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Special Ordinances.

Be it resolved and ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the town of Kinston, N. C.:

Sec. 1. That the provisions of Sec. 14 of Ord. IV of the town, in reference to discharging rockets, roman candles, fire-crackers and other fire works, be and are hereby suspended from 6 o'clock p. m. of Monday, Dec. 24, 1900, to 6 o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900, provided, however, that fire works shall not be carelessly or negligently fired, discharged or handled, so as to damage or endanger person or property, and provided further that no person shall fire or discharge fire works purposely to frighten or annoy any horse or other animal in use on the streets of the town, nor shall engage in any sham battle or contest of any character with fire works, and provided further that no person or persons shall so use and employ fire works as to constitute a nuisance to the public.

Sec. 2. That the violation of either of the provisions of the foregoing section shall subject the offender to a fine of \$5 or imprisonment for five days.

Sec. 3. That owing to the extra expense incident to preserving good order on account of the sale of fire works, no person shall offer for sale or sell in the town of Kinston from Dec. 20, 1900, to Jan. 2, 1901, both inclusive, rockets, roman candles, fire-crackers, cannon-crackers or other fire works without having first paid a tax of \$2 and obtained a license thereunto authorizing the same from the town clerk, and that any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined \$5 or imprisoned five days.

Sec. 4. That from and after 6 o'clock a. m., Dec. 26, 1900, the provisions of Sec. 14 of Ord. IV hereby temporarily suspended, shall be and continue in force according to their tenor.

G. B. WEBB, Mayor.
E. B. LEWIS, Town Clk.

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2,000 Split Juniper Fence Posts—suitable for wire fence. Price, 6c each, at our mill.

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- Brass and Ebony Mirrors,
- Manicure Sets,
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- Cigar Cases,
- Glove and Handkerchief Cases,
- Military Brushes,
- Aluminium and Ebony Goods,
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- Exquisite Perfumery and handsome Cases,
- Atomizers, Cut Glass,
- Fine Mirrors and Pictures, and
- The Finest Basket Candy.

You can find anything you want in our stock.

Come to see us before it is picked over. Come today! We will please you!

J. E. HOOD,

Queen Street, - KINSTON, N. C.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Tenney House, one of the best known hotels at Asbury Park, N. J., was burned Tuesday morning.

On Dec. 13, near Zastron, the Boers captured 120, killed 4 and wounded 16 of a party of Brabant's cavalry.

A new textile union is being organized for the purpose of uniting the cotton mill operatives of the north and south.

According to late reports only 35 were drowned by the wreck of the German cadet vessel near Malaga, but 100 of the survivors were injured.

Gov. Pingree, of Michigan, on Tuesday formally withdrew from the Republican party on account of the defeat of his tax bill by the senate on Monday.

Mayor J. G. Woodward, of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested Monday and locked in the police barracks on the charge of being drunk. His resignation will be accepted.

Negotiations are on foot and declared to be certain of successful conclusion, for the formation of a pool by 14 of the largest steel plate manufacturing establishments in the United States.

Shows in France are not good places to make collections for the poor. When the exposition was opened boxes for contributions for the poor were put up and the aggregate sum panned out was \$11.72.

Gus Rubin Monday night, before 4,000 people at the Penn Art club, Philadelphia, bested Peter Maher in one of the fastest fights between heavy weights that has been seen for some time. The bout was limited to six rounds.

The Kansas penitentiary has accumulated 40 persons convicted of murder, who have not been hanged because one governor, for some reason, refused to sign death warrants and all the other governors have followed suit.

A Pekin dispatch says that the Russians have purchased \$700,000 worth of rice which is being given to destitute Chinese. Gen. Chaffee, the American commander, is also having a large amount of rice issued, and the other nations are displaying liberality.

John Kolla, the third of the colored men implicated in the murder of Barber Simons, at Rockport, was hung to a tree in the court house yard at Booneville, Ind., by a mob of 100 men from Rockport, Monday evening. Militia arrived 15 minutes too late to prevent the hanging.

Owing to the recent disturbances among the students of the University of Alabama, caused by certain disciplinary restraint to which they objected, Commandant West has tendered his resignation and left for his home, and President James K. Powers has also sent in his resignation.

