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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

C. G. Wood, of Ransom's Bridge, Franklin county, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at Raleigh. It is the sixth one filed.

The State museum at Raleigh has received from Morehead City a fine specimen of an octopus or devil fish. It will be prepared at once for exhibition.

Two young men giving their names as Charles and Edward Goldberg, of Salem, N. C., were arrested Saturday for burglary in Washington, D. C. One is 17, and the other 14 years of age.

The Charlotte papers note the death of Capt. James C. Dowd, of Charlotte. He was a native of Moore county, a gallant soldier, and a strong Baptist. He leaves ten children, among them Mr. C. Dowd, editor of the Charlotte News, and Mrs. T. N. Ivey.

Alphonso Rhyne, a negro who committed murder in Gaston county, was placed in Wake jail Sunday night, to save him from lynching. It is the fourth jail he has been in. He was first in Gaston jail, next in Cleveland jail, then was taken to Charlotte.

Wilmington Messenger: Wilmington has been brought commercially within touch with Spain. This is quite interesting, as all will agree, and is something for our people to be proud of. The great cotton exporting establishment of Messrs. Alex Sprunt & Son, for they are second to none, accomplished this highly progressive step. Yesterday the British steamer Narnja, Captain Tinkler, cleared from the hands of Sprunt & Son with 2,947 bales of cotton on board. Her destination is Barcelona, Spain.

Commander George L. Morton, of the North Carolina naval battalion, states that he converted yacht Hornet, assigned by the navy department to the North Carolina Naval Reserve as a training ship, was formerly Mr. H. M. Flagler's private yacht "The Alliance." She is a pretty vessel, 160 feet long, 24 feet beam, and cost the government \$117,500 when she was bought for use as an auxiliary cruiser in the war with Spain. She draws 135 feet, has 300 horse-power, and has a speed of 14 knots per hour. She is said to be quite a desirable vessel for the Reserve.

Raleigh Post: The war department has remitted the remainder of the sentence of Private D. B. Sutton, of the second volunteer infantry. Sutton was convicted by court-martial September last, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., for resisting and assaulting a guard who attempted to arrest him. He was formerly a resident of Wilmington, N. C., and was a representative in the last session of the general assembly of North Carolina from New Hanover county, where he essayed to act as spokesman of Gov. Russell, whose protégé he has been.

Raleigh correspondent Messenger: Your correspondent finds that there are two views as to what the legislature should do in regard to impeaching the governor. It is asserted that there are ample grounds for impeaching him and all the other State officials, says the attorney general and superintendent of public instruction. One view is that there should be impeachment; but this would require a long session, lasting, perhaps, until summer, while the business interests in the State desire a short session and as few laws as possible. Another view is to have a short session, enact few laws and then take a recess until August next, so that then, if the governor refuses or fails to execute the laws, or in case the supreme court should declare them unconstitutional, the legislature can take proper action. The odds are therefore against impeachment. But it is assuredly held over the governor's head and it is no secret that he fears it.

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COTTON TICKETS EXEMPT.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Rules They Cannot Be Taxed.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who has been interesting himself in securing the exemption of cotton tickets from the requirements of the stamp tax, has received a letter from the commissioner of internal revenue, announcing his decision making the exemption. In his letter the commissioner says:

"After a careful review of this subject, this office is of the opinion, and so holds, that where a buyer of cotton deposits with a third person a sum of money out of which this third person is directed to pay all cotton tickets O. K'd by the buyer, that the ticket cashed under these circumstances are exempt from taxation as orders for the payment of money. In order to come within this ruling, the buyer must actually place the money with the third person who cashes the ticket, and the ticket must be then actually cashed out of the buyer's own money and no other. This would not include the payment of tickets by a bank out of the funds of its depositors, nor payment of tickets in the hands of persons to whom they have been transferred by the cotton seller."

Senator Jones took the position that as cotton tickets are mere directions on the part of purchasers to their cashiers to pay out their own money they were not subject to the requirements of the stamp tax. He also held them to be exempt because of the levying of a tax on the cotton itself, which is exempt as a farm product. The senator regards the ruling as of very general importance throughout the cotton-growing section.

THOUGHT CORBETT WAS BEATEN.

Why McVey Jumped into the Ring. Corbett Wants Another Fight With Sharkey and is to be Accommodated.

New York Nov. 28.—James J. Corbett declared today that he believed Connie McVey innocent of any intentional or pre-arranged wrong-doing when he entered the ring during the ninth round of the Sharkey-Corbett contest last Tuesday night at the Lenox Athletic club and consequently forfeited the contest to Sharkey.

The statement on Corbett's part was made at the close of the inquiry, which was instituted by the directors of the Lenox Athletic club, to fix the responsibility for McVey's action. The inquiry or investigation took place in the presence of a large number of sporting men, the principals with their handler and the club officials being present. The only absentee was McVey, whose invasion of the ring caused all the trouble.

After a large number of witnesses had been examined, State Senator Sullivan reviewed the evidence and said: "It seems that McVey thought Corbett was being beaten and jumped into the ring to save him. No evidence to the contrary is forthcoming and the club directors have done all that they could to set the matter right in the eyes of the public. As to the bets, we have nothing further to do with them."

