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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items
In Condensed Form.

The bulletin of the State board of health scores the county superintendent of health of Wilson, who, it says, persists in calling smallpox "chicken pox," in the face of a contrary opinion expressed by the State smallpox inspectors and leading physicians.

Durham Herald: Some people charge that the governor runs too much to education, but if he can arouse the people of the State to the importance of this matter he will have accomplished more lasting good than any half dozen of his predecessors.

Bynum & Bynum, lawyers of Greensboro, have attached money in a bank at Greensboro for their fee for defending the gold brick swindlers. It is understood that Mrs. Howard, wife of the leader of the trio, deposited \$5,000 to the credit of Gilmore, the Chicago lawyer, who refuses to pay his associate counsel.

Durham Sun: No trace whatever has been found of the body of Conductor Whitaker, Jr., who was knocked into the river and drowned at Rensen's station on the Cincinnati and Ohio road Sunday night, and it is thought that the body and also that of Baggage-master Thompson were swept down the river.

It is reported that the epidemic among the horses in Swan Quarter continues and as nearly as bad as when the mosquito was doing his work. State Veterinarian, Dr. Taft Butler, says the trouble is located in the brain. It attacks horses very suddenly and unless a remedy is found Hyde county will lose all its horses.

Winston Sentinel: Mr. J. G. Neal, who set fire to his own residence, at Meadows, Stokes county, two weeks ago, died in jail at Danbury last Saturday night. He had been afflicted with epilepsy from his youth up, and after being placed in jail, for safe keeping, he gradually grew worse until his death. His age was 58 years. Mr. Neal had been violently insane for a few weeks.

Clarkton Express: Just because your children do not want to go to school is no reason why they should stay at home. Send them whether they want to go or not and when they become men and women they will rise up and call you blessed, while if they are allowed to grow up in ignorance they will look back over their past lives with regret at the time they wasted when they might have been getting an education.

Gastonia Gazette: Mrs. Roxanna McCready, who is herself about 77 years of age, has a hen that is pert and lively at 18 years of age. Polly is the hen's name and she is of the Wyandotte breed. She has been laying eggs and raising little chickens ever since she first began the business in her young days until two years ago, when she decided to lay aside family cares. She continued to lay eggs, however, and made a good record in this line last summer. At one time she raised a brood of 22 little ones. Polly is just as perky as the younger hens, and among them would never be singled out for the ancient dame she is.

Wireless Messages.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 6.—Prof. Thieszen and Pickells, of the weather bureau wireless telegraphy staff, passed through today from Cape Henry to Roanoke Island, N. C., to further experiment. It was learned that messages were on Saturday successfully sent by the wireless system from Cape Henry to Manteo, N. C., a distance of nearly 300 miles.

Degrating Letters For the Heavens.

A lady living less than a day's journey from New York had the curiosity the other day to make certain calculations in order to see how large a part of her property she would have had to sacrifice had she granted all the requests made for money within a period of 42 days. She kept all the begging letters received during that time, added together the amounts they asked for and then discovered that had she granted each individual request for money she would have disbursed \$1,600,000. And this, be it remembered, in a short period of six weeks.—Harper's Bazar.

One Big Gun.

The largest projectile for the 13 inch largest gun mounted on the warships of the United States navy, is 3 1/2 feet long and weighs 2,100 pounds. The projectile travels 30 feet before it leaves the muzzle of the gun, and in that distance is set revolving at the speed of 75 revolutions per second. The rifling inside of the gun consists of 32 spiral grooves, cut one-twentieth of an inch deep at the bore.

Punctured.

Sprocket—Had my tire punctured this morning.
Croquet—You don't say so? How did it happen?
Sprocket—Hiding in a strange country and ran against the forks of a road.

HAIR OF THE SLOTH.

It Is Green in Color and For a Peculiar Reason.

It is a very curious fact that certain plants grow and thrive on the hair of sloths. Apart from its extremely coarse and brittle nature, the most striking peculiarity of the outer hair of the sloth is its more or less decidedly green tinge. Now, green is a very rare color among mammals, and there ought, therefore, to be some special reason for its development in the sloth, and, as a matter of fact, the means by which this coloration is produced is one of the most marvelous phenomena in the whole animal kingdom, so marvelous, indeed, that it is at first almost impossible to believe that it is true.

The object of this peculiar type of coloration is, of course, to assimilate the animal to its leafy surroundings and thus to render it as inconspicuous as possible, and when hanging in its usual position from the underside of a bough its long, coarse and green tinged hair is stated to render the sloth almost indistinguishable from the bunches of gray green lichens among which it dwells. In the outer sheath of the hairs of the al there are a number of transverse cracks, and in these cracks grows a primitive type of plant—namely, a one celled alga.

