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## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The cotton platform at Lauriuburg caught fire Sunday night. Prompt work prevented a destructive conflagration. About 400 bales of cotton were on the platform, but only about 25 bales were burned.

Dave Justice, a colored tenant employed on Col. B. Cameron's farm, some 10 or 12 miles from Durham, was found dead Sunday morning not far from his home. A team he had been driving was near by. It is thought he fell out of the wagon and broke his neck.

J. J. Thompson, of South Gaston, Halifax county, was fatally injured by the collapse Saturday of a trestle in course of erection on the R. C. & P. R. R., near Nottaway river, Va. In the same accident L. H. Rahn, of St. Paul, Minn., was also fatally hurt.

Sanford Express: The large new hotel at Pinehurst will be open for the reception of guests by November 1st. The hotel will be elegantly furnished, the carpets alone costing \$12,000. This makes the seventh hotel for Pinehurst, all owned by Mr. Tufts, all of which, with his 76 cottages, will be crowded with guests the coming winter.

Clinton Democrat: While a murder trial was in progress in Clinton, a murder was committed in Dismal township last Friday evening. Two negroes, Tobe Maxwell and George Maxwell, kinsmen, became involved in a difficulty. Tobe assaulted George, and it is said shot at him, when George returned the fire, killing his assailant instantly.

At Pee Dee, N. C., there is a negro preacher named Barrett running a school, which he calls Pee Dee Collegiate Institute. It is learned that he has been selling degrees of D. D. to Baptist clergymen in England. The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer publishes some of the doings of this negro preacher which show him to be a bad man and a very "alike duck."

At Raleigh Saturday the A. & M. and University played a tie game of football, score 11 to 11, the score at end first half was 11 to 5 in favor of A. & M. The University had tied the score and had the ball within a few inches of the A. & M. goal when time was called. The University timekeeper contended that the game was called 17 seconds too soon, and if correct in those 17 seconds University would likely have made score 16 to 11 in favor of the University.

News-Observer: "There is one law in the State that is practically a dead letter," said Capt. Bradley, of the supreme court library. "It is section 3841 of the Code, which provides that every person using weights, measures, balances, steel-yards, etc., shall take them to the standard keeper of the county once every two years to have them tested and stamped. The section imposes a fine of \$50 for failure to comply with the law, \$25 to go to the standard keeper and \$25 to the county, but nobody seems ever to be fined. If the law were suddenly rigidly enforced the standard keeper would become a plutocrat in short order. And it is a good law too."

### Gov. Vance's First Composition.

Charlotte Observer.

A lady of this city, one of the teachers in the graded school, has received from a first cousin of the late Senator Vance a copy of his first school composition. It has come into the possession of The Observer, which has every assurance of the genuineness of the document, and is given herewith as an evidence of its writer's then budding genius:

You told me to tell what I knoyed about Toads. Well Toads is like frogs, but more dignity, and when you come to think of it frogs is wetter. The warts for which toads is noted for can't be cured, for they is acronic, but if I couldn't get well I'd stay in the house. My Grandfather knew a toad that some lady had trained till it was like folks, wen its master whissled it would come for flies. They catches 'em with their tong, which is some like a long red worm but more like litain only litain hasint got no gum onto it. The fi will be standing a rubbin its hind legs together and a thinkin what a fine fat fi it is and the toad a siten some distance away like it was asleep. While you see this fi as plane as ever you see anything all at once it alnt there—then the toad looks up at you adum out of his eyes like he said. What become of that fi? but you know he et it. That's what I know about toads.  
E. B. VANCE.

## IN THE PHILIPPINES.

### Two Small Fights With Filipinos Who Were Scattered Each Time.

Manila, Oct. 30.—Three companies of Col. Bell's regiment have had two encounters with the insurgents near Laban and scattered them. The insurgents left four officers and eight men dead on the field and the Americans captured three prisoners and several guns. On the American side one man was killed and two officers and six men were wounded. Capt. French took a reconnoitering party beyond Laban after he had met the enemy and was reinforced by Major Bishop, with two companies. The insurgents brought up cavalry reinforcements, and there was a second fight during which their leader, Maj. Salvador, was killed and many were wounded and carried away. Col. Bell has been given a free hand around Bacolor. He has sixty mounted men, scouring the country daily, and they are killing many Filipinos in skirmishes.

