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## 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 Spelt.

At Paris Thursday the court of cassation ordered a stay of proceedings in the Fiquart court martial.

Tom Sharkey and Kid McCoy have signed articles for a 20 round fight in New York on January 10th for a purse of \$20,000, Tim Hurst referee. The winner will go after Fitzsimmons.

There is good authority for stating that the Paris peace treaty will be signed this week, although it is probable several matters will be left open for subsequent diplomatic treatment.

The Alabama Confederate monument at Montgomery was dedicated with great ceremony Wednesday. Lieut. Holton was a prominent figure in the exercises, and his address was received with great enthusiasm.

The urgent deficiency bill passed the house Thursday practically without opposition. It provides for the support of the military and naval establishments, and appropriates \$69,000,000. The senate Thursday voted to take up the Nicaragua canal bill, and it will be the regular business until disposed of.

The officers of the cotton mills in Augusta, Ga., threaten if the striking operatives, who have been "out" for three weeks, do not return by Christmas eve to close the mills for the season. If the strikers do not return a hard winter of privation is before the men, women and children who consult the forces at the mills.

A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says England is preparing to build immense dock yards there with the intention of making a Gibraltar to command the Nicaragua canal and be a rallying point for the naval military forces of the Anglo-American alliance, which, by dominating both oceans, will hold the political and commercial balances of power in the hollow of its hand.

Final returns have been received from the various counties in South Dakota on the constitutional amendments submitted at the recent elections. Woman suffrage was defeated by 4,080, and the South Carolina dispensary system by 965; while the initiative and referendum has been carried by a majority of a little over 6,000. The total vote on the three amendments reached only about one-half the total vote polled at the election.

At Alton, Ill., some months ago the town authorities decided to separate the white and colored school children and provide separate schools. Prior to that time both white and colored children attended the same school. The negroes objected to the separation, but withstanding equal accommodations were provided for them. They brought suit in the courts to test the matter and the lower court has decided against them. The case will be appealed.

The findings of the naval board of inquiry appointed to investigate the loss of the Maria Teresa has been made public by the navy department. The court exonerated Lieutenant-Commander Harris, and found that Lieut. Blaw, of the Vulcan, acted properly in directing the collision between the Vulcan and Maria Teresa to be cut. It is recommended that no further proceedings be had. The navy department has not taken any action on the recommendation.

### HUGO ITEMS.

December 8.

Mrs. Rachel A. Phillips visited Mrs. All-Nel on Tuesday.

Rev. Phillips filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

We will say something about the wedding in a week or two.

Mrs. Davis and Nobles gave a very interesting and instructive entertainment at the church here Tuesday night on the Cuban situation.

Mr. Robert Phillips, of Craven county, returned home this morning. He has purchased the lands of Mr. Collins Phillips and Collins will move to Kinston.

Two boys, Sam Stanly and Dan Abbott, were playing with a knife. Dan drew the knife through Sam's hand and cut it severely. Dr. Johnson attended the injury.

### A Quaint Picture of Harvey.

"He (William Harvey) was not tall, but of the lowest stature, round faced, olivaster complexion; little else, round, very black, full of spirit; his hair was black as a raven, but quite white 20 years before he died. I have heard him say, that after his books of the Circulation of the Blood came out, that he fell mightily in his practice, and that 'twas believed by the vulgar that he was crack-brained; and all the physicians were against his opinion, and envied him; many wrote against him. With much ado at last, in about 20 or 30 years time, it was received in all the Universities in the world; and, as Mr. Hobbes says in his book 'De Corpore,' he is the only man, perhaps, that ever lived to see his own doctrine established in his lifetime."

"He was much and often troubled with the gout, and his way of cure was thus; he would then sit with his legs bare, if it were frost, on the leads of Cockaine house, put them into a pail of water, till he was almost dead with cold, and betake himself to his stove, and so 'twas gone. He was hot-headed, and his thoughts working would many times keep him from sleeping; he told me that then his way was to rise out of his bed and walk about his chamber in his shirt till he was pretty cool, i. e., till he began to have a horror, and then return to bed, and sleep very comfortably."—Aubrey's "Lives."

### The Original Siamese Twins.

The sleepy village of Biddenden, not far from Tenterden, celebrates yearly the memory of the two maids of that ancient hamlet who were the original precursors of the Siamese twins. In life they were joined together by a mysterious cord of flesh, and they died on the same day, leaving their property to be distributed among the poor of the parish and among all who care to apply for a dole of bread and cheese on Easter day. This benefaction has been in existence for six or seven centuries, and at present its value is about \$200 a year.

Formerly the doles consisted of bread and cheese and ale, but the latter produced so much hilarity in the village that it was abolished, and the charity is now limited to the two first mentioned nutritive articles. The bread is made up in the form of cakes, bearing a rude representation of the twin maids of Biddenden, and are generally preserved as curiosities by the recipients. They are baked very hard and are admirably adapted to give work to dentists by breaking the molars of those who attempt to penetrate their mysteries. The poor of the parish as distinguished from necessitous strangers are supplied with ordinary quarter loaves and cheese.—London Telegraph.