This ended the inquiry so far as the club was concerned. After it was over Corbett declared that Sharkey should give him another fight, and O'Rourke promised to give the Californian a chance.

A dispatch from Manila says there is probability of a stubborn conflict with the Filipinos before they accept American government.

A Naval Row, 1702.

At 6 this evening Captain Norris coming on board this ship (the flagship), my Lord Hamilton, Captain Ley, Captain Wihart and Captain Trevor were standing on the quarter deck, and as Captain Norris came up Lord Hamilton asked him if he had taken any more wine or brandy. The other answered, Norris said he would have 6 li. or salt water, and then Captain Ley said he would rather the prizes were ashore than he would give 6 li. the hoghead; upon which Captain Norris said he was a rascal that wished his prizes ashore. The other replied he was a rascal, if he called him so, and then Captain Norris struck Captain Ley and threw him over the gun, which Mr. Hopson hearing, as he and I were in my cabin, ran out and upon inquiry found he (Norris) had hurt Captain Ley, and by the admiral's directions ordered him to be confined, upon which Captain Norris drew his sword and offered to stab Captain Ley, but Admiral Hopson, holding his hand, ordered him to be disarmed and confined in Mr. Rayney's cabin. —"Journal of Sir John Rooke."

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of it Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spoilt.

Lieutenant Hobson states that the Cristobol Colon can be raised (and he is now on his way to submit a report to the secretary of the navy.

A negro soldier was killed at Macon, Ga., Tuesday by a citizen. The negroes threatened to destroy the city at night and there was much excitement.

A large amount of powder and cartridges, stored in a private house at Havana, exploded from careless handling last Monday, killing or injuring 38 persons.

The details of the horrible storm in New England Saturday night and Sunday only add to its horrors. Over 100 vessels were driven ashore and it is thought the loss of life is over 140.

It is understood that the president will recommend the creation of the rank of admiral in the navy, the highest rank known to that branch of the service, and Mr. Dewey will receive appointment to that position. This is all right, and as it should be. We are in favor of giving Mr. Dewey the best that we may have in that line, but nevertheless, his work, brilliant as it was, has unloaded a veritable Pandora's box of evils upon this country, the end of which no man knoweth. —Raleigh Post.

On November 24th, George Owens, a negro employed by S. W. Mead, a white farmer of Mobley Pond, Surin county, Ga., eloped with the wife of Mr. Mead, carrying with them \$215.75 belonging to Mr. Mead, making their way to Barnwell, the former home of the negro. The eloping couple were followed by the enraged husband who was determined to find the elopers. A posse was formed by an officer of the peace, which found the couple last Sunday about 10 miles from Barnwell and carried them there, where they are now safely lodged in the county jail.

A special from Butler, Ga., tells of the killing there Sunday night of a member of a sheriff's posse, the fatal wounding of another, and the serious wounding of another. B. L. Cooper, Wesley Wainwright and John P. Jones were the posse. They went to a negro's house with a warrant. The negro's 14-year-old son said his father was not at home. When the officers attempted to enter the house to see for themselves, the boy fired on them with squirrel shot. Wainwright fell dead, Cooper will probably die, and Jones is badly injured. The boy was arrested and taken to jail. It is believed he had help.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., the residents of a fashionable quarter are exercised over a colored problem which was precipitated upon them by a wealthy property owner named William J. Bennett. He had several quarrels with his neighbors, and setting about to hatch up the meanest plan for revenge, he finally decided upon advertising his fine house "to let, to a colored family only, with the more children the better." He has so far refused all offers from white people who have wanted to rent the house. The residents in the neighborhood are raising a great row over the prospect of having a colored family residing among them and express a holy horror at the very idea. There is a significance to this incident, and it is just this—that when a northern man casts about for some humiliation to bring upon his neighbor, he can think of nothing so good as setting up a negro alongside of or over him.

SHARKEY IS READY.

Will Fight Corbett Again. Proceeds to Go to the Poor.

New York, Nov. 29.—Yesterday in a published interview Corbett was quoted as saying that he was willing to fight Sharkey again for nothing, provided he was allowed his training expenses.

Today Tom O'Rourke, Sharkey's manager, issued the following card: "Corbett has stated that he will fight Sharkey for nothing, if allowed training expenses. Sharkey accepts, providing the proceeds go to the poor as a Christmas gift, the press to form a committee who will distribute the money. Let Corbett name the time, which must not be later than two weeks hence."

Old Time Firemen.

Fifty years and more ago, when New York and many other cities relied upon the members of their volunteer fire department to put out fires, the ambition of each company was to be first at a fire and most efficient in subduing the flames.

One old time fireman says that nothing now can rouse in him the excitement which never failed to come at the sound of the fire alarm.

"Business, meals and health were of small account compared to a call to join the fire engine," this veteran says, with a retrospective sigh. "The night of my wedding there was a fire, but it came right in the middle of the marriage service and I had to miss it. However, there was one early the next morning while we were eating breakfast, and I went. No bride was so exacting as to expect to keep her husband at her side when the fire department had use for him."

