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## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The Price Mfg. and Power Co., and the Winston-Salem Railway and Electric Co., two Winston concerns, have been bonded for \$500,000. Improvements will be made.

A rich deposit of ore, assaying gold, silver and nickel, all in paying quantities, has been discovered in Guilford county. The indications are that there are immense quantities of each metal. The property is owned by David Huffines, who will develop it.

Wilmington Star: The advance in all timber and saw mill stuffs is illustrated by the price of cypress lumber, for which dealers are now asking \$50 per thousand. The former price did not exceed \$30. Boat builders say the price in this particular is paralyzing their business.

At Raleigh the jury in the Marshall counterfeiting case, after being out nearly 24 hours, reported Thursday afternoon that they were unable to agree, and a mistrial was made. The jury was polled and stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction. A new trial has been ordered for next term.

Eugene Penny is the name of the Wake county Populist and Miss Chamblee the name of the school teacher who ran away recently. The teacher boarded in his family. He left a wife and four children and took some \$700 or \$800 with him. The deserted wife is a lady who is held in the highest esteem by all who know her.

Supt. Newman, of the Union Mining Co., says his company is giving employment to 600 men in Rowan county, and in a year expects to work 2,000 men in mining copper. The company is capitalized at \$3,000,000 and the stock sells at three times par value. During the past year the company has expended \$1,250,000.

The State agricultural department announces that at its request the United States has exempted from the provision of the cattle quarantine law all the transmontane counties save two, but forbids the taking of any cattle into these from Georgia, South Carolina, Cook county, Tennessee, and North Carolina counties east of the Blue Ridge.

Lieut. R. O. Crisp, assistant inspector of the sixth life saving district, in his report to the department on the stranding and wreck of the British steamer "Anioto" near Ocracoke, N. C., section on December 24th last, fully exonerates the life saving crew from all blame. He says that the loss of the 21 lives was largely due to misjudgment on the part of the unfortunate sailors themselves in abandoning their ship before all hope for help from shore had disappeared.

Durham Herald: About the smallest, meanest piece of business that has come to notice in a long time is the attempt of some of the sectarians, we will not say religious, papers opposed to State aid to highest education, to make capital out of the unfortunate affair at the State Normal at Greensboro. It was fair, if not charitable, to fight the University and other State educational institutions openly, but this is fighting a man when he is down and helpless. This is carrying a fight to the brink of the grave.

Reuben Ross, the young negro under sentence to be hanged today at Lumberton for rape upon a white woman, has been reprieved for a third time. The reprieve signed by the governor Thursday postpones Ross' execution until Feb. 9, 1900. This last exercise of executive clemency was induced by a telegram from Red Springs, that further evidence was obtained. A special from Lumberton says that Ross succeeded Wednesday in getting a trusty to procure laudanum for the purpose of committing suicide, but it was found out in time to prevent his drinking it.

The grand lodge of Masons in session at Raleigh adopted a report restoring fellowship to the Masons of the state of Washington as that lodge had rescinded its resolution recognizing fellowship with colored Masonic lodges, and reported that "the Grand Lodge of North Carolina hopes this menace to Masonry will never again present its hideous front." The following were elected as officers: Beverly S. Royster, of Oxford, grand master; H. I. Clark, deputy grand master; Walter S. Liddell, senior grand warden; Francis D. Winston, junior grand warden; William Simpson, grand treasurer; John C. Drewry, grand secretary.

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The penitentiary directors met at Raleigh Wednesday. They received the report of Supt. Day, claiming that he would take the surplus of \$13,000. The resignation of Director W. H. Osborne was received and accepted, and reports from several of the State farms were received and discussed. Discharged supervisors W. R. Dixon, T. E. McCahey, L. T. Pope and J. J. Masingo, asked for \$1,400 back pay, from the time they were discharged to the end of the terms for which they were appointed. The board named a committee to confer with their attorneys. On Thursday, J. W. Perry, of Princeton, was elected director to succeed Col. Osborne on the executive board of the State prison, with E. L. Travis, of Halifax, chairman, and W. C. Newland, as the third member of the executive board. James C. Davis, of Carteret, was elected chairman of the board of directors to succeed A. B. Young. The directors decided to rent the Faison part of the Northampton farm provided the owner, Mr. Faison, will accept \$1,600 for the rental. This action was taken because of the inability to gather the entire crop of the past year, a large part of which is now in the field. The matter of making arrangements for the rental of the farm was left to the superintendent and the executive board. The Faison part of the Northampton farm is not subject to overflow. J. H. Melver was elected supervisor of Caledonia farm No. 1. The board increased the salaries of the four supervisors from \$50 to \$60 per month, and bookkeeper and the warden from \$60 to \$75.

