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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Engineer Woodbury, who was scalded on a wreck on the Western road about two weeks ago, died at Old Fort Wednesday morning.

The State on Thursday chartered a 10,000 ice factory for Hamlet, a \$20,000 furniture factory for Winston and an 80,000 telephone factory for Asheville.

The New York and North Carolina Deep Raising association, which recently cured 51,000 acres of land in Burke county, finds the title all right. The company proposes to invest \$500,000 in the enterprise.

Durham Herald: If the little Republicans are as evenly divided on the amendment as the big ones it will be no small help in carrying the amendment. Pliser, Settle and Mebane favor it, and Russell and Loge Harris are not fighting.

Near \$5,000 has been paid over to the town of Fayetteville and county of Cumberland during the past few months from the net profits of the dispensary, manager J. W. Ingold last Saturday turning over \$1,200 each to the city and county treasurers.

The board of agriculture has appointed a special committee to look into the matter of the recent marked advance in the prices of commercial fertilizers, also to appear before the congressional sub-committee on industrial matters and trusts, which meets at Raleigh soon.

Wilmington Messenger: Last week among new industries in North Carolina that are reported, were brick and tile works, three cotton mills, electric light and power company, two furniture factories, one knitting mill, a mattress factory and a telephone company.

Asheville Citizen: The Asheville Register pretends to think that the vaccination ordinance was passed to enable the doctors to extort money from the people of the city. If some one would discover an anti-diphtheria virus The Register would have a sore arm to nurse.

Hendersonville Times: Robert Brigham, a farmer living near Weaverville, was found near the Farmers' warehouse Monday night so badly frozen that he died at the hospital next morning. He was no doubt under the influence of whiskey, and was frozen fast in the mud when discovered.

Mr. E. J. Goodson, a life long Republican of Catawba county, in a letter to the Newton Enterprise says he is heartily in favor of the amendment, and adds: "I can see very well how the office holding members of the fusion party will oppose the amendment, but I can't see why a white man that votes the Republican ticket from principle can do so."

Greensboro Record: Turner McDowell, a small boy who, with his parents, lives near Proximity, made a gun out of a piece of piping yesterday. Then he loaded it up with scrap steel and fired it off. The pipe or improvised barrel exploded, destroying one of his eyes and some of the pieces were imbedded in his head. Dr. Turner attended him and dressed his wounds, but his condition today is said to be critical.

Statesville Landmark: Dr. L. Harrill was called to Taylorsville Friday to examine some suspected cases of smallpox. Seven cases were discovered and one of them is a bad case. Mr. W. P. Ingram, his wife and three children, Mr. Carter Goodin, who boards with Mr. Ingram, and Mr. Walter Waddell are the victims. Some time ago a horse drover passed through Taylorsville and the disease was communicated by him.

News-Observer: At Oak Grove, Wake county, on Saturday there was a large meeting of the citizens called to discuss the constitutional amendment. After the conclusion of the discussion a vote was taken and the vote stood 100 in favor of a determined fight to adopt the amendment to two against it. Among the hundred were quite a number who voted against the Democratic ticket in 1898; 100 to 2 is a very good proportion.

Judge Walter Clark's fine brick hotel at Halifax was burned Thursday. The building cost \$14,000, and there was no insurance. It was leased to Mrs. M. A. Sater, who had no insurance on her furniture, but much of it was saved. Superior court was in session and the hotel was full of guests. Fire supposed to have caught from a defective fuse. This house was first built for a winter resort for sportsmen and was known as the Southern Hotel.

Eugene G. Penny and Miss Ollie Cham-

blee have returned to their respective homes in Wake county. He left a wife and four children (telling his wife he was going to Durham for a few days), and went with the young woman shortly before Christmas to show her the world. The poor slandered young woman was "distressed to death," as well as greatly surprised to learn that "people had been talking" about her and Mr. Penny in that "shameful way." She declared it was jealousy on the part of those who did not possess her opportunities for traveling. "And that, too, after Mr. Penny had treated her so nice."

\$100,000 FOR THE ASSASSIN OF GOEBEL.

Governor Beckham Approves the Bill to Equip a Democratic State Guard.

