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NO BRITISH CESSION

Official Denial of Cession by England of Island at Mouth of Red Sea.

FOR THE OCCUPATION OF CUBA.

First Order for Movement of Troops---Spaniards Fully Expected to Acquiesce in Our Demands Before End of Limit Imposed---Marshal Blanco Resigns---Call for Popular Aid to Spanish Credit---The President of Costa Rica in Washington--Official Courtesies Between the Two Presidents.

Washington, November 23.—An official denial is given to the sory coming from Vienna via London to the effect that the United States has been negotiating with the British government for the lease of the island of Socotra, off the eastern extremity of Africa and near the entrance of the Red sea.

ORDER FOR OCCUPATION OF WESTERN CUBA.

The war department today issued the first of the general orders looking to the occupation of the central and western provinces of Cuba by United States troops. The order contemplates the early beginning of the movements, as the Spanish troops are expected to have progressed with the evacuation movement early in December. The order is dated November 23rd and is as follows:

"Commanding General, Second Army Corps, Augusta, Ga.:

"With the approval of the secretary of war, the First brigade, Third division, of your corps will proceed fully equipped for field service and take station in Cuba as follows:

"Headquarters and one regiment of infantry at Guanajay.

"The troops will embark at Savannah, and the movements will be so regulated that no regiment will reach Savannah more than twenty-four hours prior to sailing. The regiment for Mariel should land at that point. The other two should land at Havana and proceed to destination by rail. It is not necessary that the entire brigade leave at the same time, but regiments may move in succession as transports can be provided. The evacuation of Pinar del Rio by the Spanish will be completed by December 3rd and the troops above designated should reach destination by December 1st, or earlier.

"The brigade will take as much of its wagon transportation as is possible and camp and garrison equipage, including tent floors.

"By command of Major General Miles.

"H. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant General."

This brigade is commanded by Brigadier General Wm. C. Yates and the officers of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania, Third New Jersey and Two Hundred and Second New York regiments. They are now at Athens, Ga. Mariel is the seaport of Pinar del Rio province on the north side. It lies about thirty miles west of Havana, and lying inland fifteen miles is Guanajay, the nearest point to the railroad line running from Havana to the city of Pinar del Rio, the capital of the province of that same name, which is about twenty miles west of Havana and is to be the headquarters of the American army of occupation in the province. The railroad can be reached from Guanajay by a short march.

THE PEACE COMMISSIONERS.

Paris, November 23.—At the request of the Spanish peace commissioners there will be no joint session today, pending instructions from Madrid. The date of the next meeting is not fixed. The postponement of today is regarded as a hopeful sign that the treaty will be signed. While the Madrid government has not yet received the text of the American ultimatum, the Spanish ministers received quite enough by telegraph on Monday night to enable them to instruct their commissioners to retire, were such their intentions.

The belief was confidently expressed by several of the American commissioners in conversation with the correspondent of the Associated Press today, that before the expiration of the time fixed by the Americans, namely Monday next, the Spaniards would acquiesce in the Philippine offer and that, ultimately, the treaty would be signed by all the Spanish commissioners. It is true that the course which Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, will follow is still uncertain, as he continues to play to the gallery, but a leading member of the American commission believes he will sign with the other Spaniards. In any case, his place on the commission will be speedily filled, probably by Senor Leon y Castillo, the Spanish ambassador here.

It is understood that Senor Montero Rios sent a communication to the American commission late yesterday evening, asking a number of questions. The most important of them was to get an answer to which the letter was undoubtedly written, was tucked away in the middle of the letter. It asked, in effect, if the Americans really meant that the ultimatum must be answered by Monday. The Spaniards were assured that such was the intent, and the answer has cleared the air.

A member of the Spanish commission today assured the correspondent of the Associated Press, that the next meeting of the commissioners will take place on Friday or Saturday and that Spain's answer then will be the last she will make and that it will be a definite conclusion of the matter in hand.

This utterance is looked upon as indicating that Spain will sign the treaty of peace.

MARSHAL BLANCO RESIGNS.

Madrid, November 23.—The Official Gazette today publishes a decree accepting the resignation of Marshal Blanco as captain general of Cuba.

