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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Sol Wolfe, a retail clothier of Chicago, has failed for \$250,000, with assets of \$130,000.

President McKinley says there will be an extra session of the senate to confirm appointments.

The Brown hoisting and conveyance works at Cleveland, O., were destroyed by fire Monday. Loss nearly \$1,000,000.

Emperor William has awarded the queen of Portugal a life saving medal, for recently saving the life of a German marine.

An unfavorable report comes from Mexico, that there is a money stringency, caused by overproduction and under capitalization.

The immense tannery plant of Zschische & Sons, at Sheboygan, Wis., was destroyed by fire Sunday. Loss \$180,000; fully covered by insurance.

Famine is reported in the agrarian provinces of Hungary. There are thousands of cases of typhoid fever and hundreds are dying, the mortality being 300 to the 1,000.

The captain of the port, Young, at Havana, has received five bids for the removal of the remains of the United States warship Maine. The bids have not been made public but the removal of the wreck is assured.

The official report of the finances of the Paris exposition show a loss of two million francs. The total expenditures is 116,500,000 francs. The receipts amounted to 114,500,000 francs. The loss is less than in the case of either of the preceding expositions.

Cyrus J. Clark has been appointed receiver of the Order of Chosen Friends, and the supreme treasurer says this means the dissolution of the society. He also says the members will probably not receive a cent on the money they have paid in as assessments.

Owing to the success of the United States in pressing claims for compensation in connection with the Armenian disorders, Great Britain is now urging the Ottoman government to pay similar claims put forward by British subjects. It is expected that energetic means will be taken to obtain a settlement.

Rev. Sam Small, formerly of Georgia, who fell from grace as a newspaper man some years ago, has achieved more notoriety. He has been living in Havana for a year or so, was recently arrested on a charge of swindling, and according to the dispatches, "compromised with the prosecutors by agreeing to leave the city forever."

There will commence a red-hot fight in Pennsylvania's capital on New Year's Day. Upon that day the legislature will convene for another try at the filling of the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the expiration of Matthew Stahly Quay's term on March 4, 1899. Both the Quay and anti-Quay factions are equally confident.

The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk navy yard was completely destroyed by fire Sunday evening. The building destroyed contained all the important papers, models, and plans of the construction department. Over 7,000 drawings and \$100,000 worth of live oak timber were destroyed. Loss to building and contents over \$200,000.

A case is before the U. S. supreme court which will decide whether the constitution applies to the Philippines or not. It is that of a soldier who returned with a lot of diamonds, which were seized by the customs authorities as smuggled. The soldier contends they are not subject to duty, the Philippines being part of this country. Another case has been consolidated with the above, involving the collection of duty on tobacco from Porto Rico.

At Rockport, Ind., two negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowlands, who waylaid, brutally murdered and robbed Hollis Simons, a white barber, early Sunday morning, were lynched in the jail yard by a mob of 1,000 frenzied citizens Sunday night. The feeling against the negroes was intensified by reason of the fact that within the past two weeks over a dozen houses have been robbed at Rockport, and Henderson and Rowlands were suspected of being the leaders in these robberies. The mob announced that in the case of all future robberies the guilty persons would be run down and lynched. Many negroes are leaving Rockport.

The German training frigate Gneissau foundered Sunday at the entrance to the port of Malaga, where she was about to take refuge from the terrible storm prevailing. A large number of cadets could

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach, such as biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and other ailments follow. It is a wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets which are gentle and easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

be seen from the shore clinging to the rigging, shouting and signalling for help. The captain and many of the cadets were drowned. It is thought the total loss is fully 100 lives. A later report says it is feared the loss of life will prove greater than first reported. There were 461 men on board. At Malaga 190 survivors are being cared for, of whom 40 are injured and in the hospital. This leaves 271 men missing, some of whom may have reached shore in boats or on wreckage. A later dispatch from Berlin says an official dispatch from Malaga accounts for 314 survivors.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Some Changes Made That Are of Interest to the People of Kinston. Will Purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck.

