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GENERAL NEWS.

Things That Happened Out of the State.

The great prohibition campaign in Tennessee has ended, and the prohibitionists were defeated by a small majority.

Stanley Reynolds shot and possibly fatally wounded Frederick Schroeder, who was breaking into his house in New York.

The New York Herald is now published simultaneously on two continents, it appears every morning in New York and Paris.

Judge Rae, of Minnesota, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic on the first ballot by a majority of twenty-four.

Mrs. Cynthia Hawkins, an old and much respected resident of Islip, N. Y., was found in the woods murdered. Her son is charged with the crime.

Four persons were killed and two seriously wounded by the explosion of Geo. P. Plant's flour mill, St. Louis. The cause of the explosion was old boilers.

The safe in the postoffice at Fort Edward, N. Y., was blown open by burglars, the contents being valued at \$1,000, of which \$800 was in stamps.

Mrs. W. W. Woodsey, of Aiken, South Carolina, fell from the third story window of Dr. Spier's Medical Institute, in Brooklyn, Sunday, and was fatally injured.

Henry Johnson, twenty-one years of age, a prominent member of the Salvation Army in Rome, Ga., was found guilty of attempted rape on a seven-year-old girl.

The saloon men of Chattanooga, Tenn., as a result of the late prohibition election, have invited the authorities to aid them in a movement to close the saloons on Sunday.

Stanley has been heard from. He is marching on. The districts he traversed were tranquil, and little difficulty was experienced in obtaining provisions from the natives.

W. T. Grimshaw, residing with his aged widowed mother at Ansonia, N. Y., committed suicide by cutting his throat. He was a prominent harness manufacturer.

The steamer T. B. Sims was burned between Memphis and St. Louis. She had on board six thousand barrels of flour and about 275 bales of cotton. Only one life was lost.

The President visited the St. Louis Fair, afterwards was received at the Merchant's Exchange, where he made an extended address. He was received with great enthusiasm.

Watchman McGuigan, of the Hotel Lafayette, Philadelphia, caught thief at work in that hotel's kitchen. He is charged with a desperate struggle, in which he was shot twice.

Wm. Faldgier and Antonin Meric are executing a statute of Lafayette for the United States government. The value of the property is \$50,000, and will be placed in a square in Washington.

Louisa, the ten-year-old daughter of William Blumenthal, a planter living eight miles from Houston, Texas, was abducted and carried away on her way to school, by an unknown person.

Chas. P. Kimball, of Chicago, consul at Stuttgart, has tendered his resignation to Secretary Layard. He will be succeeded by D. J. Partello, of the District of Columbia, who is consul at Dusseldorf.

Miss Anna McGrath, a young lady belonging to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Indianapolis, has brought a suit against Henry Lanterstein, a member of the lodge, for \$5,000 damages for slander.

White digging for well at Friendship, N. Y., Saturday, the action being against the well of 20 feet. The oil flows freely and is said to be of good quality, gravity 32. The town is in a blaze of excitement.

Commissioner Sparks has recommended to Secretary Lamar that the whole of the public domain of about 500,000 acres of land in Minnesota within the second identity limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

By the falling of a derelict at the brewery of W. J. Lempy, at St. Louis, Mo., Friday morning, Daniel Olmerts was killed, Ferdinand Neumann fatally wounded, and four others fatally injured. The men fell sixty-five feet.

Frank M. Severance, formerly cashier of the Farmers' State bank, of Fayetteville, N. Y., was arrested last Wednesday, charged with the embezzlement of \$30,000. He is a prisoner at Syracuse, pending the procurement of bail.

The first suit toward the enforcement of the civil service law in Massachusetts is about to be prosecuted, the action being against the mayor of Haverhill for giving preference to a civilian over an ex-soldier in the appointment of a patrolman.

The steamer Santiago, from Hull, has brought the large bronze statue of Washington, destined for Philadelphia. The steamer reports 300 miles from land she encountered dense smoke, which is supposed to have been caused by the Canadian forest fires.