After the meeting of the cabinet council a minister said that nothing definite had been decided upon the subject of peace.

Washington, November 23.—No surprise is expressed in government circles at the news of General Blanco's resignation. It is known that some time ago the general sought to resign the office of captain general of Cuba and he was induced to retain the post only by an appeal to his patriotism on the part of the Madrid government. It is supposed that his purpose is to avoid what he may regard as the dishonor of surrendering the "Gem of the Antilles" to the United States. The captain general of the Philippines took the same course. General Arotas, the second in command, is likely to have the unpleasant duty of surrendering Spanish sovereignty over Cuba. It is believed that General Blanco's action will not in any way affect the evacuation, save in the possibility it contains of inciting trouble among the Spanish troops.

CALL FOR POPULAR AID TO SPANISH CREDIT.

Madrid, November 23.—A semi-official note, issued today contains an appeal to all Spaniards to furnish assistance to save the national credit "if they do not wish foreign capital to be withdrawn from Spain." The note adds: "Some people believe Cuba ought to assume her own debt, no matter in whose hands is her sovereignty, because she herself possesses the security therefor in the form of customs If, however, nobody will assume the debt, Spain must pay what Cuba cannot, because Spain made herself responsible." Continuing the note reads: "With respect to the debt of the Philippine islands, Spain must await a definite treaty of peace in order to know what conditions America will impose upon Spain through the Paris commissioners."

COSTA RICA'S PRESIDENT.

Washington, November 23.—President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, arrived here this afternoon, and although traveling incognito he was accorded all the honors befitting the visit of the president of a sovereign government and a sister republic. Colonel Carter, of the adjutant general's office, had met the president and his party at New York and accompanied them to Washington. On their arrival here they were met at the station by Colonel Bingham, as the personal representative of the president, who escorted the party to carriages in waiting. President Iglesias, Minister Calvo, of Costa Rica, and Colonels Carter and Bingham entered the first carriage and were driven to the Arlington hotel, where they were joined by the remaining members of the party.

Shortly after the president's arrival, Secretary Porter called to ask when it would be agreeable for Mr. Iglesias to receive the president of the United States, who desired to pay his respects. An immediate engagement was made and soon thereafter President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Porter and Colonel Bingham, the latter in full uniform, drove from the White house to the hotel. They were met at the doorway by Minister Calvo and Colonel Carter and escorted to President Iglesias' private parlor. The meeting of the two presidents was most cordial and entirely devoid of formalities. They chatted together about five minutes, exchanged good wishes, and then President McKinley bid President Iglesias goodbye, after wishing him a most pleasant visit in this country. This official formality over, another one of a like nature followed when President Iglesias returned Mr. McKinley's call. The Costa Rican president was accompanied to the White house by the officials of his party and was received by President McKinley with another exchange of well wishes. The party then returned to the hotel where dinner was served in their private dining apartment. A dinner will be given at the White house in honor of the visiting president some time next week.

FORMULATING THE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT.

The commission appointed by the president to recommend a form of government for the Hawaiian islands, as a part of the United States, met in Senator Cullom's committee room at the capitol today for the first time since leaving Honolulu, Senators Cullom and Morgan, Representative Hitt and Judge Frear being present. The meeting was devoted to discussing details of the bill and report which the commission will present to congress, that had not been fully decided upon at the last meeting. The legislation which will be recommended by the commission, will be included in a bill which, to all intents and purposes, will be an enabling act and very much like the bills providing for the admission of new states into the union, except in the one important detail that it provides for the admission of a territory and not a state. The bill has been completed, but probably will be amended somewhat in detail. The report has not been completed, but the commission has decided upon its important features. One of these is a recommendation that the system of importing labor under contract shall be discontinued.

The commission will recommend a regular territorial form of government with a governor, a delegate in congress and a legislature. The legislature will be elected by the qualified voters of the islands, but there will be property and educational qualifications imposed upon those who vote for members of the upper house of the legislature. The franchise will not be extended to the Japanese or Chinese in the islands, but the Portugese who become citizens will not be excluded under the restrictions imposed.

The commission will present full details of the value of property acquired, income from tariff taxes and other important facts bearing upon the government of the islands. They estimate that the property secured to the United States will amount to more than $10,000,000. The public lands alone are believed to be worth about $5,000,000.

