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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Preparations are being made at Gastonia, N. C., for the erection of a cotton mill to cost \$1,000,000. Work will begin on the plant as soon as weather will permit.

Dunn Union: Reports coming from all parts of the county say that many of the Republicans and Populists will vote with the Democrats and support the amendment. Harnett is all right.

At Raleigh the grand lodge of Masons, which ended its one hundred and thirtieth annual communication Thursday, decided to co-operate with local lodges in erecting a Masonic temple there.

Work will begin within the next two months on an auditorium at Greensboro. It will cost \$30,000, and have a seating capacity of 1,460. In it will be offices for the city government, and it will be used as an opera house.

The people of Weldon are taking steps looking to the establishment of a steamboat line between Weldon and Norfolk. The board of trade has appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of a steamer with a capacity for carrying 250 bales of cotton.

The British steamship *Empress*, from Galveston to Copenhagen, via Newport News for coal and laden with a general cargo, went ashore Thursday in a thick fog two and one half miles from False Cape (North Carolina) lifesaving station. Late in the afternoon the ship was floated.

The seniors of the Agricultural College, Raleigh, refused to do duty as officers until some of their privileges, recently curtailed, be restored. They were partially restored, the others being taken under consideration, but not. President Winston says, because "of the action of the students."

Charlotte News: The farmers of this section are very much disturbed on account of the scarcity of water in their wells. One prominent farmer informed a News reporter today that the wells in his section are in a worse condition than at any time during the summer months.

Salisbury Sun: The late cold spell afforded a splendid opportunity for the storing away of ice, and many of the farmers availed themselves of the opportunity. In Franklin township, Mr. H. G. Miller tells us, it is estimated that 300 tons were saved. Some of the ice was eight inches thick, and ice three inches thick formed in three days where ice had already been gathered.

The State Normal and Industrial College will open Jan. 30th. This was the decision reached by the board of directors at Greensboro Friday. It is understood that the board is preparing a full report of the epidemic, but as yet no hint can be gotten as to what the report will be. The directors were perfectly satisfied with the present sanitary condition of the college, and the vote to open January 30th was unanimous. The work of fumigation has been carried on in the most scientific manner and is as thorough as it is possible to make it.

Judge Simonton has granted a rehearing in the railway taxation cases, as requested by counsel for the North Carolina corporation commission, and he has designated ex-Judge James E. Shepherd, of Raleigh, standing master to take testimony as to matters of fact involved in the cases, pending a final decision. The expense of taking testimony will be heavy. The State offered several thousand affidavits at the original hearing of the case in Asheville tending to show that railroad property is not overvalued for taxation. The authors of these affidavits will doubtless be introduced as witnesses before the standing master.

A case of small pox has developed at the University. Mr. J. R. Patterson, a medical student has developed a definite case, which he contracted in Mt. Airy during a visit to his home. He was placed in a separate room at the infirmary. There have been only four exposures, so far as known—Patterson's room mate and three others, all of whom have been isolated. All the students have been vaccinated except 62, and they will be. Only one student has been heard of who will leave, though all may do so who so desire. There is no apprehension of the disease spreading and the work of the University will proceed right along.

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COAHOMA ITEMS.

January 12, 1900.

Our quiet section was frequently enlivened during Christmas by several socials, parties, etc., at various houses—all of which was much enjoyed.

Business in the neighborhood has about assumed its usual status since the holidays; the farmers generally are preparing for the ensuing crops of corn, cotton and tobacco, mostly the latter.

Mrs. Helen Kennedy and two daughters, Margie and Emmy, have returned home from Wilson. The young ladies will attend the Coahoma school. We welcome them most heartily.

In presenting these, our first items, we hope to be painstaking and accurate, also new and brief. We will thank our friends for any news such as the many readers of THE FREE PRESS would like.

We are informed that the Sunday school at Cobb's Mill church has been reorganized. Now let the grown people show their appreciation by attending. No community is complete without a Sunday school.

The genial countenance of "Dick" is again seen at the mill. Mr. Kelly has secured his services for the present year. Dick is at home in the mill, and the proprietor is to be congratulated. The public appreciate courteous treatment.

Our people were much surprised and pained to learn that our clever neighbor and efficient physician, Dr. Wooten, has accepted a position for the year with the Goldsboro Lumber Co., and will soon move his family to Dover. His service with them begins at once. The doctor was raised here and spent his life among us, and we very reluctantly submit to this move. He and his charming lady will take with them the best wishes of everyone.

Kelly's pond was "a thing of beauty" on Monday after the snow. The frosted ice on the water, the snow and icicles on the branches above, presented a sight truly grand. So, we reflect, the life of man does not solely consist in the getting of things that perish, but in also in beholding and admiring. Nature has most wonderfully provided the rarest gems of thought and beauty, and we have only to unlock the great storehouse, knowledge enters and we are truly amazed. The tiniest dewdrop, glistening in the sunlight, holds food for thought for all time to come.

