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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Benj. R. Daniel has been appointed postmaster at Lindell, Greene county.

The Bingham football team defeated South Carolina College with a score of 16 to 6 at Asheville Wednesday.

Dr. A. J. Buffalo has filed an appeal to the supreme court in the divorce suit which his wife won in the superior court at Raleigh.

Rev. W. C. Alexander has resigned as Presbyterian pastor at Concord to accept as pastor of Maryland avenue church, Baltimore.

At Raleigh Monday night a young white man named Pleasants, from Aberdeen, was badly crushed while coupling Seaboard Air Line cars.

A number of mosquitoes from some section along the Roanoke River have been sent to the Johns Hopkins hospital, for a bacteriological examination. It is claimed that the bite of this particular kind of mosquito is quickly followed by chills and fever.

A dead negro was found Wednesday morning at Laurinburg, near the railroad. The coroner held an inquest, and it was shown that the negro had been shot in the back and had been dead several hours. It is thought that some of a train crew have some knowledge of the crime.

A Raleigh correspondent says: President W. A. Graham, of the Farmers' State Alliance, calls on all the sub-alliances to send delegates to Raleigh to attend the tobacco growers' convention to antagonize, in the most forcible and direct manner, the American Tobacco company, which is the most cordially hated trust in this State.

Raleigh cor. Messenger: One of the queerest letters the secretary of state has ever received came from John A. Graham, of Norwood. He is evidently insane. He says that he will sue the superintendent of the western hospital for the insane for \$15,000 damages, that he has asked for the papers on which he was committed to the hospital and that if the State does not at once privately settle the matter he will have it before the supreme court at the present term.

Raleigh News-Observer. 23d: Superintendent Mebane said yesterday that he had not yet decided what course he would follow in view of the decision of the supreme court that the members of the old county school boards are still the legal officials. He stated that he had not yet studied the decisions of the court in all their bearings and would take no action until he has done so. The question involved is whether he shall recognize the new or the old boards in counties where there has been no contest.

Mr. Paul C. Graham, of Durham, has been appointed temporary receiver for the State University railroad, a branch of the Southern, running from University Station to Chapel Hill. This receivership grows out of a damage suit brought a year or more ago for the killing of one C. M. Andrews, of Durham, to which a verdict was given for \$2,500. It is generally believed here that the Southern secured this judgment against its own road and is allowing the appointment of a receiver for Andrews in order to escape payment of damages for killing B. F. Long, Jr., a student at the University, at University Station last week. The road is advertised for sale on Dec. 4th.

A special, Nov. 21, from Raleigh says: The supreme court will this week hear arguments in a very old case. The Hygienic Ice company of Charlotte had an ice plant here. One night in August, 1894, the plant was burned. Last year the company sued the Seaboard Air Line for damages to the full value of the plant, setting up the claim that the fire was caused by sparks from a passing locomotive. The superior court gave a verdict for \$20,000 damages. The railway company has filed a mass of affidavits, mainly by Dennis Rowe, a negro detective from Richmond, stating that a negro had confessed that he saw his brother, then a fireman at the ice factory, set fire to it, and that it was done to get the insurance money. The ice company a few days ago filed affidavits stating that Rowe's evidence was false, and that he was not worthy of credence. Today the railway company filed another patch of affidavits by Richmond business men, tending to show that Rowe's character is good. Others are from Wilson, N. C., to the effect that Rowe's evidence in cases there had been believed. The affidavits further allege that certain detectives with whom Rowe refused to divide made the affidavits attacking his character.

BATTLE IN TEXAS.

