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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A large number of citizens of Warren met Friday night and organized a Suffrage Amendment Club.

The special term of Surry county court, which was to have begun this week, has been postponed on account of smallpox. The Weekly Graphic, of Nashville, has begun its sixth year. It is a good paper, much better than the patronage given by Nashville will warrant.

The chamber of commerce of Henderson, at a meeting Friday, unanimously adopted a resolution urging the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system.

The Charlotte Observer says it has not heard of a Democrat in Mecklenburg who will oppose the amendment. Chairman McCall predicts 1,500 to 1,800 majority for the amendment in that county.

George Gould, the New York millionaire, has become a stockholder in the Lory Cotton Mills, at Gastonia, to the amount of \$250,000, and a check for this amount has been received in Gastonia.

Gov. Russell has commuted the sentence of Millard Ronsemarx, colored, sentenced to be hanged at Wentworth, Rockingham county, on the twenty-sixth, for criminal assault, to life imprisonment.

At Raleigh Saturday, Agnes Utley, a colored girl, was convicted in the superior court of an attempt to poison the family of B. C. Batchelor, for whom she cooked, by putting a box of matches in a coffee pot. She was sent up for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard, Jr., while out driving at Wilmington Friday narrowly escaped a horrible death. While crossing the A. C. L. track a train ran into their horse, which was killed, the buggy overturned and the occupants thrown in a ditch. Mr. Shepard was painfully injured and Mrs. Shepard slightly bruised.

Wilmington Messenger: It seems that there is a strong element at Red Springs and Lumberton who believe in the innocence of Ross, the rapist, who has been sentenced to be hanged. The governor in view of this, does well to respite the prisoner for a hearing. He should not die for a crime he never committed if such be really the truth of the matter.

A man named James H. Curtis, claiming to be a Kentuckian, and about 34 years of age, ingratiated himself with Mrs. M. E. Wetherbee, near Tarboro. She gave him \$25 and sent him to Tarboro after some supplies, with her mule and cart. He sold the mule and cart to some gypsies and decamped. He is rather slender and wears a large sandy mustache.

Newbern Journal, 14th: Yesterday morning in the fire room of Dayberry's laundry, James Brooks, the fireman, was accidentally shot, probably fatally, by a colored man named Crooms. Brooks, who is a white boy of 17 years, had a pistol which he offered to sell Crooms and the latter while examining it, discharged the pistol, the ball striking Brooks about an inch under the left eye.

Mr. Jacob Joyner, who lives about three miles from Greenville, met with a terrible accident Friday morning while hunting. In attempting to cross a slough on a log he fell and broke his thigh but managed to hold to the log and keep from drowning. He was in this painful situation for seven hours, until found by his son, Mr. O. L. Joyner, who on returning home from attending to his warehouse duties at Greenville, became uneasy about his father and with some hands on his place went to search for him. The injured man was getting on as well as could be expected at last accounts.

Raleigh cor. Charlotte Observer: The other day a press telegram from Alabama said the sales of fertilizer tax tags were immense and showed that there would be a great increase in the cotton acreage, and further that advices from the other states showed a similar condition of affairs. At the agricultural department today Secretary Bruner said the sales of tags are entirely normal. All the manufacturers are buying some. It will not be until March that any idea can be found as to the cotton acreage from the tag sales. So far there is nothing to indicate an increase of acreage. It seems to be a casual observer that in the future the State mills will almost entirely regulate the acreage.

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SUPERIOR COURT

Commenced this Morning. Judge's Charge.

Court commenced this morning at 10 o'clock, Judge G. H. Brown presiding. Mr. R. I. Sutton was named as foreman of grand jury.

The judge's charge was a very appropriate and well chosen one.

He expressed pleasure at being at Kinston to hold court, and being a citizen of Eastern Carolina it afforded him much gratification to see our eastern town keeping pace with the west in material prosperity. He said crime is on the increase, but he rejoiced to see that the criminal docket at this court is so small. He hoped it indicated that crime here was on the decrease.