### FILIPINOS' STUBBORN STAND. Col. Bullard Drives Them Back on The San Tomas Road.

Manila, Jan. 11.—Col. Bullard with the Thirty-ninth infantry, moving in three columns from Calamba, with two guns, attacked ten companies of insurgents strongly entrenched on the Santa Tomas road. They resisted stubbornly, making three stands. Twenty-four of the rebels were killed and sixty prisoners were taken. The Filipinos retreated, carrying their wounded toward Lake Taal. One American was killed and two officers were slightly wounded.

### Mutually Agreeable.

One day last summer a sour visaged, middle aged, fussy woman got on one of the smoking seats in an open car in the subway. Next to her sat a man who was smoking a cigar. More than that, the woman, sniffing, easily made out that the man had been eating onions. Still more than that, she had the strongest kind of suspicion that he had been drinking beer. The woman fussed and wriggled and grew angrier and looked at the man scornfully. Presently she could endure it no longer. She looked squarely at him and said:

"If you were my husband, sir, I'd give you a dose of poison!"  
The man looked at her. "If I were your husband," said he, "I'd take it!"  
—Boston Transcript.

### Found His Auditor.

Professor Charles D. R. Roberts, the poet, reads the modern languages very easily, but speaks them imperfectly. At a reception held in New York just prior to his leaving for Europe Roberts was introduced to a distinguished French artist, who was here on a visit. The artist asked in his own tongue, "You speak French?"  
"No," answered the poet. "I am sorry I do not, but I understand it well when it is spoken to me."  
"I am so glad," replied the Frenchman. "You are the audience I have long wanted. I can talk to you all I please, and you cannot talk back."  
—Colorado Springs Gazette.

### A Bibliophile's Reply.

Mandell Creighton, the bishop of London, has a horror of lending his favorite books, says a London correspondent. The bishop is a charming wit as well as a great scholar. A fellow clergyman once visited the bishop and took a fancy to an old edition of Shakespeare. He borrowed the volume and did not think to return it for several months.

Finally the minister returned it with a letter, saying: "My Dear Bishop—I have great pleasure in returning the volume you loaned me."

The bishop answered: "My Dear Brother—All the joy is mine."—Denver Republic.

## THE GENERAL SITUATION

### In South Africa as Summed Up by the London Standard. Not Very Encouraging to the British.

London, Jan. 11.—During the interlude of apparent military inactivity and official secrecy, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have arrived at the seat of war. It is assumed here their clearer vision, supported by 53,000 fresh men who are due to arrive in South Africa within 30 days, will alter the situation, and that the fourth month of the campaign will witness the beginning of victories for the British arms. Their presence will restore the shaken confidence of the men at the front in their generals.

Lord Roberts finds 120,000 men on the defensive, or watching for an opening. The Standard summarizes the general situation thus:

"We now have something like 120,000 troops in South Africa. With this huge army distributed over the country, we are still powerless to relieve three garrisons from investment. We have still to see large portions of both colonies in the hands of the enemy.

"We have driven the invaders back at no single point. We are actually further from the hostile frontiers than we were on the day that the ultimatum was delivered. The work which ministers believed could be effectually performed with 25,000 men, has not been done, has not even been begun, by four or five times that number. Can anyone fail to admit that this is evidence of a grave miscalculation of forces and facts?"

### The British Attack Planned by a Maniac.

London, Jan. 11.—Much evidence is given showing that Gen. Methuen's mind is unbalanced, and that in the battle of Magersfontein the British army was sent to make a futile attack as planned by Methuen. One officer says "the attack was that of a madman." Methuen quarreled with several of his officers and sent them off home to London. Lord Wauchope argued strongly with Methuen the night before the battle, against the plan of attack, and expostulated bitterly against it. He was forced to lead his command, the Black Watch, to slaughter, and was himself killed.

