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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The senate on Tuesday confirmed the nomination of Chas. H. Allen to be governor of Porto Rico.

W. V. Powell, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, sues the Southern Railway company for libel, placing damages at \$50,000.

A lot of Kansas farmers are going into the cucumber business on a large scale. One man proposes planting a patch of 1,100 acres.

Great Britain has the deadwood on the heirs of people who die and leave large estates. She rakes in about \$90,000,000 a year from her "death taxes."

Serious seismic disturbances continue in Bohemia, where the recent laudalides occurred. The mountains are moving and many houses have collapsed.

On Tuesday the Democrats carried Louisiana by a majority somewhere between 25,000 and 75,000. It is the first election under the negro disfranchisement law.

An outbreak of bubonic plague is reported in the Javanwood district, Persia, near the Turkish frontier. Since the disease appeared, three weeks ago, 195 deaths have occurred.

At Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, the new consolidated mortgage on the Seaboard Air Line was recorded. The amount is \$62,500,000. The cost of revenue stamps was \$19,217, and state fees \$4,575. The mortgage will be recorded in all states through which the system of roads runs.

Census enumerators begin work June 1 and must finish in 30 days. Cities of 8,000 or more inhabitants, as shown by preceding census, must be completed in two weeks. The four principal reports—on population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures—must be printed by July 1, 1902. After that tabulation of special inquiries will be taken up. There is no time fixed in which these latter reports must be completed.

Continued heavy rains have interrupted railway traffic in Alabama and Mississippi. Tuscaloosa, Ala., was shut out Tuesday from the outside world, except by telegraph—no trains could go there. The Warrior river was over 65 feet high. Two houses floated down the river Tuesday morning and several people were rescued from the roofs of others. The river was over four feet higher than ever before and still rising. Much anxiety is felt about planters along the river banks. Meridian, Miss., was also cut off from the outside world. The Atlanta & Vicksburg train, due Monday, had been water-bound over 30 hours, the passengers without food, when they were rescued, but had to wade in 3-foot water half a mile. The flood is said to be the worst for 20 years.

AMER LEANS TO RUSSIA.

On the Point of Severing the Long Alliance With Great Britain.

Lohore, Punjab, April 17.—That Great Britain's attitude toward Afghanistan in connection with Russian designs on Herat does not meet with approval at Cabul (the capital of Afghanistan) is proved by an autograph letter published with the Ameer's consent, in which, after referring to the various rumors, he adds: "Now, when Afghanistan is overwhelmed on all sides, the British government does not seem to take any interest, but enjoys the pride of aloofness and reserve. Whenever I have suggested a check to Russian aggression, I have had no response from the government of India, except the suggestion that Afghanistan might consent to the construction of railways and telegraphs. This is impossible, as the Afghans consider that such a step would mean their ruin. Notwithstanding all these troubles, I have proved for the past twenty-one years the firm ally of Great Britain. But now, at the last moment, I must inform my powerful ally, the government of India, that the present is the time for deeds and not for talk."

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GRAINGERS ITEMS.

April 18, 1900.

The oat crop in this section is looking very well.

Mr. E. C. Dupree spent several days in Newbern last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Speight spent Sunday in Greene county.

A good many of our people are off to the Newbern fair this week.

Rev. J. T. Grubbs will preach at Bethel on the fifth Sunday at 11 o'clock.

We are having some fine weather now and our farmers are getting well up with their work.

Mrs. Kate Bell and little son, of Kinston, returned home today after spending a week here.

Mr. N. L. Ballance, of Pamlico county, spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Aldridge.

Misses Katie Hamilton, of Pitt county, and Martha Grubbs, of Fields, spent today at Mr. D. W. Hamilton's.

We are glad to learn that the Sunday school at Bethel is in fine condition, under the skillful management of our worthy Bro. F. L. Rountree.

MR. MEBANE'S POSITION.

He Will Give Gen. Toon Warm and Hearty Support.

To the Editor of the Raleigh News and Observer:

Letters are coming to me asking if I will allow my name to be considered by the other political conventions in connection with the office I now have.

It seems to me strange that any such inquiry should be made, after my letter which appeared last Tuesday.