Negro Soldiers and White Citizens Exchange Hundreds of Shots.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 21.—Colored troops at Fort Ringgold and citizens of Rio Grande City indulged in a two hours pitched battle last night, and the troops had to finally employ a Gatling gun to scatter their assailants. Although hundreds of shots were exchanged only one citizen was wounded. There were no casualties among the troops. The commander of the post has requested reinforcements. Citizens have wired the governor demanding a rigid investigation. They say the negro troops began the firing. The governor has wired to Washington requesting an investigation. During the shooting the inhabitants of Rio Grande City were terrorized. Women and children fled from the town. Many houses were riddled by the fire of the troops, and the escape of many from injury and death is miraculous.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 21.—Troops are being hastened from various points in Texas tonight to Fort Ringgold, which it is reported armed Mexicans are surrounding. Negro troops threaten to use a Gatling gun if attacked. Two citizens were killed in the fight last night.

Hundredth Anniversary of Washington's Death Should Be Honored in Kinston.

EDITOR FREE PRESS: George Washington died December 14, 1799. There will be memorial services held all over the United States in commemoration of his death, on December 14, 1899, and we should do our little also in this respect.

Our community has always been a laggard in holding public exercises of this kind. We allowed the hundredth anniversary of the formation of our county to go by without a sign that we even knew the fact.

A few boys burn powder and a few men get drunk on Christmas Day and that is the extent of our public celebration of any event.

This should not be so, and is not true of any other community I know of.

No man ever lived who is more worthy of being held up as an example to children and to young men than George Washington, and no period in our history as a nation is more propitious than the present for the holding up of his precepts and the emulation of his example. The times are big with change and we are now surely at the parting of the ways.

Public meetings are a potent means of public education and in this case only good can result if they are held.

I most earnestly hope that we may have this memorial service.

E. B. LEWIS.

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SORTIES AT MAFEKING.

Col. Powell Reports a Loss of 19 Killed and 33 Wounded.

London, Nov. 22.—Late last evening the war office made public two dispatches from Gen. Buller, at Cape Town. The first had been received from Gen. Clery, dated Monday, Nov. 20, and announced that three privates were wounded the previous day at Mooi river.

The second was from Col. Baden-Powell, dated at Mafeking, Nov. 6th, saying: "All well here. We have had a few successful sorties. Our loss is two officers and 17 men killed, and four officers and 29 men wounded. The enemy's loss is heavy. His numbers are decreasing, but his guns remain and shell us, keeping out of range of our small guns. Have had no news from the outside since Oct. 20."

Fighting Expected at Estcourt.

Pietermaritzburg, Nov. 21.—Reports reached here this morning that the Boers are advancing with artillery at Mooi river, near Estcourt. Fighting is imminent.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Temple-Marston Drug Co., will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cents bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

BRITISH OUT OFF.

News From Boer Sources Indicates That the British Situation is Not So Promising.

Pretoria, Nov. 22.—The following dispatch has been received from the Boer headquarters near Ladysmith:

"The field cornets of the Pretoria command reported that British gun carriages and some horsemen had been heard moving last night in Ladysmith. Our outposts observed the British endeavoring to sortie toward Lombard's kop and Bulwaxam hill, where our Maxims opened fire. The range was too great and therefore our artillery began shelling, which drove the British back. About daybreak the British batteries fired upon our positions. Two burghers were wounded.

"It is supposed that the object of the sortie was to relieve the Estcourt force, who had sent an urgent message to Ladysmith requesting aid. The burghers captured the messenger, but finally allowed him to proceed."

It is reported that the Natal police have captured a number of Transvaal dispatch riders.

In his latest report Gen. Joubert says: "I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg and driving them back on the Tugela river."

It is reported that the Boer commander with the forces near Ladysmith has "comprehensively surveyed the different points from which the fall of Ladysmith can be insured."

Fighting at Mafeking.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—Gen. Snyman, who is outside Mafeking, reports heavy fighting Monday afternoon. The British bravely fired on the Boer forts. The Boers replied, bombarding the British forts with good effect. The loss of the British is unknown. One Boer was wounded.

Telegraph Line Cut.

Durban, Natal, Nov. 22.—A dispatch from the Mooi river says the telegraph line was cut Tuesday evening near Highland's Station. The dispatch adds that the railroad station is in the possession of a large force of Boers, encamped near Micheson's cutting. A train bound to Estcourt returned. It only got a mile and a half northward of Highland's Station.