### Frosts Finish the Cotton Crop.

Dallas, Oct. 30.—Frosts have fallen over northern and central Texas for the last three nights. This disposes completely of the last chance for a top crop of cotton, and the crop of 1899 may as well be reckoned as being all up now. Experts declare that the crop today in Indian and Oklahoma territories will not exceed three-quarter million bales.

### The Money Making Game.

The first of all English games is making money. That is an all absorbing game, and we knock each other down oftener in playing at that than at football or any other rougher sport, and it is absolutely without purpose. No one who engages heartily in that game ever knows why. Ask a great money maker what he wants to do with his money—he never knows. He doesn't make it to do anything with it. He gets it only that he may get it. "What will you make of what you have got?" you ask. "Well, I'll get more," he says. Just as at cricket you get more runs. There's no use in the runs, but to get more of them than other people is the game. And there's no use in the money, but to have more of it than other people is the game. So all that great foul city of London there—rattling, growling, smoking, stinking—a ghastly heap of fermenting brickwork, pouring out poison at every pore—you fancy it is a city of work? Not a street of it! It is a great city of play; very nasty play, and very hard play, but still play. It is only Lord's cricket ground without the turf—a huge billiard table without the cloth, and with pockets as deep as the bottomless pit, but mainly a billiard table after all.—John Ruskin.

### Cromwell.

Cromwell kept quiet during the years in which Charles was governing without a parliament. He is not heard of as resisting the payment of ship money or even as setting at defiance the ecclesiastical courts. Clearly he was no ambitious firebrand, but a man under authority, whose aim it was to carry obedience to the utmost limits consistent with his personal duty. This, too, is characteristic of the man and displays itself again and again in his prolonged hesitations to break with established authority.

In his conservative dislike to hasty changes, combined with religion influencing the conduct as well as the creed, Cromwell was a fair representative of the better part of England, none the less because when once his reluctance to step forward had vanished he was capable of administering heavy blows against those who blocked the way too persistently even for his patience and because when once he had broken with the past no going back was any longer possible for him.—"Cromwell's Place in History," by S. R. Gardiner.

### Affair of the Heart.

The beautiful young girl hesitated to marry the ugly old man.  
"They say you have a bad heart," she faltered.  
"Yes; I'm liable to fall dead any minute," he answered with apparent candor.  
Now at last she gave her consent, for in her innocence she believed him.  
More marriages are affairs of the heart than we sometimes think perhaps.—Detroit Journal.

## BIG BOER VICTORY.

### Surround and Capture Two British Regiments. White Accepts All Blame and to Be Removed. Believed British Can Get Hold of Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Oct. 31.—The Boers surrounded the Irish Fusiliers and Gloucester regiment, and after mowing down a large number captured 2,000 of them. Gen. White accepts all the blame for the disaster to British arms, and will probably be relieved from command immediately. It is believed that the British can yet hold Ladysmith.

### Boers Closing Around Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Oct. 30.—The Boers are gradually closing around Ladysmith. They have mounted two big guns on Tinta, Ingoni, 4,500 yards from the British camp. An attack is expected.

### Situation at Ladysmith Dangerous.

London, Oct. 30.—The position at Ladysmith, without being alarming, is sufficiently dangerous to excite anxiety. Evidently the Boers are trying to repeat their Dundee tactics. Roughly estimated, they have 17,000 men as against 12,000 British.

Gen. Sir George Stewart White has the better artillery, but his is of lesser range. The delay in the Boer attack is reported to be due to the non-arrival of Commandant Gen. Joubert's column. This has given the British a much-needed respite after their recent exertions. Everything, it is now considered, hinges upon Gen. White's resource and judgment. Nothing is known regarding the progress of defensive works for the protection of Ladysmith.

### Capture of 1,500 British Mules.

The Standard's correspondent at Ladysmith, telegraphing Saturday, sends a statement that the Boers have captured 1,500 mules, a loss that, must seriously inconvenience British transport. The attempt of the Boers to cut the railway at Pieters was frustrated by British cavalry.

