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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

It is again stated that the release of Miss Stone is near at hand.

A combination of gas, gasoline and oil stove factories is announced, with a capital of \$5,000,000.

The People's Bank, of Painesville, O., closed Saturday on account of the suspension of the Euclid Avenue bank.

Jim Mays, a negro, charged with assaulting Louisa Jeans, the daughter of Joseph Jeans, a prominent farmer near Simmstown, Ky., was quietly lynched by a mob Saturday.

Richard Croker on Saturday resigned the leadership of Tammany and Lewis Nixon, was chosen as successor. This was done at Croker's desire, who said he believed it would restore confidence in the organization.

The Daughters of the Confederacy, of Lexington, Ky., have petitioned against "Uncle Tom's Cabin" ever being played again in the opera house in that city, saying it conveys a wrong impression of slavery times.

The navy department Friday received the following cablegram from Rear Admiral Rogers, at Cavite: "Waller reports having completed ten days march across Samar from Laneseg to Babey; column endured great hardships. Killed thirteen insurgents, captured a captain, lieutenant and four men."

M. Edouard Dampre, representing the Panama Canal company, appeared before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals Saturday in obedience to the summons of that committee to testify concerning the affairs of his company and its proffer to sell its property and its franchises to the United States. He said that the offer of the Panama company was made in good faith and that the goods could be delivered.

Emperor William, of Germany, made a request that Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the president, be allowed to christen his new yacht, which will be launched at New York. The president acquiesced and Emperor William sent a cablegram Saturday extending thanks for the courtesy and saying that he would send his yacht Hohenzollern, with Prince Henry, of Prussia, as his representative at the launching. President Roosevelt sent a reply cablegram assuring the emperor of his pleasure at his action and extending best wishes to the emperor and the German people.

A sad drowning occurred at Osceola, Pa., Friday. Martin O'Hara, 18 years, and his sister Mary, aged 15, were drowned while skating on the Youghiogheny. Their brother, James, aged eight, also went under the ice, but was rescued by men who were at work nearby. The home of the O'Haras is within sight of the river and the mother of the children saw them sink under the ice. She ran screaming to the river bank and plunged in after them. The rescuers had hard work saving the lives of mother and James. Martin and Mary were carried away by the swift current and their bodies have not yet been recovered.

Experiments in Raising Fine Tobacco.

Washington, January 10.—At the cabinet meeting today Secretary Wilson explained what had been done by his department in the way of experiments in raising tobacco. He stated that it had been fully demonstrated that we could raise in this country all the wrapper tobacco necessary for domestic use and of a quality second to none. In every particular it was as fine as could be grown in Cuba or any other country.

Last year ten acres of filler tobacco had been successfully raised in Pennsylvania of a very high grade, and during the coming season extensive experiments would be made in raising high grade filler in Ohio, Texas, North Carolina, and California.

Last year the imports of wrapper tobacco into the United States amounted to \$6,000,000 and of filler \$8,000,000.

In a short time, the secretary said, we would be able to supply our own wrappers and fillers of a grade that would challenge the world.

A few prospective appointments were talked over and it is understood that the only one decided upon was that of Mr. Elliott, collector of customs at Newport News, Va., the present occupant of that office.

Child Worth Millions.

"My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird, of Harrisburg, Pa. "yet I would have lost her by group had I not purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." One Minute Cough Cure is a sure cure for coughs, croup and throat and lung troubles. An absolutely safe cough cure which acts immediately. The youngest child can take it with entire safety. The little ones like the taste and remember how often it has helped them. Every family should have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure handy. At this season especially it may be needed suddenly. J. E. Hood.

## GAY TIME IN NEWBERN.

A Merry Young Miss and Her Beau Over taken Going to a Dance and the Young Fellow Severely Whipped by an Irate Uncle.

Suit has been started in Newbern by Mr. S. H. Scott, on behalf of his son, Fred Scott, against Mess. W. K. and Dwight Styron. It is said Fred Scott and a niece of Mr. W. K. Styron, (Miss Inez Yauch, of Baltimore, a merry young miss of 15, on a visit to her uncle) became fast friends. She asked Fred to take her to a dance Friday night at Vanceboro. We copy the following from Sunday's Newbern Journal:

"Fred called for Miss Inez at a neighbor's house where the girl was waiting and at 7 o'clock they started for Vanceboro by the Neuse river road, intending to cross at Street's Ferry.

