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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Miss Sarah Hooker, of Greenville, a young lady 20 years of age, died suddenly Wednesday.

It is thought that Gov. Russell will appoint T. H. Sutton judge of the eastern criminal court circuit.

The plant of the Apex Canning Co., at Apex, Wake county, was burned Thursday. Loss \$3,800; insurance \$2,000.

The Music Teachers' association of the State will meet in June with the North Carolina Teachers' assembly at Morehead City.

Mr. Herbert Rountree, of Wilson, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, liabilities \$67,364; assets \$1,000 in real estate.

The \$5,000 slander suit against State Treasurer Worth, growing out of the oyster land entry matter, is postponed until next term.

The two cases between the Bell Telephone Co. and the corporation commission have been settled, the former making the required reductions.

Gen. Ransom will depart from his usual custom during the past few years of declining to make speeches, and will deliver the Confederate memorial day address at Washington, N. C.

Fayetteville Observer: There are several well developed cases of smallpox at Sanford, among its victims is a well known young lady of that place. It was brought there, it is said by a man named Prince, from Jonesboro.

Dr. J. M. Worth died at Asheboro Thursday morning, aged about 86 years. He was largely interested in many manufacturing enterprises. He served the State as State treasurer and many times in legislative and other capacities.

Plans have been accepted for the new \$50,000 building of the Presbyterian College for Women at Charlotte. The structure will be 300 feet long, three stories high, of brick stucco. It will be one of the handsomest of its kind in the south.

Two large frame factories filled with leaf tobacco and four dwellings in East Winston were burned Wednesday night. Loss \$30,000; insured. Fire started in the leaf house of D. C. Edwards. The other factory burned was owned by Capt. H. L. Higgins.

Adjutant General Royster says it is not yet positively settled where the State guard will encamp, or whether there will be an encampment. The amount of funds available is not yet known. He hopes to get a large quota for the guard from the government, and says as soon as the militia bill is taken up by congress it will be passed without trouble.

Durham Herald, April 5: A black brute, whose name is unknown, entered the home of Mr. William E. Copley, seven miles west of Durham, yesterday morning and attempted a criminal assault upon Mrs. Copley, who was alone at the time. Only the pluck of Mrs. Copley drove the scoundrel from her home before he had accomplished the infamous crime.

Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the N. C. University, has been elected president of Tulane University at New Orleans, La. Dr. Alderman says the high honor comes unthought and unexpected and deserves and will receive his earnest consideration. It would be a serious loss for the State to lose the services of Dr. Alderman, who is giving entire satisfaction.

At a meeting of the directors of the insane asylum Wednesday at Raleigh, the following resident officers were elected: Dr. C. L. Jenkins, first assistant physician, re-elected; Dr. E. B. Ferrellee, of Camden county, second assistant physician, to succeed Dr. Geo. Davis, of Beaufort, resigned; Mr. W. R. Crawford, Jr., steward, re-elected; Miss Minnie Whitaker, matron, re-elected. James K. Kenan, of Duplin county, was chosen a director to fill the vacancy on the board made by the resignation of Dr. B. H. Speight, of Edgecombe.

Raleigh cor. Messenger: The Republicans are beginning to talk about Dr. Cy Thompson (Populist) becoming the fusion nominee for governor. Your correspondent asked Dr. Thompson the direct question whether he was a candidate. He replied, "I am not a candidate. I have no idea that I will be. I have not considered the matter seriously enough to answer your question whether I would accept the nomination if tendered me." A Populist committeeman of Republican proclivities, says Dr. Thompson is in a humor now to take the nomination.

Lincolnton Journal: That was a pe-

culiar piece of business done by the Gastonia authorities one day last week, as related in the Gaston News in this issue. A negro who escaped from the Paw Creek pest house, where there are some twelve or more cases of smallpox, was arrested in Gastonia. Instead of being put in a house of detention and guarded, "he was escorted," says the Gazette, "to the edge of town and warned not to come back." In other words was turned loose and allowed to wander around at will, probably scattering smallpox all over the county.