### ABLE STRATEGY OF THE BOERS.

The Standard voices the general anxiety regarding Sir George White's position by remarking the adaptability and able strategy of the Boers, for which they had hitherto not been given credit. It goes on to say: "Their strategy is so well trained that it is impossible to doubt that it is the product of some officer trained in the best European school of war."

### Gen. Joubert Goes to the Front.

Pretoria, Oct. 29, via Lourenco Marques.—Commandant Joubert has left Glencoe for the front. A report has been received here that Mafeking is burning.

### British Officers are Grateful.

Durban, Oct. 27.—(Delayed in transmission.)—It is officially announced that Major Donegan, chief medical officer at Durban, has wired to the Transvaal state secretary, F. W. Reitz, at Pretoria, an expression of thanks on behalf of all the British officers and men in the hospital at Glencoe for the extreme kindness shown them by the Boer officers and men. The announcement adds that the wounded are doing well and that none of the officers are likely to die.

### FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH.

British Loss 100. British Push Enemy Several Miles and then Return. Boer Guns Range Further Than the British Guns.

London, Oct. 30.—The war office has issued a dispatch from Gen. White, dated Ladysmith, October 30th, in which he reports a general, but undecided, engagement with Boers there today. The dispatch tells of his disposition of his forces and says the British pushed the enemy back several miles, but did not succeed in reaching his laagers. He estimates the British loss between eighty and one hundred, and says the Boer loss must have been much greater. He adds: "After being in action several hours, we withdrew and returned unopposed to our entrenchments. The enemy are in great numbers. Their guns range much further than our field guns."  
He says he has now some aerial guns, which have temporarily silenced, and he hopes will permanently dominate the enemy's best guns, which have been bombard-

barding the town at a range of over six thousand yards.

### Boers Repulse Bayonet Attack.

Lourenco Marques, Delagoa Bay, Oct. 30.—A dispatch received here today from Pretoria, under date of October 28th, says Gen. Cronje, the Boer commander, announced there that the British garrison at Mafeking made a bayonet attack on Com. Louwalaager, near Grandstand, but were repulsed, leaving six dead on the field, and it was believed that many of the attacking party were wounded. The dispatch adds that Saturday morning Col. Baden Powell asked for an armistice in order to bury the dead. Gen. Cronje consented to this, the Boers assisting in placing the dead in the wagons returning to Mafeking.

### GRAINGERS ITEMS.

Oct. 30, 1899.

Mr. W. E. Mewborn, of Kinston, was here today.

The public school here will open next Monday with Mr. J. T. Barwick as principal.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Bland and children, of Sandy Bottom section, spent Sunday here with Mr. F. Dupree.

Mr. C. H. Barwick left today for Trenton to attend court as a witness.

Mr. Ben Faulkner turned the water out of his mill pond last Friday to have some repairs done on the mill. They caught about a hundred chubs and lots of other nice fish.

Mr. H. D. Stanley lost a fine drive horse one day last week.

Mess. Sam and Clay Faulkner, telegraph operators of Kinston, spent Sunday at their former home.

Mrs. Sudie Hughes and daughter, Miss Mable, passed through here last Saturday on their way home from Newbern, where they had been attending court.

Mr. Lem Pope happened to a very bad accident last Friday while baling hay. The mule fell in the ditch and got fettered up and turned the cart over on him. He is getting along very well.

Miss Ruth Grubbs, of Falling Creek, is visiting her sister, Miss Kate Grubbs.

The field pea crop in this section is the finest we have seen for several years.

Mr. Jas. A. Eubanks left today for the western part of the State, where he will travel as a book agent.

### She Knew Him.

Mrs. K. had engaged a robust, middle aged colored woman to do some house-cleaning. During the progress of the work Mrs. K. said:

"A colored man came along here one day last week and wanted work, and I let him wash some windows, but he did not do the work at all well."

"What fo' lookin man was he?" asked the helper.

"Well, he was a big, strong fellow, and he had but one eye. He said that his name was White. He did very poor work."

