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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items
In Condensed Form.

Col. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, announces that he will be a candidate for the U. S. senate to succeed Pritchard.

Charlotte Observer: The Charlotte poultry show, which opens at the city hall tomorrow morning, bids fair to be a complete success. Up to the present time there are twice as many entries as there were exhibits in the show last year. Entries have come from Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia, and birds are coming from Albany today.

Greensboro Telegram: The report in the Mooresville Enterprise that the Normal would not open until next fall is entirely without foundation. It probably emanated in the mind of some one who would like to see the doors of that institution forever closed. The college has suffered a severe misfortune in the epidemic which befell it, but it is all over now, the work of thorough fumigation and renovation has been pushed, and the directors will meet on Thursday to decide on a date for reopening the institution.

News-Observer: Mr. W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, writes Superintendent Mebane that the school board of Randolph county will bring action against Treasurer Worth to compel payment of its part of the \$100,000 appropriation. Mr. Hammer writes: "I shall advise the officials of this county at the meeting this week to take legal steps to get the State fund for the use of the schools this year." Mr. Hammer is superintendent of schools for Randolph county. Treasurer Worth said yesterday that only one warrant sent out to the county treasurers has been sent in so far and it was returned.

News-Observer: Twelve years ago the Raleigh Savings Bank began business with a capital of \$15,000. The capital has never been increased. The deposits of the bank now exceed three hundred thousand dollars and last year it paid ten thousand dollars in interest to depositors, and declared a dividend of twelve percent to its stockholders. The stock of this bank has been in great demand and much of it has recently changed hands at prices that are unprecedented in North Carolina bank stock. One gentleman who owned \$1,000 worth of stock, on which he has been receiving a dividend of eight per cent. all along, sold it for \$2,600, and other sales have been made at the same rate. This is truly a wonderful record.

War on the Louisville and Nashville.

Louisville, Jan. 10.—Goebel has declared war on the Louisville & Nashville Railway company, and proposes to fight it to a finish in the legislature.

His plan is to follow the course he pursued in the case of the Southern Pacific and try to force a bill through the general assembly annulling the charter under which the corporation operates in Kentucky. This was officially announced today.

President Smith, of the Louisville & Nashville, and others were summoned today to appear before the grand jury. The Goebelites charge that the money used in the anti-Goebel and Republican campaign came chiefly from the coffers of the Louisville & Nashville.

The fight when it comes before the assembly, will be a bitter one. Goebel failed in his fight before the last legislature to annul the charter of the Southern Pacific. Republicans and all the anti-Goebelites will oppose the bill.

15 MEN KILLED AND EATEN.

Fate of an English Ship's Crew in The Admiralty Islands.

London, Jan. 9.—Mail advices from New Britain report the massacre of the captain and crew of 15 men belonging to the British schooner Nukumania, of South Wales, while trading among the Admiralty Islands. Only three boys escaped. The natives, after murdering the sailors, inaugurated a feast ashore and ate their victims.

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 influenza, colds, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

A STREET CAR COMEDY.

The Girl and Her Purse and Five Smart Young Men.

As soon as the good looking girl entered the car the five young men on the opposite seat began surveying her with critical eye, and she hadn't yet made out whether the baldheaded man with the medical magazine was to be included in the lot when the conductor came in for his fare. The girl opened her portemonnaie and began to take out latchkeys, samples of ribbon and little memoranda in the usual way, and the five young men smiled, each after his own particular style. Baldheaded was out of it. The girl didn't see any of the smiles, but she caught on just the same. There was a nickel all ready for her fingers, but when one pale faced young man added a giggle to his smile the nickel was thrust aside for a \$2 bill. She didn't hand it over to the conductor as she fished it out; but, leaning forward with a winning smile on her face, she began at the head of the line and asked:

"Will you please be so kind as to change this bill for me?"

It was impossible. A young man with only a dime in his pocket has no show to bust a bill. The next one had a quarter, but he had to decline, and so it went to No. 5. His hand sought his pocket as his turn came, but it didn't bring up any change. The smiles had been replaced by sheepish looks, and they rubbed elbows and trod on each other's feet in trying to look out of the windows. There was a long minute of painful suspense, and then the good looking girl handed the bill to the conductor. She hadn't a word to say to the five young men who had started out in life so gayly, but old baldheaded had. When all was over, he turned half around and growled out:

"If I were you fellows, I wouldn't try to be so blamed smart next time."—Philadelphia Press.

WHY SHE RESIGNED.

The Member of a Woman's Club Founded the Two Pops.

"For the last year or so my wife has been ambitious to shine as a literary light," said Smith, with a chuckle. "I don't know how many clubs she joined, but if there were any that she did not belong to it was because she had never heard of them.

"The other night while I was reading my paper she interrupted me with a request for light about something that I did not catch except the word pope.

"Well," said I, looking over my paper.

"I want to know about him," she continued. "I must read a paper concerning him at our next literary meeting, and I do not know a single thing about him. Who is he?"