Gens. Brooke, Claus and Bates, as the board of inquiry are investigating the case of Oscar Booz, the West Point cadet who died two weeks ago from injuries which his parents allege were inflicted at the West Point military academy. They began Monday taking testimony at Bristol, the home of the Booz family.

Young Booz, who died of the cruel treatment he received at West Point from the cadets, was a faithful Presbyterian who read and loved his Bible. The Charlotte Standard says: "The Bible seems to have been the cause of contention, and because young Booz would not give it up he was marked out for all sorts of brutality—the last thing being done to him, from which he died, was the playful-pouring of Tobacco sauce down his throat."

A Thousand Sick Soldiers.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Within a few days more than a thousand sick soldiers will be on their way home from the Philippines. The transports Grant and Sherman are now on the way with 650 men. The Sheridan is scheduled to leave on Dec. 22d, with 500 men. This rush will tax the general hospital Presidio to the utmost capacity. The convalescents will be mustered out as soon as possible after arrival, and if 867 available beds in the hospital prove insufficient a tented annex will be built to accommodate the overflow.

Weak Lungs

The wind knows your weak spot, even if you don't. It strikes you a little in the chest, and then that tight feeling comes on. You begin to cough, and down you come with one of your regular bad colds. Didn't you know that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral strengthens weak lungs and prevents pneumonia?

Three doses will cure an ordinary cold. One dose will cure a severe cold. It is most successful for chronic cases.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SATOW.

They Look to Make the Terms Harder for China to Accept.

London, Dec. 18.—"Great Britain has instructed Sir Ernest Satow, I understand," says the Pekin correspondent of The Daily Mail, writing Sunday, "to urge the retention of the word 'irrevocable,' and the inclusion in the preamble of the declaration 'that until the Chinese government has fulfilled the demands of the powers, Pekin and the province of Chi Li will not be evacuated by the allied troops.'"

"It is rumored that Germany is warmly supporting the British proposal and I believe a majority of the powers and possibly all of them will eventually accept the proposal, which is hailed here with delight."

Conger to Agree With England.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Hay had a conference with the president this afternoon about the state of negotiations at Pekin and on returning to the state department sent instructions to Minister Conger which it is believed will remove any cause of further delay in the signing of the preliminary agreement containing the conditions with which the Chinese government must comply. The conference was based on a dispatch from Mr. Conger received today, in which he explained the nature of the amendments suggested by Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister. It was shown by Mr. Conger's message that these suggested changes are immaterial and that there is no real ground for the reports that negotiations were severely jeopardized by Great Britain.

England With United States.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay informed the cabinet at its meeting today that England is in accord with the United States on our policy in China. This intelligence was received with considerable satisfaction, as the members feared that perhaps England would incline to the more radical, and they believe, untenable stand taken by Germany regarding the punishment of the Boxer chiefs.

Mr. Harrison on Our Annexed Territory.

Charlotte Observer. Ex-President Benj. Harrison's address to the students of the University of Michigan on "The Status of Annexed Territory and Its Entire Civilized Inhabitants" is one of the most notable and important public utterances of the closing year—and it has been a year of much speech-making. He took the position that the constitution followed the flag and maintained it with vigorous logic. It is little wonder that his utterance has attracted the widest publicity throughout the country. The New York Sun, which is a rank colonialist, is sadly disappointed and is compelled to eliminate the ex-president's name from its individual, editorial Hall of Fame. It says: "We regret to say that the intellectual reputation of the Hon. Benjamin Harrison, which it has been the Sun's pleasure always to look upon as among the first in the land, has been damaged by his address." On the other hand the Philadelphia Record, a conservative and Democratic paper, is delighted, and, inspired with new hope, remarks: "Ex-President Harrison's address . . . was the most significant of the many recent proofs of the recovery of the American people from the intoxication caused by their easy victory over a second-class military and naval power."

The speaker said he did not agree with those who held that the sound of Dewey's guns heralded a new mission for this country but rather the same old mission sounded by the guns of Washington. His epigram that the white man's burden is too often the black man's gold, if it is original, is likely to become famous. He argued that if congress could go outside the constitution to make unequal tariff laws for Porto Rico, it could go outside to impose any kind of tyranny upon the people of that island and others under our flag. If the constitution does not extend to these islands from its own vigor, he said that congress could make laws for Porto Rico that would suspend the right of habeas corpus; declare the right of attainer against any one exposing the Spanish flag; declare an act of treason disrespect of congress by a Porto Rican; make the Presbyterian church the established church; establish censors and forbid public meetings; prohibit the carrying of arms; put garrisons in private houses; confer the right to search without warrant; try for life without indictment and twice on the same charge; try in secret without witnesses or jury; deny the right to demand trial by jury; and make the Federal taxes and tariffs 50 per cent. higher at San Juan than at Ponce, and 15 per cent. higher at Ponce than at New York.