Frankfort, Ky., March 7.—The house today passed the McChord railroad anti-extortion bill by a vote of 56 to 42. The bill authorizes the state railroad commission to fix the maximum of freight rates and punish for discrimination and extortions. From a party standpoint its passage was carrying out one of the principal planks in the platform on which the late Democratic Gov. Goebel was nominated.

The Goebel assassin reward bill for \$100,000 was today approved formally by Gov. Beckham.

In the senate today, Senator Triplett offered a substitute for the resolution to provide for a committee to investigate the removal of the munitions of war from the arsenal at London. The substitute proposes to appropriate \$100,000 for the immediate equipment of a state guard under Gov. Beckham.

The Democratic leaders in the legislature, on the assumption that the courts will decide in favor of Gov. Beckham, are preparing for an extra session of the legislature early in May Gov. Beckham, it is said, determined that the fate of the McChord bill, passed in the house today, should decide whether or not an extra session should be called. The passage of the bill, the leaders say, indicates that all party measures can be passed and therefore assures an extra session.

EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX.

Fearful State of Affairs in a Mississippi County.

Jackson, Miss., March 7.—An official report made to the Hinds county board of supervisors today reveals an appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood in the southern part of the county.

The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox of the most virulent and loathsome form, and, during the past six weeks, nearly 100 deaths have occurred. On some days the death rate has been so large that it was impossible to secure coffins, and rude caskets were made from rails. Whole families have been wiped out of existence and of several large families only one or two children are left. Many of the patients now in a critical condition are without medical attention and dying at the rate of from three to five per day. The death rate exceeds 75 per cent., and the entire lower portion of the county is demoralized. The board of supervisors will make an effort to check further spread and at its morning session carte blanche was given to the physicians to purchase supplies and medicines. A bill for forty-three coffins used within the past two weeks was allowed.

MR. SIMMONS IS RIGHT.

Prominent Democrat Says Armed Revenue Officers Will Figure in the Campaign.

Raleigh Post.

Mr. Simmons has just received a letter from a very prominent and conservative Democrat of the eighth district, in which he says:

"I have just read your interview, and I have reasons, in addition to those given by you, to believe that your conclusion is correct, and that there is a deep-laid scheme on the part of our opponents, through their revenue officers and others, to cause trouble and violence, and in some sections they will attempt to bulldoze. I venture the assertion that there will not be a public speaking of any importance in the west in which armed revenue officers are not conspicuously present and making themselves generally obnoxious to the Democrats."

There is a supposed case of bubonic plague in Chinatown, San Francisco.

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KRUGER AND STEYN

Present at Wednesday's Battle. They Rode Among the Boers, But Could Not Stop the Rout.

London, March 9.—Lord Roberts wires that Presidents Kruger and Steyn were both present at the battle Wednesday. They rode among and tried to stop the rout of the Boers, who bluntly declared they could not stand against the British artillery and the 8,000 cavalry sweeping around their rear.

ACROSS THE ZULU BORDER.

Flying Column of British Reported to Have Entered the Transvaal.

London, March 7.—A special dispatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops from Zululand has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers.

The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts, and artillery, all commanded by Maj. Prendergast. The column first crossed the border on Feb. 28. It now occupies an entrenched position on Catasa Hill, nine miles within the Transvaal.

JOUBERT IN COMMAND.

Bulk of Natal Forces Before Bloemfontein and Winburg.

London, March 8.—A dispatch to the Times from Modder River, dated yesterday, says:

"The Boers occupy an extensive position between ourselves and both Bloemfontein and Winburg. They include the bulk of the Natal forces, and are under Gen. Joubert himself. Only sufficient men have been left behind to hold Van Keenan's Pass and Laing's Nek. Extensive desertions are reported upon the trek.

"An engagement is imminent which will probably be decisive as to the whole war."

Gen. Cronje Sent to St. Helena.

London, March 8.—The military authorities have decided that Gen. Cronje and the other Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war.

British Occupy Burghersdorp.

London, March 8.—A special from Moltene says that the British, under Gen. Gataers, occupied Burghersdorp unopposed last night.

Overtures for Peace Reported.

