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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The Carlists are again becoming very active in Spain.

Gen. Botha is marching with a strong force to invade Cape Colony.

The negro reported lynched near Anniston, Ala., Monday night was not killed, but was given 50 lashes while tied in a sack.

The grain elevator and plant of Marion Waller & Co., Henderson, Ky., has been destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$120,000; insurance \$72,500.

The president, the assistant manager and an employe of The Wall Street Press are held in bail on the charge of blackmailing C. W. Morgan, a stock broker.

The official announcement of the population of the United States foreshadows an increase of 30 in the membership of the house of representatives, making a total of 287, unless the practice that has hitherto prevailed in the apportionment shall be changed.

Eight steamships were cleared Wednesday at the New Orleans custom house for Liverpool, Barcelona, Genoa and Hamburg, with 76,767 square bales of cotton and 4,921 round bales. This is the largest amount of cotton ever cleared from any one port in one day.

Charles R. Flint's "Arrow," under contract to be the fastest ship ever designed, was launched Wednesday at Ayer's shipyard, at Nyack, N. Y. She has been built under guarantee by her designers of 42 miles an hour, and it is expected that under pressure she will be able to make 50.

Further details of the earthquake in Venezuela last Monday show that San Casimiro, Cua and Charallan were entirely destroyed. An islet situated at the mouth of the Neveri river has disappeared. At Tacarigua, Brochico and Corripe the damage done was considerable. There are many dead and injured.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has an infantile phenomenon in the person of the six-month-old son of Maurice Belica, a butcher. The baby is an inveterate smoker and for two months has not passed a day without smoking two cigars. Local physicians are baffled over such an extraordinary case, and think it can only be explained by the laws of heredity. The child is in good health and with the exception of this craving is similar to other infants.

A dispatch, Oct. 31, from Chicago, says: The culmination of the October pork corner, controlled by Sir Thomas Lipton, came today when pork for delivery this month advanced \$3, rising on less than a dozen trades from \$17, yesterday's closing price, to \$20 at the close today. Shorts, who had held off until the last moment, boosted the price to \$20. It was said that Sir Thomas could have made the price \$100 as well as \$20, but he declared he had no intention of "squeezing" anybody. As a result of his deal here, Lipton is believed to have made \$350,000. There were only 35,000 barrels of pork that could be delivered and the Englishman owned them all, as well as twice that number bought from people who did not have a barrel they could deliver.

Carr's Big Claims.

We learn from reliable sources that Gen. Carr claims that he will carry Lenoir county.

THE FREE PRESS knows of some Kinston men willing to bet even money that Simmons will carry Lenoir by at least 1,000 majority.

If Carr's claim of the State is based on no more foundation than his claim of Lenoir, Simmons will beat him by at least 60,000 majority.



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SIMMONS IN NASH.

His Speeches Make a Great Impression and Win Votes.

Nashville, N. C., Oct. 31.—Hon. F. M. Simmons made his first appearance in Nash yesterday, where he was met by a large crowd of enthusiastic voters. He denounced the administration and explained the evils of imperialism and trusts in a masterly way. Everybody agreed that it was the finest and deepest speech they ever listened to. He went from here to Spring Hope, where he found a large audience awaiting him. At the train he spoke for twenty minutes amid cheers and applause. Mr. Simmons has made many friends by his visit here, and old Nash, which has been on the doubtful list, has fallen in line and will certainly give him five hundred majority.

Mr. Simmons spoke in Wilson last night.

Craven County Practically Solid for Simmons.

Raleigh Post.

To the Editor of The Post:—In Saturday's issue of The Post appeared a telegraphic dispatch from this city to the effect that a large number of Republicans in this county were favorable to Mr. Simmons' candidacy for senator. Your correspondent was particular to mention only those Republicans who are ineligible to express their choice at the primary, but failed to say anything concerning the large number of Republicans who, like himself, vote the State Democratic ticket, but are ardent Republicans in all other respects.

Your correspondent is the assistant editor of the Newbern Journal, a paper which carries the Democratic nominees at its masthead under moral pressure. Notwithstanding this fact, the editors of this paper are known to be opposed to the party's nominees, and lose no opportunity to give aid and comfort to McKinleyism. Republicans of this stripe, almost to a man, are supporting Gen. Carr for the senatorship.

Your correspondent is well acquainted with these facts, and he deliberately made the statement in question knowing that while it might be true as to the few parties mentioned, it was not true as to those national Republicans or McKinley Democrats (?) who are eligible to vote at the primary, and was meant to mislead and deceive.