It is a strong argument. Congress is not likely to do these things but it ought not even to have the power to do them.

Mr. Harrison is the strongest man in the Republican party, with the possible exception of ex-Speaker T. B. Reed, and his able argument will exert a wide-felt influence. We wonder if the supreme court can possibly overrule him?

The prospect is that the senate finance committee will amend the house war tax reduction bill so as to provide for a larger reduction of taxes, among others knocking out the tax on bank checks.

WATER WORKS AND SEWERAGE.

Committee Appointed by Aldermen Should Have Bill Prepared And Passed by Legislature.

At the last meeting of the board of aldermen Mr. J. W. Lynch, Dr. H. Tull and Mayor Geo. B. Webb were appointed as a committee to prepare a bill to present before the next legislature, which meets in January, making needed changes in our town charter. We understand they have under advisement the presenting of a bill to allow a vote upon issuing bonds to put in water works and sewerage.

We believe a big majority of our people would vote for water works and sewerage were the question put before them. It is time now that Kinston had these improvements. There are only 12 cities or towns in the State that rank above Kinston in population. There are numerous smaller towns that have water works and sewerage that pay a profit. Rocky Mount, a town smaller than Kinston by a fourth, put in water works over a year ago and received revenue enough to pay running expenses and interest on the \$40,000 of bonds issued the first year of operation, and is preparing to issue more bonds to enlarge the system. Kinston would do as well or better than this.

We hope the gentlemen appointed by the board of aldermen will not let this opportunity pass. Unless a bill is passed by this legislature, it will be two years longer before another opportunity can be had.

Married.

Miss Lucy Rhodes was married to Mr. B. F. Hill this afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Rhodes. Rev. W. G. Johnston performed the ceremony. There were only a few friends of the contracting parties present. They left this evening, with a few friends, for Mr. Everett Rouse's, near Kinston, where a reception will be given tonight. They will make their home near here.

Miss Annie Williams was married last night to Mr. C. D. Meadows at the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Baker. Rev. C. W. Blanchard officiated. A few relatives and friends of the couple were present. Mr. Meadows is employed at Dr. A. R. Miller's. The bride and groom have a large circle of friends in Kinston.

Miss Effie Blow, of Pikeville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Blow, and Mr. D. Q. Wiggins, of Graingers, were married by Dr. H. D. Harper at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents. The groom with Miss Reba Grubbs and Mr. J. B. Langston, of Graingers, and Dr. H. D. Harper went to Pikeville this morning. The bridal party came to Kinston on the 4:32 train. They will live near Grainger's.

THE FREE PRESS wishes all the contracting parties much happiness. May they find life all sunshine without the shadows.

The Newbern Fair.

A mass meeting was held in Newbern Tuesday night to consider continuing the Newbern Fair. Mr. O. H. Guion made a speech telling of the numerous advantages of the Fair to Newbern and vicinity. It was decided to issue 160 shares of stock at \$25 each, to be offered to the citizens for subscription, said stock being secured by the Fair property. A large list of subscriptions was secured at the meeting, and President Wm. Dunn was instructed to appoint a committee to canvass the city, a number of ladies to be included in this committee.

Party at Woodington.

There will be a box party and rosette supper at Woodington school house Friday night, Dec. 21, 1900. Everybody is invited to come and bring their pretty girls and see who will get the prize quilt. It will be for the benefit of a Sunday school Christmas tree.

F. L. WALLER.

INVADE THE CAPE

Commando Under Herzog Attempts to Create Pro-Boer Uprising.

