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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Enfield has voted to raise \$2,000 bonds for town improvements.

Jacob A. Allen, Jr., a hardware merchant of Raleigh, assigned Monday, with \$4,000 liabilities.

The grand lodge Masons met in Raleigh Tuesday and will adjourn today. There were 149 lodges represented.

The Pythians of the second district will hold their district meeting at Rocky Mount on Jan. 30th. All Pythians will be welcomed.

The mattress factory of Royal & Borden at Goldsboro caught fire Tuesday, but the flames were extinguished after destroying about \$200 worth of material.

Capt. W. H. Day, superintendent penitentiary, in his annual report just made claims that the penitentiary the past year made \$13,048 profit above all expenses.

Fire across the river at Wilmington Sunday burned 3,500 to 4,000 barrels of rosin and the offices, sheds and stables of the Brunswick Bridge & Ferry Co. Loss about \$7,500, nearly all covered by insurance.

The mayor of Henrietta, in Rutherford county, where there are the largest cotton mills in the State, says the mill company pays for the public school or keeps it open ten months in the year and that there are 658 scholars.

Major Smith, a young white man, was found near Wadesboro Tuesday, dead with a bullet hole through his head. There was evidence that he had been dragged from the place of murder into the woods by the road.

A little child of Mr. Tom McConnell was burned to death last Saturday near Mt. Ulla. The parents were away from home at the time. The oldest child, a boy, was severely burned while trying to extinguish the flames.

At Mayodan, near Winston, Saturday night Nat Hammons, white, was shot and killed by Chief of Police Brown. Hammons was cutting another policeman. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Salisbury Index: The 5-year-old son of Mr. John Weston, of lower Rowan, was drowned yesterday morning. The child, as our informant heard it, was playing too near the bank of a creek when it fell in. The water was not very deep.

Newbern Journal: The outlook for truck in this section is quite favorable, the recent cold weather having done no damage of consequence, cabbage being the only crop at all injured, and only slightly. Work on the crops is up and the prospect is for good ones.

Alexander Short, of Anson county, is to be tried Thursday for the rape of Rosie Belle Gaddy, both parties white. A special venire of 100 has been summoned. At the preliminary trial the girl testified that she had started to run away with the accused to get married, when in a lonely spot, after a desperate struggle, he overpowered her and ran away. He was captured in Cheraw.

Wilmington Star: The Clarendon Water Works company's artesian well at Hilton, lacks only a few feet of being a quarter of a mile deep. Up to yesterday the drill had reached a depth of 1,306 feet. The drill is still in hard rock, having passed through it a depth of nearly two hundred feet.

A serious if not fatal shooting occurred on Pond street, Salem, about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Abe Walker fired his pistol three times at Sid Mitchell, one shot taking effect in the right side between the ninth and tenth ribs. The wounded man's condition was reported critical. The parties, who are white, had been drinking. Walker is in jail. He is a bad character.

Durham Herald: It comes out from Winston that Chairman Holton, of the State executive committee, says his party will test 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 to be supplied with the necessary funds for prosecuting the case.

Raleigh cor. Messenger: There is a sensation among the Populists in Wake county. One of them, who was a candidate for office in the last campaign and who is a farmer with a wife and four children, has eloped with a daughter of another Populist. The young woman is a school teacher. The man who eloped with her said he was going to take her home. Instead of doing so he brought her to Raleigh, and they left on the train. It is believed they have gone to the far south. He had sold or mortgaged his property and took with him the money thus raised, leaving his wife penniless. Her father swears he will shoot him on sight. [The Newbern Journal of Jan. 10th says a white man and woman stopped at a private boarding house in Newbern and left after eating an early breakfast, and their secretiveness causes suspicion that they are the elopers above referred to.]

He Would Know More.

An exceedingly well dressed woman sat in an elevated railway car the other day, and opposite her was an elderly man. The woman got up to leave the car, and in the corner of the seat where she had been sitting the man spied a piece of black net. Jumping for it, he called out:

"Madam, you have left your veil!"

As she took no notice of him he dashed down the aisle after her, and, touching her on the elbow again, said: "Madam, you have left your veil," at the same time holding it up in full view of all.

It was a frowsy, frayed, torn piece of black cotton net.

"It is not mine, sir!" she snapped out, giving him a withering look, and the obliging old man shrunk back as if he had been jabbed with a hatpin, while the passengers grinned.

"Why was she so mad about it?" he asked in a dazed way as he laid the homely little rag on the window sill.

"I guess you never paid for a woman's finery," said another man.

"That's so," said the withered one in a hopeless tone. "I am a bachelor. Perhaps I'd know more if I'd married."

"You would that," said the other feelingly.—New York Tribune.

Filial Love.

That's a pathetic story of the Gourdon fishing boat crew. No class of men face death more frequently than the hardy fisher toilers of the sea, and among none is a genuine heroism more frequently displayed.

The Gourdon boat was manned by a father and his four sons. When the boat sank, three of the latter went with her. The old man got an oar, and soon the fourth son appeared by his side. But the oar could only support one, and the lad, taking in the situation at once, bade his parent farewell in the words, "Weel, weel, father. I maun jist awa," and sank.