I desire to make a few other remarks concerning the attitude of the Newbern Journal in this contest. The enemies of Mr. Simmons are parading its advocacy of Col. Carr as an evidence that the Democrats of Craven county are opposed to Mr. Simmons. I desire to state that the Newbern Journal does not reflect the sentiments of the Democracy of Craven county. The facts are that at least 90 per cent. of the Democrats of Craven county heartily and enthusiastically favor Mr. Simmons for senator, and they will so express themselves at the polls, the Newbern Journal to the contrary notwithstanding. The factions in the party are vying with each other in their loyalty to Mr. Simmons. The Democracy of Craven county has never been so strongly welded together upon anything as upon Mr. Simmons' candidacy.

ERNEST M. GREEN,
Register Deeds Craven county,
Newbern, N. C., Oct. 30.

A Real Man This Time.

Daughter (delightedly)—And did you really consent?

Father—Consent? My stars! I had to. The man demanded your hand like a highwayman holding up a coach.

Daughter—My gracious! I believe, from the way he looked and acted, he would have knocked me down if I hadn't.

Father—Oh, it can't be. You must have been dreaming. Why, when he proposed to me he trembled so that he could hardly speak, and he looked so weak and nervous I had to hurry up and say "Yes" to keep him from fainting.—London Answers.

His Reason.

Bigbee—Why, Smallbee, you are just the man I want to see. You have known me now for five years, haven't you?

Smallbee—Yes.

Bigbee—Well, I would like you to accommodate me with the loan of \$2.

Smallbee—Sorry, Bigbee, but I can't. Bigbee—Can't! Why not?

Smallbee—Because I've known you for five years.—Pearson's Weekly.

Quick Collection.

"My! What a splendid library your husband has, Mrs. Flaxington. It must have taken him years and years to get all those books together."

"Oh, no. We moved into a house two years ago that had book shelves built all around one room, and he done it in about three weeks."—Chicago Times-Herald.

In the manufacture of a pocketknife in France 22 workmen are employed for the handle and blade, 13 for a table knife, 9 for scissors and 6 for razors.

In Japan it would be thought rude to neglect to offer tea to a visitor on his arrival as not to speak to him.

AT SIMMONS' HOME.

Great Meeting of Democrats Held in Newbern and Show That Some of Carr's Friends Lied in Saying Craven is Against Simmons.

Newbern, N. C., Nov. 2.—A mass meeting was held at the court house last night, with about 1,000 enthusiastic Democrats in attendance, in answer to the following call:

"It appearing from rumors current through certain portions of North Carolina, as well as from the attitude of our home paper, that the city of Newbern is unfavorable to the candidacy of the Hon. F. M. Simmons in the coming senatorial primaries, and it also appearing that the apparent inactivity of Mr. Simmons' friends in this city is a fact unjust to them, to him and to the city, therefore, in interest of the candidacy of the Hon. F. M. Simmons, we call upon all friends of Mr. Simmons to join in a mass meeting, at the court house, on Thursday night, Nov. 1st, at 8 o'clock, at which time resolutions will be offered, addresses made and other steps taken to show North Carolina that the former home of Mr. Simmons is loyal to his candidacy.

"Sam B. Waters, C. H. Guion, Romulus A. Nunn, J. J. Wolfenden, S. R. Ball, Thos. F. McCarthy, K. R. Jones, C. E. Foy, Benj. S. Guion, W. M. Watson, M. Manly, C. T. Watson, J. J. Baxter, Sam'l W. Smallwood, Henry R. Bryan, Jr., Ernest M. Green, John Dunn, James A. Bryan, S. M. Brinson."

Mr. C. T. Watson was elected chairman; R. A. Nunn and J. E. Carraway, secretaries.

Speeches were made by Jas. A. Bryan, O. H. Guion, S. B. Waters and M. DeW. Stevenson.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted: We the Democrats of the city of Newbern, in mass meeting assembled, desiring to voice our true sentiments to the people of North Carolina in the selection of a senator in the coming primaries and especially of using this occasion as a means of transmitting our honest convictions to the Democratic voters of the State, and as our only newspaper is the organ of the opposition in the senatorial contest and especially a false impression is created concerning our choice for senator. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the Hon. F. M. Simmons, we have ever found an honest and noble townsmen, a gentleman of unimpeachable character, a lawyer, brilliant, able and conscientious, and a statesman unexcelled in ability and love for his native land.