Cape Town, Dec. 18.—The Boers have again invaded Cape Colony. A commando, reported under command of Herzog, crossed the Orange river near Aliwal North Saturday, and started south. On Sunday Brabant's home and the Cape police, who are patrolling northern Cape Colony, encountered an invading commando between Odendaalroos and Beethulle. They headed the Boers off and then pursued them. An unconfirmed report later says the British were defeated. Herzog's commando is 700 strong. The object of the invasion is to incite the Cape Dutch to rebellion and to recruit fighting men for the campaign in the Boer country. All along the northern border of Cape Colony much disaffection exists, and the Boers are assured of a warm welcome.

The British suffered severely in the fight on Dec. 13th, near Rouxville, 30 miles north of Aliwal North. They lost 11 killed, 15 wounded, and 48 taken prisoners.

Robbin's Chill Pills are the best. Cost less than any other and give steady relief. They are guaranteed to cure, or your money back. Price 50c per bottle. Druggists.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

State Superintendent Mebane recommends State adoption of text books for the public schools.

Miss Maggie Reese, milliner, of Raleigh, has made an assignment, with liabilities about \$4,000 and assets from a third to half that figure.

Columbus News: Dr. N. A. Thompson, druggist, closed the doors of his drug store at this place last Tuesday for the benefit of his creditors. Assets, \$800; liabilities, \$1,050.

Jos. J. Martin, postmaster of Tarboro, died Tuesday morning, at his home, after a lingering illness, aged 67. He leaves a wife, a daughter and four sons. He was the Republican nominee against Claude Kitchin for congress in the last campaign.

Violet Greenlee, a blind colored woman, aged 80, was burned to death in her home at Morganton Saturday night. She was left in the cabin alone and when her children returned she was lying dead, with her head in the fire, where she had evidently fallen.

Danbury Reporter: The Danbury negroes are preparing to re-enfranchise themselves with remarkable assiduity. Schools are running night and day, taught by two negro teachers, and some of the older ones are applying themselves to study during leisure hours.

In the federal court at Charlotte Tuesday the grand jury found a true bill against W. F. Moody, who is president of two leading Democratic clubs in Charlotte, and has been recently appointed principal clerk in the state treasurer's office. There are five or six counts in the indictments, all of which allege that Moody as registrar refused to allow negroes to register for August and November elections.

Wilson News: The handsome diamond ring which the late Capt. S. M. Bobbitt wore on his finger has disappeared completely. It was seen by a number of parties the night before he died, and also on Friday morning just as he was dying. It was missed as the body was being prepared for burial and an immediate search made, but the ring is still missing. Friday afternoon a number of gentlemen made close search of the room, but the ring is not there. It was lost or taken from the dead man's finger between 7 and 8 o'clock Friday morning, according to the best testimony possible. That it was on his finger when he died, and that it was not there a short while after are the facts in the case. It is quite probable that Capt. Bobbitt's administrator may take some active steps to investigate the mysterious matter. If the ring was lost it ought to be known, and if it was stolen there should be punishment meted out.

In his report Secretary of State Thompson says there is found to be a very poor system as to the preparation of the laws and journals. There is now a copy of the journals for permanent filing and one for the public printer. Very frequently there are discrepancies. Dr. Thompson suggests that a copy be written in copying ink and given the secretary of State, the latter to make a copy by impression and give the latter to the printer. He says all bills engrossed ought to be typewritten by an expert, and that all enrolled bills should be seen by a lawyer and a practical proof reader. He expects a code commission to be created, but says if the side notes to the acts of the legislature are so arranged as to show how previous acts are affected it will be nearly equivalent to a semi-annually revised code. He says the office of county surveyor is most imperfectly filled and recommends its abolition. The receipts for 1899 when the secretary of state was also in charge of insurance matters were \$40,046; this year \$8,048. The latter will in future be about the annual figure.

To Vote on the Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate has set Thursday as the time for voting on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

President McKinley now knows beyond question that Great Britain will not accept the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as amended by the senate.

Lord Pauncefote, by his communication to the secretary of state, has made it incumbent upon Mr. McKinley to act, and act quickly. He has to decide whether he will call the treaty back or allow it to be ratified and then present it in its mangled form to England, ostensibly for adoption, but in reality for rejection.

Of course neither of these plans is acceptable to the president, and he is casting about for some other way out of the dilemma that would not put the country and himself in such a humiliating position. He is endeavoring to get the Republican senators who opposed the paper in its original shape to agree to have the treaty sent back to the foreign relations committee, and that it be permitted to remain there undisturbed for a long time to come.

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