

THE DAILY FREE PRESS.

PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Vol. III—No. 20

KINSTON, N. C., MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1900.

Price Two Cents.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The president of Aginaldo's late cabinet has been captured.

At Dover, Del., Saturday, nine negroes were whipped at the whipping-post for stealing.

The senate decided by a vote of 52 to 3 that N. B. Scott is entitled to his seat as a senator from West Virginia.

The attorneys of W. S. Taylor have filed their brief in the federal supreme court, in the Kentucky gubernatorial case.

The British tried to get ammunition through Basutoland, but the Basutos stopped the wagons and informed the Boers.

A lone bandit held up a train on the Iron Mountain railroad, near Higginson, Ark., Friday, and robbed the passengers of about \$500.

By the falling of the apparatus in building an overhead bridge across Main street, in Richmond, Va., three men were killed Saturday.

It is believed that American fire insurance companies will suffer but little from the Ottawa fire. Foreign companies will have to pay most of the claims.

In Havana the wife of Gen. Wilson died Saturday from burns caused by stepping on a match as she alighted from a carriage, after taking a drive. The match ignited her dress.

At Lynn, Mass., a man attempted Saturday to hold up the lady clerk who was the sole occupant at the time of a savings bank. She sounded the electric burglar alarm and the fellow fled.

Tom Watson, of Georgia, is quoted as saying: "Under no circumstances would I accept any nomination or any office. Please number me among the politically dead, and let me henceforth rest in peace."

Careful calculation of the loss by the Hull-Ottawa fire shows the loss of life to be seven persons, rendered homeless 15,000, buildings burned 3,000, hands out of work 5,000, value of property destroyed \$15,000,000.

The note handed to the Turkish minister of foreign affairs by the representative of our government was a peremptory demand for payment of the indemnity. Turkey's old dodge about buying a warship will not suffice.

The senate committee on appropriations has completed consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill. The additions made by the committee aggregate \$640,140, bringing the total appropriation up to \$7,733,628.

The grand jury at Frankfort, Ky., has finished its investigation of the Goebel murder. It is said there is a bill against Taylor. The hearing of the motion for bail for Powers and others will bring out most of the evidence of both sides.

A committee of the striking telegraphers of the Southern railway are in Chicago endeavoring to secure a general sympathetic strike of railway telegraphers. The men have already demanded increase of wages on several roads.

By the collapse of the frame work of the main building of the Dimnick Pipe and Foundry Co., in the course of construction at North Birmingham, Ala., Saturday morning, two men are dead and 11 are injured, at least two of them will die.

Eight thousand washwomen of Paris have struck for higher wages. While this is of great inconvenience to the people, there is fear of more serious trouble from the cessation of work by the thousands who have come to the city to work on the exposition buildings.

A commercial house in Madrid has received a dispatch from Cuba saying that Jesus Rabi, the Cuban leader, has headed an "insurrectionary movement in the province of Santiago," which the sender of the dispatch believes to be "supported by the chief towns of the province."

Legal proceedings are about to be begun against J. W. Gates and John Lambert, of the American Steel and Wire Co., which will probably cause a sensation. They are charged with managing, by false reports and closing of a number of their mills, to depress the stock of the company to their individual advantage.

Secretary Atkins, of the Maritime Co., says of the action of Nicaragua in vacating the concession to build the canal: "This action by the Nicaraguan government, if it is as reported, will not bother us in the least. Our company has some rights, and the Nicaraguan government cannot take them away. We will enforce our rights."

A dispatch from Washington says: Hanna and his supporters have resolved to face it out with reference to the Porto Rican tariff issue. As has already been shown, wherever their influence is strong enough to force through, they intend to have Republican state conventions specifically endorse the Porto Rican tariff, and it is proposed to make a strong endorsement of it in the national platform to be adopted at Philadelphia in June.

Half the city of Waco, Tex., was flooded by a storm Saturday. Six persons are known to have been drowned. The property damage in Waco is \$50,000. From Houston, Tex., comes the news that the

rainfall over Texas Saturday was even heavier than during the past ten days. At Columbus, Tex., the Southern Pacific railroad bridge was again washed away, and no trains will be run for several days. At Belton a dozen houses were washed away. The damage done to crops all over Texas is enormous.

The Massanutten bank, at Strasburg, Va., was robbed Friday morning about 1 o'clock and some \$5,000 was secured by the burglars. An entrance into the bank building was effected with a skeleton key. The vault was forced with levers and the safe wrecked by means of nitro-glycerine. There were eight men in the gang, most of whom stood guard in various sections of the town. They fired a number of pistol shots to draw attention from the bank. Several citizens who looked out of their windows were ordered to withdraw on threats of being shot. After the robbery the men collected and took a handcar, at the Southern depot, and went to Riverton, where all trace of them was lost. The bank carried burglar insurance to about cover the loss.