The interstate commerce commission has submitted its estimates for the coming fiscal year as follows: Salaries of commissioners, \$87,000; salary of secretary, \$2,000; all other necessary expenses, \$150,000; total, \$239,000. The present appropriation is \$100,000.

The navy department has written to the commandant of the New York harbor, directing him to at once commence operations necessary for the construction of one of the new 6,000-ton vessels. A similar letter has also been sent to the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard.

The General Assembly of the Knights of Labor was called to order in the Washington rink Monday by J. P. McLaughlin, secretary of the cooperative board and chairman of the local committee of arrangements. The rink was handsomely decorated and contained about three thousand people.

Secretary Fairchild yesterday appointed James A. Jewell to be acting special Agent of the Treasury Department, in place of L. G. Martin, who is transferred to the Baltimore district. Jewell commanded the Fifty-ninth during the war and obtained his commission on services in the field.

Chairman Cooley, of the interstate commission, has returned to Washington, and was at commission headquarters only a few other members of the commission are expected to reach Washington before the end of the week. The commission will hold its next formal meeting on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

Among the deaths investigated by the coroner of Washington was that of Mrs. Lottie Parker, 35 years of age, who died suddenly on Thursday. She was taken ill while attending a matinee at the National Theater, and died shortly after being removed to her home, No. 1,348 North Tenth street. Physicians testified that her death was due to heart disease, caused by the tight lacing of her corsets.

A horrible accident occurred on the Columbus and Cincinnati railroad last Friday. An express train running at the rate of 25 miles an hour, ran into a buggy which was crossing the track at Morgan's station, about 5 miles from the city. The buggy contained two aged ladies, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, who resides in the neighborhood, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Henderson, who resides at Salem, Iowa. They were on the way to visit a neighbor, and only a few feet from their destination. The buggy was torn to pieces and the two women killed instantly and thrown into a field.

The court martial which met at Washington, the latter part of the week, to try Second Lieutenant Weber of the Signal Corps, on charges preferred by Gen. Gravelly of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders in failing to send forward his monthly reports promptly from Wood's Hall, has returned a verdict of not guilty, and Gen. Sheridan has approved the findings of the court. The testimony went to show that if Lieut. Weber neglected his duty in forwarding his reports promptly, it was because he employed his time on several occasions climbing telegraph poles and assisting in repairing signal office coast lines that were prostrated by severe storms when he might have utilized it in making out his reports and thus prevented a court martial.

Who wouldn't be President?

What a delightful time he is having now.

The Nile has overflowed its banks. Now is the time for the Egyptians to cast their bread upon the waters.

JAMES SHEPHERD spent several days with his family at the Occaneechee hotel—Hillsboro Recorder.

Thought you said it ought to be Okonokov.

The Charlotte Chronicle of Sunday had eight pages of eight columns each. It claimed to be the largest daily ever issued in Charlotte. THE PLANT tenders congratulations to Brother Hembly. His success since the Chronicle became a morning paper has been phenomenal.

IS our clippings on the second page we have failed to give the Wilmington Star and the DURHAM PLANT credit for three articles in last column. In fact, things are a little mixed anyhow.—Sawford Express.

If the brother means by "mixed" that he can't tell PLANT writing from Star writing, THE PLANT makes its best bow, and invites the Express to clip again.

AN INTERESTING contest is going on in New York city. Mr. DeLancey Nicoll, whose untiring efforts in the prosecution of Jake Sharp won him many friends in all parts of the country, is looking to be District Attorney. The Herald throws the full force of its great power on the side of Nicoll and honesty. The friends and sympathizers of and winkers at the booblers are opposing Nicoll. The eternal conflict of good against evil is receiving an illustration. We are for Nicoll against the field.