He very earnestly enforced upon the jury the importance of their enforcing the law. Ignorant men often found fault with the law when crime was not prosecuted. The fault was not in the law but in the enforcement of the law.

The grand jurors are part of the court and as such should assist court in enforcing law. Yet they should see that the citizens are protected and not arraigned by frivolous and malicious prosecution.

The first case called was State vs. H. C. Jones, removing crops. Verdict: not guilty.

After jury rendering verdict in this case the court adjourned for dinner.

Mrs. S. W. Ipooh Dead.

Mrs. S. W. Ipooh, of near Newbern, died last night a few minutes after 2 o'clock, of heart disease, at the residence of Mrs. Maria Taylor.

Mrs. Ipooh came to Kinston 10 weeks ago to make a visit and was taken sick soon after her arrival and since that time has been confined to the bed with typhoid fever and pneumonia, until a few days ago she had recovered sufficiently to be up. Her husband left Kinston yesterday to make arrangements to carry his wife home, intending to return this morning and carry her back this afternoon.

Mrs. Iprock was taken suddenly last night and died within a few minutes afterwards. Her remains will be taken to her home this afternoon.

PHILIPPINE ADVICES.

Encounters of American Forces With Bands of Insurgents. The Enemy Routed.

Manila, Jan. 13.—Advices from Cebu report a sharp fight on Jan. 8th between a battalion of the Nineteenth infantry and a body of insurgents occupying a strong position in the Sudlon mountains. The enemy was routed, the Americans capturing a smooth-bore cannon, some rifles and destroying the fortifications. Four Americans were wounded.

The insurgent Gen. Flores having established a rendezvous with 100 men at Humigan, province of Neuva Vizcaya, Capt. Benson with two troops of the Fourth cavalry was sent to dislodge him. The insurgents were scattered, their horses were captured and the position was burned, the Americans sustaining no losses.

The American forces yesterday occupied Magallanes, province of Cavite, capturing 20 insurgents, including a colonel.

Jacob Henze and Henry Kaiser, who were convicted of the murder of Edwin E. Brown, a wealthy stockman, in March, 1893, and sentenced to the Jefferson City penitentiary, Mo., for life, have been released. The case of Henze and Kaiser is probably unparalleled in the criminal annals of the world. They were eight times within the shadow of the gallows and as many times reprieved, once within three hours of their impending doom, ultimately being consigned to life imprisonment at hard labor. The men were convicted on purely circumstantial evidence. The real murderers, as revealed by investigation by the police department, were three notorious criminals, all of whom have died since the conviction of Henze and Kaiser.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, whether headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at Temple Marston Drug Co. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

Situation May Be Serious if Republican Incumbents Refuse to Vacate, as They Threaten to Do.

Frankfort, Jan. 13.—The situation in the contests for governor and the state officers, and the question of what is going to happen when the final result is declared, are to night fruitful of the most extravagant speculation. The adherents of the contestees, the Republican incumbents of the state offices, carry out the line of procedure they now threaten, by refusing to vacate even in case the legislature decides in favor of the Democratic contestants, the situation will be serious, and if the statements of some of the men high in the councils of the state are to be credited this is what they propose to do.

James Andrew Scott, one of the attorneys for the contestants in miner state contests, said tonight:

"The importation of soldiers and thugs here for the purpose of intimidating the legislature will not work. They are bluffing and no trouble will occur. As for their threats that they will hold on in spite of the decision by the legislature they may do this for a few days, but the courts would recognize the regular state government, and if Mr. Taylor does not then give in, he will subject himself to prosecution and all the penalties against usurpation, which I have no idea he will want to encounter."

BULLER NEAR LADYSMITH.

The General Probably Engaged in Important Operations.

London, Jan. 13.—Gen. Buller's 28 words, announcing his forward movement of Thursday, is interpreted as meaning that he has passed around the western end of the Boer lines at Colenso and is now several miles behind them and within 14 miles of Gen. White's outposts at Ladysmith. The Boers, a few days ago, had forces with guns at Springfield, where Gen. Buller dates his dispatch. These commanders have been obviously dislodged either by fighting or by manoeuvres, the Boers retiring across the Tugela as Gen. Buller advanced.