Only readers familiar with the northern dialect will fully appreciate the depth of, kindly resignation and true feeling which the words denote. The father endured terrible sufferings, but was ultimately picked up. "Greater love hath no man than this,"—Westminster Gazette.

Pussy Rang the Bell.

The following story of a cat is vouchered for by no less a personage than an archbishop. He says: "A cat lived for many years in my mother's family, and its feats of sagacity were witnessed by her, my sisters and myself. It was known not merely once or twice, but habitually, to ring the parlor bell whenever it wished the door to be opened. Some alarm was excited on the first occasion that it turned bell ringer. The family had retired to rest, and in the middle of the night the parlor bell was rung violently. The sleepers were startled from their repose and proceeded down stairs, with pokers and tongs, to interrupt, as they thought, the predatory movements of some burglar, but they were agreeably surprised to discover that the bell had been rung by pussy, who repeated the act whenever she wanted to get out of the parlor."

White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain.

J. E. Hood.

Equal to a Judicial Decision.

News-Observer.

For weeks the Republicans and their allies have been declaring in the United States senate and elsewhere that the amendment to the constitution of North Carolina to be voted on in August is a cruel and outrageous provision that is palpably contrary to the federal constitution.

The speech of Senator Morgan, who says that contrary to his first impression, there is nothing in the pending amendment that is in conflict with the fifteenth amendment, is a complete, full and sufficient answer to the arguments of Pritchard, Butler and the rest of the opponents of the amendment. Senator Morgan is the most profound constitutional lawyer in the senate, and when, after careful consideration, he pronounces the amendment constitutional, his mature opinion will have the weight with most men of a judicial decision. Mr. Morgan would not risk his reputation as a lawyer and a statesman in order to bolster up any proposition. His own state, while interested in eliminating the mass of unfit negro voters, has no interest in the "grand-father" clause, and unless convinced that it was in harmony with the letter and spirit of the constitution, Mr. Morgan could not be induced to give it his countenance. He would pronounce against an unconstitutional measure, no matter by whom advocated.

The speech of Mr. Morgan is a master effort. Calm, dispassionate, able and profound it will carry conviction to all who read it. More than that: The very fact that Mr. Morgan risks his reputation as a lawyer and statesman upon its constitutionality will be evidence enough to thousands that it is constitutional. His approval, whatever else it does, will effectually answer those who have thought to dismiss the amendment as "palpably unconstitutional" upon the hasty dictum of superficial opponents.

BOERS NOT DIPLOMATS.

American Consul Not Permitted to Represent British Interests at Pretoria.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Transvaal government has thrown a diplomatic bombshell in assuming an attitude directly at variance with the courtesy that marks relations between friendly nations. The United States have been notified by the Boer government that it cannot permit W. Stanley Hollis, American consul at Pretoria, to represent the interests of Great Britain during the war, but that he will, in a personal capacity, be allowed to continue to care for British prisoners at Pretoria. The only reason given by the Boers for this new rule of procedure is that they do not want any British representative in their territory.

Just what the government will do remains for President McKinley and Secretary Hay to determine. That they will bow to the decision of the Transvaal is not expected. Even Spain did not hesitate to allow British officials to represent the United States during the late war. The practice has become recognized as a matter of right, and the attitude of the Boers causes considerable annoyance.

Clear Conscience Better Than Money.

When the war between the northern and southern states ended in the surrender of General Lee, the commander in chief of the Confederate army, General Lee was one of the world's famous men; consequently he had many flattering offers from business institutions that wished to make use of his name. He went to Lexington, Va., and became president of the Washington and Lee university at a salary of \$3,000 a year. Soon after an insurance company offered him its presidency at \$10,000 a year. It was explained to him that he would have no duties to perform, but that the use of his name would be worth \$10,000 a year to the company. The proud old representative of one of the oldest families in Virginia replied, "I must refuse to receive pay for services that I do not render." So he staid with the university. Numerous offers of a like sort were made to him, but he declined them all. At last a New York corporation offered him \$50,000 a year salary if he would act as president of the company. A salary as large as that of the president of the United States could not allure the brave old warrior from what he believed to be the right course, and he declined the offer, as he had declined many others.

WHITE'S SITUATION WORSE.

The Ammunition Getting Low and Relief Is Needed. Gen. Joubert Seriously Injured.

London, Jan. 10.—Gen. White still holds out, or did so 60 hours ago, when the Boers, ousted from their foothold inside the works, suspended their assault at nightfall. England has taken heart. The situation, however, is worse. The beleaguered force must have expended large amounts of ammunition, which cannot be replenished so far as the garrison is concerned by the greater loss of Boers. Gen. White still needs relief, and the difficulties confronting Gen. Buller are as great as before.

A dispatch from Frere Camp, Sunday night, said all was quiet there, thus dispelling the widespread hopes that Gen. Buller had followed up his demonstrations before Colenso with an effective move elsewhere.

Joubert Disabled.