Rome, March 8.—The Agenzia Liberia announces that the Italian consul at Pretoria has telegraphed to his government that President Kruger and President Steyn are prepared to accept peace on the basis of the status quo ante-bellum and that they request the intervention of the powers to bring about that end.

Call for Democratic Primaries and Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic executive committee of Lenoir county, held in Kinston, on Feb. 3d, the committee requested the white electors of Lenoir county to assemble themselves at their usual place of meeting in their respective townships, on Saturday, March 17th, at 11 o'clock, and elect delegates to represent them in the county Democratic convention, which meets in Kinston on Saturday, March 24th, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, congressional and senatorial convention. No nominations for county officers will be made at this convention.

The electors at each and every precinct at their meeting are requested to express themselves as to their preference of electing U. S. Senators.

In the county convention each precinct is entitled to the following number of votes:

Kinston No. 1, 10, No. 2, 4; No. 3, 3; Falling Creek, 4; Mosely Hall, west, 3, east 4; Institute, 4; Vance, 3; Neck, 3; Sand Hill, 3; South West, 3; Neuse, 3; Woodington, 3; Trent, 6; Pink Hill, 4.

J. W. GRAINGER,
Kinston, March 5, 1900. Chairman.

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LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU,
LaGRANGE, March 8, 1900.

Mr. George Sumrell, of Kinston, is in town today.

Mr. Will Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, is visiting at Mr. T. R. Rouse's.

Beginning Monday night, March 13th, Prof. Burner will give a free show during the week.

Mr. J. M. Murchison, who is buying cotton on the Greenville market, is home for a few days.

Rev. Mr. Sanford, of the Adventist faith, is still preaching in Mr. Wooten's store on Caswell street.

Mr. K. E. Sutton went to Tarboro today. Kirby is having a large business in his line (clothing) this season.

The county commissioners granted the call of an election to be held here in May on the license or no license issue.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, who has been on the Bishopville, S. C., cotton market the past season, is at Hotel Fields for awhile.

The first quarterly conference of the LaGrange circuit M. E. church will convene at Trinity Saturday, the 10th inst.

Hon. C. B. Aycock, whose nomination for gubernatorial honors seem to be a foregone conclusion, passed through here last week, returning from Greene court to Goldsboro.

Mess. W. A. Thompson and D. H. Petree were appointed to secure are and incandescent light subscribers and if a sufficient number is secured electric lights are assured.

Mr. R. B. Shaw, manager of the Oceola Canning Factory, left today to move his family here. Until other arrangements can be made they will board at Hotel Fields.

Hon. M. C. Mebane, State superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the address here at the close of the public school in May. He seems to be one Populist in whom the Democrats find no guile.

Rev. T. N. Ivey failed to fill his engagement to preach in the M. E. church here the first Sunday in March, but will be here the first Sunday in April. The doctor has a reputation equalled by few for oratory and Christian piety, and our people await his coming with felicitous anticipation.

The Herald Square Opera Co.

The Herald Square Opera Co. will be seen for the first time in this city next Wednesday night, March 14th, in the popular opera "The Bohemian Girl." This will be, without doubt, the best operatic organization that has ever visited here, and no one should miss seeing it.

The cast is composed of such recognized artists as Etta Stetson, of the New York Casino; Mae Glover, of the Bostonians; Lou Humiston, of the Robinson Opera Co.; Harry Nelson, last season with the Grand Opera Co.; Harry Carter, of Sousa's El Capitan Co.; Thomas Callahan, with Nellie McHenry, and George J. Williams, late of the Grand Opera Co.

There is a very strong and well drilled chorus. The productions are carefully staged and beautifully costumed.

The Bristol (Tenn.) Tribune has the following to say of the company's productions:

"It has been a long time since Bristol has been favored with a performance on the boards of the opera house that has afforded a more generally pleasing series of entertainments than this company has given during their stay in this city. They rendered 'Chimes of Normandy' brilliantly Friday night, and at Saturday's matinee 'The Bohemian Girl,' in a very creditable manner, and were greeted with an unusually large audience for a matinee performance. They completed their engagement last night in the production of the interesting and charming opera of 'Said Pasha,' and this to the entire gratification of the good sized and appreciative audience."

