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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Greensboro last week sold \$35,000 city bonds at \$111.19.

W. K. Ridge beat the University playing at Chapel Hill Saturday, 8 to 4.

There is talk in Raleigh of Cy. Thompson as the fusion nominee for governor. Capt. John Carraway, one of Wilmington's most highly esteemed citizens, died Saturday.

The special committee of the board of agriculture finds the work on the annex of the State museum not to be first-class. Union county Democratic convention Saturday endorsed Aycock for governor. A number of former Populists took part in the convention and were put on as delegates.

Capt. John Bissett, for many years master mechanic in the A. C. L. shops at Wilmington, died Saturday, in his 54th year.

Asheville is to have the greatest musical festival ever held in this State. Theodore Thomas' orchestra of sixty members will take part. Asheville is to furnish the singers.

The State has chartered the Charlotte State company, capital \$50,000, stockholders James, Joseph and Joseph F. Allworth, of Philadelphia. It will make and deal in cotton mill and other textile.

Wilson News: The Durham Herald has a hair raising account of a marriage in Durham the other day in which both bride and groom were reported deaf and dumb. It now develops that it is the bride alone who is afflicted, and she is a very dumb. Happy man.

Thomas K. Bruner, secretary of the State board of agriculture, leaves Raleigh the 29th instant for Paris. He will look after the proper labeling and display of the exhibits sent by the board. I see that they are advantageously priced and that the State gets due credit.

A charter has been granted by the State to the Oxford Cotton Mills, capital \$25,000, with leave to increase it to \$100,000. The mills will both spin and weave. J. G. Hall, E. T. White, J. M. Orrin and others are the stockholders. This is the nineteenth mill chartered this year.

Ex-Lieutenant Claude Broughton, of the Raleigh Light Infantry, charged with embezzlement of company funds last autumn, returned to Raleigh Saturday and was immediately arrested. He failed to appear at the term of court. He made strenuous efforts to secure bail, but failed. He is a brother of Rev. Len Broughton, the sensational evangelist.

Craven county Democratic convention Saturday passed resolutions endorsing Hon. C. B. Aycock for governor, Hon. M. Simmons for the senate, Hon. B.

R. Lacy for treasurer and Hon. C. B. Thomas for congress. At a subsequent meeting of the county executive committee Mr. C. T. Watson was unanimously elected chairman for the ensuing two years.

A new savings bank has been organized at Wilmington under the name of "Guardian Security Trust and Deposit Company of Wilmington." The capital stock is \$30,000, half the amount being already paid in and the remainder payable within sixty days. There are 70 stockholders—all Wilmington business men. Stock was so eagerly sought after that no subscriber could obtain the number of shares desired.

Tom Jones, the negro in jail at Raleigh, for murdering and burning Ella Jones and her five children, says he is not a licensed Methodist preacher, but has exhorted for several years. All his near relatives went to the far south eleven years ago during the great negro exodus from North Carolina. There are five negro women in an adjoining cell. They cry out that Jones ought to be lynched, not merely killed, but tarred and burned.

The Populist convention of Johnston met at Smithfield Saturday. Only twelve persons were present including P. T. Massey, United States commissioner, and another Radical. Tom Massey refused to act as chairman longer. Wright Creech also refused. Theophilus Hinnant finally agreed to accept, thanked the crowd, said he was an "L. L. Polk Populist, Henry Clay Whig and Abe Lincoln Republican." The convention was the weakest affair ever held in the county.

Concord Standard: Though incredible it may seem, it is nevertheless true that a young lady of Forest Hill, who works in the mill at night, can say her hair has been a hen nest. The lady while asleep was visited by the favorite hen of the house. The chicken pulled the hair pins out and in its own peculiar way made its nest of the maiden's hair. The lady awoke, but realized quickly the circumstances and did not move. After the nest was suitably arranged in chicken style, ere long there was an egg in the nest and the hen went out cackling. The hen deserves praise for such taste as to its quarters for laying.

TO FIGHT TOBACCO TRUST.

Hon. C. B. Watson and J. F. Jordan Address the Farmers.

Winston, N. C., March 24.—J. F. Jordan, of Greensboro, addressed a meeting of farmers here this afternoon and explained the plan of the State Tobacco Growers' association to fight the tobacco trust. He was followed by Hon. C. B. Watson, who made a strong speech against trusts in general. He said that as a last resort he stood ready to help fight in order to drive these combinations out. He believed he knew better how to fight than his children, as he has had experience. A county organization was effected by election of officers. Another meeting will be held on the last Saturday in April.

GOEBEL MURDERERS.

Golden Says Powers Told Him They Had Two Niggers Here to Murder Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., March 24.—"John Powers told me they had two niggers here to kill Goebel. They were Hocker Smith and Dick Coombs."