The Natal Stud company's farm has been raided and 300 blooded horses, valued at £15,000, have been captured.

Boer List of Casualties.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—The official returns of the Transvaal casualties since the outbreak of the war show that 90 men have been killed and 200 wounded, of whom a number have recovered and returned to the front.

Newspaper reports from Cape Colony say a general rising of the Dutch farmers is imminent in Natal and that the Colonial Boers in those districts which have been proclaimed republican territory have already joined the Boer forces.

AGUINALDO SLIPS THROUGH.

The Wily Filipino Chief Gets Out of Harm's Way for the Present.

Manila, Nov. 22.—A courier reached San Jose this morning with a dispatch from Gen. Young, the first received from him since the 19th inst. The courier left Gen. Young Monday and traveled to San Jose by way of Tayug, which place was occupied by Gen. Lawton when the courier passed through.

Gen. Young reports that Aguinaldo succeeded in passing through the American lines between himself and Gen. Wheaton. He adds that a body of insurgents, numbering about two hundred, probably Aguinaldo's rear guard, passed through Pozorrubio. Aguinaldo was with party, as also were a number of women. Gen. Young, with a small force of cavalry and a number of Macabebe scouts, are in pursuit of the insurgents. At the time this dispatch was sent Aguinaldo was near Aringay. It was expected that he would strike thence across the mountains towards Bayombong. The cavalry has already gone over the Caraballo Pass into the head of Cagayan Valley.

Young Pursuing Aguinaldo.

Manila, Nov. 22.—It has been learned that Aguinaldo was at Aringay Sunday with 200 followers including a number of women. Gen. Young is in pursuit of him.

J. E. Hood guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

He Couldn't Help It.

The funniest interview I ever had or heard of, relates Julian Ralph in his reminiscences, was when I was on the staff of the New York Sun. I had been sent to look up some one in a suburb of the city. The address was a number on Fourth street, but, to my amazement, I found three such streets in the place. The house I sought was not in any of them. Tired and almost discouraged I turned into a cobbler's shop, and seeing a bearded German bending over a last in the glare of a swinging lamp, I cleared my throat and said: "I beg your pardon, but I am a reporter of the Sun"

"Well, well," he said soothingly, before I could finish the sentence, "you cannot help dot."

I could not continue for a full minute, so struck was I by the unexpected philosophy and wisdom of his reply. I could not help being a reporter, and I knew it. When I explained that I wanted an address on Fourth street, and had already been to three Fourth streets, and would like to know if there were any more, he lifted his hammer and poised it in the air for half a minute.

"You want to know if dere is some more of dose Fourt' streets?" he asked. "Well, I will tell you. I haf lived here dwenty years, trying to find somedings owt, and I didn't find anydings owt yet."

More Miles Than You Can Count.

Statements as to the distance of the pole star from the earth which have appeared in some of the newspapers lately have been ridiculously inadequate. One of the estimates made is 255,000,000 miles. Now, if one will remember that the sun is 93,000,000 miles away and that its light comes to us in eight minutes, he will see that if the foregoing estimate of the distance of the pole star were right its beams could reach us in about 15 days. It would be only about 2,700 times as far off as the sun.

Light travels 6,000,000,000 miles in a year, and even the most modest guesses as to the parallax of Polaris make it 35 light years. Pritchard's estimate in 1887 was 90 light years, but he has since modified his figures. Hence, if one will write 210 and add 12 ciphers thereto he will have the number of miles which the most conservative authorities believe intervene between the earth and the pole star.—New York Tribune.

An Unexpected Answer.

In the course of an address Dr. Conan Doyle told a quaint experience of his in the Sudan. Wishing to find out whether one of the black soldiers was a Mohammedan or a pagan, he asked him, "Whom do you worship?" "I worship my colonel," came the answer, pat.

The lessons of history would suggest to a Sherlock Holmes that the man was a Mohammedan.

Only One Fault.

