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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Kittrell is to have a \$100,000 cotton mill. A cotton mill company, with a capital of \$75,000, was organized at Selma Tuesday.

Laurinburg and **Maxton** have quarantined against **Hamlet** on account of smallpox.

Adam Rush, a colored brakeman on the **Aberdeen & Ashboro** railroad, was run over at **Troy** Monday and almost instantly killed.

The **Raleigh** chamber of commerce has adopted resolutions commending the plans of **President Williams** for the **Seaboard Air Line** consolidation.

Wilmington Star: The fishermen had another lot of fine shad on the market yesterday. The first were caught last Wednesday afternoon and so far only buck shad have been caught. All the shad on the market yesterday were sold out quickly at 90 cents per pair.

The **Raleigh** chamber of commerce has done a graceful act. It has extended an invitation to the members of the general assembly to become guests of the city at their special session next June. As the members get no pay for this extra session it is especially timely and considerate.

Judge Ewart, of the federal court, has appointed **S. F. Vance** receiver, with power to sell the stock of hardware in the **Gilbert** bankrupt case. His bond is \$20,000. **Gilbert**, who is in jail at **Winston**, sold his stock to a hardware firm for half its value and went to **California** without paying his creditors. He was arrested and brought back.

The **State** superintendent of public instruction, chairman of the board of trustees of the **State Normal and Industrial College** at **Greensboro**, says that 260 students have over their own signature informed **President Melver** that they will return **Jan. 30th**, when the college reopens. **Mr. Mebane** says the trustees hope to open with 250. There were 200 when the college closed on account of the typhoid epidemic. He says there was at one time much harsh feeling against the management. This has passed away and now the feeling is kindly.

Lorenzo Brown, colored, under sentence of death to hang **Jan. 26**, for rape, escaped from **Greenville** jail Monday night. He was assisted by other prisoners and by a colored man employed by the sheriff as waiting boy about the court house and jail. The other prisoners secreted **Brown** and fixed a dummy in the cell so that in counting up the jailer thought all were present. After night the waiting boy stood guard outside and is believed to have helped cut a hole through the wall. He escaped jail once before but was captured at **LaGrange** and sent back to jail.

QUAY MIXED UP IN IT.

Ugly Rumors Concerning an Alleged Deal With Clark.

Washington, Jan. 15.—For the past few days the friends of **Senator Quay** have been emphatic in claiming that he would be seated when his case comes up next month. These statements have caused surprise in view of the settled conviction that **Quay's** friends could not muster enough votes. The opposition today announced that the faith of the **Quay** men was based on the fact that **Quay** had formed an offensive and defensive alliance with **Clark**, whose election as senator from **Montana** is now being investigated. **Quay** and **Clark** are said to have arranged to divide seats personally, at an interview last week. **Clark** is said to have agreed to deliver certain Democratic votes besides his own, and **Quay** to deliver Republican votes besides his own and that of **Senator Penrose**. Apparently **Clark** fears the result of testimony given before the senate committee. Leading senators on both sides expressed the opinion today that neither would be able to "deliver the goods," as the deal would be too apparent in the roll-call. **Jones** maintains that there is no break in the Democratic opposition. In addition to the talk of the **Quay-Clark** alliance, there were ugly rumors afloat in the senate today about means being employed to induce senators to agree to vote for **Clark**, and it is possible they may result in broadening the scope of the investigation now in progress.

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THE A. & N. C. RAILROAD.

President Jones Says the Board of Improvements Is Pleased.

Raleigh Post.
Mr. Armistead Jones, the president of the board of internal improvements of the **Atlantic & North Carolina** road, returned Sunday from the inspection tour which was made over the road Friday and Saturday by the board and directors. The board of internal improvements was much pleased with the management, **President Jones** said. It endorsed the action of stockholders in rehabilitating the road with terminal facilities and rolling stock.

For years the road has suffered because of the desire of those in power to appropriate all profits towards the payment of dividends. The result was that the property of the road deteriorated and it became absolutely necessary to build it up and make new additions.

Last year was the most successful in the history of the road. This year the indications are that the profits will be larger than in 1899. The Sunday passenger trains which **President Bryan** introduced have been liberally patronized and greatly appreciated by the people along the road.

Suggestions About Electric Light Matters.