THE Asheville Citizen justly boasts of the premium received by Capt. Nat. Atkinson, at the Pennsylvania fair. He received first premium on grasses and grains. When North Carolina shows she can beat Pennsylvania she has cause to be proud. But if she can beat her, why don't she? Why just raise a few prize stalks? Raise acres and acres of grass. The N. C. Farmer well says: "What show what we can do, but fail in what we ought to do." Yes, we live on the glory of our possibilities, and fill ourselves with western bacon and our cattle with northern hay. We brag and starve. Less brag and more work will do lots of good.

The Fair season is here. The State Fair will begin October 18th. The Goldsboro and Hickory Fairs both take place the following week, Goldsboro beginning Wednesday, October 26th, and Hickory, Tuesday, October 25th. The special premiums at Hickory ought to draw a crowd.

\$2.50 in gold for the Homestead Man.
\$2.50 in gold for the Prettiest Lady.
\$2.50 in gold for the Prettiest White Baby.
\$2.50 in gold for the Prettiest Cold Baby.
\$2.50 in gold for the Largest Cat.

We suggest a final tableau: The homeliest man, in his arms the prettiest white baby swallowing a \$2.50 gold piece, sitting by the prettiest lady holding the largest cat, while he claws the wool of the prettiest colored baby which cries continually, while putting out his eyes with his fists, to the tune of "Every day'll be Sunday by and by."

THE GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Many papers are busying themselves fixing up slates. There is plenty of time. Those who may now appear available men have nearly a year to do something that may relegate them to the seclusion of private life, and those who are not now mentioned have time enough to develop into strong candidates. It is well enough to throw out feelers, and make enquiries and endeavor to ascertain the drift of public sentiment, but it is too soon to "set the west on fire," "solidify the east," or put up "winning tickets," the convention will attend to all that in due season.

Important question. What sort of platform ought the Democratic party adopt next year? There is some diversity of opinion. All do not agree on the internal revenue. There are many shades of opinion on the tariff. There are some mutterings on the county government question. The working men and knights of labor and prohibitionists fancy they have cause for complaint, and are either setting up for themselves or joining the Republicans. The platform ought to be drawn in all honest and fairness, and then some men nominated whose character and career are the embodiment of the principles set forth in the platform. We are always too hasty about this matter anyhow. The platform ought to be settled first, before any nominations. Our sister States usually attend to that matter first. We go into a convention, appoint a committee on resolutions, proceed with the nominations, and when nearly all interest in the convention is dead, the committee reports, with a hurrah, the platform and the motion to adjourn are almost simultaneously carried, and we go home not knowing what principles we have avowed, thinking only of the success of the candidate for that one campaign, giving but little thought to the campaigns that follow. We must try to adopt a platform that declares what is right for all time as well as what is expedient for the present.

If the press will go to work and provide planks for the use of the committee on resolutions, a good work may be done.

ROTATION OF CROPS.

The time is almost at hand when preparation for another year's planting must be made. The Farm, Field and Stockman in a pointed manner reiterates the doctrines that have been advocated for years. Diversify. Rotate. Let the reasons of the writer be studied:

Prof. J. W. Sanborn, of the Missouri Agricultural college, in a bulletin lately issued, reporting experiments in crop rotation, gives the following which are valuable upon the philosophy of rotation.

Rotations are valuable because plants vary in the area of the soil in which the roots grow, and from which they derive the sustenance of the plant, thus more completely utilizing the soil within their reach.

There is a remarkable variation in the power of plants to appropriate the various elements of plant growth, due, at least in part, to the character of the acids secreted by their roots. Thus, one plant, like clover, has a high power of gathering nitrogen, and another, like wheat, a very low power.

Plants vary in their weight of roots, as an illustration, clover, carrying several times the weight of roots that wheat does, it will be seen that inasmuch as clover roots are very much richer in nitrogen than wheat, and carry enough nitrogen to grow a crop of wheat, that wheat will most advantageously follow clover. Thus, likewise, other plants follow each other advantageously.

Rotation of crops, besides, in a large measure, the root enemies, both insect and fungus, that prey upon them. Each plant having its own peculiar enemies, changing of plants removes them to fields unoccupied by such enemies. This is true of the above-ground growth of plants to an important degree.