### Shoplifting.

Nothing has done so much to encourage stealing (shoplifting) as the modern department stores and their methods. The problem presented is a difficult one with which to deal, but while merchants have a right to display their goods the public also has rights and duties in the matter. If a banker dumps his cash on tables outside his desk railings and lets people handle it at will, he would not get much sympathy when he complained that it had been stolen, and if he continued the practice because these losses were more than offset by the increased profits which the display resulted in, as is the case with the department stores, there would be much justice in the claim that he had no right to make profits by any method which tended to debauch the public. In short, it may fairly be maintained that it is a prime duty of every citizen to exercise reasonable diligence in safeguarding his own property, and that if he neglects this he becomes in a measure a menace to society.—International Magazine.

### Mrs. Smithersleigh's Compensation.

"Wasn't it awfully hard for you to give your daughter up, Mrs. Smithersleigh?"

"Yes, it was hard to think of it, but she's going to live in the east, and I have always wanted to spend a summer down there so much."—Chicago News.

### Papa's Watch.

"By their works ye shall know them," as the curious small boy said when his father gave him his watch to play with.—Boston Courier.

## THE TREATY FINISHED.

Nothing Remains Except Formality Of Engrossing and Signing It.

## THE SPANIARDS PROTEST.

Ries Read a Protest Declaring That Spain's Submission Was Due to Force. Treaty Will Contain Twelve or More Articles. Will Be Ready for Signing Saturday or Monday. Matters Outside The Protocol Left for Further Negotiations.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Today's session of the joint peace commission lasted from 2 o'clock to 5 this afternoon. The Americans were the first to leave. They said their labors were finished and that nothing remained but to engross and sign the treaty, which will probably be signed Monday, and possibly Saturday. None of the commissioners could state exactly the number of articles the treaty would contain, but Secretary Moore said there would probably be more than twelve. They would consist, he said, of the essential features of the protocol and matters relating thereto. Matters not connected with the protocol had not been raised, having been left until after the resumption of diplomatic relations between Spain and the United States.

The Americans held a conference this morning and agreed to keep the treaty absolutely secret until it is reported to the senate.

London, Dec. 8.—A Central News dispatch from Paris says the treaty will contain fifteen articles and that the signatures will be affixed Saturday or Monday. The dispatch also says that at the end of today's session Ries read a protest declaring that Spain's submission to the American terms was due to force.

### INQUIRY BY PRITCHARD.

He Probably Contemplates Investigating The Race Troubles. White Says Matters Have Reached a Point Where Negroes Must Either Emigrate or be Exterminated.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The north and South Carolina members of congress say no plan has been formulated as to congressional action on the recent race troubles in the Carolinas. There had been some talk of a congressional investigation, but no move in that direction has been made by the house members and one of them said today that it was probable the matter would be left to Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, who is said to have in contemplation some kind of inquiry. Representative White, the colored member from North Carolina, arrived today. He severely arraigned the leaders of the recent North Carolina mobs, and says the race issue has about reached the point where the negro must face either extermination or emigration. In this view he expresses regret that the president's message did not deal with the race question. White has prepared no investigation resolutions and he expresses doubt whether much can be expected from federal inquiry or investigation.

### LOUISIAN SWAMP ITEMS.

December 6, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kilpatrick left today for Richmond.

Tobacco drummers are in our midst every day or two.

Mrs. W. A. and W. O. Mosely were in Kinston Monday.

Rev. S. W. Samrell preached at Airy Grove last Sunday.

There was a public sale of the farming implements at Mr. E. F. Hill's today.

Mr. J. W. Rice, of near LaGrange, visited his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Mosely, last week.

Mrs. Effie Mosely and children, of Hookerton, spent Monday at Mrs. J. B. Kilpatrick's.

The Sunday school at Airy Grove will have a Christmas tree at the school house during Christmas week.

## Artistic Job Printing

The Free Press Office.

### HOOKERTON ITEMS.

December 8, 1898.

Mrs. Ike Pridden went to Ayden Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. W. Hart lost a fine male Tuesday night.

Mr. O. H. Taylor went to LaGrange Friday and returned Monday.

Mr. J. W. Brown, of Greenville, came Sunday and returned Monday.

Mess. Geo. W. Hart and C. F. Sutton went to Greenville Wednesday.

Mr. W. M. Edwards, of Ayden, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. F. A. Moseley went to Greenville Friday and returned Saturday.

Rev. L. J. Holden will preach in the M. E. church here next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of Warrenton, came Wednesday to visit at Dr. T. M. Jordan's.

Mrs. E. Z. Taylor returned Saturday from visiting at LaGrange and Goldsboro.

Miss Fannie Moseley went to Greenville Friday to visit friends and relatives for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Dixon, of Kinston, came Tuesday to visit friends and relatives here for a few days.