The report will be presented to congress soon after it convenes.

NOT TO BUILD DOUBLE TURRET MONITORS.

The board of naval bureau chiefs have been obliged to abandon the proposed enlargement of the four monitors recently contracted for to double turreted monitors. After hearing from the various bidders who received contracts for these monitors it was decided that the limit of price fixed by congress would not permit the construction of double turreted craft, so the department will revert to the original plans, with changes providing for the lengthening of the hulls twenty-seven feet, the increase of the coal capacity to 400 tons and the reduction of the speed of half a knot an hour. The bureau chiefs' recommendations are subject to the approval of the secretary of the navy.

Graduates in Christian Science

Concord, N. H., November 23.—The following statement was given to the press tonight:

"Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, discoverer and founder of christian science, has just completed the examination of a class of about seventy of the active workers in christian science mind healing, to confer upon them degrees of the Massachusetts Metaphysical college as healers and teachers of this system of medicine, whose only crowned head is divine sovereignty, whose only priest is spiritualized man."

A Powder Mill Blown Up

St. Louis, November 23.—A special to The Republic from Quincy, Ills., says: The powder mill at Lamottee, Mo., situated thirty miles south of here on the "K" line and half a mile from Ashburn, blew up at 7:55 o'clock a. m., killing six men and wounding several others.

The explosion occurred in the packing house and was so terrific as to be felt at a distance of twenty-five miles. At New Canton windows were broken and everywhere buildings were shaken. The exact cause of the explosion will never be known as all the men in the packing house at the time were blown to atoms.

WHITE LABORERS' UNION

The Organization Completed Last Night—A Hundred and Thirty-Five Members Enrolled—Resolutions Disapproving of the Reduction of the Wages Paid to the Street Hands

The White Laborers' Union met last night at the hall at Eighth and Castle streets, for the purpose of completing its organization. There was a large crowd in attendance and thirty-five members were enrolled from all the wards in the city. None except those who would sign up as members were permitted to remain in the meeting and twenty-five or thirty left.

The committee on constitution and by-laws reported and the constitution and by-laws submitted were adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President—M. F. Dowling.

Vice President—Fred A. Westermann.

Secretary—M. G. Silvia.

Treasurer—J. Westley Millis.

Inner Guard—Geo. W. Cameron.

The usual routine was transacted and a committee was appointed to secure a hall up town.

The following resolutions were adopted:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, N. C.:

Gentlemen:—We the citizens of Wilmington and uncompromising laboring men who worked and voted to place the democrats in power in this city, have been shocked and surprised to learn that your honorable body has seen fit to reduce the wages of the street hands to the minimum of only 8 cents per hour, and deduct for all rainy hours.

And we hear that there is talk of reducing the wages of the policemen and firemen. We hope, however, that this will not be done, and we regret very much that the other has been done.

During the city administrations of ex-Mayors Fowler, Ricaud, Fishblate and Harriss, the street hands were paid $7.50 per week, rain or shine, which was $1.25 per day.

When ex-Mayor S. P. Wright and his board took the reins of government, the wages of the street hands were reduced to 10 cents per hour, for the hours of actual labor—that is, hands were not paid for time lost by rain. This we consider was wrong—to cramp and grind down the poor sons of toil.

If it had been actually necessary to have made retrenchments in a financial point of view, they ought to have begun at the head—at those who were the more able to bear the loss—the mayor, clerk and theasurer, etc.

It has been said that you can get hands from the country to work at 6 cents per hour. This, we have no doubt is true. If you should drop wages to 25 cents per day, you could, perhaps, get plenty of hands, because some of the poor people must have work. They have families that must have bread or die, and twenty-five cents a day will buy bread and keep them from an immediate death. But is it right to humiliate good democrats who worked and voted to put you in office in this way?

In reducing the wages of these good democrats below that of what the negroes, white populists and republicans were receiving under the Wright administration, is equivalent to saying that these are inferior and not worthy of as good wages. It is putting a discount or depreciation on democratic labor, and is a stigma upon your board and the democratic party of our city.