And for the benefit of nonbotanical readers it may be well to mention here that algae, among which seaweeds are included, form a group of flowerless plants related on the one hand to the fungi and on the other to the lichens. In the moist tropical forests forming the home of the sloths the algae in the cracks of their hairs grow readily and thus communicate to the entire coat that general green tint which, as already said, is reported to render them almost indistinguishable from the clusters of lichen among which they hang suspended.—Knowledge.

THE FATE OF CORONETS.

Lord Brougham's Became G. W. Childs' Fruit Dish.

Peers and their coronets are soon parted when the ceremonial use has been served. The fate of one coronet is told by a correspondent of M. A. P. He writes: "When I was staying some years ago in Philadelphia with G. W. Childs, the well known proprietor of The Ledger newspaper there, I noticed at dinner one evening a peculiarly shaped gilt stand used as a support for a china dish containing grapes. My host, observing that I was scanning it rather closely, said: 'Oh, that is the coronet Lord Brougham wore at the queen's coronation. I have taken out the velvet cap and turned it upside down. The golden balls form excellent feet, and it makes a most elegant dish stand.' Which it certainly did."

But what is the fate of coronets compared with the fate of coronation robes? A large portion of George IV.'s wardrobe, including the coronation robes, was put at public auction in the summer of 1831. There were 120 lots disposed of, and some of the items are interesting. A pair of fine kid trousers, of ample dimensions and lined with white satin, was sold for 12 shillings. The sumptuous crimson velvet coronation mantle, with silver star, embroidered with gold, which cost originally, according to the auctioneer, £500, was knocked down for 47 guineas; a richly embroidered silver tissue coronation waistcoat and trunk hose, £13. The purple velvet coronation robe, embroidered with gold, of which it was said to contain 200 ounces, brought only £53, although it cost his late majesty £300. An elegant and costly green velvet mantle, lined with ermine of the finest quality, presented by the Emperor Alexander to George IV., which cost 1,000 guineas, was sold for £125.

A Singular Request.

A peculiar fate is said to overhang the family of the late Sir Julian Goldsmid. An ancestor of his, so says the legend, once gave shelter to a rabbit, who, at his death, left to him a bequest of a mysterious box, which was on no account to be opened until after the customary seven days of mourning. If opened before that time, a curse would fall upon the family.

Curiosity got the better of superstition, and the box was opened before the seven days were up. In it was found a document which said that as the injunction of the rabbit had not been heeded no future owner of the estate would be succeeded by a son. And such, strangely enough, has been the case ever since.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The more important schools in Mexican cities are beginning to teach English in place of Latin and French. This is because of the demand for the English language by young Mexicans in business life.

A Hoosier lunatic, George Brummer, escaped from the asylum in which he had been confined, and, getting into a fight, received a sharp blow on the head. The immediate result was his complete recovery of his mind.

It is reported that there are 300 cases of smallpox under treatment at Knoxville, Tenn., and that the disease is spreading at an alarming rate. The epidemic, it is stated, was started by a jack rabbit. The jack rabbit died Saturday afternoon.

According to the naval register for the New Year, Uncle Sam has now afloat and available for service 225 war vessels of all sorts, with no less than sixty in process of construction. Of the latter eight are battleships, six are armored cruisers and nine are first class protected cruisers.

The estimate of Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, on the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1901, indicates only a slight gain over the preceding year. The total number of ounces of fine gold produced is shown to have been 3,880,578, of the value of \$80,218,800. The number of fine ounces of silver produced was 59,653,788, having a commercial value of \$35,792,200. The production of gold in North Carolina was \$65,800.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says: The Southern Railway has taken the following action in the matter of hauling private cars: "The car and party passes, annual or trip, issued by the company, will be restricted to railway officers active in the management of railway property, and parties accompanying them, or the immediate families of said officers. For the transportation of private cars otherwise occupied, a minimum of eighteen fares, with one first-class fare for each additional occupant, will be required." It is understood that similar regulations have been adopted commonly by the lines south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi river.

Belmont Opposed.

New York, Jan. 7.—A special election is being held today in the Seventh congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Congressman Nicholas Muller. Perry Belmont and Councilman Joseph O'Grady have been nominated by opposing wings of the Democratic party, and as a consequence of the split the Republicans entertain strong hopes of winning with their candidate, Montague Lessor.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at J. E. Hood's drug store.

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Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the Kinston Mantel Company will hold their regular annual meeting in the office of the Citizens' Savings Bank on Tuesday night, Jan. 7th, 1902, at 7 o'clock.

A full attendance is especially requested, either in person or by proxy.

C. W. BLANCHARD,
President.

Christmas of 1901

is gone forever, but we have a few nice gifts suitable for

New Year
Presents

which we are selling at cost. See them.

Respectfully,

J. E. HOOD.

Garnet Month.

For January the birthstone is the brilliant garnet.

By her who in this month is born No gems save garnets should be worn. They will insure her constancy, True friendship and fidelity.

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