Communication.
 Yesterday's statement in this paper in regard to the present arrangements for electric lights was somewhat of a surprise to the people generally. To vote for municipal ownership and get private ownership is a condition that they had not contemplated nor desired. It appears to be impossible to sell the present issue of bonds, however, and it is apparent that something must be done to preserve the lights. This being true, I know of no better way to do than the plan outlined, though some of the details probably could be more satisfactory.

The citizens are taking the plant for one of two reasons—to make money for themselves, or to help the town out of a hole. They claim that it is to help the town solely, and that they do not expect nor desire further profit than 3 per cent., which is certainly due them.

This being true, the contract should so read that further profits should be applied on the plant itself, not understood or implied, or agreed upon, but affirmed in the instrument.

There should also be a specified price for additional street lamps, to any number that may be supplied, and a clause so worded that street lights shall not be discriminated against in favor of private lights.

Also it should be stipulated that the town can redeem the plant at any time during the life of the contract, due notice being given the corporators of such action. It is barely possible that two legislatures should meet and not pass a proper bill for the issuance of bonds, in which case private ownership would be an accomplished fact.

There are innumerable objections that might be urged against the proposed scheme were it a proposition from the citizens to the town during a period of successful operation by the electric light plant, but the deplorable condition of the town affairs is the only reason I can see that is favorable to the scheme.

E. B. Lewis.

JASON ITEMS.

January 15, 1900.
 Rumor says the wedding bells will soon be ringing.
Miss Lena Phelps spent Sunday with **Miss Helen Hardy**.
Miss Lizzie Pate, of **Snow Hill**, is visiting **Miss Minnie Webb**.
Misses Hulda, Jane and Effie Sutton, of **Falling Creek**, spent Sunday at their brother's, **Mr. R. W. Sutton**.
Mess. George Sutton and Commodore Lee, of **LaGrange**, visited at **Mr. R. H. Hardy's** Sunday; also **Mess. Noah and Ed Sutton**, of **Falling Creek**.

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.

AIMING AT THE PAPER TRUST.

Bellamy's Bill in the House Receiving Considerable Support.

A special to the **Charleston Post** from **Washington** says:
 "Representative **Bellamy**, who has introduced a bill in the house of representatives aimed at the paper trust of the country, is receiving considerable support."
 "The bill, if passed by congress, would be a direct blow to this trust, which has been enabled by the duty to keep up high prices on paper. The removal of the entire duty on wood pulp and the reduction of the duty on manufactured paper 50 per cent., as the measure proposes, would do much toward breaking up the present combination existing. The paper trust, it is needless to say, is fighting the removal of the duty on manufactured paper tooth and toe nail, but the sentiment in the house in favor of the passage of the bill is found to be very great."

"The southern members of congress, including, it is believed, the entire **South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia** and **Texas** delegations, are in favor of **Mr. Bellamy's** measure. The measure is especially in the interest of rural newspapers, and is receiving a large support from that quarter.

"The sentiment in favor of the passage of this, or some bill similar to that of **Mr. Bellamy's** measure, is not found alone on the Democratic side of the house. At least one Republican in the house, **Mr. Tomkins**, of **New York** state, has declared himself in favor of the removal of the duty on wood pulp. He goes farther even than does the proposed measure of **Mr. Bellamy**, and says he would like to see the entire duty on paper, manufactured, removed if possible. Other Republicans in the house, some of them otherwise strong protectionists, coming from the rural districts, are being besieged by their constituents to support the bill, and many of them are declaring themselves in its favor. It begins to look as if the sentiment in the house might become strong enough to compel the reporting of the bill from the ways and means committee of the house, where it is now pending, and its passage through the house of representatives. If the bill of **Mr. Bellamy** should pass through the house, a strong effort would be made to secure its passage through the senate."

THE BOER GREAT PIONEERS.

The **Boer** is the ideal pioneer. From the days of the great trek, in 1837, and even before that he opened up countries hitherto unexplored by a white man. A great deal of fuss has been made of mighty travelers, English and foreign, who have traversed Africa, to the vast pecuniary benefit of their publishers and with no small meed of fame to themselves, but there was scarcely one of the old voortrekkers and hunters of the forties and fifties who did not accomplish feats of endurance, pluck and lengthy travel which were ten times as trying.—**London Mail**

Jimmy and the Baby.

