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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Jeffries and Corbett have agreed to fight March 15.

Subscriptions to the Lawton fund to date amount to \$44,122.

A case suspected to be bubonic plague has been found in Manila—a native. The patient has been isolated and every precaution has been taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

The large canal near Chicago, Ill., which has been in course of construction seven years has been opened. The canal cost \$33,000,000. It connects Lake Michigan with the Mississippi river.

The United States has entered formal protest against the seizure of flour recently by a British warship. The British claimed it was intended for the Boers. The U. S. protests that they had no right to seize it, as food is not contraband of war.

Blackburn, in his speech accepting the Democratic caucus nomination for senator from Kentucky, said that Taylor was not legally elected governor and predicted that the legislature will unseat Taylor and make Goebel governor.

The state central committees of the Populist and Silver Republican parties met at Indianapolis, Ind., secretly Tuesday night. As a result of the conference the representatives of both organizations pledged themselves in favor of 16 to 1, and the renomination of William Jennings Bryan next year. They endorsed the Chicago platform and denounced the proposed gold standard policy of the Republican party.

The committee of the house of representatives which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, will report soon after congress reassembles. The majority report will recommend that Mr. Roberts be excluded from the house, and that he be not permitted, under his credentials, to exercise any prima facie right of being sworn in. Three of the members of the committee are not counted on positively favorable to the course indicated, and this may result in the submission of a minority report. The minority view, if submitted, will probably deal with the prima facie right to be sworn in on credentials which are regular, and will recommend that Mr. Roberts be sworn in and hereafter expelled.

As a result of a powder explosion at the home of C. M. Patterson, in Lowndes county, Ala., last Friday, three people are dead and three badly burned. Mr. Patterson was loading shells, preparatory to a hunting party, from an open keg of powder, which he held between his knees. One of his little girls suddenly threw a piece of wood on the fire in the grate and the explosion followed a second later. The girl was instantly killed and Mr. Patterson's father and mother, who were seated by the fire, were burned so badly that they died Monday. Patterson is reported to be fatally burned. Patterson's wife rushed into an adjoining room, with her clothes on fire, and picked up her baby. Both were badly burned.

### GOING TO THE COURT.

#### Constitutional Amendment and the Election Law to Be Tested.

Winston, N. C., Jan. 3.—Chairman Holton, of the Republican State executive committee, says his party will contest the constitutionality of the amendment to be voted upon next August, after the election. It is also learned that the committee has decided to bring suit at once to test the election law adopted by the last legislature, and that application will be made for an injunction restraining the State board from carrying out the provisions of the law in calling and holding the amendment election. Holton is so supplied with the necessary funds for prosecuting the case.

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## DOVER ITEMS.

January 3, 1900.

Prof. E. A. Simkins and assistant, Miss Estelle Hardee, will resume the exercises of Dover high school next Monday.

Miss Lena Jordan, of Red Springs, who spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Sallie Dowdy, returned home Monday.

The Goldsboro Lumber Co. and Mr. W. M. Tyndall are building large store buildings here, which will soon be completed, if the weather remains favorable.

During the cold weather, bursted pipes, absence of employes, etc., prevented the Goldsboro Lumber Co. getting started well, after Christmas, until today.

Miss Sue V. Wilson, representative of the Oxford Orphanage, came Saturday to visit relatives, and left Tuesday to perform her work in Newbern and Wilmington.

Mess. Seth West, of Dover, and his brother, George K. West, of Wilmington, have formed a copartnership to do a general merchandise business here, and expect to open up about the 15th inst.

Let us not turn over too many new leaves at the beginning of a new year, but as we turn one to a brighter and better side, let us carefully weight it down with resolution, so that the strong breeze of temptation shall not rustle and turn the old side back.

Christmas passed off quietly here, but noisily, with horns and fireworks. No serious accidents occurred, though there were one or two almost miraculous escapes. A gun charged with 30 fangers of powder was held by one of our clever but daring young men, and fired. It bursted into 14 pieces and did not hurt the man, except to slightly skin his hands.