This statement was made today by F. Wharton Golden, a frail, consumptive looking Kentucky mountaineer, while on the witness stand in the preliminary examination of Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with conspiracy to kill Goebel. Golden told a story of the events leading up to the murder, that, if substantiated, will, in the minds of those connected with the prosecution at least probably go far toward the contention of the commonwealth that the murder was the result of a plan in which several prominent men were involved. Whether the defence will seek to impeach Golden's testimony in this preliminary examination is not known, as the attorneys for the defense will not talk on the subject, but unless such attempt is made the commonwealth will rest its case, both County Attorney Polsgrove and Attorney Campbell being satisfied that enough evidence has been presented to hold the defendant on the charges.

Golden, who claims to have been a friend to Secretary Powers and his brother John Powers, for years, gave testimony that was particularly damaging to John Powers, but he also brought in the names of many others, including Charley Finley, W. H. Coulton and Gov. Taylor, in his story of the bringing of the mountaineers to Frankfort previous to the assassination.

Gov. Taylor, however, was not directly implicated, and the attorneys for the commonwealth intimated today that they do not expect to have his name brought forth prominently in the story of the alleged conspiracy.

Golden's testimony tended to show that a plan was made to bring several hundred "regular mountain feudists" to Frankfort who would, if necessary, as Golden expressed it, "go into the legislative hall and kill off enough Democrats to make it our way."

The testimony did not show that the alleged plot to kill Goebel was part of the original plan, nor did it contain the names of those who conceived that idea, but the commonwealth sought to show by Golden's conversation with various people that not only John and Caleb Powers, but others as well had full knowledge of the alleged plan of assassination.

INDIANA REVOLT GROWS.

Situation is Unprecedented in the History of the State.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23.—The intensity of the feeling in the Republican party of Indiana on the Porto Rico question is perhaps unprecedented in the political history of the state. What was originally a storm of indignation, created by the action of the house, has developed into a veritable cyclone of condemnation and it is raging more violently today than at any time. So universally unpopular is the tariff proposition that it has practically no defenders. Every newspaper in Indiana of any consequence denounces it.

The news from Washington, printed yesterday morning, that Senator Beveridge had decided to postpone his speech, pending the effort to reach a compromise, occasioned the greatest disappointment among the senator's friends. They immediately concluded that he had been another victim of "administration pressure," that, like Representative Watson, he had been "whipped into line," or was about to be. Criticism of the junior senator was heard on every side, much of it of the sharpest kind, and this was indulged in unsparingly by the very Republicans who had been loudest in their praise of Mr. Beveridge the day before. But today there is a change of sentiment and the resentment is directed toward Chairman Hanna and other leaders in congress, rather than toward the young senator, who, it is now understood, will pluckily stand by his convictions and vote for free trade. The Republicans of Indiana absolutely refuse to accept the house tariff bill as a party measure and they are bitter in the extreme in their denunciation of the effort to silence Senator Beveridge and to prevent his entering a protest in behalf of the people of Indiana.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

PLUMMER HEMMED IN.

Boer Commandos Plan Capture of Relief Force. Boers More Determined Than Ever. Rallying to Meet Roberts.

London, March 24.—The relief of Mafeking seems farther off than ever. The latest advices are to the effect that the relief column under Plumer may have to cut its way out, being hard pressed in both front and rear.

A dispatch from Lourenço Marques, dated Friday, says: "It is reported here from Pretoria that Commandant Eloff is isolating Col. Plumer's forces near Gaborone."

Lord Methuen is skirmishing with the Boers at Warrentown, 167 miles away. Although seemingly in force sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days.

To Fight to Bitter End.

Ladysmith, March 24.—The scouts frequently engage the Boers beyond Meran, under the Biggarsberg, but no important fighting has taken place.

The Free Staters continue to enter our lines, surrendering under the proclamation issued by Lord Roberts. They declare that the Transvaalers are determined to fight to the bitter end.

The majority of those who have hitherto taken part in the fighting have been Free Staters. The Transvaalers have been held in reserve. The Boers are preparing for another campaign and will occupy a strongly fortified position in the Transvaal, necessitating heavy fighting before they can be driven out. The Boers are not expected to make a stand at Johannesburg but to concentrate at Pretoria.

Gen. French Fighting.

London, March 24.—Gen. French is reported to be fighting in the vicinity of Thaba Nchu, thirty-three miles east of Bloemfontein, and it is believed he has intercepted Gen. Olivier, who is retreating northward from Smithfield.

Gen. Buller has found that 12,000 Boers are yet in the neck of Natal, most of them encamped near Glencoe.

Boers Rallying to Meet Roberts at Kroonstadt.