LIKE THE LITTLE ONES.

Men, as a Rule, Are Fond of the Society of Children.

"There's a very general idea abroad in the land that men don't care to board in a house where there are children," said one of the sterner sex yesterday, "but that is, I believe, a great mistake, just as it is an error to imagine that men generally don't like the little ones. No doubt there are a few crusty old bachelors in the world who would be horribly annoyed by pattering feet and shrill little voices in the halls and on the stairs, but I must confess I like to hear these noises, and I find by questioning a number of my friends—all young, unmarried men—that they do also. The children give a sort of homely atmosphere that's very pleasant to even the most comfortless places.

"Taking one thing with another, I believe men are fonder of children than women are anyhow. What I mean is that more men than women are fond of them. I know plenty of the gentler sex who wouldn't think of going to a boarding house where youngsters were admitted, and I know just as many men who seek out those places and obtain a certain amount of comfort and satisfaction in their lonely lives in making friends with the youngsters and spending valuable time repairing sundry broken toys or telling wonderful stories in which giants figure to an amazing extent.

"A child's affection is a very delightful thing, and most men feel flattered to be the object of even a mild liking on the part of the little tyrants. There are half a dozen small ones in the house where I board, and I am the familiar friend of every one of them. It's a very delightful and absorbing acquaintance, and I'm fast developing into a story teller of such marked ability that I'll make a fortune in this way, no doubt, after awhile."—Detroit Free Press.

RUSSIAN POLICEMEN.

New Governor's Test For Their Alertness Was a Failure.

A good story is being told in St. Petersburg of the Russian police which the papers pronounce to be exceedingly characteristic. A new governor was sent to a certain town in the interior, and the inhabitants at once began to complain that the police were badly organized, since, however much they were wanted, they would never come when they were sent for. The governor determined to test this for himself, so one night he set out for the barracks where the police and the fire brigade were quartered. He accosted the sentry:

"Do you know me?"

"Yes, your excellency."

"If a man was being murdered close by, would you quit your post?"

"Never, your excellency."

"Good," said the governor. "You know your duty. Well, what would you do?"

"I would blow my whistle to rouse the guard."

"Good. Let us suppose some one is being murdered here. Whistle!"

The soldier blew, but not a soul answered. He blew again and again, but the same silence prevailed.

"That will do," said the governor at last. "You have whistled your utmost, and nobody has come; but, at any rate, your conscience is tranquil. Now you can go to sleep. The man could have been murdered two or three times over. It is unnecessary to overdo it by trying to wake your comrades, who appear to sleep like the dead. The czar should be proud of such steady soldiers."

With that the governor went off, congratulating himself that no one would be likely to accuse his police of having a share in the midnight murders of the town.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

At Oxford Saturday Horner beat Trinity playing ball, 12 to 6.

The Monroe Journal says that the wheat crop is reported to be unusually good.

A cotton seed oil mill company was organized at Louisburg Saturday, with \$20,000 capital.

N. C. and Georgia universities played a tie game of ball at Atlanta Saturday, each side scoring 7 runs.

Doctors report four cases of white people with smallpox within two miles of Grover, Cleveland county.

New lodges of Odd Fellows recently formed in this state brings the number of lodges up to 116 and the membership to over 6,000.

A member of Gov. Russell's staff states that Gov. Taylor, of Kentucky, has been advised by some leading Republicans to employ Gov. Russell as counsel for his defense.

The Republican convention at Roxboro Saturday was held in the office of the commissioner of internal revenue, 10x12 feet in size. The convention was composed of revenue officers and expectants.

In the supreme court at Raleigh Saturday the appeal of Tom Jones, the negro who murdered his paramour and five of her children, near Garner, Wake county, was argued. Smith is under sentence to be hung on May 11th.

Insurance Commissioner Young says that since January 1 he has collected from the companies \$55,000, in amounts ranging all the way from 50 cents to \$600, and that he has carefully examined the reports of 160 companies.

The commencement exercises of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh begin May 27th. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered that day (Sunday) by Dr. Charles E. Taylor, president of Wake Forest College.

Federal Judge Simonton has decided the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Co. case against Maj. Guthrie, and in favor of the Tobacco Trust on every point—making permanent the receivership of P. S. Hill, trust secretary, and ordering the sale of property.

Raleigh cor. Messenger: Democrats of influence and information say they fear over-confidence in the matter of ratifying the constitutional amendment; that hard work every day is essential to success; that the organization of the opposition is simply remarkable—more thorough even than in 1896. Democrats ought to heed this warning.