"Do you mean to say," said I, "that you know nothing about the head of the Roman church?"

"Oh, of course!" she answered. "How stupid of me! I can read all about him in the encyclopedia."

"I resumed my reading and thought that ended it, but it didn't. The other night when I returned home I found my wife in tears, and before I had time to inquire what the matter was I was called to account in 17 different kinds of keys.

"Well, when the storm was over I learned the truth. It was the poet Pope and not the pope of Rome that was she expected to treat upon, and when she rose and read a paper on the pope it started a row that did not end with adjournment.

"But, seeing that she has resigned from all the clubs and that the children once more have a chance to get acquainted with their mother, I do not look upon it as a calamity."—Detroit Free Press.

The bank checks passing through the clearing houses in London and New York in one month exceed the value of all the gold and silver coin in the world.

Give a youth resolution and the alphabet, and who shall place limits to his career?

FOOD CONTRABAND

When in Transit to the Transvaal. American Flour Released. Roberts and Kitchener at Cape Town. Conflicting Reports About Boer Losses.

London, Jan. 10.—The American flour seized off Delagoa Bay has been released. The British reply to the United States states that food stuffs are not considered contraband of war unless intended for the enemy.

The decision to make flour and grain in transit to the enemy contraband, is evidently hedged in by many difficulties of execution, but the foreign office believes that investigation will generally determine whether the grain is really meant for consumption at Lorenzo Marques or in the Transvaal.

Roberts and Kitchener Arrive.

London, Jan. 10.—Gen. Lord Roberts, the new commander of British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, Gen. Lord Kitchener, have arrived at Cape Town.

The Boer Losses.

London, Jan. 11.—The following dispatch, dated at Frere Camp, Jan. 10th, noon, has been received by the war office from Gen. Buller:

"A Transvaal telegram gives the enemy's loss at Ladysmith on Saturday as four killed and 15 wounded, and this afternoon, as is admitted, they had endured a withering fire from six masked batteries, and been defeated at all points.

"Natives here assert that the Boer loss in one commando alone was 150 killed, and wagon loads of wounded. The heaviest loss is said to have been among the Free Staters, who were forced by the Transvaalers into the most dangerous places."

This curious dispatch in all the war office has issued tonight. It makes not the slightest mention of the position or doings of the British forces. It may be interpreted to mean that Ladysmith is safe, but it is more likely intended to prepare the British public for a terrible list of casualties.

What's The Matter With Kinston?

Communication.

Last summer the town voted for bonds to establish an electric light plant. At present the town is not half lighted. When can we reasonably expect to have lights, if in six months the service has deteriorated to the present condition?

The aldermen refuse to repair the present plant, thinking that probably in a few months, or years, they may be in a condition to run a municipal plant.

The present manager of the plant would put in repairs if the aldermen would take the new parts off his hands, but for some reason of mysterious diplomacy they refuse. Meanwhile we walk in darkness and affliction.

Why don't the Kinston Library have a meeting under the new corporation plan? At present they have money, books, and an efficient librarian, but no legal management, no regulations under which they may operate, and no legal status, in spite of the much-talked of incorporation.

What's the matter with the graded school?

It has been running three months, and we have had no special report of attendance, scholarship or general condition at any time. All public graded schools in the writer's knowledge make a monthly public report through the newspapers of their condition, so that the patrons may know what is going on.

We know who the teachers are and what the pupils say and that is about all. The board may know more but the public does not. If it is "not incompatible with the public service" we would like to know more.

BRITISH AGAINST BRITISH.

Two British Regiments Fight Each Other in Darkness. Boers Then Rout Them.

London, Jan. 11.—The East Surries and West Yorkshires mistook each other for Boers and fought each other in the dark hand to hand, with terrible slaughter. The Boers then attacked and routed the English, capturing Maj. Hobbs and others. This news was withheld some time by censor.

Gen. Methuen has been recalled, his mind being unsound. Gen. Buller's health is precarious.

LEARNING TO SMILE.

One of the Hardest Things For the Gymnast to Do.

"The thing I found hardest to learn in my business was to smile," said a professional gymnast who did a very clever specialty recently at one of the local theaters. "I started out in acrobatic work when I was only 15 years old as one of a 'family' of five. My instructor was Charles McDonald, an old time circus performer and one of the best of his day. While he was putting me through my paces he was continually yelling: 'Look pleasant! Look pleasant!' And my main trouble for years was in following that same order.

"No matter how hard I tried I would forget myself, and when I was doing an extra hard 'turn' I was certain to make horrible faces, screw up my eyes and grit my teeth. It took all the effect out of my act and must have seemed very funny to the people in the audience. Often, after performing some difficult feat, I have been mortified to hear a roar of laughter, and at last I determined to either learn how to smile or quit the business. I got the knack at last, and now it has become a sort of second nature.