Greenville Re-flector: Wednesday night about half past 12 o'clock, the stables of Mr. Alfred Forbes were found to be on fire. The alarm was given, but the stables burned down before the fire company could get a stream of water on the building. Fortunately the wind was blowing from the other buildings nearby and a few buckets of water kept them from burning. Both of Mr. Forbes' horses were in the stables at the time of the fire and were burned to death. No positive idea can be given as to the origin of the fire, as the building was burning all over when it was first seen.

BOERS BECOMING BOLDER.

Indications of Intention to Invest Bloemfontein.

London, April 5, 5 a. m.—It looks today as if the Boers had conceived the audacious plan of attempting to invest Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein, or at least to endeavor to delay his northward advance by harassing the British lines of communication. On his side, Lord Roberts is concentrating his forces and preparing to take every advantage of the bold, but risky, tactics of the enemy. He is not likely to strike at any of their forces until he is certain of delivering a crushing blow. The situation, in the absence of any official dispatch from Lord Roberts, is both mystifying and interesting. There is little doubt that Lord Roberts is hampered by the necessity for re-mounts and transport, and the loss of the convoy guns and all of Colonel Broadwood's baggage was a serious matter. The Boers are now trusting to what they believe to be their superior mobility.

The special correspondents at the front are now denouncing Lord Roberts' policy of leniency toward the Free Staters, and are calling for an abandonment of that policy.

A special dispatch announces that Mafeking was still besieged but safe on March 27th.

Gov. Helena Won.

"Let me tell you something funny about the capital of Montana," chatters Victor Smith. "In 1892 the competition rested between Helena, Anaconda, Butte City, Bozeman, Great Falls, Deer Lodge and Bozaler, without a decision. In 1894 it was reduced to a match between Helena and Anaconda. W. A. Clark was for Helena. Marcus Daly was for Anaconda. Anaconda seemed to have the best of it, when the genius of Clark prevailed. He made no attempt at bribery. He just said to every voter he could lay hands on: 'If you want a dead cluck, I'll give it to you. Go and bet \$5,000 at even money or any odds you please that Helena will be the capital. If you lose, I'll make good the \$5,000. If you win, you return my \$5,000 and keep the winnings.' 'Needless to say, Helena was chosen. And the arrangement did not cost Clark a cent.'—Kansas City Journal.

A Double Kick.

The late R. D. Blackmore could never endure to have advertisements printed on his books, and when a cheap edition of "Lorna Doone" appeared with a flamboyant assertion on the back cover that "Blank's cocoa is the best" he sent a peppery letter to the publisher and ended with the quaint anticlimax. "And, besides, I have had to drink chocolate for some time, and I know Blank's cocoa is the worst."

Labor Saving.

"You say he went to the legislature through your influence?" "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "Did he introduce any bills?" "No. He never could have handled all that money in bills. I gave him a book of signed checks."—Washington Star.

The man who can fall down on a slippery sidewalk and get up without looking around to see whether anybody has seen him can justly pride himself on his savior faire and self control.—Somerville Journal.

PLUMER DEFEATED.

Left 20 Dead on the Field. Mafeking Garrison Makes a Sortie, But is Repulsed. Gatacre About To Attack Boers, British Secret Papers Captured.

London, April 5.—A special dispatch from Lourenzo Marques says sharp fighting occurred April 2d in the neighborhood of Mafeking. The garrison made a sortie, while Col. Plumer's cavalry attacked the Boers at Ramathlabama. Both attacks were repulsed.

Twenty of Col. Plumer's men were found dead on the field and six others were made prisoners. The federal losses were small.

Gatacre About to Attack Boers.

London, April 5.—Detached bodies of Boer horse, numbering from 500 to 1,000 each have appeared at several places to the southward and eastward of Bloemfontein, threatening the railroad, but communication by rail and wire is not in the least affected. One of these forces is near Springfontein, on the East Bloemfontein railroad, and Gen. Gatacre's forces are reported to be about to engage it.

BRITISH SECRET PAPERS CAPTURED.

Plans for Invasion of Transvaal Fall Into the Boer Hands.