The city is as able to pay $1.25 per day for labor now, and the men employed are as worthy as they were in the times of Fowler, Ricaud, Fishblate, Harriss or Wright.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that the wages of street hands be raised to $7.50 per week, with no reduction for rainy days, and that the wages of policemen and firemen shall not be reduced.

Respectfully,

WHITE LABORERS' UNION.

The union adjourned to meet again at 7:30 o'clock next Monday night.

We are requested to state that applications for membership may be handed to the officers of the union or to any of the members. We are also asked to state that this movement is not a political one.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

FOOT BALL THIS AFTERNOON

Elevens of the High School and the Academy Will Contest for Hilton Gridiron

The long-looked for game between the teams of the rival educational institutions Cape Fear Academy and the Wilmington High School will be pulled off this afternoon on the Hilton grounds. Since the challenge was received two weeks ago by the High School boys, both teams have been practicing hard every afternoon and one or two nights. Nothing has been left undone that will help to make this game an entire success. Odds are about even and those who attend the game may feel sure that they will get the worth of their money. Good order will be preserved, as police will be on the grounds and no unruly persons will be allowed inside.

The line up of the two teams is as follows:

Academy		High School
King	c.	Hall
Grant	l. g.	Parker
McClure	r. g.	Corbett
Reilly	l. t.	Armstrong
Ahucus	r. t.	Langston
Potts	l. e.	Gause
Montgomery	r. e.	Smallbones
Greene	q. b.	Foster
Jordan	l. h. b.	Longhlin
Adkins	r. h. b.	Foard
Jewet, (capt.)	f. b.	Higgs, (capt.)

The substitutes for the Academy eleven will be Rheinstein and Catlett, and Peck, King and Davis will officiate in the same capacity for the High School.

The colors of the High School team are light blue, white and yellow, a combination of those of the University of North Carolina and the Normal School. The Academy have navy blue and white. The rooters of the respective teams will wear these colors.

Wr. Will French will be referee and will call the game at 4 o'clock sharp.

The linemen have not been chosen as yet, but the captains will agree as to who they will be.

The admission fee has been lowered to 15 cents, which is very reasonable, and a large crowd is expected on this account. Ladies will be admitted free.

Ask your neighbor about the bargains she bought at The C. W. Polvogt Co. during the past week. Only two days left, Friday and Saturday. Terms Cash.

CAUGHT IN A FIRE TRAP

Fire in a Large San Francisco Hotel.

MAN'S HEROIC CONDUCT

At the Cost of His Own Life He Saves Three Women from Horrible Deaths. The Building an Immense Wooden Structure—The Three Hundred Inmates Rescued with the Loss of Only Two Lives—Harrowing Scenes During Destruction of the Building.

San Francisco, November 23.—At 3:45 o'clock this morning the Baldwin hotel caught fire and it was entirely destroyed. There were 300 people, guests and employes, in the hotel when the fire broke out and only two of these people are thought to have lost their lives. A. J. White, and a man named Meyer are the victims. Before White gave up his life, he saved the lives of three women. The fire is said to have started in the kitchen, located in the basement on the Ellis street side. The fire worked its way up through the flue to the sixth floor and before the fire alarm was sent in the fire had gained great headway.

For years the Baldwin has been regarded by the fire department as the most dangerous fire trap in San Francisco. Built of wood, six stories high, with narrow and tortuous hallways, it is a wonder that half of the people in the hotel this morning escaped. They were slow to waken. Many were dazed and stupified by smoke when the police, the firemen and hotel employees, hurrying through the hallways, kicked open doors and notified the people of their great danger. When they managed to reach the windows and fire escapes there were no ladders. Many attempted to jump from the windows to the streets, but were warned not to do so by the crowds below. Then the firemen got up their ladders and commenced taking people to the ground, rescuing many in this manner.

In the interior of the hotel an explosion in the theatre caused that portion of the building to cave in. This explosion also extinguished the electric lights throughout the building.

Those in the streets below could see through the rifts in the smoke along the attic vornices, forms of men and women crouching and clinging to the woodwork, which was already beginning to smoulder.

Streams from the engines were being poured upon the blazing building from every point of vantage, but without any apparent effect. Explosion followed explosion.