We have known him as a youth entering upon his chosen profession at a time when our community was, as it has ever been, the seat of professional ability and eloquence; we have watched him surmount all obstacles and rise to the top of a great profession; we have seen him enter a congressional race in our district at a time when the enemy were supposed to be too strong to conquer, and through his magnificent ability, to take his victorious seat on the Democratic side of the congressional halls. We point with love and pride to his great achievements for his State and section during the term in which he so brilliantly maintained his growing repute; and we remember in that brilliant congressional term his heroic fight for the farmers of our State, against that trust whose powerful hand snatched from him his second merited term.

And with unstinted gratitude and highest admiration we remember his glorious and courageous fight against an allied force in 1898, deemed by many too powerful for defeat, and recall his matchless victory with fervent thanksgiving. And as Democrats and white men we have enshrined him in our hearts, for the establishment of the perpetual supremacy of white manhood in North Carolina, and of the total political annihilation of ignorance and vice. We are thankful to him for erasing Butlerism from the pages of our history and for offering to the Democratic party that seat in the senate of the United States, which for so many years had brought ignominy and shame upon the fair name of our beloved State. It is with feeling of deepest regret that his senatorial aspirations should have called forth ingratitude and abuse from the party he loves so well and for which he has striven so mightily, and that in justice to him we are called upon to denounce that abuse as untrue, unjust, and ungrateful.

We especially deplore the call from the grave of our beloved and revered Vance, in evidence of a political difference existing during a short period of his life, while we who know our leader best, bear testimony of the living to his upright, untarnished personal character, and eminent fitness for the highest office in the gift of a people. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, 800 Democrats of the city of Newbern, in the meeting assembled, assured in fact, that we are the representatives of 95 per cent. of the sentiment of Craven county do publish to North Carolina the fealty, loyalty, love and gratitude we bear F. M. Simmons, and do assure him that evidence of that admiration shall be produced at the

polls on Nov. 6th, and we call upon our Democratic brethren in North Carolina to aid his former home, in rebuking his maligners and in placing him in that seat of honor which he has emptied through his magnificent manhood.

And be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to such State papers as the committee shall find expedient.

NEAT, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE.

Sun Brothers' Show Makes a Pleasing Impression

Wooster, Ohio, Republic.

Today was Sun Bros.' show day in Wooster, and while the show had but little reputation in Wooster, it drew a much larger crowd to the city than was expected. The spread of canvas is by long odds the cleanest, neatest and prettiest ever pitched on the fair ground. Everything about the outfit is new, and a prosperous air pervades everywhere. The parade at 1 o'clock was creditable, the band wagon and animal cages substantial looking and attractive, while the music by the band and the gaily caparisoned horses made a very good impression.

The performance given this afternoon was well attended, and as a whole was quite satisfactory, and well worthy of patronage. The strongest features of the program were the four highly-trained stallions; juggling act of Geo. Sun was the best ever seen here, and pleased the audience immensely; Kardo Bros. in the posturing and acrobatic tumbling are very clever; Ferris and Trevanion, aerial artists, made a very good impression.

The menagerie, while small, is attractive and clean. All in all, the show is well worth the small admission fee charged.

EIG TRIAL EXPECTED.

Wide-Spread Interest Taken in the Duplin Criminal Libel Case.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 31.—C. H. Johnson, the Populist member of the State board of elections, is one of the Populists of Sampson county who are to be tried at Duplin county superior court the first week in December for criminal libel by publishing and publicly endorsing an article charging fraud on the part of Democrats in the August election. In talking about the trial he stated that it would be one of the biggest things of the kind ever known. He said that a thousand people would go from his county over to Kenansville to attend the hearing. It is understood also that the Democrats will also turn out in large numbers. Mr. Johnson said that it would likely take a week to wind up the trial. There are many witnesses to be examined. The alleged libelous article occupies several columns of the Clinton Caucasian and it taken up in detail to say that the trial will consume a week is a very conservative statement.

Pollholders for Senatorial Primary.

The Democratic primary for United States senator is separate from the regular election, but will be held at the same time and places, the chairman of the township Democratic committee preparing a box in which Democrats vote their preference.

The following have been appointed as pollholders for the senatorial primary: LaGrange—J. Henry Fields and John H. Aldridge.

Institute—Elias Sullivan and P. M. Hardy.

Sand Hill—Emanuel Daughety and E. R. West.

South West—James S. Brown and A. W. Whitley.

Contentnea Neck—Joe E. Barwick and J. M. Phillips.

Falling Creek—I. T. Haskins and John I. Sutton.

Kinston, No. 1—Y. T. Ormond and J. H. Dawson; No. 2—L. P. Tappan and Thos. Harvey.

Woodington—R. W. McGowan and E. H. Waller.

