I did steal one little kiss." "Oo!" she exclaimed indignantly. "I counted right before I woke up."—Anderson Intelligencer.

Rules for a Hotel.

A Minneapolis humorist has recently furnished these rules:

Board $50 per week. Meals extra.

Breakfast at five, dinner at six, supper at seven.

Guests are requested not to speak to the dumb waiter.

Guests wishing to get up will not be called can have self raising flour for supper.

Guests wishing to do a little driving will find a hammer and nails in the closet.

If your room gets too warm, open the window and see the fire escape.

If you're fond of athletics and like good jumping, lift up the mattress and see the bed spring.

If your lamp goes out, take a feather out of the pillow; that's light enough for any room.

Any one troubled with nightmare will find a halter on the bedpost.

Don't worry about paying your bill; the house is supported by the foundation.

Nearly everybody smokes in Manila. It is a common sight, after sundown, to see a father out for a stroll with his wife and children, and every one of them over the age of 5 years smoking a cigarette.—Durham Sun.

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