The death of White was most dramatic. Three women appeared on the cornice of the fifth floor on the market street side of the hotel. The firemen could not reach them. Suddenly White came out of a window carrying a small rope. With this he lowered the women into the arms of the firemen who were waiting at the windows of the next floor. Then he started down the rope hand over hand. Half way down the rope parted and the man who had just saved three lives was dashed to the pavement 100 feet below.

"Lucky Baldwin" had a narrow escape from perishing in his fire trap. Amid all the din he slept peacefully until his room was broken into and he was dragged from bed. H. I. Kowalsky, a well known attorney, was also dragged unconscious from bed. He will recover.

The Baldwin hotel has been known and dreaded for years by firemen and insurance people as the worst kind of a fire trap. It has been stated often that there were no fire walls in it except those enclosing the theatre, and the insurance companies would not run a risk on the building except for a small amount and a heavy premium. The building of the hotel began in 1873 and was finished in 1877, its total cost, including ground and furniture being $3,000,000. In the building was the Baldwin theatre. The street floor of the immense building was occupied by the hotel officers, bar room and a number of stores. In the basement was an elaborately fitted cafe.

E. J. Baldwin stated today that he carried $100,000 insurance but he could not remember in what company.

The Baldwin theatre was completely demolished by the falling of the fifth floor. The entire effects of the Secret Service Company, which was filling an engagement at that theatre, were destroyed. A great deal of jewelry and money belonging to members of the company were lost. In addition the contracts were burned. The Columbia theatre and places of business opposite the Baldwin were damaged by water to the extent of $15,000.

E. J. Baldwin is prostrated and unable to tell much about his affairs. He says he will not be able to estimate his loss for several days.

H. W. Luke, manager of the hotel, barely managed to get out with his wife and child. He says there were 302 guests in the hotel.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Billiousness, Inactive Liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. R. R. Bellamy.

The Work of Bank Robbers

St. Louis, November 23.—At Elsberry, Mo., sixty-eight miles north of here on the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern railroad, robbers made a desperate attempt to rob the Lincoln county bank. It is not known how much if any they obtained. As the result of rough treatment received from the robbers, John W. Wattes, the night watchman of the town, who is 60 years of age, may die. He was found at an early hour today bound and gagged, lying in the open air, where he had been left by the robbers. He was badly frozen. When President F. F. Harvey arrived at the bank this morning he found the vault doors wide open. The safe inside containing $10,000, was closed and he was unable to open it. An expert safe opener was sent from here at the request of the bank, but this evening he sent back word for help, saying that he was unable to open the safe doors. Until this is done the bank officials will be unable to state whether they have lost anything or not. The bank was obliged to close for the day, but will reopen Friday after the Thanksgiving holiday.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

Annual Report of the Attorney General.

JIM CROW CAR QUESTION

Why the Republican Railway Commission Decided Not to Act on the Matter—First North Carolina Regiment in Fine Shape—A Murderer Pardoned—Johnston County's Glorious Democratic Record—Negro Soldiers Wounded in a Riot.

Messenger Bureau.
Raleigh, N. C., November 23.

The attorney general today gave to the press the report on criminal statistics for this year. There were 9,725 actions, 9,014 against males, 718 against females, 5,315 against whites, 4,672 against negroes and 42 against Indians. There were 6,238 convictions, 1,596 acquittals. Of assault and battery there were 660 cases, abandonment 55, assault with deadly weapon 1,032, affrays 1,022, arson 10, assault with intent to rape 27, bigamy 19, burglary in first degree 18, in second degree 21; forgery 53, gambling 399, incest 8, larceny 1,497, libel 7, murder in first degree 45, in second degree 24, perjury 57, rape 23, riot 8, robbery 12, slander 43, manslaughter 12.

It is asserted by some persons that the reason why the populist and republican members of the railway commission decided to let the legislature act on the "Jim Crow" car matter is because they desire the democrats to be responsible for the act. The democrats are very happy to take the responsibility. Neither republicans nor populists can make any capital out of it.

Republicans are also saying that the reason why they are declaring in favor of negro disfranchisement is that the majority of the voters want that step taken and hence they bow to the will of the majority.

Captain Alexander, adjutant of the First North Carolina regiment, is here. He says the regiment is in very fine shape and likes the camp at Savannah.