Jimmy's mother kept cows and sold milk. **Jimmy** himself had nothing to do with the cows, though sometimes he used to carry the milk pail to his mother's customers. The customers all liked **Jimmy**, with his round, freckled face and bashful grin, and they used to ask him how business was, for although **Jimmy** was only 12 years old he had a business. He made coffin-baby coffins—and sold them to the undertaker. They were nice pine coffins, with all the edges carefully joined. **Jimmy** received 50 cents for each one.

One day **Jimmy** stopped at the house of one of his mother's customers to leave some milk. A little boy met him at the door.

"We've got a new baby!" said the little boy. "Would you like to see it?"

Jimmy nodded. The little boy's aunt laughingly led **Jimmy** to the cradle where the new baby was. **Jimmy** gazed at the infant for some time, speechless with admiration or some such emotion.

"What do you think of it, **Jimmy**?" asked the aunt.

Jimmy grinned.

"I guess I'll have to make a nice little coffin when I go home," he said.—**New York Commercial Advertiser**.

MISS SUDIE DAWSON AND MR. T. J. ROBERTS MARRIED IN GOLDSBORO TODAY.

Marriages in **Kinston** of late years have moved along tranquilly. At last we have had an episode to break the even tenor of the way. **Miss Sudie Dawson** and **Mr. T. J. Roberts** were married this morning at **Goldsboro**. The parents of **Miss Dawson** objected to her marrying the man of her choice, so she had recourse to the following plan:

Mr. Roberts, whose home is at present in **Norfolk**, came last night on the **Coast Line** train. He made his appearance at the **A. & N. C.** depot this morning a short while before time for the mail train.

The contemplated runaway marriage had been kept very quiet and the crowd assembled to see the incoming of the train did not have their suspicions aroused, until a few minutes before the train pulled out, **Miss Dawson** came up and boarded the train. The rumor then gained currency that **Miss Dawson** and **Mr. Roberts** would be married at **Goldsboro** this morning, which rumor, upon investigation, proved to be correct.

Mr. Roberts was formerly manager of the telephone exchange in **Kinston** and it was during this time that he made the acquaintance of **Miss Dawson**.

Miss Dawson has been a **Kinston** lady all her life and has many friends and well wishers in her native town.

The couple will continue on from **Goldsboro** to **Norfolk**, the home of the groom.

FIRST BRITISH POST IN THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY.

London, Jan. 15.—**Gen. Wood's** occupation on **Jan. 5th** of **Zoutpaans Drift**, a few miles north of Orange river and within the **Orange Free State**, marks the establishment of the first British post in the enemy's country since the opening of the war.

The **Standard's** correspondent at **Lady-smith** heliographed on **Jan. 11th** that the **Boers** had been singularly restless since the assault on **Jan. 6th**. They failed to continue to fortify the hills to the northwest and moved some of their big guns to positions commanding approaches to the town from the south. They have moved their field guns in the direction of **Colenso**. It is evident they are making most strenuous efforts to prepare for the great struggle impending.

COTTON MARKET.

Spot cotton in **Kinston** today 7 1/4 to 7.35.

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

New York, Jan. 17.—January, 7.38; March, 7.35; May, 7.39; June, 7.39; August, 7.35; October, 6.76.

SEABOARD AIR LINE DIRECTORS SAY THERE IS NOW NO OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF THE CONSOLIDATION SCHEME.

Nineteen people were killed and 68 wounded by the collapse of a church in **Samarra** district, **Russia**, on Tuesday.

President Hadley, of **Yale**, proposes that trust rates should be ostracised socially and **W. J. Bryan** says it is a good idea.

A large part of the business section of **Dawson City**, in the **Klondike**, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night of last week. Loss over \$500,000.

Secretary Daniel, of the **Cotton States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture**, which held its annual convention last week in **New Orleans**, has named **August 31st** as the time for the next convention, to be held in **Raleigh, N. C.**

The floods in the northwest are receding, and with the weather growing colder the danger is believed to be past. Trains are everywhere tied up in the valleys and the **Northern Pacific** branch between **Kendrick** and **Lewiston** cannot be operated for two weeks.