From Gen. Buller's dispatch, coupled with the fact that unofficial intelligence has virtually ceased since Monday, the deduction is drawn that important operations are in progress, as he cannot move far without going against the Boer entrenchments.

The Boers Now Have 100,000 Men.

London, Jan. 13.—The Morning Post says: "The Boer strength originally 83,000 men, is now heavily augmented by Cape Colonists and the enemy's fighting forces may be estimated at 100,000 men and 206 guns."

European War Cloud.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—Diplomats here assert that the differences between France, Germany and England are far more acute than are apparent on the surface and that the danger of war between these powers grows daily. Not to be caught napping the Czar has quietly mobilized an army of a quarter of a million, which has already been sent from Tiflis to Baku on the western coast of the Caspian Sea. The ultimate destination is undoubtedly the frontier of Afghanistan.

Cotton Market.

The following is the New York market at 12 o'clock:

New York, Jan. 15.—January, 7.32; March, 7.31; May, 7.36; June, 7.35 August, 7.36; October, 6.76.

Liver Complaint.

Fuddy—What is the matter with Harris? He seems all out of sorts.

Duddy—He is suffering from liver complaint.

Fuddy—Can't he find anything to help him?

Duddy—He is looking around for a new boarding house, one in which liver is not an inseparable feature of the cuisine.—Boston Transcript.

Essential Facts.

"I called in," said the puffy little man, "to say that your story about the fire next door to me yesterday was all wrong."

"All wrong?" asked the editor.

"Yes, sir! Why, hang it, sir, I spell my name with two s's, and I make soap, not shoe blacking."—Philadelphia North American.

The Arabs show their friendliness when meeting by shaking hands six or eight times. Arabs of distinction go beyond this; they embrace each other several times.

THE WINDOW IN THE TENT.

An Old Soldier's Way of Securing Ventilation When in the Field.

"I never pull down the window at the top to let in a little fresh air when I go to bed," said the old soldier, "without thinking of how we used to open the window in the tents in the army in wartimes. An A tent, seven feet square at the base and running up, wedge shaped, to a ridgepole seven feet above the ground, made comfortable enough quarters for four men if you could leave the tent open, which was equivalent to leaving off the front of the house, but if it were cold or rainy and the wind blew on the front of the tent so that you had to close it, why then you wanted ventilation somewhere, and you got it by making an opening in the back of the tent.

"There was a seam, overlapped, running down the middle of the back of the tent from the ridge pole to the ground, and we used to cut the stitches along that seam, up near the top of the tent, and spread the sides apart by putting in a stick six or eight inches long across the middle, making there a diamond shaped opening about a foot long, which served the purpose admirably.

"The men's guns stood at that end of the tent, butts resting on a piece of cracker box the barrels held in some sort of a holder secured to the tent pole. If the wind changed on some rainy night and came around to blow against the back of the tent, the rain would come in on the guns and on us, and then somebody would get up and shut the window—that is, take the stick out and let the canvas come together again there and then open the tent a little at the other end, at the front.

"This all used to seem kind o' strange, then somehow, though practically it was just what I would have done in the old house at home and just what I'd do here now."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Women of a Dutch Village.

The village women of Holland take special care to keep the tips of their white lace hoods stiff with starch, which is as necessary a perfection in their toilet as polished linen and spotless collars with ours. This delicate hood is worn over a black skullcap that fits the closely clipped head very much like the headgear of a nun. The elderly women, widows, often wear a straw bonnet over it. A jacket of dark blue, with a breastpiece of cream cloth and dark blue border of the same cloth at the hips, constitutes the dress of the women and the girls.

The skirts protrude at the hips in a grotesque fashion on account of the many fannels which they wind about the body, evidently a fad with them as with many peasants of the Black forest, where the custom prevails to wear as many skirts as the spare box will allow, adding at least one skirt every year. They all dress alike, and the talk about dress therefore does not slip into their conversations, and on that score they are at eternal peace with one another, for no change of dress has occurred among them for centuries and will not for years to come.—Donahoe's.