Captain Todd, U. S. A., muster-out officer, is here, and says that on Friday, in a few hours, he will muster out the field, staff and band of the Second regiment, thus closing the existence of the regiment.

Lieutenant Beavers, of the Raleigh company of the First regiment, is promoted to captain.

It is the earnest hope here that T. K. Bruner will again become the secretary of the state board of agriculture. He is an invaluable man in that position. The populists forced him out.

Governor Russell pardons Mitchell Byrd, who was sent to the penitentiary last year, from Mitchell county to serve a 12-year sentence for murder in the second degree.

Fifteen sick and wounded negroes of the Third North Carolina regiment have been brought here from Knoxville. Three were shot in the riot. This regiment appears to be in bad odor.

Rev. Dr. Jones, the senator-elect from Johnston county, who was assaulted by a republican the week before the election, is all right. He is the fifteenth democratic senator Johnston has sent in succession since 1870. No other county in the state can say as much. Johnston has never had even a constable of any other party than the democratic.

This morning at Edenton Street M. E. church here, Miss Bessie Belvin, daughter of President Charles H. Belvin, of the Raleigh National bank, was married to Mr. Charles W. Horne, son of Mr. Ashley W. Horne, of Clayton.

OUR MAGISTRATES

Nearly All Elected at the Recent Election Have Duly Qualified

Nearly all the magistrates elected in this county on the democratic ticket have duly qualified, according to law, before Colonel John D. Taylor, clerk of the superior court. There were elected twenty four magistrates for Wilmington township and so far all but four have qualified. The other townships, each of which has two magistrates, have been somewhat backward; as only three have qualified.

Those of this township who have taken the oath of office are Messrs. Benjamin J. Jacobs, Marcus W. Jacobi, Joseph D. Smith, G. W. Bornemann, J. G. L. Gieschen, M. G. Tienchen, Louis S. Belden, W. N. Harriss, W. H. Northrop, Jr., Timothy Donlan, W. B. Cooper, Geo. T. Shepard, W. H. Yopp, Louis Todd, G. C. Simmons, C. H. Ganzer, J. A. Barnes, J. D. McClammy, Martin O'Brien and John W. Reilley.

The three magistrates from the other townships that have qualified are Mr. J. T. Keyes, of Federal Point, and Messrs. W. H. Mills and W. R. Barksdale, of Harnett.

The county officers are now not required to file an itemized statement of their campaign expenses as heretofore.

The Atlantic Coast Line

(Fayetteville Observer.)

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Company, held last week at Bridgeport, Conn., a resolution was adopted to increase the capital stock from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000. The additional stock will be distributed among the stockholders as a stock dividend. This dividend of 100 per cent represents the accumulated profits and increased valuation of the assets of the company. The company controls the Atlantic Coast Line system in North Carolina and other southern states.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. R. R. Bellamy.

An Attempt on the Czar's Life

Berlin, November 23.—A dispatch from Elbig, the seaport of West Prussia, says an attempt was made upon the life of the czar while his majesty was returning from Copenhagen. Just before the czar's special train crossed the bridge between Boehmenboefen and Lagern, a switchman discovered that the bridge had been barricaded. By almost superhuman efforts, as a result of which he is now in a hospital. The switchman, it appears, succeeded in removing the bustacles sufficiently to permit of the passage of the imperial train. An investigation, which is being conducted in secret, is still proceeding.

Springfield, Ills., November 21.—Governor Tanner tonight issued a proclamation placing Pana under martial law. The commanding officer is ordered to take possession of all arms in the hands of citizens.

STATE GUARD MATTERS

Commissions Issued by the Governor. Decision in Case of Railway vs. Burnett—Judgment Against Keeper of the Capitol for Poisoning a Dog

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 23.—The supreme court in the case of Railway vs. Burnett, from New Hanover, finds error.

The Charlotte Company of the State Guard, J. R. Anderson, captain, was completely equipped today.

Justice Nichols, today gave judgment in a case against the keeper of the capitol, Burns, for poisoning Perrin Busbee's dog. The judgment is for $25. The justice decided that while Burns did not individually poison the dog, some one under his employ and direction did, and it was proved that Burns had threatened to poison dogs and that Dunn, his night watchman, had bought strychnine at Fayetteville. Burns appeals.