The **U. S. senate** on Tuesday ratified the **Samoan** treaty without provision. The ratification occurred in executive session and after two hours of debate, which was participated in by a number of senators, principally in behalf of the treaty by **Mess. Davis, Foraker** and **Spooner** and in opposition by **Sensors Bacon, Money** and **Tillman**.

Col. D. G. Colson, ex-congressman, in the lobby of the **Capitol Hotel** at **Frankfort, Ky.**, Wednesday, shot and killed **Ethelbert Scott, Luther Demaree** and **Charles Julian**. The killing was a result of a renewal of a feud between **Colson** and **Scott**, which grew up between them while in the army last year. **Colson** is under arrest. The shooting of **Demaree** and **Julian** was accidental. **Colson** is wounded, it is thought fatally. Over twenty shots were fired.

A shooting affray occurred at **Stannardsville, Va.**, Saturday, between **Mac**, **Mayers** and **"St" Young**, between whom there has long been a bitter feud. **Mayers** went to **Young's** room, picked a quarrel, it is said, and was shot twice in the abdomen. He made a rush at **Young**, after being wounded, and three more shots were fired—one by **Young**, it is thought, which struck **Mayers** near the heart, and the other two by **Mayers**. **Young** is wounded in the forehead and arm. He will recover. **Mayers** is reported to be dying. He has a wife and five children. **Young** is from **Pennsylvania**.

A special to the **Atlanta Journal** from **Madison, Ga.**, says that **W. A. Williams**, the immigration agent, known throughout the south as **"Peg Leg" Williams**, was arrested in **Covington** Saturday night because he declined to pay the special tax which was required of him. As soon as the arrest was known, it is said that a mob quickly formed and the farmers of the counties from which **Williams** had been sending negroes to the west, organized for the purpose of taking him from jail. The officers then took him to **Madison** for safe keeping. It is said that **Williams** will agree to sign a paper providing that in future he will not solicit farm hands from the counties in that part of the state, and it is believed if he signs this paper there will be no further trouble.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Cases Disposed of: Criminal Docket Finished at 11 O'clock and Anthony Davis Will Case Taken Up.

The following cases were tried yesterday afternoon and this morning:

State vs. Walter Fields, Redde Maxwell and **Mrs. Maxwell**; affray. Not guilty as to **Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell**; guilty as to **Fields**. Fined \$5 and costs.

Judgment was passed this morning in the case **State vs. I. B., W. J. and Hardy Perry** and **J. F. Baker** for affray. The verdict of the jury yesterday morning was not guilty as to **Hardy Perry** and **J. F. Baker**; guilty as to **I. B. and W. J. Perry**. A fine of \$20 each and costs was put upon **I. B. and W. J. Perry**.

State vs. Seth Wade and **Frank Outlaw**; affray. Guilty.

State vs. Joe Mazingo; temporary larceny of horse. Guilty. 4 months on road; to be discharged then upon payment of cost.

State vs. Daniel Sugg; forgery. Not guilty.

In the cases of **State vs. H. C. Jones** and **State vs. R. C. Croom**, tried Monday, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. R. C. Croom; damages to personal property. Submission. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Mariah Shoft; assault, with deadly weapon. Submission. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

At 11 o'clock the criminal docket was disposed of and the civil docket was taken up.

The **Anthony Davis** will case was first taken up in accordance with agreement at last term of court and is titled as follows: **Elizabeth Taylor et als vs. county commissioners et als**. The defendants introduced several witnesses to establish the validity of the will. The plaintiff have examined two witnesses to show the insanity of **Anthony Davis** and the incapacity of **Davis** to make a will.

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RIOTOUS CREW FROM FORT MONROE MAKE THINGS LIVELY. ONE FATALLY SHOT.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 15.—A large squad of soldiers from **Fort Monroe** repaired to **Phoebus** this evening to "clean out" the **Dewey House**, against which some of their number had a grievance. A melee ensued, during which a negro shot one of the soldiers in the head, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

This enraged the other soldiers to such an extent that they started to wreak vengeance upon the town, and for a time pandemonium reigned. Shots were fired, windows smashed, and peaceful citizens of the little town were frightened almost out of their wits.

Help was finally summoned from the garrison at the fort, and by 10 o'clock tonight the riot was at an end, the disorderly soldiers having been marched back to their quarters.

WHITE'S BLACK LINIMENT—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain.

J. E. Hoop.