I cannot expect, and do not wish, my name to be considered at all in connection with the office of superintendent of public instruction by either of the political conventions soon to meet in the city of Raleigh.

When Gen. Toon becomes superintendent of public instruction he will have no warmer friend and no one who will do more to help in the great work of public education than myself.

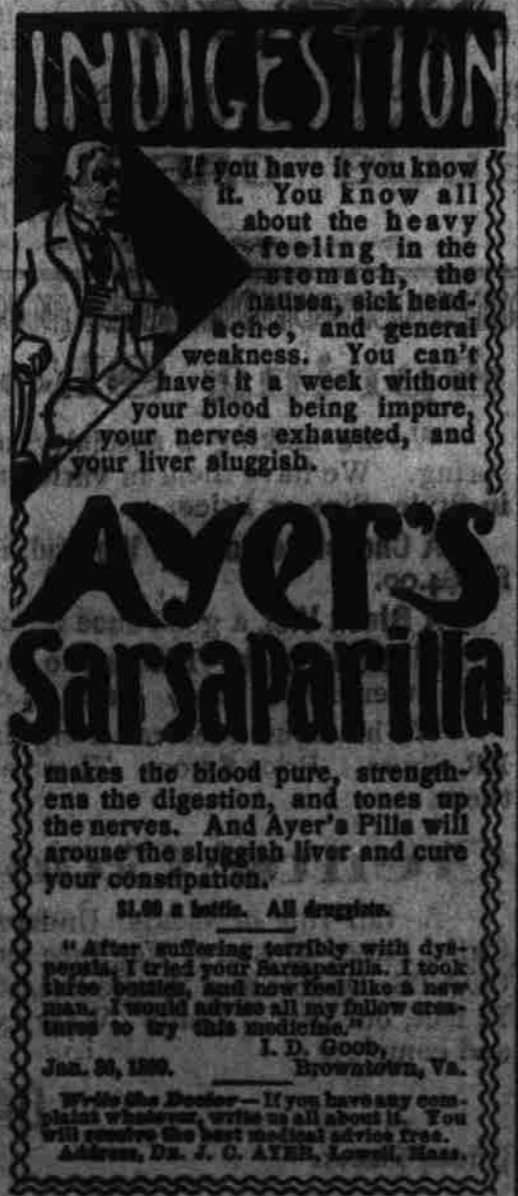
Hoping that this statement will make my position clearly understood by all, and having a feeling of charity for all and malice toward none, I am

Respectfully,

C. H. MEBANE,

Superintendent Public Instruction.

There is no longer any question that diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are in a critical stage, growing out of the sultan's bad faith. He promised to pay the indemnity claims of the American missionaries for the destruction of eight buildings of the Ephraim College, at Harpoot, and several buildings belonging to American missionaries at Marash during the Armenian massacres, in 1895, aggregating about \$90,000. As the situation is critical, it may result in sending the Turkish minister at Washington his passports.



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I. D. GOOD,
Jan. 26, 1899.
Brownstown, Va.

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HOAR ON EXPANSION

Favors Expansion of Freedom and Not of Despotism. Hoar Places Aguinaldo Among the Martyrs of History.

Senator Hoar made a speech in the senate Tuesday on the Philippine question.

Mr. Hoar took for his text the resolution of Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, declaring that the Philippine Islands are territory belonging to the United States and that the United States must govern the archipelago.

Adverting to the authority to be found in the declaration of independence for expansion, in the course of his speech, Mr. Hoar declared:

"There is expansion enough in it, but it is the expansion of freedom and not of despotism; of life, not of death. Never was such growth in all human history as that from the seed Thomas Jefferson planted. It has covered the continent. It is on both seas. It has saved South America. It is revolutionizing Europe. It is the expansion of freedom. It differs from your tinsel, pinchbeck, pewter expansion as the growth of a healthy youth into a strong man differs from the expansion of an anaconda when he swallows his victim. Ours is the expansion of Aaron Burr. It is destined to as short a life and to a like fate."