### BRYAN AN EXPANSIONIST.

### The Filipinos, However, Are Not The Kind of People He Would Take In.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10.—In an interview today, W. J. Bryan said:

"I am a firm believer in the enlargement and extension of the limits of the republic. I don't mean by that the extension by the addition of contiguous territory, nor to limit myself to that.

"Wherever there is a people intelligent enough to form a part of this republic, it is my belief that they should be taken in. Wherever there is a people who are capable of having a voice and a representation in this government, there the limits of the republic may be extended.

"The Filipinos are not such people. The Democratic party has ever favored the extension of the limits of this republic; but it has never advocated the acquisition of subject territory, to be held under colonial government."

### MEASURES AGAINST TRUSTS.

### Resolutions to Investigate Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 11.—Senator Graydon today introduced a resolution requiring the attorney general to investigate the operations of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company in this state and, if the anti-trust laws are being violated by it, to bring suit to compel forfeiture of charter. This company has bought all the fertilizer works in this state, with few exceptions.

Representative Johnson introduced a bill, copy of the Texas law, to prohibit trusts and monopolies being formed in this state.

In joint session Mr. Eugene B. Gary was without opposition re-elected associate justice of the supreme court.

### Russia Moving Toward Persia.

London, Jan. 11.—The Calcutta correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "I have good reason to believe that the Indian government has received disquieting information regarding Russian movements in the direction of Persia. Russia is taking advantage of the Transvaal trouble to strengthen her armaments and to push forward her outposts along the Persian frontier, with a view of ultimate annexation, a design in which Germany would probably acquiesce, in consideration of receiving railway concessions."

### A Tough, Tough Fish.

Fish seem to have no sense of feeling, and many people believe that the angry and energetic movements of a fish when it is caught are due rather to annoyance at losing its liberty than to any sense of pain. I can confirm this, because I have over and over again taken an undersized pike that has been once or twice caught and put back into the water.

Upon one occasion three of us—boys of the Old brigade—were fishing in a small pool in a narrow, sluggish river. Jones caught a small pike, and as it was undersized, being barely four pounds, he cut the hooks out of its gullet and threw the fish in again. Inside of 30 seconds Jones caught the same fish again. Once more he cut out the hooks, and this time he had to maul it very much. Once more it was kicked in.

Then I caught it, still bleeding. I got the hooks out with difficulty, and before I could throw the fish in again a terrier dog bit it half through. Then I kicked the fish in, and Brown caught it. At last we got so tired of catching this fish that I threw it away in disgust. It caught in the fork of a willow tree and staid there for half an hour, when a crow attacked it, dislodging it from the tree, but not before it had removed one of the eyes. The selfsame fish was caught next day by the keeper.—Fishing Gazette.

### Fride of the Poor.

Mrs. Clarence Burns, who is so well known for her philanthropic work, says that in all her experience in visiting the tenements of the poor of the city she has never been asked for alms. Mrs. Burns has made a business of visiting the poor with the hope of helping them whenever she saw the need, but finds it almost impossible to make the really deserving poor acknowledge that they are in need of anything.

One day she visited a family who were all huddled together in one bare, cold room, and their faces were so pinched she knew they were starving. But in response to her offer to help them the mother said:

"No, thank you. The children have had something today. I am sure to get work soon."

After questioning as to just exactly what the children had had to eat Mrs. Burns found that they had subsisted for three days on a few dried scraps of stale bread. This experience, she says, is repeated frequently.—New York Tribune.

### She Hadn't Dropped Off.

"Della!"  
"Yis, ma'am."

"I am very tired, and I am going to lie down for an hour."

"Yis, ma'am."

"If I should happen to drop off, call me at 5 o'clock."

"Yis, ma'am."

So my lady lies down, folds her hands, closes her eyes and is soon in the land of dreams. She is awakened by the clock striking 6 and cries indignantly:

"Della!"  
"Yis, ma'am."