Brandfort, Orange Free State, April 2.—Burghers who are returning here from the scene of the Sanas-Post ambuscade (also referred to as Kars and Korn Spruit), furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the drift the ambuscaders shouted "Hands up!" removed the officers and let the cart through. This process was repeated several times till the wagons arrived in a bunch, when the ruse was discovered and a disorderly flight followed. In one cart were two officers to whom Commandant Dewet shouted "Hands up!" One of them obeyed, whereupon the other shot his comrade dead, refused to surrender and was immediately shot.

The burghers lost three men killed and ten men wounded, including a field cornet. Among the wounded was the Dutch military attache Nix, who received a bullet in the chest. Altogether the Boers captured 389 prisoners throughout the day.

The significance of the battle must not be underrated. It was fought by a force of Free Staters on the flat plains, without shelter. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfontein and the Transvaalers are anxious to emulate the late success of their allies.

All the southern Boer forces have now formed junctures with the Boer army and form a large force of veterans.

Perhaps of greater importance even than the victory was the capture of some British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1900, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Jameson's route, but amended so as to avoid his mistakes. Another gives a plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstadt, via Brandfort.

POINTED OUT AS MURDERER.

Police Hold Negro Said to Be Wanted for North Carolina Crime.

Washington Post, April 5. A negro claiming to be William McFarland, but who was pointed out to Policeman Lake, of the Fourth Precinct, in South Washington, yesterday, as Isaiah Yelverton, who is wanted in North Carolina for a murder committed five years ago, is being held at No. 1 station for identification by officers from the south. The police were informed that Yelverton killed a white man near Goldsboro, N. C., but the prisoner denies all knowledge of the alleged crime.

The North Carolina authorities were notified by Maj. Sylvester. A telegram was received last night from Sheriff Scott, of Goldsboro, saying he would come here to look at the prisoner.

The Best Prescription for Chills

nd Fever is a bottle of Groves' TASTY CHILL Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Dr. Miller's Millinery Opening.

Reported for THE FREE PRESS. The millinery opening at Dr. A. R. Miller's is a feature of the week. Yesterday the store was thronged and today the ladies are studying the styles with profit. The decorations and surroundings were of a character to impress one with a freshness and novelty, while the stylish hats had a summery look, which suggested a sudden change of season. Artistic taste is not only displayed in garniture, but in the display of the stock. A pretty conceit is a ribbon plaque, as a center-piece. It is made of ribbon, colors red, white and blue. A golden-haired doll is peeping forth from the central opening, in one outstretched hand she waves a small lace handkerchief; the other hand holds a rose; underneath is the word "Welcome" etched in flowers.

The millinery display is up-to-date in every sense. Miss Albaugh, the trimmer, has been engaged for some time in the pattern room of Dowell, Helm & Co., Baltimore, consequently she is familiar with the fads in colors and shapes. She is prepared to make suggestions of value as to what is new and stylish. The ladies of Kinston can confidently trust in her judgment and good taste.

Today is the last of the opening, but there will always be found a profusion of taking hats and bonnets throughout the season.

Constitution In a Bad Way.

Charlotte Observer. We hear a heap of chat these days about whether or not "the constitution follows the flag." It used to. Of course it went slower, but it went. When the flag flew over the Mississippi into Texas and the great western territories, the constitution sat down on the levee on the east bank of the Mississippi, took off her shoes and stockings, and then like Cousin Sally Dillard, histed her skirts and waded over into the new empire. But the constitution is unwell. She isn't as pretty as she was when she was younger and is not as much thought of. She's sick, too, and even such good doctors as Dr. Bailey, of Texas, and Dr. Littlefield, of Maine, can't cure her. "Does the constitution follow the flag?" An impaired constitution can't follow anything.

Mountain Rats in Colorado.