The town aldermen have authorized the fire department to purchase a hook and ladder truck with a chemical engine attached. This truck will be operated by the "Dread Not Hook and Ladder Co." colored.

We think the authorities were wise in authorizing this purchase, as the hook and ladder company may often render better service at a fire than can a steam fire engine. This has been the experience of the very best companies everywhere, especially where there is the chemical engine attachment.

Mr. B. W. Canady recently offered a resolution at a meeting of the fire department, which was adopted. It is that a box be placed in the engine house containing two small wooden balls, numbered 1 and 2. When fire breaks out and the alarm is turned on, the first member of the company reaching the engine house and securing ball No. 1 will receive a reward of \$2, the second man, securing ball No. 2 to receive \$1. In addition to this the first man at the engine house is allowed to wear a medal, which he wears until some other member wins it, and so on. Thus there will be a spirit of rivalry among members of the department, and the very best service assured.

Several small fire extinguishers that have been of so much service in Kinston, will be distributed among members of the department, and be ready for use.

This is another step in the right direction. Mayor Webb has rendered great service with his extinguisher. Our people will feel safer to know that there are a number of them in different parts of the town.

THE FREE PRESS approves of all the changes made, and predicts great things for the fire department. We hope to see it soon the very best in the State.

There is one thing that our people are becoming tired of—that is, the high rate on insurance that we are forced to pay. The insurance companies claim as a cause of their high rates that we have such poor fire protection. That is no longer an excuse, and the people will not submit to pay a higher rate of insurance than any other similarly protected town in North Carolina.

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LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LaGrange, December 17, 1900.

As usual our merchants have an up-to-date display of Christmas goods.

Mr. Benj. Creech, of near here, is erecting a dwelling near Mr. W. H. Hardee's.

Mess. J. A. Hadley, of Mt. Airy, and Geo. B. W. Hadley, of Greenville, are visiting Dr. J. M. Hadley.

Mr. Wm. Sutton, Sr., of Bucklesberry, killed the largest hog in this section—a 610 pounder—last week.

Rev. T. H. Sutton and family left Friday to visit relatives before going to their new work at Williamston.

Mr. James S. Wooten has moved his family into the residence near the depot recently vacated by Mr. S. A. Wooten.

Mr. Killen has sold his house and lot on Railroad street to Mr. Joe Huggins, and will leave soon for a sanatorium to prepare himself for the practice of medicine.

Mr. S. L. Wooten has moved into his new residence on Railroad street, and Mr. Joe, Willis Sutton into his on Washington street. These are two of the handsomest dwellings in town.

Mr. S. A. Wooten has moved his family to Mt. Olive and will soon follow them, where he will engage in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Wooten take our best wishes with them to their new home.

The mayor and council have issued an edict prohibiting the firing of explosives, such as cannon fire crackers, sky rockets, &c., during the holidays. The wisdom of this action is shown by the damage done by a cannon cracker to Mr. O. Taylor's store. The sheet iron awning was penetrated and the large glass window broken.

Charlotte Observer: It is generally believed in Winston that the Hans received about \$1,000,000 for their tobacco manufacturing plants. While no figures have been given out, it is reported that P. H. Hans & Co. received an offer of \$1,000,000 for their factories and business from a northern party a short time before the sale was made to the Reynolds company.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The State has chartered the Goldsboro Buggy Co., capitalized at \$15,000. The incorporators are W. E. Robinson, D. R. Kornegay, J. A. Norwood, W. J. F. Southerland, Nathan O'Berry and W. E. Borden.

Charlie Jones accidentally shot and killed Chas. Hyrd at Fayetteville Saturday evening about dark, while swapping pistols. Both were young men. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental homicide.

A meeting of the North Carolina board of pharmacy will be held in the city of Raleigh on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 15 and 16. Application blanks may be had from the secretary of the board, William Simpson, of Raleigh.

Grand Secretary Woodall says this is the most successful year the Odd Fellows have ever known in North Carolina. To illustrate the growth, it may be said that five years ago there was only one lodge in the Asheville section, now there are nine.