The building belonging to W. B. Duncan and used by D. A. Perry for a grist mill, at Beaufort, was destroyed by fire Friday night, together with a quantity of meal, corn, wood and other things. Mr. Perry, who slept in the second story, had to jump from the second story window. He came near being burned to death, and had his hands and arms burned in trying to escape. Mr. Perry had \$2,500 insurance on his mill. There was no insurance on the building.

"Pence" or "Percy of Dominica," a half-breed Indian and negro religious fanatic, was bound over to court at Wilmington Saturday by the coroner's jury, for having by intimidation and strong influences caused a negro woman to be starved to death. Two other negroes were bound over as accomplices.

"Pence" for two or three years has had a band of negroes who believed in him and his fanatical religion and has caused several negro women to fast for periods of many days.

For many years an aged white man, who called himself Dr. Williams, has peddled medicine in the vicinity of Fayetteville. He was recently stricken with paralysis, and being very poor, was placed in the county home. There he made a strange confession. He said that his real name is Quarles, and that years ago he deserted his wife and children at Littleton, his home. His family was notified, and one of his sons, now a prosperous business man, has taken the old man home to his family.

The Republican State convention meets at Raleigh Wednesday, May 2d. Republicans say Linney's nomination for governor is certain. A letter from a Piedmont Republican says it is probable that Prof. Hodgkin, of Guilford College, will be nominated for superintendent of public instruction, Chas. Reynolds for chairman of the corporation commission, Z. V. Waiser for attorney general and Daniel W. Patrick (now census supervisor of the second district) for commissioner of agriculture. As to the remainder of the ticket guessing seems to be wild. As to Waiser there is no doubt. He could have had the Populist nomination had he desired it.

The corporation commission excepts to the rulings made April 11th by Judge Simonton in the railway tax assessment cases. The rulings were on instructions to Master Shepherd: (1) That it is competent for the complainants to offer in evidence individual instances of undervaluation by the township board or assessors in New Hanover county of property other than railway property. (2) That it is not competent for the

defendants to prove that the railway properties in the State were undervalued by the commission, until after the complainants have shown the other property in the State to be undervalued. (3) That the court did not instruct the standing master to allow the defendants to cross examine the complainants' witnesses as to the value of stocks and bonds of the Wilmington and Weldon railway, to show that the same has been undervalued in the same or a greater ratio than it is alleged the other property in the State has been undervalued.

SUCCESS OF GEN. BOTHA.

His Strategy About Wepener. Complaints Beginning to Be Heard Against Lord Roberts.

London, April 28.—In Commandant Gen. Louis Botha the Boers appear to have found a capable successor to Joubert. As the result of his insight and quick decision it may be assumed now that the retreating commandoes have gotten safely away with the transport. It is true that Lord Roberts' dispatch leaves much unsaid as to the whereabouts of other forces than those of Gen. French and Gen. Rundle. Nothing is said about the troops of Generals Brabant, Poir-Carew, Hart and Chermide, but the indications from Aliwal North show that several small commandoes are still hovering in the vicinity of Springfield, causing a certain amount of danger, and the advices from Dewetsdorp, outlining the duties of Gen. Chermide, justify the conclusion that it will still be necessary to employ considerable troops to keep the Free State clear of Boers. The position is that the Boers, who began their raid a month ago by compelling Col. Broadwood to retire on Bloemfontein, have gotten safely away to the northward, practically without loss, but with advantage of seven guns and 100 prisoners captured. Meanwhile the advance to Pretoria has not begun. Small wonder it is that muffled complaints and criticisms are beginning to be heard here and there against Lord Roberts. Two-thirds of his entire force have been employed in effecting this small satisfaction, and the probability is that the whole force must be again concentrated on Bloemfontein before the main advance begins. As similar raids on the British seem likely to be repeated, it is evidently still a far cry to Pretoria.

Money Doubled in One Year.

Red Springs Record.

Twenty to eighty percent yearly profit on investment is the record for cotton mills in the south.

It is claimed that a mill at McColl, S. C., paid 80 per cent profit. We are familiar with the history of the Clover, S. C., cotton mills which paid 24 per cent the first year, about 35 per cent last year, and is now using Egyptian cotton at a cost of \$1 a pound.

Duncan Southernland was informed some time ago that the Laurinburg mill stock gained 50 per cent in less than three months—\$750 refused for \$500 stock, and that it was expected to bring double par value by August. If this mill doubles in value in seven or eight months it will probably eclipse all previous cotton mill records. This mill uses long staple cotton from Alabama, cannot use cotton grown about here, and profits are much better on fine grades than on ordinary grades, and the wonder is that more mills do not cater to the great demand for such materials.