Just as we predicted two months ago, while the Christmas bells rang merrily the marriage bells jingled cheerily. On Sunday night Dec. 24, 1899, Miss Meta Outlaw, of Dover, and Mr. Gurnie A. Smith, of Goldsboro, presented themselves at the hymenial altar in the Presbyterian church here, and were pronounced man and wife by Rev. Dr. D. B. Clayton, of Columbia, S. C. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, with a graceful arch of holly, under which the bride and groom stood during the ceremony. Miss Sadie Dowdy was maid of honor, and Mr. Geo. Hood, of Goldsboro, best man. The following couples attended: Miss Mittie West with Mr. B. O. Kornegay, Miss Lena Jordan with Mr. E. A. Simkins, Miss Hattie Dawson with Mr. J. F. Tyndal, Miss Helen Gray with Mr. D. G. Outlaw, Miss Lou Outlaw with Mr. D. A. Smith.

Miss Lucy Hatch, of Mt. Olive, bore the wedding ring on a beautiful pink water, and little Miss Beulah Smith, sister of the groom, skillfully rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march. We congratulate Mr. Smith on having won one of Dover's fairest belles. May theirs be a long life of joy and sunshine, without one shadow of sorrow or regret ever to dim their pathway.

## CADEZ ITEMS.

January 3, 1900.

Mr. A. J. Sutton spent today in Goldsboro, on business.

Rev. Mr. Alderman will preach at Haskins' chapel Sunday night.

Mr. T. M. Wooten has returned from a visit to his uncle in Georgia.

Miss Effie Isler, of near here, left Tuesday for Wilson to attend school.

Mr. B. F. Dixon has returned from a visit to his brother, near Goldsboro.

Misses Venie and Laura Dixon, of near Goldsboro, came last week to visit relatives.

Miss Johnnie Kornegay returned Sunday from visiting her friends in Duplin county.

Several of our young couples attended the union meeting last Sunday at Pleasant Hill.

Miss Lela Gardner left Wednesday to spend some time with her parents near Gritton.

Mr. Edward Boone and Miss Emma Williams were married on Wednesday, Dec. 27th.

There was a Christmas tree at Lynwood last week. The little people were made happy.

Mr. Ben Williams spent the holidays with his parents and returned to LaGrange today to re-enter school.

Mrs. Mary Pugh, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dal Wooten, left yesterday to visit relatives in Richmond, Va.

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## CREAMLAND.

I heard him laugh in his sleep last night,  
I heard him laugh in his sleep,  
And softly up to his bed I crept,  
As softly as I could creep.

And I bent above him as he lay,  
I bent and whispered low,  
"O beautiful dreams that to childhood come,  
I, too, your joys would know!"

And I listened as soft he laughed again,  
I listened, and then I sighed,  
I wondered where he was wandering  
While Dreamland's gates stood wide.

For I could not follow where he went,  
For my wings had been clipped by care,  
And only those who can soar on high  
May enter sweet Dreamland fair.

But I could patiently watch and wait  
And love him as there he lay,  
For Dreamland's wonders he'd tell to me  
When back he came with the day.

So I was glad when he laughed in his sleep,  
Was glad, and I knew no pain,  
For, led by the hand of my laughing boy,  
Dreamland was my own again.

—Morning Guide.

## SHOOTING OUT THE LIGHTS.

An Occasion When the Old Ranchman Saw the Trick Done.

"According to western stories," said a former ranchman, "one of the favorite amusements of frontier desperadoes is 'shooting out the lights.' I never saw it done but once, but the incident made sufficient impression on my mind to last me for life. It was at Benton, a small camp on the old 'Stake Plain' trail, in northeastern New Mexico. I was staying there over night with a couple of cattlemen, and we naturally gravitated to the only resort in town, a sort of combination of bar and gambling house, in a rough one story building, containing a good sized single room.

The bar was on one side, and on the other were two or three 'Mexican monte' tables, over each of which were several large coal oil lamps in wall brackets. In the center of the place was a chandelier containing three more, altogether giving a good deal of light. We were sitting at one side smoking and talking, when in rushed half a dozen drunken cowboys, headed by a well known ranchman named Bill Wells.