Rev. W. D. Sasser returned Wednesday from Elizabeth City, where he has been attending the M. E. conference.

### LaGrange News.

THE FREE PRESS BUREAU. LaGrange, N. C., Dec. 8, 1898.

There will be preaching in the Disciple church Sunday morning and night.

Mr. Henry Crook has resigned as chief of police, and Mr. W. H. Burke is acting temporarily.

There will be no change in the various pulpits of our town for the coming year.

Rev. T. H. Sutton, of the M. E. church, and Rev. C. E. Forlines, of the M. P. church, have recently been returned to their respective charges.

We regretfully lose Mr. H. V. Williams, who by virtue of his office as clerk of the court, becomes a resident of Kinston. We cordially commend him and his family to the confidence and respect of his new neighbors. He has made a good citizen, and as such, and as a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, will be much missed. We helped to remove him from our midst, but we hate to see him go.

The large stores of Mr. O. Taylor have been closed for the past week. Mr. Taylor sold his cash store to Mr. Josiah Sutton and his other two stores (or contents) to Mr. J. T. Aldridge. The creditors have undertaken legal proceedings to get their money, and the result is that Sheriff Sutton closed the stores sold Mr. Aldridge. In the meantime Sheriff John C. Woodson qualified and on papers in his hands, came and broke open the said stores, put on other locks and took possession. Mr. Taylor's inability to collect caused the failure. We hope Mr. Taylor will be able to liquidate his indebtedness, as he is a public-spirited, energetic and most desirable citizen.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. M. Smith, in Trent township, on Wednesday, at 6 p. m., Mr. A. W. Rouse and Miss Umma Smith were happily married. Mr. Wilby Rouse, J. P., officiating. The attendants were Mr. Eddie Emore and Miss Mattie Rouse, Mr. Floyd Barwick and Miss Julia Smith, Mr. Carl Emore and Miss Nora Barwick. The happy couple repaired to the home of Mrs. Mary Rouse, and when all were seated at the bountifully laden table, a few moments were spent with reverently bowed heads, only to be followed by laughter, good cheer and the devouring of good things in a manner to be long remembered by the participants. Such occasions are inspiring to young people, and we predict that there will be other such occasions, or there will be many and young men in Trent. May all seasons be fraught with seasonable pleasures, is my wish for the bride and groom.

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- 38 inch Goods reduced from 50 cents to 35 cents.

Other Dress Goods of lower quality and cheaper prices.

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## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

## CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

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

The Wilmington chamber of commerce proposes Frank McNeil for railroad commissioner.

The first N. C. regiment sailed from Savannah to Cuba last Thursday on the Roumania.

Mr. D. E. Stainback, editor of the Roanoke News, and Miss Edith Clark, of Weldon, are to be married Dec. 21st.

The Newbern Journal says Mr. John Gatlin killed three wild turkeys at one shot at a point below the mouth of Swift creek.

Only about one-half the cotton crop on the penitentiary farms has been picked, so large is it and so limited the supply of convicts.

There has as yet been no indictments at Raleigh federal court of citizens of Wilmington in connection with the departure of U. S. Commissioner Bunting. There will probably be none.

Miss Annie Willis, daughter of Dr. Willis, founder of the Church of the Redeemer, near Asheville, committed suicide by drowning herself in the French Broad river Tuesday. She was 30 years old.

There was an increase of \$41,584.57 in the State tax receipts this year. The receipts were \$1,434,082.24; the disbursements \$1,283,971.11. There was \$140,097.58 in the State treasury at the end of the fiscal year, Nov. 30th.

At Winston, this week, William Carter, colored, was convicted of attempting to rape a 11-year-old girl, and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. Chas. Harmon, the negro who killed Mollie Pritchard, colored, was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Hillsboro Observer: It is suggested by some Democratic leaders that the legislature complete its work some ten or fifteen days before its sixty days expire and take a recess until August, 1900. This will make it possible for the legislature to meet again, if found necessary, without being called by the governor.

The Methodist conference at Elizabeth City appointed a committee to establish a church organ and appointed T. N. Ivey, editor at \$1,500 a year. It is probable that part interest of the Christian Advocate will be purchased and the new paper established at Raleigh. The western conference will continue the Advocate at Greensboro.

Raleigh correspondent Messenger: It is rumored that State Treasurer Worth has made advances to all the penitentiary this year, and that he has in effect taken chattel mortgages for a large sum, which some persons put at \$50,000. It is rumored that the legislature will look into this matter to ascertain whether there is any foundation for such rumors.

The Baptist State convention met at Greenville Thursday. Dr. R. H. Marsh was unanimously elected president; Noah Efigus, W. L. Potrait and Rev. L. Johnson, vice-presidents; John E. White, corresponding secretary; J. D. Bonshall, treasurer; Walter Durham, auditor, succeeding W. N. Jones, who declined reelection.