"The point is a great deal more important than one would suppose. I know an equilibrist, for instance, who is very popular on the vaudeville circuit, not so much on account of the difficulty of his act as the smiling ease with which it is apparently done. You would never suppose from his face that he was making any special exertion, and that of itself gives remarkable grace and finish to his work.

"I am not the only one in the business, however, who has found it hard to smile at the right time. Almost every ballet dancer, eccentric character dancer and skirt dancer has had trouble on the same score. Most of them finally acquire a horrible fixed grimace that is supposed to be a smile, but has no more suggestion of merriment than a brick wall. It is produced by cultivating a certain set of muscles and made to appear and disappear on the principle of pulling a string."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

MANAGING SMALL BOYS.

How Some Mothers Take All the Spirit Out of Them.

"I am always made sorry when I ride in the cars, through the shopping districts particularly," said the woman to a newspaper man, "to see the mothers ill treat small boys. It is ethical cruelty, but quite as disastrous as physical ill treatment might be, it seems to me.

"I see poor little fellows of 7 and 8, nice little men who would be manly if they were allowed to be, pushed into that seat and out of it into another as if they were so many little dummies. They usually are very nearly that, for seven or eight years of such pushing and pulling is enough to take all the spirit out of a small boy unless he has unusual vigor of character.

"A boy of that age ought to be beginning to look out for his mother and finding seats for her. Occasionally a sensible mother, who treats her boy like a human being, is to be found, and it is a pleasure to see the two together.

"The boy who is dragged around like a little muff during the early part of his life is apt to come to himself after a time if he is not entirely ruined, and then he goes to an opposite extreme, is rude and self asserting, while he is trying to establish an equilibrium, and the mother can't imagine what the trouble is."—New York Times.

Reading.

Read not much at a time, but meditate as much as your time and capacity and disposition will give you leave, ever remembering that little reading and much thinking, little speaking and much hearing, is the best way to become wise.

Golden.

Judge—Was the stolen jewelry gold or silver? Well, why don't you answer?

Prisoner—Don't you know, judge, what silence is?—Fliegende Blätter.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

At New York, Tuesday, the handsome residence of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of The World, was burned, and two women servants were suffocated or burned to death. Loss, \$300,000; insurance, \$250,000.

A Kansas man, who had for 25 years lived a professed infidel, died a few days ago, and his friends were surprised on opening his will to find that he had left all his fortune of \$150,000 except \$4,000 to religious and charitable organizations.

The jury in the case of Julia Morrison James, charged with the murder of Stage Manager Leiden on the opera house stage at Chattanooga, Tenn., September 22, while she was playing in "Mr. Plaster of Paris," on Wednesday rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Near Ripley, Tenn., Tuesday, officers Malvin and W. D. Turner arrested a negro named Zingery and were taking him to jail, when two negroes, brothers of the prisoner, shot the officers in the back, killing them. The prisoners and one of the murderers were caught and hanged by a mob, and search is being made for the other murderer and other participants in the crime. It is reported that many negroes in the neighborhood are arming themselves, and excitement runs high.

Oak Ridge, Miss., was the scene Tuesday of a desperate pistol duel, in which three of the best known residents of the county were killed. The dead are: A. D. Rolland, R. S. Stephenson and Dr. Otho Austin. The two latter, together with Austin's father, had been arrested on an affidavit sworn out by Rolland, charging them with the whipping of Rolland's negro tenants. The trial was set for Tuesday morning in Justice Griffin's court at Oak Ridge. The trial had hardly opened when the shooting began, but who fired the first shot is not known.

At Pinewood, S. C., Saturday, Coast Line Conductor Frank B. Hursey shot and killed a negro train hand, Lewis Burton, who was advancing threateningly upon the conductor. The negroes at Pinewood became disturbed, and the white people, who are in a minority, are fearful of violence, although conductor Hursey has been committed to jail at Manning. The coroner's jury, with the exception of three negroes, was disposed to exonerate Hursey. On Tuesday A. L. Burkett, intend of Pinewood, wired Senator Appell for 20 rifles and 2,000 rounds of ammunition, as an uprising was feared. Gov. McSweeney has wired Sheriff Brabham to proceed to Pinewood with a posse, and Capt. W. L. Lee was ordered to have his company, the Sumter Light Infantry, to sleep on arms, ready to proceed to Pinewood at any moment.

20,000 WITNESSES.

Bradley Says That Number Will Be Summoned in the Kentucky Contested Election Case.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 9.—The sessions of both houses of the legislature were uneventful today. Former Gov. Bradley, chief counsel for Gov. Taylor, denied today stories that troops had been brought here in citizen's clothes, and that Republicans had arranged to import here large bodies of men from over the state to intimidate the legislature. He said:

"We will summon 20,000 witnesses, whose evidence is to be taken for use before the state contest board, and many of them, I suppose, will come, but there will be no effort at intimidation. I take no stock in the talk about bloodshed."

At the adjutant general's office it was stated that a guard is in charge of the state arsenal.

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.