Plants vary in the amounts of the various elements of nutrition actually taken up in growth; thus while wheat takes only one and one-fourth pounds of potash for every pound of phosphoric acid, potatoes take three and one-fourth pounds of potash for each pound of phosphoric acid. Continuous growth of potatoes would exhaust the potash of the soil or of supplied manure long before the phosphoric acid would give out.

The leaves of plants vary in their power of gaining food and of vaporizing water, and are roughly divided into broad and narrow leaves.

Leaves vary in their season of active growth. Those plants maturing in mid-summer and early fall generally gather nitrogen (corn and turnips are good examples), following in their growth the decomposing influence of the sun, more easily and fully than other crops do.

Rotation conserves soil fertility and yet aids in soil decomposition by alternation of grass, or cover crops and hoed crops. Under a continuation of plow and tillage crops, leaching, volatilization and washing of fertility is rapid and may be, or is more than carried away by crops, especially so of crops.

Rotation of crops distributes labor over the year; and therefore economizes labor and gives regular help and aids in the solution of the labor problem of the farm.

STRAWS.

The Washington Star enumerates a few straws that seem to indicate the direction of the wind:

"Mr. Powderly's supporters in the Knights of Labor frankly admit that a considerable reduction during the year; but they point with satisfaction to the fact that the twenty per cent. who have left are people whose loss will not be felt except for good. They are generally the malcontent element, who joined the order without understanding its objects, or with the notion that they would find little difficulty in running it after their own fashion and for their own ends. These men have found fault with the early strikes and the crushing out of boycotts. There are threats of fresh trouble, moreover, because the Powderly faction insist on conducting the deliberations of this society like those of any other ordinary American body, while a certain element want to bring in beer-drinking as one of the regular attractions, and give the meetings of the Knights the air of foreign socialist gatherings. It seems to be pretty well settled in advance that there will be a battle at Minneapolis, ending in a victory for Mr. Powderly, who will probably not be continued in office, but have his powers materially extended. The order may not be strengthened in numbers by the controversies which have been waged with it for some years, but it is certainly improved in every other way."

The Wilmington Daily Messenger is 3 months old. We have never before seen so lusty an infant. It is a great paper, full of news, excellent editorials and bright locals. If we were to say exactly what we think it would be to the effect that the Messenger is the best newspaper in the State. It certainly keeps both eyes and ears open.

Charlotte Chronicle: Mr. Egbert Hart, who was so brutally assaulted by a waiter in the Eutaw House, Baltimore, about September 7th, arrived home yesterday, having sufficiently recovered as to be able to travel. His mother, who has been with him constantly since the day following the affair, accompanied him home. The wound on Mr. Hart's head is healing rapidly and he will soon be himself again. Madmen, the waiter who assaulted him, has never been seen since he disappeared from the Eutaw dining room.

A drunken engineer on the Washington southbound train was prevented from creating a disaster, and also from committing suicide, Wednesday last, by the vigilance of his fireman. He tried to jump from the car window.

Michael Davitt, the famous Irish agitator, and Consul-General Walker have arrived in New York. Mr. Davitt says he is in search of rest and recuperation, and will make no public appearance there.

God is entitled to the supreme place in our hearts. It would degrade him to accept less, and would be unworthy of us to offer it.

There is love in every command of God; as if a king should bid one of his subjects dig in a gold mine, then take the gold.

Use the great specific for "cold in head" and "catarrh"—Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

An Interesting Melange of Newsy Items.

Mrs. Cleveland's imported Jersey heifer, recently presented to her by George W. Childs, has arrived and is now in the stables at Oak View. This heifer, which is said to be a perfect type of the Jersey cow, has had considerable experience in traveling, having been bought by Mr. Childs in his native island in the English Channel. As soon as Mrs. Cleveland heard of the arrival of the present, she went right out to see it and patted it and caressed it until they were in a fair way of becoming friends. During the summer, Mrs. Cleveland has attended a small Episcopal church, known as St. Alban's, near Oak View. The rector of this church is the Rev. A. J. Falls, formerly of the Diocese of North Carolina, and a son-in-law of Col. Walton, the proprietor of the Glen Alpine Springs, near Morganton.