Glasgow, Jan. 9.—The Daily Mail's Estcourt correspondent states that Gen. Joubert has been seriously injured, and will take no further part in the war. His horse was shot from under the general and rolled over on him, causing a rupture and serious injury to the spine.

A Beautiful System.

The Memphis Scimitar tells of a recent bride whose husband noticed that she was keeping an itemized account of the household expenses. In looking it over one day he noticed at the bottom of each page or two the letters "D. K. W." This somewhat puzzled him. He really found it very difficult to keep from thinking about what these letters could possibly mean. It occurred to him that possibly his wife was saving out some money to buy something for him. But then he knew that his initials were not "D. K. W." and this did not prove a satisfactory solution to the matter.

So one day when his wife was in a real good humor he took her in his arms and asked what she meant by "D. K. W. 50 cents," "D. K. W., \$1" and the like.

She replied: "'D. K. W.' stand for 'don't know what.' Whenever I went to balance my account at the end of each page and found I had spent money for which I could not account, I just put in a sufficient amount, with the item 'D. K. W.' to make it balance just exactly."

Fast Driving in Russia.

In the larger cities of Russia there is no limit to the speed at which a horse may be driven through the public streets. The typical harness horse is the Orloff, a breed founded by Count Orloff-Chemenski, being a cross between the Arabian stallion Smetanka and imported mares, principally English.

An average roadster is 16 hands high and weighs 1,100 pounds, with heavy mane, a bushy tail that reaches nearly to the ground and "iron" limbs that show great muscular development. The favorite color is gray. Such an animal is driven through the principal streets of St. Petersburg at a furious pace, that portion near the center and beside the surface car tracks being reserved for fast driving.

During the winter months teams of two and three abreast are driven to sleighs at a three minute gait. There is racing all winter, the courses being flooded at night to provide three inches of solid ice. American pneumatic tires, harness, boots, gaiting appliances, etc., are in general use.

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.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The Lawton fund grows rapidly, now amounting to \$70,569.62.

The German steamer "General" has been released by the British.

Three Americans were killed and 20 wounded in a reconnaissance near Imus, Luzon.

A passenger train was wrecked Monday near Pulaski, Va. The fireman was killed.

John D. Rockefeller has presented \$100,000 to Columbia University for the endowment of a chair of psychology.

Gen. Otis cables accounts of encounters with several Filipino bands, in which the latter were defeated, losing heavily.

Secretary Hester shows the cotton brought into sight thus far this year to be 1,882,390 bales less than for the same time last year.

A Boston woman, Mrs. Caroline B. Croft, leaves \$100,000 to Harvard University, to be used in studying specially the cause of cancer.

An amendment is proposed to the Mississippi constitution, providing for the school tax from each race being devoted to education of its children.

Whallen, charged with an attempt to bribe Legislator Harrell to vote against Goebel, swears out a warrant against Harrell, charging him with obtaining money under false pretense.

At New York Tuesday night George Dixon was defeated for the featherweight pugilistic championship by Terry McGovern, after nearly eight rounds of hard fighting. Dixon had held the championship for eight years.

Senator Pettigrew has offered a resolution authorizing the United States government to offer mediation between Great Britain and South Africa. He announced that it was his purpose to make a speech on the subject.

There was a riot at the city hall at San Francisco Monday, when tax collector-elect, Scott, attempted to take his office. One man was shot and others bruised in the fight that ensued. Scott's election is being contested in the courts by Collector Sheehan.

A strange case is reported in Washington, D. C. A man named Krebs was recently arrested for cutting a woman's dress, and it has since developed that he has carried on this practice in various cities for years. He has confessed, and claims that he has a mania for cutting fine dresses.

Miss Emma Louise Pickett, the 23-year-old daughter of A. J. Pickett, a wealthy farmer of Glenwood, Va., ended her life Monday by firing a rifle bullet through her head. It is said she was several years ago disappointed in a love affair and has since avoided all social functions. Many believe that the suicide is the outgrowth of the fickleness of her lover, though she was something of an invalid.

Latest mail advices from India aver that the situation there grows darker every week. Three million are working on government relief works. The sale of children by starving parents is becoming common. Families are breaking up, each member for himself, in search of food. Abandoned children are frequently found. It is a famine of water as well as food. Cattle are dying by thousands, and no rain is now expected until June.

Near Lexington, Va., Monday, James Egoft, of Buena Vista, who is short of stature, broke through the ice while skating near the shore on the North River. The water was over his head, and he had gone down for the second time when a man over six feet tall skated boldly into the hole, and standing on the river's bottom, held Egoft up until help came. The rescuer's name could not be learned. He was submerged to his neck while aiding Egoft.

Judge Spear, at Atlanta, Ga., on Monday, issued a temporary restraining order against consolidation of the Georgia & Alabama railroad with the Florida Central and Peninsula. This is a temporary victory of Ryan to prevent the consolidation of the greater Seaboard Air Line. Judge Spear states that he informed counsel that he did not intend that the powers of his court should be used to delay the consolidation if it seemed to be legitimate.

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