There were no salaries in those days save those paid to chief engineers. The firemen paid for the painting and decorating of their honored engines and for such repairs as were needed from time to time. In the days before cities were divided into districts the volunteer firemen, added to active service on the field of the conflagration, frequently had a good deal of preliminary exercise in the way of running before they discovered where their services were needed. —Youth's Companion.

A Vegetable Caterpillar.

The most extraordinary object I have ever seen is the New Zealand vegetable caterpillar. The rata is a parasite creeper which first destroys its forest host and then crushes it to death and, usurping its skeleton, becomes a tree itself. If the rata seedling is dug up, it is found to be springing not from a seed, but from the head of a perfectly formed caterpillar.

It is supposed by some that the caterpillar, which on dissection proves to be internally the exact counterpart of its living insect relative, swallows the tiny rata seed while living, and burrowing into the ground becomes, instead of a chrysalis, the germinating home of the seed, which by some agency turns its unfortunate foster mother into wood.

Others, however, contend the caterpillar itself is produced by the rata, urging in support of their theory that if springing from a seed the shoot would grow out of different parts of the caterpillar instead of invariably growing out of the head.

The insect vegetable is yellowish, about four inches long, and is fully extended. I have seen them freshly dug up, and others that had been kept for years, and all had the appearance of a perfect insect carved in wood. —Pearson's Weekly.

Tanning by Electricity.

By the introduction of electricity into the process the period required for the tanning of leathers has been very materially reduced. In the final process of unhairing the pelts and skins it has been demonstrated that if a current of small density be passed through the solution of lime and arsenic in which they are usually soaked the process is so hastened that the skins are ready for the mechanical removal of the hair in several hours, whereas in the ordinary way it would require several days. The passage of the electric current appears to carry the solution into the pores of the hide in a very remarkable manner. After the hair is removed and the skins placed in the proper tanning solutions a weak current is again passed through the solution, which has a similar accelerating effect. The figures of time required for tanning by this process are, with bark liquor, about 12 days for cowhide and one-half to three days for calfskin and one day for kangaroo. —Philadelphia Record.

Big Ben.

Big Ben of Westminster has proved itself accurate to less than a second per week. It is the largest and most powerful clock in the world. One weight takes five hours to wind up. This is done twice a week and it will go for 8 1/2 days. The dial measures 39 1/2 feet in diameter. —London Sun.

Fifty years ago the transportation of a letter cost about 30 times as much as it does now.

THE PEOPLE DEMAND IT.

There Must Be Separate Cars for Whites and Blacks.

PEOPLE FINALLY RESOLVED

Not Only That White Supremacy Shall Be Established But That Every Tendency To Social Equality Shall Be Scooped. The Democratic Party Will at its Peril Ignore This Mandate of the People. The Railroads May as Well Succumb.

News-Observer.

To the Editor: Those who argue against the provision of separate railroad cars for the races—and only railroad men have as far as I have heard raised their voices in defense of the present system—wholly misunderstand the temper of the people and the significance of the late election. Sixty thousand North Carolinians did not then change their vote and mean nothing by it.

It is the firm resolve of the people not only that white supremacy shall be established, but that every tendency to social equality shall be effectually scooped. The assertion that the first-class cars are not often entered by negroes and that there is little social friction on this score is entirely erroneous.

I cannot remember having entered a first-class car this year—and I have had occasion to travel a good deal on five different roads in the State—in which negroes were not present. It is usually the most offensive members of that race who elect to ride with white people. Their presence is a cause of uneasiness and wholly unnecessary irritation. If the Democratic party cannot regulate this matter the people will form and support a party that will, for it is an essential part of the duty which that party has been so earnestly charged.

But no injustice must be done either to the negroes or to the railroads. The negroes who pay for first-class accommodation that the white people get, but the same protection from intemperance that the white people have so long demanded in vain.

This can be effected by cutting off a part of the second-class car for first-class negro passengers. The railroads cannot with the present amount of passenger traffic afford to run another car.

Should other methods prove impracticable,—and it must be acknowledged that there are difficulties in the way of all—there is, as a dernier resort, a plan both simple and easy: Substitute race distinction for class distinction on the railroads. Have two cars or compartments, one for whites and one for negroes, just as on most lines there are now waiting rooms, one for each race. The one fare charged would have to be intermediate between first and second-class fare.

This will simplify things for the railroads and I am sure satisfy the people if they see that other plans are impracticable. The slight consequent increase in the cost of transportation would work some slight hardship, but I am sure that the poorest white man would be willing to bear it.

In this connection I would like to say that the great majority of the people deprecate the use of the words "Jim Crow Car," and such approbrious terms. Forbearance is now incumbent on all white people. It is not only good in principle, but good in policy. In our struggle for a great and beneficent principle—beneficial in the end, to white and to black—let us not imperil its safety by indulging in mockery or derisive epithets.

O. W. BLACKNALL.

Kittrell, N. C., Nov. 29, 1898.

Cotton Market.

The New York cotton market at 1:30 today—December 5 '97; May 5.49. Spot cotton at Kinston. 5 00 to 5.15.

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