Boer Camp, Kroonstadt, March 22.—Affairs are being put in proper shape, and the Free Staters who had to leave are returning in crowds. The president's proclamation has shown the burghers that the government is standing firm.

The commands are mobilizing in great numbers and the men are more determined than ever.

President Steyn has issued a proclamation in which he warns the burghers who lay down their arms and help the English that they are liable to the utmost punishment as traitors.

CHARGED WITH RAPE.

Henry Sigman Arrested at the Instance of a Deaf and Dumb Girl.

Roxboro, N. C., March 24.—Henry Sigman was arrested today at the instance of Etta Brooks, a deaf-mute, who charges that he committed an assault upon her last August. Sigman was held without bail for the action of the grand jury.

Sigman is superintendent of the Noel Brothers' pants factory, and the complainant is employed in the establishment. It seems that she never mentioned the fact of the assault until it was noticed that she was approaching the state of motherhood, when, upon inquiry being made, she declared that Sigman had assaulted her. She says that he threatened to kill her if she told on him, and that she feared he would carry out his threat.

Opinion here is very much divided as to the guilt of the accused.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boeche's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marsten Drug Co.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Fitzsimmons and Kid McCoy will fight July 4th.

The house passed 142 private pension bills one day last week.

The Porto Rican appropriation bill was signed by the president Saturday.

Four men are in jail in Chesterfield, S. C., charged with the murder of the woman Cassie Boone.

The war department has temporarily disposed of Gen. Wheeler's case by putting him on waiting orders.

The situation in Porto Rico is more serious than at any time since the hurricane. Many people are starving.

The Norwegian three-masted schooner Triton has been wrecked at Dunkirk, France, and ten of her crew drowned.

The two murderers and robbers, O'Grady, white, and Colton, colored, were lynched at Emporia, Va., Saturday.

Gen. Lee is to be put in command of the department of Havana, Havana province and Pinar del Rio, consolidated into one department.

Four men were instantly killed and one was fatally and two seriously injured by the explosion of a saw mill boiler near Anthony, Ind., Friday.

The schooner August E. Herrick, Capt. W. A. Elley, was wrecked at Hog Island, off the coast of Honduras, during a very heavy storm. The crew were saved.

Reuben Griggs, a 16-year-old colored boy, was hanged at Cumberland Court House, Va., Friday for criminal assault upon a girl of his own color, aged seven years.

Israel Fanning Brown, president of the Brown Cotton Gin company, and a pioneer manufacturer of cotton gins, died in New London, Conn., Saturday, aged 90 years.

The national convention of the silver Republican party has been called to meet in Kansas City, on July 4th. This is the same time and place as the Democratic national convention.

Formal decree has been entered by the circuit court in the Kentucky governorship case, and an appeal taken. The decision of the court of appeals is expected to be made in a week or ten days.

There is one man in the town of Edwardsville, Pa., who is the whole thing. He is mayor, justice of the peace, policeman, janitor of the town building and jailor. The elections in that town are usually quiet.

It is stated authoritatively that the visit to Washington of the committee of Kentucky Republicans has not caused the administration to change the policy it had settled upon regarding the whole Kentucky controversy.

The steamer Warrimoo, at Vancouver, B. C., brings from Dutch New Guinea the shocking account of the devouring of three officers of the steamer General Pell by cannibals, who caught them while on shore taking photographs.

A dispatch, March 23, from Vancouver, B. C., says: The steamer Warrimoo reports the cutter Espiegle went to pieces on Otoma Reef, in Australian waters. Capt. John Castle and 20 Tongans were drowned and a valuable cargo lost.

Frank Erne, of Buffalo, N. Y., who last year wrestled the championship from Geo. Lavigne, retained his honors in the fistie contest for the light weight championship Friday night, winning in the twelfth round, with Joe Gans, of Baltimore.

Saturday the house agreed to the conference report on the Porto Rican relief bill, turning over about \$2,000,000 customs receipts, collected up to January 1, for the relief of Porto Rico. In the senate the Porto Rican government bill was re-committed.

The body of Louis Rice, a negro, was found dangling from the limb of a tree in the heart of Ripley, Tenn., Friday morning. The lynching is said to have been the result of a trial in the circuit court of Lauderdale county, during the course of which Rice testified in favor of one of his color who was charged with the murder of a white man named Goodrich.

At Savannah, Ga., the Tyson gang of swindlers were sentenced Friday. Tyson was given five years in the federal prison at Nashville, Tenn.; W. E. Hutchinson, M. W. Hutchinson and J. H. Hutchinson 18 months each in the same prison. Six others were given sentences to the local jail. All the conspirators are white men. The gang victimized wholesale merchants in a dozen states.



WHEN OHIO GETS A-MOVIN' IN NOVEMBER.

—Denver News.