"Mr. Styron heard that his niece had gone on the trip, and it being without consent he strongly objected and a hasty visit was made to livery stables and at M. Hahn & Son's a fast team was hired and hastily harnessed and pursuit begun. Out near Street's Ferry, which is some 10 miles north of Newbern, the pursued and pursuers came in sight of each other. Fred saw that something was up and whipped up to get out of the way, but there was a broad river ahead and one horse was no match for two. The young couple were fairly caught. Fred was forced to descend from the buggy and Mr. Styron proceeded to 'wear him out' with the buggy whip. A pretty severe chastisement is said to have been given and some of the details may be brought out at the trial: All returned to this city and Fred related his troubles at his home."

On Saturday Mr. Scott in behalf of his son brought suit and engaged Attorneys W. W. Clark and L. J. Moore to prosecute it. On request it was postponed until Wednesday.

Miss Inez has returned to her home in Baltimore.

## Refuse of the Universe.

"It was a Beothuk Indian legend that when God made the world he swept the universe of the refuse and cast it into the sea, and when the white men came from the rising place of the sun they called the heap Newfoundland and chose it for a dwelling place," says Norman Duncan in Ainslee's. "It may be so. In its remoter parts Newfoundland might easily be taken for the leavings and rejected materials of the work of creation, there cast away. It is as fertile as an ash heap, which, moreover, it resembles in that it contains scraps of everything which entered into the making of the world—iron, copper, coal, gold and all other treasures under the ground. The interior is a soggy, rock strewn barren, an interminably vast waste, where not so much as a shrub is to be seen and no man chooses to live. Stunted forests fringe coast, a skinny growth of pine and spruce and birch, through which you may walk miles in vain search for a schooner's spar. The shore line is rock, in some places swept by flood and fire bare of all soil—grim, naked rock. To many a Newfoundland a sandy beach would be as great a wonder as a horse."

## Meerschaum Cost in Making.

A fire in a pipemaker's shop the other day spoiled the proprietor's stock of meerschaum and incidentally disposed of the idea, common in most smokers' minds, that this commodity is very expensive. Meerschaum itself is not expensive. That used by the manufacturers in this country is imported as raw material from Austria, but most of it is obtained in Asia Minor. Usually there are three or four different grades, running from the rough and mixed to the pure and finely grained article. There is no duty upon it. The chunks, not unlike cannon coal in shape, are packed in oblong boxes, about two feet and a half long, a foot wide and a foot high. The raw material is quite brittle and has to be soaked in water before it is used for modeling.

Meerschaum pipes are expensive because much of the material from which the bowls are made has to be thrown away before a piece is found that has no flaws in it. The shavings, however, are never wasted. They are used to make a cheaper grade of pipes which are known as chip meerschaums.—New York Post.

## Now the Sections Say It.

The woman from New England buys a "table spread," while her sister from the south buys a "tablecloth." The woman from Nova Scotia orders the servant to "lay the table," while with most of us natives of the United States the command is to "set the table." In the country the hostess says to her guests, "sit by," when it is time to eat; in town it is "Please sit down." In the city among swells there is no further invitation than the announcement of the servant that "dinner is served."

## LUCK AS WELL AS PLUCK

Narrowly Averted a Terrible Conflagration in Kinston This Morning. Two Hogshead Factories and a Small Confectionary Store Burned. Narrow Escape of the Tobacco Section of Town. Fine Work by the Fire Department.

A terrible conflagration was averted in Kinston this morning by the just in nick of time interference of Providence, the hard and intelligent work of the Kinston Fire company, the Dread-Not Hook and Ladder company and other citizens.

At one time it looked to be almost certain that the tobacco section of the town would be swept away, and no telling where the fire would eventually stop.

The alarm sounded at 10:15 o'clock. It was first given by the whistle of the American Tobacco company's plant and in a few seconds later by the fire bell.

To the people who rushed from their residences and places of business to learn the cause, it was reported that the Kinston Carolina Warehouse was on fire. They realized the seriousness of the situation if this was so, and a great state of excitement prevailed. As the people hurried to the scene, on the northern outskirts of the town, the black smoke could be seen rising and whirling with the fierce wind which was blowing. A chill must have gone to the hearts of all who realized that the most important industry of the town was apparently going up in smoke and flames.

Upon arriving at the scene the worst fears were slightly relieved to see that it was not the Carolina Warehouse on fire, but a group of small wooden buildings on the corner of Heritage street and Vernon avenue, a short distance from the warehouse, consisting of a small confectionary store—run by Mr. Norman B. White, and two tobacco hogshead factories, one of them owned and run by Capt. J. M. White and the other run under the firm name of the Kinston Hogshead Co., owned by Mess. Fleming, Bobbitt and Goodson.