Mr. Hoar discussed at great length the Filipino rising and the causes which, in his opinion, led up to it. He made an earnest and vigorous defense of the Filipino, especially of Aguinaldo, who, he declared, was "brave, honest and patriotic." In the course of his eulogy of Aguinaldo he said:

"He deserves to be remembered with that small band who have given life and everything dearer than life to their country in a losing cause. He shall live with Kosuth, with Oom Paul, with Joubert, with Emmet, with Egmont and Horn, with Nathan Hale, with Warren, with all the great martyrs of history whose blood has been the seed of the church of liberty."

Mr. Hoar maintained his well known position that the Filipinos had achieved their independence, that the United States had made them its allies and was bound to recognize their independence, and that they had proved themselves fit for such independence and capable of self-government. As one bit of their statecraft, he declared:

"The state papers of Aguinaldo, the discussion of the law of nations by his attorney-general, the masterly appeal of Mabini are products of the Asiatic mind. They are not unworthy of the Asiatic mind, the vehicle through which came to us the scriptures of the old and new testament, the poetry of David, the eloquence of Isaiah, the wisdom of Solomon, the profound philosophy of Paul."

The senator presented an elaborate defense of the Filipinos against the charge that they were responsible for the present war, fully justifying their action in resisting the American force. Continuing, Mr. Hoar said:

"If to think as I do in regard to the interpretation of the constitution in regard to the mandates of the moral law or the law of nations, to which all men and all nations must render obedience; in regard to the policies which are wisest for the conduct of the state, or in regard to these facts of recent history in the light of which we have acted or are to act hereafter, be treason, then Washington was a traitor; then Jefferson was a traitor; then Jackson was a traitor; then Franklin was a traitor; then Sumner was a traitor; then Lincoln was a traitor; then Webster was a traitor; then Clay was a traitor; then Corwin was a traitor; then Kent was a traitor; then Seward was a traitor; then McKinley, within two years, was a traitor; then the supreme court of the United States has been in the past a nest and hotbed of treasons; then the people of the United States for more than a century, have been traitors to their own flag and their own constitution."

As to what he would do with the Philippines, Mr. Hoar said:

"I would declare now that we will not take these islands to govern them against their will."

"I would reject the cession of sovereignty which implies that sovereignty may be bought and sold and delivered without the consent of the people."

"I would require all foreign governments to keep out of these islands."

"I would offer to the people of the Philippines our help in maintaining order until they have a reasonable opportunity to establish a government of their own."

"I would invite all the great powers of

Europe to unite in an agreement that independence shall not be interfered with. "I would declare that the United States will enforce the same doctrine as applicable to the Philippines that we declared as to Mexico and Hayti and the South American republics. I would then, in a not distant future, leave them to work out their own salvation, as every nation on earth from the beginning of time has wrought out its own salvation."

POP CONVENTION.

They Name Full State Ticket, Headed With O. Thompson. Convention Poorly Attended.

Raleigh, April 19.—The Populist State convention yesterday nominated the following ticket:

Governor, Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow county.

Lieutenant-Governor, A. C. Shuford, of Catawba county.

Secretary of State, J. B. Schulken, of Columbus.

Treasurer, W. H. Worth, of Guilford.

Auditor, H. W. Ayer, of Wake.

Attorney General, H. F. Seawell, of Moore.

State Superintendent of Education, N. C. English, of Randolph.

Chairman Corporation Commission, A. S. Pearce, of Granville.

Corporation Commissioner, J. T. Paschal, of Chatham.

Commissioner of Agriculture, J. M. Mewboorne, of Lenoir.

Commissioner of Labor, J. Y. Hamrick, of Cleveland.

Judge Tenth district, L. L. Witherpoon, of Catawba.

Electors at large, R. B. Davis, of New Hanover, and Wm. D. Merritt, of Person.

At 12:35 o'clock Senator Butler made a long-winded speech against the amendment, apologized for the absence of Senators Allen and Pettigrew and introduced as orator of the day Congressman R. D. Southerland, of Nebraska.

Southerland made a dry speech, but declared that the hope of the people was W. J. Bryan.

Twenty-six of the 97 counties of the State were found unrepresented.

At 1:30 the convention adjourned for dinner, and met again at 3:30.

Harry Skinner caused trouble over the platform, opposing the one written by Butler, but Butler's platform was finally adopted. It instructs delegates to national convention to vote for Bryan. It condemns the Democratic legislature of 1899 for: (1) Its expenditures, (2) its legislation, (3) passage of the Constitutional Amendment.