"I specs he did, lady. He's de wus' no 'count in dis town."

"Oh, then you know him?"

"Know 'im? Why, lady, Fze mah'ied to 'im!"—Harper's Bazar.

### African Expressions.

"Africans," writes a missionary, "have some very striking expressions, showing that they are full of poetical ideas. The Moongoes call thunder 'the sky's gun,' and the morning is with them 'the day's child.' The Zulus call the twilight 'the eyelashes of the sun.' An African who came to America was shown some ice, which he had not seen before, and he called it 'water fast asleep.'"

### Cruel Retort.

"I have no patience with your democratic sentimentalism," said Miss Elderly with hauteur. "Blood tells, and my ancestors fought in the revolution, Miss Sprightly."

"I suppose you were too young to recall any incidents of the struggle!"—Detroit Free Press.

The Frankfurter Zeitung states that among 79 agents who make it a business to secure engagements for German actors no fewer than 15 were found to be men who had been punished for some crime or other.

The annual increase of the German nation during the last five years has been more than five times as much as that of the French.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Extensive damage has been done in Jamaica by several rainstorms.

Five men were killed and ten injured by a cave-in yesterday in the San Pablo mine, in Mexico.

A terrific hurricane swept over Santiago, Sunday, causing much destruction. Twelve houses were wrecked and others damaged.

Willis Tallierro, a demented Atlanta negro, Saturday night killed John Newdecker and fatally wounded John W. Brooks, both white men, with an iron bar.

Senator Pettigrew, in an interview Saturday at Sioux Falls, S. D., regarding the report of his speech at Woonsocket, denied that he disowned his country or his flag.

Patrick O'Bryan told Chamberlain, who is responsible for the war in South Africa, that he was as much stained with blood as any murderer who ever mounted the scaffold.

A big mass meeting of traveling salesmen at Columbus, O., Saturday night passed strong resolutions denouncing Mark Hanna and trusts, and the Republican party as the mother of trusts.

At Philadelphia Sunday the triangular block bounded by Canal and Second streets and Germantown avenue was almost entirely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of almost \$150,000, on which there is a partial insurance.

The sash, door and blind factory of John F. Wilkins, on the outskirts of Norfolk, Va., was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The loss on the machinery and stock will be heavy, as there is no insurance whatever on the plant.

Salt Lake is drying up. It is predicted by men of science that it will dry up sometime in the next century. It is said that the waters receded a mile during the last year. The recession is due to the diversion of the waters of the rivers which feed the lakes for irrigation purposes by the Mormons.

History is all the time engaged in the repetition business. Before we had forgotten the occurrence, during the Spanish-American brush, in which it was reported that the only casualty after a certain bombardment was the death of a mule, comes the news that the Boers bombarded Mafeking for four hours and killed a dog. Modern warfare does wonders sometimes.—Charlotte Observer.

A fight for 25,000 francs between Charlemont, the French champion, and "Jerry" Driscoll, former champion of the British navy, at Paris Saturday afternoon, resulted in a victory for the former. There was a great crowd present and the fighting was very hot for six rounds. In the seventh round Driscoll was knocked out by a smashing kick on the groin, the Frenchman being allowed to use his feet, in accordance with the French custom. The umpires were both policemen and one of them was Charlemont's father. The umpiring was as unfair as could be and managed to delay the fight when the Frenchman was winded, so that a chance kick, which was supposed to be barred, gave the Frenchman an unfair victory.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee in an interview says that under the existing protectorate of the United States Cuba is improving every hour. He says there is little friction of any kind in the island and that the people there are slowly but surely rebuilding their war-wasted homes and repairing their crippled fortunes. He thinks that life and property are secure in Cuba and that the Cubans generally are not abusing their newly-acquired freedom. Gen. Lee realizes that the United States is pledged to grant independence to the island after it has been thoroughly pacified, and he feels strongly that that pledge should be fulfilled as swiftly as practicable. Until life and property can be protected by a purely Cuban government, however, he thinks the island should remain under the government of the United States.

### Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

Kenna, Jackson county, W. Va.  
About three years ago my wife had an attack of Rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. Parsons.  
For sale by J. E. Hood.