The fears of the mass of people who had quickly assembled were only relieved for a short time though, for the flames spread and the several wooden structures which led them caused a wide and high mass of flame.

A strong northeast wind was blowing, which at first took the burning cinders towards the Carolina Warehouse. The tobacco stored there was removed, and by close watch, putting the flames out as the warehouse caught, the fire was prevented from spreading there.

The greatest danger of all now loomed up. The three story prize house and storehouse occupied by Mess. Bobbitt and Moseley and Mr. J. A. Long, situated directly across the narrow street from the flames, caught fire. The wind seemed to dip down and, taking the flames, burning cinders and thick black smoke, hurried it against the west side of the three story building. This, of necessity, drove the crowd and all who were fighting the flames back, and it seemed beyond human skill to prevent a fire that would consume thousands and thousands of dollars worth of property. But history repeated itself (as to Kinston fires) and once again Providence came to the rescue. The wind changed to north-west, and then some of the prettiest work ever done by the Kinston fire department was put into execution.

A line of hose had been laid from the sample of waterworks hydrant on corner of Lenoir and Queen streets. A stream of water was first gotten from this and did good work, but as it was afterwards learned, because a valve was not properly opened, it would not throw a stream high enough to reach the top flames on the building. But luck was with Kinston, and just in time a stream came from the fire engine. It had looked impossible even after the change of wind, at first, to save the building, upon which so much depended, but the fire department was now in slick working order and with the two streams of water and the ladders of the Dread-Not Hook and Ladder company, the fire was gotten under control, and Kinston people certainly had cause to thank their lucky star or something, for it was not because of their foresight in providing fire protection that the destructive conflagration had been averted.

The fire was first discovered on top of an old discarded building, which was used as a store house by Mr. A. Mitchell. It is thought almost beyond a doubt to have caught from sparks from the stove pipe which extended through the top of the store of Mr. White.

The stock in the store and all the hogsheads in the two factories were saved.

The loss on these buildings was small, several hundred dollars covering the entire loss. Mess. White and Son had their loss covered by insurance. The others had no insurance. The prize house and storehouse was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. It is owned by Mess. S. H. Abbott and J. W. Grainger and the loss is covered by insurance. Mess. Abbott and Grainger, to show

their appreciation for the brilliant and efficient work of the fire department, immediately after the fire, gave a check for \$50 to the treasurer of the company.

The people of Kinston have cause to be thankful for the work of the fire department and the apparent interference of Providence. Still the necessity for such work should never have existed. Had a system of efficient waterworks to cover the town been in, the fire would never have endangered a large portion of the town.

Let all good citizens, and bad ones too, if we have any, now join in an united effort and see that at the assembling of the legislature next January a bill is passed, allowing the issuing of bonds. Then vote them and from every point of consideration have the community better off.

## How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Sarsaparil Cures all kidney Ura. Sarsaparil Add. Sterling Remedial Co. Chicago for N.Y.

## Special Notices.

NOTICES UNDER THIS HEAD FIVE CENTS A LINE FOR EACH INSERTION. PARTIES WISHING TO EXCHANGE, BUY OR SELL ANYTHING WILL FIND THIS COLUMN OF BENEFIT TO THEM.

WANTED.—A position as cook.

MINNIE WILLIAMS. California Prunes, 10 cts. per pound at JAS. F. PARROTT'S.

Don't forget! Plenty of corned meat on hand at J. B. CUMMINGS'.

A good Buggy for sale cheap. Mrs. ZULEIMA WOOTEN, Kinston, N. C.

Ladies', Mens', Girls' and Boys' Overshoes at H. W. CUMMINGS'.

LOST.—Gold Clover Leaf Brooch, single pearl. Reward at FREE PRESS office.

Price our "Tribly Heaters" before buying. MOORE & PARROTT.

A fine lot of Dressed Turkeys and Chickens at JAS. F. PARROTT'S.

Nice quality Typewriter Paper, 8 1/2 x 13 inches, at 10c quire, 25c for 3 quires, at FREE PRESS office.

My shoe sale has been tremendous for the last few days, but I have a few more left. J. B. CUMMINGS.

J. B. Cummings has a big lot of Pants Goods he would be glad to dispose of in the next 30 days.

A tremendous lot of Tobacco to be disposed of at low prices at J. B. CUMMINGS'.