In concluding its deliberance on the amendment the platform says:

"The constitutional question presented by the proposed amendment is one that must be determined by the judgment and conscience of each individual voter. Therefore, we do not make it a party question. We state the evils and dangers and leave the voters of all parties to pass their verdict in the light of these facts. The question is above party and no one should be more active and anxious in our judgment to defeat it than the rank and file of the Democratic party."

The platform claims the Populist party is a white man's party and proposes as a solution of the race question to disqualify negroes from holding office.

The platform severely denounces the election law. It pledges an increase in the efficiency of the public school system.

R. B. Kinsey was appointed on State committee from 2d district. Among the delegates to national convention from 2d district are: J. M. Mewboorne, of Lenoir, and W. E. Murphy, of Greene.

The convention was poorly attended, when compared with former conventions and there was a sad lack of the old-time enthusiasm that has animated so many gatherings of this kind.

Question Answered.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Charlotte brick companies have formed a combine.

The N. C. Naval Reserves cruise will begin on May 30th, aboard the Prairie. The cruise will probably be to northern ports.

The sales of fertilizer-tax tags so far this year amount to \$38,676, which shows sales of 193,880 tons. The tax is 20 cents on a ton. The sales for the year will aggregate over 250,000 tons, or 10,000 more than last year.

Durham Herald: The ten cases of smallpox now in the pest house are said to have been caused by the negro who made his escape from that place only a short time ago. While this seems just punishment to those who harbored him, it is a pity that there is no law to fit his case.

Raleigh cor. Charlotte Observer: Revenue Collector Duncan's faith in politics is simply beautiful. He said today he was too sick while at Washington with the other faithful to attend the conference, but that he has complete confidence in the ability of those who were in the conference to carry the State.

The libel suit of Rev. T. J. Gattis vs. Dr. J. C. Kligo, Mr. B. N. Duke and Mr. W. E. Odell, which was set for trial in Oxford on Thursday of next week, has been continued until the next term of court. The continuation was made necessary on account of the serious illness of the plaintiff, who is now in a hospital in Charlotte.

The postoffice at Chapel Hill was burglarized early Wednesday morning. The safe was blown open and wrecked and damage done to other property about the room by the explosion. About \$150 in cash and \$500 in stamps were taken. The tools used were stolen from a shop near by. The new postmaster had just taken charge. No clue has been discovered as yet.

Standing Master Shepherd says he will on April 24th resume the hearing of the assessment cases, which involve \$10,000,000 increase in taxable valuation of railways. He says Judge Simonton has not yet decided whether or not private corporations must produce their books before the standing master; that the judge held up that question on the briefs. He added that he supposed the judge would send in his decision by the 24th.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina are anxious that Dr. Alderman should retain the presidency of that institution. A meeting of the board was held in the governor's office at Raleigh Tuesday. Resolutions were passed expressing the hope that Dr. Alderman would not accept the presidency of Tulane University in New Orleans, and pledging him the support and co-operation of the trustees in enlarging and improving the University of North Carolina.

Wilson News: Mr. Joe Williamson, a farmer living some distance from town, brought some tobacco here to sell last Thursday, and at night as he was passing one of the warehouses Albert Calhoun and Nathan Whitehead, two negro tramps, assaulted him and so seriously cut him up that he is not expected to live. The negroes were arrested by Policeman Felton and tried before the mayor, who bound them over in a bond of \$100 to the next term of the criminal court.

BRITISH OFFICERS AT ODDS.

Buller and Warren Quarrel And Roberts Censures Both.

London, April 18.—All the news of present happenings in South Africa has been eclipsed by the publication of important dispatches at which Gen. Buller and Gen. Warren mutually recriminate, and Gen. Roberts censures both. That it was Gen. Roberts' function to criticize their position is unquestioned, but that the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, presumably with the government's consent, should have seen fit to make the criticism public while the officers affected are still in the act of controlling troops in the field, causes amazement. The censure and the publicity given to it are generally interpreted to signify that unless Gens. Buller and Warren voluntarily retire they will share Gen. Gatacre's fate.

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