The yacht race between the Thistle and the Volunteer excited so much interest in New York that the offerings of bonds on that day fell below a million for the first time since September 21st, the date of the issue of the circular. The total amount offered on that day was \$717,850. The demand for money has been heavily decreased, and it is thought the recent action of the Treasury Department has entirely relieved the stringency of the money market.

Secretary Lamar has returned to the city very much improved in health.

I learn on good authority that the President will not fill the vacancy on the Supreme court bench until after his return from his Southern and Western trip. One of the most strongly endorsed men for the position is Judge Semmes of New Orleans. It is generally conceded by those who have no political axes to grind that a Louisiana man ought to have the place. One of the strongest reasons urged for this is that Louisiana has nearly twice as many cases before the Supreme court of the United States as all the other States composing that judicial circuit put together. Judge Semmes is a brother of the late Confederate Admiral Semmes of Alabama fame. He is considered one of the ablest lawyers in the South and has amassed a fortune from a law practice which yields him an income much larger than the salary of a Supreme court judge.

Major McClammy and Col. F. W. Clark are in the city.

The endorsement of the President's policy by the Saratoga convention is very gratifying to his friends in this city. Of course it was expected, but it is impossible to count with certainty on some of the elements which compose the New York Democracy.

An ovation will be tendered Governor Shepherd by the citizens of the District when he returns to the city. The development of the most beautiful parts of the city is said to be due to the efforts of Gov. Shepherd. The workmen in the city have refused to allow their organizations to take part in the parade because they object to the contractor who builds the stand! The Labor party will be a powerful factor in the politics of the future, if its leaders will pursue a reasonable, conservative course. But if they continue to quibble about such trifling matters as the above, which is only one instance out of fifty that has recently come under my notice, they will never secure the support of the mass of plain-thinking men.

Secretary Fairchild is in the city and will have an interview with the President to-day on the financial situation, before the Chief Executive leaves.

The special train hired by the President for his trip, is said to be the handsomest and most complete in the world, and although it consists of only two palace cars, a baggage and supply car, it represents \$200,000. The work on these palace cars is said to be the most elaborate ever done by the Pullman company. An engine and dynamo in the forward car will furnish electric lights and bells for the train.

Chief Justice Waite and Justice Matthews say the case of the condemned anarchists cannot be brought before the Supreme court unless the constitution of some Federal statute are involved. The fact that the trial was one of extraordinary importance, they say has no bearing on the question of the Supreme court's jurisdiction over the case.

Flat River Item.

Rev. J. R. Underwood has just closed a protracted meeting at Mt. Tabor church on the Granville circuit, with about fifteen converts as the result of the meeting, all of whom joined the church. Mr. Underwood is very acceptable to our circuit.

Yours, M.

Stop and Weigh.

One morning an enraged countryman came into Mr. M.'s store with very angry looks. He left a team in the street, and had a good stick in his hand.

"Mr. M.," said the angry countryman, "I bought a paper of nutmegs here in your store, and when I got home they were more than half walnuts; and that's the young villain that I bought them of," pointing to John.

"John," said Mr. M., "did you sell this man walnuts for nutmegs?"

"No, sir," was the ready reply.

"You lie, you young villain!" said the countryman, still more enraged at his assurance.

"Now, look here," said John. "If you had taken the trouble to weigh your nutmegs, you would have found that I put in the walnuts gratis."

"Oh, you gave them to me, did you?"

"Yes, sir, I threw in a handful for the children to crack," said John, laughing at the same time.

"Well, now, if you ain't a young scamp," said the countryman, his features relaxing into a grin, as he saw through the matter.

Much hard talk and bad blood would be saved, if people would stop to weigh things before they blame others.

"Think twice before you speak once," is an excellent motto.

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