Buller Makes An Important Move.

London, Jan. 12.—The war office this morning received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller dated Springfield, Thursday, Jan. 11th.

"I occupied the south bank of the Tugela River at Potgieter's Drift this morning and seized Pont. The river is in flood. The enemy is strongly entrenched about four and a half miles to the north."

Gen. Buller's second attempt to cross the Tugela River obviously is of a flanking character, but whether it is intended to push the advance home or whether his operations are only a feint to cover an attack in force on the Boer position at Hlangwani Mountain remains to be seen. The move is regarded as of great importance.

The Losses at Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 12.—The Daily Mail says: "We learn that in the attack on Ladysmith last Saturday, Jan. 6th, the British losses were 14 officers killed, 34 wounded and over 800 non-commissioned officers and men killed or wounded. The Boer losses, we hear, are estimated at between 2,000 or 3,000."

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. F. Taylor returned from Atlanta yesterday.

Mrs. Bertha Tweedy came yesterday from Parmele.

Mr. W. M. Beasley came yesterday from Durham.

Mr. A. L. Byrd, of Raleigh, was in Kinston today.

Mr. G. W. Knott and three sons returned from Oxford yesterday.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard left this morning to visit relatives in Wake county.

Misses Lyda and Rosa Ballard returned from visiting at Greenville yesterday.

Miss Nina Todd, of LaGrange, came yesterday to visit at Mrs. H. C. Bailey's.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh, is spending a few days among his many friends in Kinston.

Mrs. J. P. Brogden, of Trenton, who had been visiting at Mr. J. A. McDaniel's, returned home yesterday.

Dr. J. M. Parrott returned yesterday from attending the meeting of the Seaboard Medical society at Richmond, Va.

THE CHURCHES.

Methodist Church.

Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Christian Church.

Morning service—Subject: "The Greatness of Our Obligation."

Evening service—Subject: "What would Jesus Do?" The evening sermon will include a brief review of Dr. Sheldon's famous book "In His Steps."

Sunday school at 3 p. m.

The Young People's prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Episcopal Church.

Service both morning and evening by Mr. W. E. Cox, of the Theological Seminary, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Baptist Church.

Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. J. B. Jackson.

B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Christian Science.

Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

TROUBLE PREDICTED.

Kentucky Republicans Seek Federal Aid.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 11.—The Republican leaders, while not abandoning the fight against Goebel in the legislature, are eagerly awaiting news from Washington as to what aid the federal government would give the Taylor administration in the event Goebel is seated by the legislature. That the Republican leaders are advising Gov. Taylor to resist in case the legislature decides in favor of Goebel and are promising support to him, is generally admitted.

There was a conference tonight of Republican leaders from all over the state, among whom were several prominent federal office holders, and it is said that stronger pressure is to be brought to bear at Washington than has been heretofore in favor of Taylor. The sentiment of all those attending the conference was decidedly belicose, and the feeling is somewhat heightened by the fact that at least three of the legislative contests are so near to completion tonight as to assure a vote on them next week, and that a majority of them are nearly certain to be disposed of before the contests for governor and lieutenant governor are voted on.

Goebel Leaders Say They Expect the Law to See Them Through.

Frankfort, Jan. 12.—Many Republicans from all parts of the state arrived this morning. All predicted trouble when asked about the political situation.

Goebel leaders say they are going on with the work of unseating Republicans. A leading attorney for the Goebillites said this morning:

"We don't want to fight. We are relying on the law. If the law says Goebel should be governor, it will depend upon officers of the law to execute the law's mandates. If the Republicans refuse to give up the offices, they will be arrested by officers of the law and punished the same as other offenders."

J. E. Hood guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy 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.

Credit.

Embarrassed country dealer in a Boston wholesale grocery:

"I would like to make a settlement."

"How much can you pay?"

"Seventy-five cents."

"Very well," said Wholesale, "we will close the account."

"I suppose you will continue to let me have goods?" said Retail.

"Not a dollar's worth," responded Wholesale, and the former, discouraged, dropped into a chair.

Embarrassed retailer No. 2 stepped to the desk and wanted to settle.

"How much do you offer?"

"Five cents."

"All right," said the unembarrassed Wholesale.

"Can I have any more goods?"

"All you want."

Retail No. 1, rising:

"Can I propose paying you 75 cents on the dollar, and you refuse me credit. This man offers you only 5 cents, and you will trust him with all he wants."

"My dear sir," exclaimed Wholesale, "you are paying too much. You won't have any capital left with which to commence business again." Whereupon the creditless retailer went his way, wondering who originated the proverb, "Honesty is the best policy."

—New York Observer.

Fool Luck.