"Why didn't you call me at 5 o'clock, as I told you to do?"

"Shure, ma'am, ye told me to call ye if ye had dropped off. I looked in on ye at 5, and ye hadn't dropped off at all! Ye was lyin on the bed in the same place, sound asleep!"

### The Laugh on the General.

The late General Clinton B. Fisk was once addressing a Sunday school convention. One of the speakers had reminded the children that it was Washington's birthday.

"Children," said General Fisk, "you all know that Washington was a general. Perhaps you know that I am also a general. Now, can any one tell what was the difference between General Washington and myself?"

"I know, sir," replied a small boy in the back part of the room.

"Well, what was the difference?" said General Fisk, smiling at the lad's eagerness.

"George Washington couldn't tell a lie, sir!" cried the boy in exultant tones. Shouts of laughter followed, in which the general joined heartily.—Detroit News.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Fire Wednesday night practically destroyed the town of Taylor, Miss., with probably \$140,000 loss.

Three thousand Spanish soldiers, from the Cuban war, have offered their services to Great Britain in South Africa. The governor of Gibraltar has informed their agent that he is not authorized to enlist foreigners.

At Norfolk, Va., Wednesday, Charles H. Parker, 4 years old, who was badly injured by a heavy sign falling on him last winter, was awarded \$7,500 damages against the city in the city circuit court. A motion for a new trial will be argued later.

At Frankfort, Ind., manufacturers of gun stocks have received a rush order from the Transvaal for 125,000 gun stocks, to be shipped via New York to South Africa. The factory is also getting out 200,000 gun stocks for the German government.

News has just been received of a fierce storm sweeping the Japanese coast on Dec. 24th, by which 35 junks were lost while being towed from Osaka to Kobe, and 171 persons perished. A tidal wave accompanied the storm, by which 411 lives were lost.

Reports from the east say that the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan is only a question of a little time. Russia is increasing her war ships on the coast of Korea and Japan, and Japan is hurrying up the completion of the ships she is having built. The Japanese papers make no secret of the imminence of war.

Two 6-inch bronze Spanish cannon, formerly part of the defenses at Fort San Felipe, Manila, and captured by Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila Bay, have been presented to the city of Atlanta, to be used at the base of the monument which will be erected to the memory of the late Lieut. Brumby by the people of Georgia.

Blackburn was elected senator by the Kentucky legislature by 25 majority over Bradley, Republican Louisville, & Nashville, railroad nominee. The adoption of the rules which will govern the joint assembly, by a decisive majority, was a surprise to the Republican and anti-Goebel factions in the legislature. They had not expected to defeat the rules but they confidently believed that the vote would be close.

During a quarrel over a game of cards, in a "blind tiger" at Pound Gap, Ky., Wednesday, in which John and Taze Hall and Arch and Henry Leap opposed Henry Sutherland, Berry Long and Henry Campbell, revolvers were drawn and 200 shots exchanged. Taze Hall and Henry Leap were killed and Henry Sutherland and Henry Campbell mortally wounded. Arch Leap and Henry Sullivan were also wounded.

Julia Morrison, who killed Frank Leidenheimer of the "Mr. Plaster of Paris" company, and was acquitted of murder, made a dramatic speech of thanks to the jury and all who helped secure her acquittal. It is announced that in a few weeks she will begin a lecture tour, her subject being "The Other Side of the Stage," in which she will point out the dangers that confront the young girls that follow the stage as an occupation.

Judge W. B. McClure, of the probate court of Lauderdale county, Ala., was assassinated Tuesday night at Florence, Ala. His body was found in the street, riddled with buckshot. More than a year ago Roland McFarland, a bright young editor at Florence, took occasion to assail in his newspaper the habits, morals and official character of Judge McClure. One night he was found dying on the sidewalk, with his skull crushed in. McFarland's family, who are prominent people, and perhaps half the citizens of Florence, charged Judge McClure and his sons with the murder, but no indictment was found. The enmity of McFarland's friends has never been appeased, and the intense bitterness of the two sides has led the public to expect another tragedy sooner or later. The facts developed so far do not point to any particular person as the assassin, and the probabilities are that it will never be known who fired the fatal shot.

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