An Odd Stage Wager.

The late Signor Foll, the well known vocalist, once made a very curious wager with some of his companion singers at Her Majesty's Opera House. Some 20 years ago Mephistopheles in Gounod's "Faust" was among his favorite impersonations. In the garden scene his strides when attempting to avoid the elderly Martha formed an important feature of the humorous business.

One night, the length of his legs being a subject of chaff as he was standing at the wings, he declared his ability to cross the stage in three bounds. The comments that ensued resulted in a bet.

When the proper moment for the experiment came, he retreated a few paces, and then, to the surprise of the audience as well as to the representative of Martha, leaped from side to side. The scene never evoked more laughter, and Foll was acknowledged to have won the wager.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The London Sun reports that on the re-assembly of parliament, Jan. 30th, the government will immediately ask for a further war credit of £20,000,000.

A monster freight wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad at Wilmerding, Pa., Friday. A freight train broke in two and 30 cars were derailed and piled 75 feet high at the side of the track.

The Cotton States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture concluded their work in New Orleans and adjourned. The day for holding the next convention, at Raleigh, N. C., will be arranged by Commissioner Patterson.

In the South Carolina house of representatives Friday a bill was introduced to prohibit the sale of cigarettes; also, a bill to prevent children under twelve years of age from working in manufacturing establishments.

W. L. Warnell, cashier of the Bank of Adel, Ga., has been missing for two or three days. His friends cannot explain his disappearance, but incline to the belief that he is temporarily insane. His accounts are said to be all right.

At Cumberland, Md., Victor Reynolds, in attempting to prevent his friend, Geo. McCormick, from shooting his wife, from whom he had been separated, was himself shot by McCormick, the ball entering his neck. Reynolds will probably die.

The London Statist says that renewed buying of silver by the Indian government cannot be much longer delayed in consequence of rupee coinage requirements and this will doubtless lead to a marked improvement in the price of silver.

The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has ordered a favorable report upon the Hepburn bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The bill is practically the same as the one reported by this committee in the last congress.

The McGinnis bank, of Owensville, Ind., was entered Thursday night and the safe blown open, the explosion completely wrecking the building. It is reported that about \$15,000 was taken, but the bank officials refuse to give any information. The burglars escaped on a hand-car.

A cotton firm in Memphis has received a letter from Gen. Joe Wheeler, now in the Philippines, enclosing a sample of the cotton grown there. Gen. Wheeler says very little cotton is grown in the Philippines, however, and most of the cotton used in the Manila mills comes from the United States.

The German government has decided that it would not be compatible with strict neutrality to allow war materials to be sent from Germany to either Great Britain or the Transvaal, and therefore, when it was reported that Herr Krupp was making steel shells for Great Britain the firm was promptly requested to stop any intended dispatch of arms, ammunition or other war munitions to either belligerent.

At Denver, Col., Saturday, Frederick G. Bonfils and H. H. Tammen, proprietors of the Evening Post, were both shot in their office by W. W. Anderson, a prominent local attorney. It is not believed that either was mortally injured. It is understood that Anderson objected to something that had appeared in The Post and demanded retraction and that Bonfils and Tammen both attempted to put him out of the office. Then he commenced to shoot.

At New York Friday Kid McCoy got the decision over Joe Choynski in a bout that lasted three rounds. Choynski would have had the fight in the second round were it not for an accident as to timekeeping. He had floored the Kid four times, but the timekeeper pulled the bell as McCoy was counted for the limit of ten seconds, and this saved the Kid from absolute defeat. Choynski's second protested vigorously; but Referee Johnny White, while knowing that the round was short by many seconds, stood by the official timekeeper, and ordered the men to continue when the gong rang again for the opening of the third round. McCoy, having escaped defeat in the second round, was again lucky in the third, as the blow with which he sent Choynski down and out was delivered almost two seconds after the bell had rung for the completion of the third round. There was a great deal of noise in the building at the time the gong sounded and undoubtedly neither man heard the clang of the bell.