Mrs. Mary F. Harper, an aged lady of about 70 years old, who lived alone in Newbern, was discovered Monday afternoon lying on the hearth, her clothing burned and body partly consumed. She was very feeble and it is believed that she fell into fire while cooking.

J. L. Nelson, a white employe of the A. & N. C. R. R., was found in the street at Newbern in a dazed condition. His story led to the arrest of a colored transfer driver named Bill Cannon, charged with robbing Nelson of \$75. The case was continued to secure more witnesses.

News Observer: Some Americans in Cuba are raising a mighty row because of a provision that only native born Cubans can be president of the republic of Cuba. This republic permits no one to be president except a native born citizen. If Cuba copies that provision, who is to say it nay?

The directors of the insane asylum at Goldsboro will ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$50,000 for enlargement of the hospital, as fully 50 per cent. of the applicants this year have been refused on account of lack of room. From the superintendent's report it is ascertained that the cost per capita for maintenance of inmates is \$93.50 per year.

The curator of the State museum has been investigating the statements that last autumn wolves came out of the Dismal swamp into several counties. He says they are absolutely untrue. He has also made investigations as to panthers in this State and finds that the last one was killed some years before the civil war, in Rose bay or swamp, in Hyde county.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Mr. Frank Smith returned last night from Baltimore, where he has been for the past two weeks for treatment in the Pasteur department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Mr. Smith was bitten by a dog which afterwards had hydrophobia, but his treatment has been so thorough as to relieve him of all anxiety in the matter.

Goldsboro Argus, Dec. 17: We regret to chronicle the severe burning today of little Eula, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson. While playing about the fire with her little brother her clothing in some way took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished she was badly burned and may be disfigured for life. Medical aid was promptly secured and at this writing the little one is resting easy.

Raleigh Post, Dec. 15: News was received here late yesterday afternoon of a serious cutting affair which occurred at the Falls of the Neuse yesterday in which Eugene Penny was seriously wounded by a man by the name of Loudwell. Penny received an ugly gash in the throat and a stab in the back. The particulars as to the cause of the difficulty could not be ascertained. It was not thought yesterday afternoon that Penny's injuries would prove fatal.

Charlotte Observer: Its funny—the uniformity of reasons given by the papers of the towns of the State, towns big and little, as to why the census did not give them more population or why they were

not in the printed list at all. Their towns, all of them say, would have shown up better, if only the suburbs had been included. The Observer has done like all the rest—explained that Charlotte is bigger than the census shows, and explained why.

Capt. John A. Dill, a contractor of Delaware, returning from visiting relatives at Beaufort, fell while getting off the cars while they were in motion at Newbern on Monday, his head striking the train. His skull was fractured 3 1/2 inches and the scalp was torn, making a wound 11 inches in length. It was a narrow escape from instant death. He was taken to the home of his brother, S. L. Dill, superintendent of the A. & N. C. R. R. At last accounts he was resting as easy as could be expected.

SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

December 17, 1900.

Mr. J. J. Ivey has moved from "Rural Retreat" to Seven Springs hotel.

Mr. C. D. Bizzell is moving from Dr. Parks' place to Mr. A. H. Daly's old home near here.

There is to be a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church next Monday night, Christmas evening.

Mr. E. M. Street, of Bellair, and Mr. Arndall, superintendent of penitentiary, Raleigh, are guests at Seven Springs hotel.

Quite a number of our young people are anticipating a pleasant time at a "Nut party" to be given by Mr. C. R. Bizzell at his home next Saturday evening.

Seven Springs High School will give a free entertainment Friday night, Dec. 21. Exercises begin at 7 o'clock. Refreshments will be served upstairs after entertainment for benefit of the school.

TIED UP BY SALISBURY.

British Objection to the Joint Note Blocks Negotiations.

Pekin, Dec. 16.—Definite instructions, supplementing yesterday's communication from London, have been received by Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, and he now demands a modification of a point in the joint note which the foreign envoys generally regard as important.

This means further delay, as all the ministers must communicate anew with their respective governments. Just what is the nature of the objection raised by Great Britain the ministers decline to say, but they admit that the new demand will involve a good deal more diplomatic procedure.

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