H. P. Ufford, writing in The Century of "Out of Doors in Colorado," describes the mountain rat as the only plague worse than the Canadian Jay, popularly known as the "camp robber." Of the rat he says:

This fierce rodent is nearly twice the size of the Norway species and is always ready for a fight. Besides his bellicose propensities he is an arrant thief. The miners have a saying that he will steal anything but a red-hot stove. He does not steal to satisfy hunger alone. He appears to be a kleptomaniac. Provoked by the depredations of one old graybeard who haunted our cabin, I one day assisted in harrying his castle, where I found the following articles: Four candles, 1 partly burned, 3 intact; 2 spoons, 1 knife, 2 forks, 27 nails, all sizes; 1 box of pills, 1 coffeepot lid, 1 tin cup, 2 pairs of socks, 3 handkerchiefs, 1 bottle of ink, 3 empty phials, 1 stick of giant powder with 10 feet of fuse, beans, rice and dried apples galore.

His spirit of mischief is as strong as his passion for stealing, and the honest miner solemnly avers that if you leave open a bag of beans and one of rice he will not rest till he has made a clean transfer of all the beans to the rice bag and vice versa. I know that more than once he has, during the night, filled one or both of my boots with the cones of the spruce tree.

I have heard also of a voracious prospector who, returning from a trip without coffeepot, frying pan and bake even, accounted for their absence by declaring that the mountain rats had carried them off and emphasized his assertion by shooting through the leg a skeptic who was so injudicious as to doubt the fact.

A Nice Girl.

Mabel—Why do you always buy two kinds of note paper? Maud—Well, you see, when I write to Tom, I use red paper—that means love—and when I write to Jack I use blue paper—which means faithful and true.—Chicago News.

A college education spoils a fool, but it shows an intelligent young man how to acquire knowledge that may be useful to him.—New Orleans Picayune.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Americus, Ga., has a mad dog scare of large proportions.

Charleston has put in motion preparations for her South Carolina inter-state and West Indian exposition for 1901.

Three new cotton mills, each with a capital of \$100,000, all home money, were incorporated Wednesday at Anniston, Ala.

Portugal has granted England's request to transport troops across her South African territory, this concession being a stipulation of a treaty heretofore made.

James W. Tolbert, of Phoenix, S. C., returned to that place after having broken his promises to the people. A mob went to his house Tuesday night, but he had escaped, owing to timely warning from a Democrat.

A sharp colloquy between Representatives Wheeler, Democrat, and Pugh, Republican, both of Kentucky, occurred in the house of representatives Wednesday. It was the first time the Kentucky situation had been brought up in congress. The repartee was sharp and quick, and it appears that Wheeler got decidedly the best of it.

The federal court at Atlanta has appointed receivers to wind up the affairs of the Southern Home Building and Loan association. It is estimated that the assets will amount to \$1,000,000. The officers hope that by a judicious administration of affairs that the receivers can return to the stockholders every dollar that has been paid in by them.

Cecil Rhodes is said to be regarded by the most eminent officers of the British army in South Africa as a pretentious fraud, who has done immeasurable injury to his country. A reliable correspondent, writing from London, says that "when Sir George White, the chivalrous soldier, found that Rhodes was coming to England on the steamer in which he had also taken a berth, he held back and took passage on the following one."

REVENUERS IN BERTIE.

Republicans and Populists Hold Conventions. The Federal Office-Holders Busy.

Windsor, N. C., April 4.—The Populist and Republican conventions met here today. They appointed delegates and adjourned.

M. L. Wood, deputy collector, was in charge of the Populist meeting. W. T. Klug, storekeeper and gauger, arranged the Republican program.

Neither party was in session longer than half an hour. The leaders of both parties were frequently seen in close consultation, and all appearances indicated a close understanding. No speeches were made and the cut and dried programs went through without a hitch.

The Republican delegates, with one or two exceptions, are federal office holders. Duncan's revenue force did a full day's work today.

Peculiar Accident to an Engineer.

Atlanta Journal, 3d. A dove, winging its flight over the tracks of the Southern railway, near Juliet, Monroe county, collided with a passenger train going in the opposite direction at a high rate of speed yesterday afternoon. The bird's body plunged through the glass window of the cab. Its beak, sharp as a needle's point, pierced the right eye of Engineer Chas. Wallace, and the surgeons say it destroyed the engineer's sight temporarily and possibly permanently.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and tired with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.