LOST.—A bunch of keys with the name Pollard & Bagby on the ring. Suitable reward for their return to THE FREE PRESS office.

Try a can of home grown and home canned Tomatoes, grown and canned by J. C. Burt, of Cades, N. C. For sale at J. B. CUMMINGS'.

Those desiring to see Dr. T. H. Faulkner can find him in his new quarters in Rouse building above Mess. Slaughter Bros. Store.

Many farms for rent, adapted to all crops, high state of cultivation, with or without team, help if needed. Apply to C. B. DAVIS, Falling Creek, N. C.

Cream of Wheat, Grape Nuts, Oat Meal, Postum Cereal and Cocoa—all breakfast necessities—at JAS. F. PARROTT'S.

Our second shipment of Queen Quality shoes just arrived. All of the ladies are invited to come in and see the new styles. S. H. LOFTIN.

Until the stock (of which a good bargain was secured) gives out the THE FREE PRESS will furnish 500 good blue or pink bond note heads, 500 blue or pink bond bill heads and 500 white XXX envelopes for the very low price of \$3.75, cash with the order. Considering quality of material this is a bargain offer.

The FREE PRESS has just received a supply of elegant and handsome blank marriage certificates, for use by the officiating ministers, to be given to the bride. The custom of using such certificates has not become general in North Carolina, yet, but they are coming more and more into use and are "quite the proper thing." They are beautifully engraved in black and gold. Price, 15c each, 2 for 25c, 5 for 50c; one dozen for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00; 100 for \$7.50. Sent postpaid on receipt of price. Every minister ought to have a few on hand.

Big Reductions in Dry Goods and Millinery.

J. M. STEPHENSON.

Opp. Mayor's Office.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Mr. James H. Chadbourn, one of Wilmington's most prominent business men, died Saturday morning, aged 79 years.

A charter has been asked for the Electric Railway and Power company to build an electric railway in Elizabeth City.

The Monarch Roller Mills, manufacturing flour, was burned at High Point Thursday. Loss \$6,000; insurance \$3,000.

Insurance Commissioner Young reports receipts of his office for the year ending March 31st will be \$25,000 greater than ever before.

The mayor and chief of police of Elizabeth City have brought suits for \$10,000 each against the Citizens committee, owing to the latter's charges against the mayor and chief in the Nellie Cropey matter.

Newton Enterprise: Farmers are considerably alarmed about their wheat. They held off late in sowing this year to avoid the fly, and the cold weather came on before it got a start. They fear that much of it has been frozen out, and some has not yet come up.

Graham Tribune: A little girl, the daughter of James McPherson, living at Gibsonville, was burned to death Monday. The girl, who was less than eight years old, was left in the house with a younger sister, and in some way her clothing caught fire and she was so badly burned before assistance arrived that she died shortly afterwards in great agony.

Raleigh Post: The White Furniture company, of Mebane, already one of the most important and successful enterprises in the State, has decided to greatly increase its plant and facilities for turning out the products of the factory. The stockholders at a meeting held this week decided to increase their capital to \$100,000 at once with the privilege of increasing it later to \$250,000.

Winston-Salem special to News-Observer: Mrs. Babson Dunn, who was married in November, was killed Friday near Rockford by a tree. The wife with her husband was sitting near a tree which had just been cut down, the butt end resting on the stump. The limbs gave way, throwing the body of the tree off the stump on the young wife, crushing her to death. The husband also sustained painful injuries.

Mr. I. H. Lamb, an old man of nearly 70 years, living alone seven miles west of Burgaw, was the victim of a daring robbery by masked men Friday night. He was called to his door by six or eight men, who seized him and at pistol point demanded his money or his life. Two of them held him while others ransacked the house, obtaining between \$200 and \$300. Bloodhounds from Goldsboro were telegraphed for but with what result is not learned.

Winston Sentinel: Sheriff Alsbaugh went to the jail last evening and notified the female prisoners that they could not wear corsets while in prison. There are nine women in the cell upstairs, six of them being white. The sheriff does not propose to give the prisoners any chance to break out. The order issued to the women was suggested to the sheriff by the jailer at Roanoke, Va., who informed the Forsyth officer on Monday that female prisoners in Roanoke jail made saws of corset staves some time and with these sawed out.

## Don't Live Together.

Constipation and health never go together. DeWitt's Little Early Risers promote easy action of the bowels without distress. "I have been troubled with constipation nine years," says J. G. Greene, Depauw, Ind. "I have tried many remedies but Little Early Risers give best results." J. E. Hood.

## 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.