Reserved seats, 75c.

JAPAN AGAINST RUSSIA.

The Two Empires Embark in a War of Retaliatory Restrictions.

Victoria, B. C., March 7.—Russia and Japan have embarked in a war of retaliatory restrictions, and Japan is also protesting to the United States against the application of American coasting laws to Hawaii, by which it is anticipated that Japan will be cut out of Japanese-American and Philippine-American trade.

Considerable indignation and alarm has recently been caused by the appearance of a fleet of seven Russian warships at Nagasaki, which has induced the issue of a proclamation that no more than two foreign warships of any one nation may at the same time be permitted to anchor in any port of Japan.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A \$1,000,000 steel factory was incorporated in West Virginia Tuesday, to be established at Wheeling.

Georgia Republicans elected three negroes and one white man as delegates to the national Republican convention.

The murderers of Mr. Mims, in Georgia, are in jail and will probably be speedily tried at Baxley. A lynching was narrowly averted.

The famous theatre Francais, at Paris, was destroyed by fire Thursday. The charred body of an actress, Mme. Henriot, was taken from the ruins.

In 1870 this country produced 36,806,560 tons of coal, to 123,682,985 for Great Britain. Last year it produced 244,000,000 tons to 234,000,000 for Great Britain.

As a multiplier Mrs. Burke, of LaCrosse, Wis., holds the record so far. She has added five to her family within eighteen months—first twins, next triplets, and all "doing well."

Mrs. Belle E. Graddick has been jailed at Columbia, S. C., charged with poisoning her husband last February, and causing his death. A post mortem examination showed that he was poisoned with arsenic.

The house on Thursday unseated G. A. Robbins, Democrat, from the fourth Alabama district, and seated in his stead Wm. F. Aldrich, a Republican, who has been three times a contestant from the same district on the ground of fraud, and who is now given his seat for the third time by a Republican house. The vote was a strict party one, 142 to 135.

Fire broke out in a saloon at Lead, S. D., Thursday and consumed 40 buildings before it was extinguished, and caused a loss estimated at \$500,000. The Deadwood fire department was called for and responded. In addition to the combined fire departments, it was found necessary to blow up buildings in the path of the fire with dynamite in order to stop its spread.

The Washington Post says that the canal across the isthmus is to be under American control. The United States senate is to remedy the inexplicable, and, according to the almost universal view, unpardonable action of Secretary Hay in agreeing to allow an enemy of the United States to use the canal in times of war. The amendment is to provide that the canal cannot be used by a power at war with the United States.

Susie Gibson, a little girl of about 12 years, was going through the Richmond, Va., locomotive works Wednesday, with her mother and other ladies. The girl stooped to pick up some shavings of metal. Her hair caught in the machinery and she was drawn into the belting and whirled several times around a large pulley. Both legs were broken and she was otherwise badly cut and bruised. Her injuries are perhaps fatal.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler and party, who had been in quarantine since their arrival from the Philippines on the transport Warren last Monday, were permitted to land at San Francisco Wednesday night. He says he will go to Washington to take his seat in congress. "I have a letter saying that an effort will be made to keep me from taking my seat," said the general, "but I do not see why such an effort should succeed. The objection is that I was not on hand to be sworn in, and it is stated that I was holding another position that militates against my right to be elected. I shall go to Washington, having resigned from the army, and with a proper certificate of election, and expect to be sworn in. It will be noted that my resignation from the army was handed in before congress met."

The acting secretary of war has received a communication from Gen. Davis on the subject of food distribution and the relief of the destitute in Porto Rico. Gen. Davis had intended to discontinue the free distribution of food about the first of this month, but the industrial conditions existing in certain portions of the island rendered it absolutely necessary to continue to feed the starving inhabitants for some time longer. In the center of the island, or the coffee-growing district, there is nothing for the poor to eat. Unless fed at public expense, starvation will result, and the military governor has, therefore, requested a shipment of 500 tons of rice, codfish and bacon, in addition to the 500 tons asked for about three weeks ago. The acting commissary general of subsistence was directed to secure the food asked for immediate shipment.