The governor commissions J. F. Carlton, captain and assistant surgeon of the First regiment, vice Jordan, resigned. He also commissions W. R. Beavers, captain and Z. P. Smith, first lieutenant of Company K, for Raleigh and W. A. Erwin to be first lieutenant of Company M, from Charlotte. These are all promotions in regular order. J. C. L. Harriss is appointed aide-de-camp to the governor.

All save two of the twenty-eight mutinous federal convicts at the penitentiary here have gone to work.

Major Davis, acting adjutant general, is ordered to rejoin his regiment, the Tenth infantry, U. S. A., in Porto Rico, December 1st.

HOSPITAL INSPECTED

Board of Managers Visited the Institution Yesterday Afternoon

The board of managers of the city hospital yesterday visited their charge and were pleased beyond measure at the great advancement and the improvements that have so recently been made at that institution. The board, all except Commissoiner Roger Moore, met at the court house at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and were driven in carriages to the hospital. The party consisted of Mayor A. M. Waddell, Alderman W. H. Sprunt and Commisioners John L. Boatwright and John Barry, and they were piloted on their tour of inspection by Dr. C. P. Wertenbaker, superintendent.

The board were shown over the entire building, and the working system, which is an admirable one, was fully explained. They got an opportunity to see the many changes for the better that have taken place, the improvements made in the differnt wards, and the new dispensary, from which the patients of the hospital are not only supplied with necessary medicines, but the out door poor of the county as well. This is a great saving in money as all drugs are purchased at wholesale.

The members of the board were greatly pleased at what they had seen, and what Dr. Wertenbaker hopes to accomplish in future.

Ask your neighbor about the bargains she bought at The C. W. Polvogt Co. during the past week. Only two days left, Friday and Saturday. Terms Cash.

Some Wood

Mr. J. C. Stanley, the hustling mayor of Marlville, who has a contract to supply the American Cotton Seed Oil Company's mill in this city with 2,000 cords of pine wood, arrived here this morning at 12:26 o'clock with a train of twenty cars loaded with 200 cords of wood. This is the fourth train load he has brought in and he is yet to haul four more train loads between now and the 1st of January. He has forty men at work in the woods.

We learn that Marlville is growing into quite a community. A number of northern settlers have already established themselves there and we learn that fifty settlers are expected next month. Mr. E. U. Griffin, one of Marlville's enterprising citizens, has just completed a shingle factory and planing mill. He cut his first shingles yesterday.

Dance Next Wednesday Night

The L'Agile Club will give its November german next Wednesday night. The regularly appointed time for the dance was last evening, but it was postponed as quite a number of the club's members desired to go to Richmond and be present at the foot ball game which takes place there today between the universities of North Carolina and Virginia. The german will be given in Germania hall and will be froth with great enjoyment. Quite a number of visiting young ladies are expected to be in attendance. A fine orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

Next Week at the Opera House

Mr. J. F. Arnold, a popular and well known theatrical man is in the city completing arrangements for the appearance of the famous Leonzo Bros. New York Company. This attraction has been before the public for the past twenty-one years, and is claimed to be the best popular price attraction that has ever visited the south. The company has played to big houses wherever they have appeared and no doubt will be greeted by good sized houses during their weeks engagement in this city, which begins next Monday night.

Watermelons in Winter Time

Mr. Stephen Keys, of Federal Point Township, was in the city yesterday and brought to Mr. F. A. Montgomery, who has a store on Second and Castle streets, two nice watermelons which he picked from a green vine in his field on Tuesday. One of the melons weighed twenty pounds and the other twelve, and both were fresh and nice. They were sold before they were carried into the store.

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ANNOUNCEMENT!

On account of incessant rains during the past week, we have been requested by many of our friends and customers to continue our

BARGAIN WEEK SALE

and will offer during the coming week (November 21st to 26th) the same list of Bargains together with our additional list of 100.

Your presence is requested at this sale. We will save you money if you purchase during this sale. Our TERMS will be CASH for all BARGAINS.

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We have many new things in this department to show our patrons, and this week will receive NEW IMPORTATIONS of CHINA and JAPANESE MATTING.

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