Trent—J. C. Davis and J. H. Cuningham.

Vance—Fred Taylor and Robt. Wooten.

Pink Hill—W. S. Howard and A. J. Tyndal.

Neuse—R. E. Bland and Scott Taylor.

Valet Jones Cuts His Throat.

New York, Nov. 1.—Charles F. Jones, valet of the late millionaire Rice, cut his throat in the Tombs prison this morning at 4 o'clock and was taken to Bellevue hospital. He is now closely watched by two keepers. The surgeons say Jones will probably recover.

A few hours before the attempt Jones had made a full confession that he and Patrick killed Rice with poison and then forged his name to fraudulent will and checks on various banks for \$350,000. When led back to the Tombs Jones confessed everything. "Patrick drew a pen-knife from his pocket and gave it to me. The best thing you can do is to take this and cut your throat," he said, and so I went to my cell and tried to kill myself."

Ought to Work Both Ways.

Chatham Record.

The price of cotton is about five dollars a bale less now than it was about two weeks ago. If President McKinley is to be praised for ten cent cotton, he certainly ought to be censured for reducing the price to nine cents. If he can regulate the price of cotton, as some persons say, he certainly ought not to have reduced the price so suddenly and so much.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

It is reported that Halifax county will give Simmons a good majority.

Two colored boys about 18 years old went hunting near Oxford Tuesday. One of them, Tom McAdden, was accidentally shot and killed.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: Engineer Chapman of the Great Eastern railway, is here looking into the business outlook with a view to ascertain whether it will pay to extend the road to Raleigh. It is now under construction between Fremont and Engelhard. Several hundred men are now grading, and some miles of track are down. He will look carefully into the prospects for business in case it is decided that Raleigh will be a desirable objective point.

Cross Roads church Cor. Statesville Landmark: The Baptist church at this place has adopted a plan to compel the attendance of its members, or to know the reason why. They have a law which says: "If any male member shall absent himself from church for three meetings in succession, a committee shall visit him and invite him to fill his seat at the next meeting. If he fails to do so and does not make satisfactory acknowledgement he is charged with contempt and excluded." The plan works like a charm.

Monroe Journal: Mr. Silas Deese, who lived with Mr. W. H. Glenn in Buford township, met with a sad death last Friday, Oct. 26th. He was preparing to move and had a wagon loaded ready for starting. He started to get on the wagon when a part of the bed gave way. Mr. Deese had long suffered severely from rheumatism and was badly crippled. In this condition he was unable to keep from falling. He fell just in front of the wagon, his feet catching in some manner about the singletree. In this position he was dragged for some distance, the mules having become frightened and run. Then the wheels of one side of the wagon passed directly over his breast, crushing it completely. He lived only a few seconds after the accident.

N. C. PASSES VIRGINIA.

Census Shows Exodus Reports Were Untrue.

Raleigh Times.

North Carolina, for the first time in its history, passes Virginia in population. The census returns, as printed in The Times yesterday show that this State has 1,891,992 people and Virginia 1,854,184, a difference of 37,808. In 1890 North Carolina had 1,617,947 people. The census shows an increase of 274,945, which is a fine showing for the "Old North State." Only Georgia and Tennessee lead this State in the south, of course always excepting the empire of Texas, and the percentage of our increase has been larger than either of the leaders. Our development in manufactures has been especially marked.

It was predicted that as a result of the Wilmington revolution and the passage of the constitutional amendment there would be a decrease in the colored population, and reports have been frequently sent out that there was an exodus from the State. But the census figures show a large increase in the population.

The basis of the present apportionment of members of congress is one member to every 171,000 inhabitants. This would give North Carolina eleven congressmen instead of nine, as at present. It would also make our electoral vote 13, instead of 11.

Simmons Will Have Big Majority.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 31.—Charles M. Busbee, campaign manager for F. M. Simmons in the latter's contest for the senatorship, gives out the following estimate of his vote in the primary next Tuesday:

"Replies from 61 counties show a majority for Simmons over Carr of 32,885. The remaining counties will materially add to the Simmons vote, and his majority will be from 40,000 to 60,000.

Another Boer Raid.

Cape Town, Nov. 1.—It is learned today that a Boer command captured a British outpost of ninety men in the vicinity of Geneva on Oct. 28, and afterwards held up the Cape Town mail train, looted carriages and passengers, destroyed mails, set fire to the train and decamped on the approach of an armored train. Not wishing to be hampered the Boers later released the prisoners.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houten, "that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach and for constipation. I find for tourists and seamen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomach and indigestion." Sample bottle free at Temple-Marston drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.