"You can bet it is always a fool for luck," said the man who has had his nose to the grindstone all his life.

"Now, there was Jack Shane of Tennessee, who drew \$25,000 in a lottery. Jack didn't know enough to go in out of the wet, but he had a little money, and he bought a ticket that won, while I got ten and didn't fetch a cent. The winning number was 42, and when I saw Jack I asked him how he happened to take that number. 'Well,' he said, 'you see, it was this way: I had a dream one night, and I dreamed that the door of my room opened all of a sudden and a big number seven walked in. Then right after it came other sevens and more and more till the room was chock full and I was about smothered under them. Then I woke up and began thinking it over. I knowed that one seven wasn't the number to draw nor 77 nor 7.777. For there was a million of them, and no lottery had that many numbers. But I figured awhile and at last made up my mind that seven times seven was 42, and 42 was the number, so I drewed that one. That was all there was to it.'

"Now," concluded the talker, "if that isn't a case of a fool for luck, what the Dickens is it?"—Washington Star.

Savage Crabs.

The most savage specimen of the crab species is found in Japan, seeming to dream of nothing but fighting—to delight in nothing half so much. The minute he spies another of his kind he scrapes his claws together in rage, challenging him to the combat. Not a moment is wasted in preliminaries, but at it they go, hammer and tongs. It sounds like two rocks grinding against one another as their claws rattle against the hard shells. The sand flies as the warriors push each other hither and thither until at last one of them stretches himself out in the sun, tired to death.

But he does not beg for mercy or attempt to run away, only feebly rubbing his claws together in defiance of the foe. That foe comes closer, and, with his claws trembling with joy at his victory, the conqueror catches hold of one claw of the vanquished crab, twists it until it comes off, and bears away the palpitating limb as a trophy of his prowess. Such is a battle between warrior crabs.

Travelers by rail in Brittany often glide past Guingamp without remembering that it was here that was produced that useful fabric gingham.

The soil of Egypt at the present day is tilled by exactly the same kind of plow that was used 5,000 years ago.

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

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Three more deaths are reported as occurring at Honolulu from bubonic plague, making 18 in all.

An unknown vessel went ashore on the coast of Newfoundland Thursday, and many lives were lost, at least 50 or 60.

At Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Theobald and her daughter were burned to death by the explosion of a lamp in their home Thursday morning.

The Southern association of hosiery manufacturers met in Atlanta Thursday and advanced prices 10 per cent. This is a total advance of 20 per cent. in three months.

Lieut. Commander F. E. Green, of the United States cruiser *Montgomery*, committed suicide Wednesday evening, at Montevideo. No cause is assigned. He was a native of Indiana.

Goebel, who is to contest the seat of Gov. Taylor, of Kentucky, it is stated is engaged to be married to Miss Corinna Blackburn, the only single daughter of U. S. Senator J. C. S. Blackburn.

Gen. Dabney S. Maury, who served with distinction and signal gallantry in both the Mexican and civil wars, died Thursday, at the home of his son at Peoria, Ill. He was a brave officer in the Confederate army.

The bill to give the consent of the state of Virginia to the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line railroad system passed the Virginia senate Thursday, passed the house Friday and was signed by the governor, and is now a law.

At Standardville, Va., Tuesday night, Si Young, of Pennsylvania, and Mac M. Mayers, of Standardsville, became involved in a difficulty and opened fire on each other. Mayers was shot twice in the bowels and once in the region of the heart, and is considered mortally wounded. Young was shot in the wrist and forehead. He will probably recover. There had been bad blood between the men for a year.

The Roberts investigating committee held a protracted executive session Thursday in hope of reaching a conclusion, but so many legal questions were discussed that a final result was not reached, nor was any vote taken indicating the standing of the committee. A member of the committee is authority for the statement that the delay is due mainly to a desire to secure unanimity and to avoid, if possible, two reports. The members are practically agreed on the facts involved. The differences relate to the manner of excluding Mr. Roberts.

TUCKAHOE ITEMS.

Jan. 12, 1900.

Mrs. A. J. Fordham returned from Clinton Saturday.

Miss Penie Cox, of Catharine Lake, is visiting at Dr. A. J. Fordham's.

Mr. Bennie Miller, of Gainesville, Fla., visited his uncle, Dr. A. J. Fordham, this week.

Miss Annie Williams, of Woodington, is spending some time at Mr. W. G. Fordham's.

The public is invited to attend a basket party at Pleasant Hill church Jan. 28th, 7 p. m.

Mr. Mont. Fordham returned yesterday from Onslow, where he had been visiting some time.

Miss Lula Dillahunt, of Trenton, who had been visiting at Mr. F. M. Dixon's, returned home Tuesday.

Mess. Rome Cox and Jesse Heritage, of Onslow county, were visiting at Dr. Fordham's Wednesday.

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.