"The crowd were out for excitement and didn't care how they got it. They took several drinks and then clustered around one of the monte tables. In a few moments Wells insisted upon making a bet over the limit, to which the dealer objected. 'If you don't turn for that bet, I'll shoot out your blankety blank lights!' bawled the ranchman. 'The leemit ez feety dollar,' said the Mexican dealer, and the words were no sooner out of his mouth than Wells and his gang pulled their six shooters and began blazing away at the lamps.

"About 25 or 30 shots were fired, and almost at the outset the place was in complete darkness. Of course there was a stampede, but I remember being surprised that I had heard no crash of glass. Half an hour later I went back and found the place lit up as brightly as ever, Wells and his cowboys having been taken away by friends. The roof was full of holes, but not a single lamp had been hit. What had put them out was the concussion of the shots in a confined space."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## Italian Babies.

Babies seem to be no trouble in Italy, and one cannot but be struck by the number of them. These bambinos are often hung upon pegs in the front of the house, where they look out of their little black, beady eyes like papooses. I unhooked one of these babies once and held it awhile. Its back and little feet were held tightly against a strip of board so that it was quite stiff from its feet to its shoulders. It did not seem to object or to be at all uncomfortable, as it only howled while I was holding it. I have an idea that, except when invaded by foreigners, the bambino's existence is quite happy.—Lillian Bell in Woman's Home Companion.

Dunned With a Purpose.  
Debtor—Don't be so anxious to collect this bill. I'm not going to run away.  
Creditor—But I am.—Baltimore Jewish Comment.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

One walnut tree in Watauga county sold for \$1,100.

Two more cotton mills are to be erected at Rockingham and two at King's Mountain.

Chairman Cy Thompson has issued a call for the Populist State executive committee to meet in Raleigh on Jan. 18th.

Monday night at Fayetteville three tenement houses, occupied by six families, and belonging to the Fayetteville Cotton Mills Co., were destroyed by fire.

A negro woman has been arrested at Spencer on the charge of trying to wreck fast trains at that place. She was caught in the very act of throwing the switch.

The eighteen-year-old son of Jas. Burns was found dead near Woodard's bridge, nine miles south of Pittsboro Monday. It is supposed he was thrown by a male and killed.

Edward G. Penny, a well-to-do young farmer, of Wake county, has mysteriously disappeared, leaving a wife and four young children. He left home two weeks ago, saying he was going to Durham on business, and went to Raleigh. He has not been to Durham.

Lewis Cunningham, on Christmas day, near Roxboro, tried to administer corporal punishment to his wife. Her brother, Oliver Terrell, resisted this, and a free fight ensued. The result was that Cunningham was fatally cut by Oliver Terrell and died Tuesday morning. Terrell has made his escape.

There has been but one case of lynching in North Carolina during the past year. The victim was the murderer of a country merchant near Beaufort, whose neighbors took the murderer from custody, placed him in a boat, carried him many miles to the scene of the crime, and there killed him, while the sheriff and posse were on the way to retake him.

At Raleigh Tuesday Agnes Ubley, a negro girl, was committed to jail on the charge of attempting to poison the family of Richard C. Batchelor, a merchant, for whom she had been cooking. The poison used was a box of matches which she put into the bottom of a coffee pot before the coffee was made. The girl had been discharged for refusing to properly perform some household work, and it is supposed she put the matches into the coffee pot to get revenge.

At Rockingham, Richmond county, Monday afternoon, a negro named Rich Wall was shot and dangerously wounded by a white man named David McDonald. Wall is an insolent sort of negro, and it seems that he and McDonald, who is the deputy marshal of the town, had some words in a bar room. Wall then walked out and crossed the street. As he did so McDonald seized a double-barrel shot gun that was sitting in the bar and walking out upon the sidewalk coolly raised the gun, took deliberate aim at Wall's head and fired both barrels. The shot took effect in the negro's face, head and body, and but for their small size would have killed him instantly. As it was he bled profusely and his recovery is by no means certain.

## A British Reverse.

Pretoria, Jan. 1.—Last night the British in great force attacked Commandant Schoeman's commando in the Colesburg district and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning, but were forced to retreat, the Boers holding the position. The loss of the British is not known, but it is reported to have been heavy.

The Boers consider it a great compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been selected to the supreme command of the British forces.

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