"There's only one fault to be found with your comedy work, old man," said the dramatic critic.

"What's that?" asked the aspiring young actor.

"It's tragic!"—Chicago Post.

None Better Than All.

Miss Gingham—And I suppose they have bargain days in Glasgow, Mr Melvor?

Melvor—Ma conscience, no! It wd na do ava!

Miss Gingham—Indeed! Why, I thought bargain days would just suit your people!

Melvor—That's juist it. It would suit them ower weel. If they had bargain days, naebody wd buy onything on the ither days, ye ken!

Used By British Soldiers In Africa.

Capt. C. G. Denison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galishe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved beneficial." For sale by J. E. Hood.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

By the death of Mr. Hobart, Senator William P. Frye, of Maine, becomes president pro tempore of the senate.

The house of Admiral Dewey which was transferred Monday to the wife of the admiral, was on Tuesday transferred to George Dewey, son of the admiral.

The Democratic national executive committee has adjourned after holding a brief session in Chicago. Nothing was done besides discussing plans for 1900.

James J. Jeffries and James J. Corbett were Tuesday matched to fight a 25-round go or to a finish, if the law permits, on or about September 15th, next. The fight will be under Queensbury rules.

Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, had a conference with President McKinley Wednesday regarding the situation in Kentucky. The interview was of a nature which the Senator did not care to divulge.

At Eustis, Fla., John E. Wheelock, of Grand Island, was run over and instantly killed by a railroad train. He was walking on the track and, being deaf, failed to hear the caution signal of the engineer.

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia legislature to make the whole state prohibition. Warm discussion is being engaged in and much interest and excitement is felt over the matter in the whole state of Georgia.

The body of Wesley Lawrence, the negro who a few days ago criminally assaulted Mrs. W. M. Bowman, near McDavid, Fla., was found Wednesday morning swinging from a tree near the scene of his crime.

Investigation of the report that in Lee county young Tate had shot and killed Evan Bledsoe, the slayer of his father, in pursuance of a vow to avenge his father's death, who was killed by Bledsoe a few days ago, shows that the report was a mistake.

Oscar J. Fleming, the Princess Anne magistrate who killed Clarence L. Snyder last Thursday and an unknown man Sunday night visited Norfolk Tuesday. A great crowd gathered at the store in which he went to make purchases. He pointed his pistol at the open doorway. He was arrested and taken to the police station.

On Tuesday Special Constable Pool, of Ettrick, Dinwiddie county, Va., and Walter Mitchell, a negro of bad character, for whom the officer had several warrants, engaged in a desperate running battle, with revolvers, reloading after emptying their revolvers. In the last round the constable sent a ball through the negro's body, ending his flight. The negro will die. The constable surrendered and was bailed.

Two men of Scott, Ga., were asphyxiated by illuminating gas at Savannah Wednesday morning. They occupied the same room, and retired about midnight, locking the door on the inside. A friend had previously in a joking manner, but with all serious intention, warned them against blowing out the gas, and the warning, it is said, had been repeated by the housekeeper. Nevertheless they were found dead in bed this morning with the jet open.

Free Mail Delivery At Newbern.

Newbern Journal.

Postmaster S. W. Hancock has returned from a trip to Washington and is highly pleased at the result of his journey.

While in Washington Mr. Hancock secured an order for free delivery service in this city. This means the free delivery of mail at all houses within the corporate limits of the city. The service will be established in February.

Cotton Market.

Spot cotton in Kinston today, 7 to 7 1/2.

The following is the New York market at 12 o'clock:

New York, Nov. 23.—December, 7.30; January, 7.36; March, 7.41; May, 7.43; August, 7.41.

It will not be a surprise to any who are at all familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to know that people everywhere take pleasure in relating their experience in the use of that splendid medicine and in telling of the benefit they have received from it, of bad colds it has cured, of threatened attacks of pneumonia it has averted and of the children it has saved from attacks of croup and whooping cough. It is a grand, good medicine. For sale by J. E. Hood.