The editor of The Record grew Southern Hope and J. B. Allen long staple cotton successfully in Moore county and believes long staple would pay well about here; there is now a market for it at Laurinburg, etc. McColl, Laurinburg and other small towns are setting the pace. Shall we sit and wonder and wait while floods of golden opportunities go rushing by?

Officers of the Christian Endeavor.

Raleigh, April 28.—The State convention of Christian Endeavorers today re-elected Rev. A. D. Thaler, of Winston-Salem, president; Miss Ruth Worth, of Raleigh, secretary; Miss Mamie Bays, of Salisbury, superintendent of the press department; H. M. Smith, of Kenly, superintendent of the junior department; R. A. Spangh, superintendent of the Christian citizenship department, and Mr. Chambliss, of Raleigh, was put in charge of the work at the penitentiary.

Sparger Bros. Tobacco Seized.

San Francisco, April 27.—Officers today seized 1,000 pounds of tobacco sent here by the Sparger Bros. Co., of Mount Airy, N. C. The packages have, it is claimed, not the full amount of stamps on them and contain a quarter of an ounce more tobacco than the stamps call for. A similar seizure was made a few weeks ago of tobacco from a St. Louis factory.

Base Ball.

Chicago 1, St. Louis 3. Neither side scored until after the 9th inning, both scores being made in the 10th inning.

New York 1, Philadelphia 19.

Pittsburg 4, Cincinnati 7.

Boston 1, Brooklyn 10.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Broom Corn Tablets. All drugs refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grover's signature is on each box. 5c.

Keep up with the town news. The Free Press prints the town news. Only 10 cents a week.

THE NEGRO ISSUE.

Senator Pritchard Stirs Up the Negroes at Rockingham. Preaches Negro Rule to an Audience Composed Largely of Negro Women.

Mr. H. A. Chappell sent an amusing account of a Republican speaking at Rockingham last week to the Raleigh News-Observer. We extract the following about Senator Pritchard's speech:

Every other anti-amendment speaker I have heard admits that the negro vote ought to be eliminated, and that he would vote for any measure that does it, but that this measure will disfranchise white men. This is their only ground of opposition. The senator argues too that it will operate to disfranchise white men but makes the square issue that the negro is unable of exercising the right of franchise, and to deprive him of that right would do him a great wrong. In this he is honest while others falsify. We all know that the Republicans oppose the amendment for no other reason than that it cuts off the vote which elects them to office.

Senator Pritchard's plea yesterday for the rights and franchise of the negro was like a fire bell in the night. Since the red shirts appeared in Richmond county the negroes have been quiet and submissive, going about their business talking to each other in subdued tones like white folks, giving ladies the side walk. After the speech that day they gathered about the court house, laughed, talked, and monopolized things generally. Some of them danced for joy. The negro women catching the infection grew boisterous and talked to each other across the street. It was like upsetting a gum of quiet bees.

Senator Pritchard, whom some of them styled President McKinley, was to speak again at night. The news spread abroad and there was a great outpouring at night. They brought their wives and sweethearts. While the senator spoke, squads of negro women kept filing by him looking for seats, and before the speaking was over the prospect was largely pretty dark. I was told that some of the women carried bouquets in their hands, but I did not see any of the distinguished speakers receive a bouquet, and I don't believe they were intended for them. There were more negro women present than there were white people.

The Democratic candidates have been flattered themselves that they are having the ladies and flowers, but it seems that the fusionists are to divide these honors.

I recently heard Mr. Aycock say that "the women, the preachers, and the teachers are with us, and you cannot defeat us, and you cannot defeat that combination." Mr. Aycock has now to learn that not all the women at least are with him.

REPUBLICAN PROGRAM.

Thompson to Withdraw in Favor of Linney. Linney to Be Appointed Judge After Defeat.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—According to the wise ones around the capitol Linney is to be nominated for governor and at the proper time Cy Thompson is to be withdrawn in favor of Linney. It is believed here that this is the deal made between Pritchard and Butler. It is also alleged that in return for making the hopeless race, for nearly all the North Carolina Republicans here concede that Aycock will win in a walk, Linney is to be appointed judge to succeed Ewart. "The Bull of the Brushies" does not deny that he is to be nominated for governor, but says he knows nothing about it. From what your correspondent could learn today Butler would make no fight on Linney should he be appointed successor to Judge Ewart.

Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

Greenville Reflector.

The treasury department has decided that Porto Rico is not a foreign country and that drawback of duties cannot be allowed on articles sent there. In the same decision it holds that drawback will be allowed on exports to Cuba and the Philippines. This is certainly bewildering. What is the difference in status between Porto Rico and the Philippines? Both were acquired under the identical treaty provisions.

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 bad 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.