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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The mayor and board of aldermen of Parkersburg, W. Va., have been indicted by the grand jury for receiving bribes.

Little Rock, Ark., has been chosen as the meeting place of the southern general assembly of the Presbyterian church in 1901.

A large apartment house was destroyed Wednesday in less than an hour in Chicago. Every person in the building escaped.

There was more serious rioting in St. Louis Wednesday, resulting in the death of a policeman and several persons being seriously wounded.

The army bill, as reported to the senate contains a provision for headstones for the Confederate dead at Arlington and the National Soldiers' Home.

At a wild west show held in Terre Haute, Ind., Wednesday nine persons were painfully shot by an accidental discharge of a Winchester shot gun.

All grades of refined sugar was advanced 10 points Wednesday by the American Sugar Refining Co. The independent refineries later followed the advance.

At Savannah, Ga., the president of the street car company and the conductor of the car, on which the negro killed Alex Whitney, have been indicted for violating the Jim Crow car law.

The entire plant of the Southern Biscuit Works, at Richmond, Va., established there last January, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The loss of \$25,000 is covered by insurance. The company will rebuild at once.

The Peninsula bank of Williamsburg, Va., was blown up Thursday morning by expert cracksmen with three charges of dynamite. The interior of the bank was demolished. The robbers secured \$5,000 cash and destroyed valuable documents possibly worth as much more.

Gov. Beckham, of Kentucky, Thursday decided not to send the militia to the mountains to capture Powers and Howard, wanted for complicity in the Goebel murder. It was represented to him that the appearance of the militia in Eastern Kentucky would cause a bloody battle as the feeling is high against the Goebelites in the mountains.

An engineer and fireman were killed Wednesday on the C. & W. C. railroad near Laurens, S. C. The engine turned over, throwing the engineer and fireman against the furnace and covering them with coals. They were roasted to death. An engineer and fireman were also killed in a wreck on the Lake Shore railroad at Westfield, N. Y. The train carried no passengers.

### CUBAN POSTAL FRAUDS.

Neely, the Defaulting Employee, Is Charged With Embezzling About \$400,000.

New York, May 23.—Papers are today en route from Washington to New York which will result in the preferring of other charges against Chas. F. W. Neely, now confined in Ludlow street jail.

It is ascertained that these papers were sent from Cuba to the department at Washington, and charge the alleged defaulting postal employe with the embezzlement of a sum approximating \$400,000. This alleged embezzlement consists in the conversion into cash of the \$400,000 worth of "surecharged" Cuban postage stamps which were ordered to be destroyed, and which were certified as having been destroyed by the committee appointed for that purpose, of which Neely was the head.

### ADVISED TO SURRENDER.

Reported That Delegate Fischer Has Told Kruger to Seek Cessation of Hostilities.

Cape Town, May 23.—It is reported that President Kruger has received a communication from Abraham Fischer, one of the Boer delegates now in the United States, advising him to surrender on the best terms obtainable from Lord Roberts.

It is also understood that when Lord Roberts crosses the Vaal river he will issue a proclamation announcing that if the burghers return to their farms, their property and stock will be respected.

To Pay For a Horse Her Father Stole.

Charleston, S. C., May 23.—A North Carolinian stole a horse five weeks ago from Edward Dean, of Spartanburg, S. C. Dean went to Marshall, the county seat of Madison county, found his horse and identified the thief. He secured a requisition from Gov. McSwain, which Gov. Bissell would not honor.

The daughter of the man who stole the horse wrote Dean that she had raised \$50 and would turn the horse and money over to the sheriff at Asheville if he would drop the matter, and these terms were accepted.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
This Laxative Brooms Quinine Tablets. All druggists sell the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Child's signature is on each box.

### FORGED MONEY ORDER.

The Action of an A. & M. College Student at Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—Nicholas Fitzpatrick, of Tillery, Halifax county, until a few days since a student at the A. & M. College, is under a \$500 bond for opening the letter of a fellow student and forging a money order for \$15, which was cashed by a firm of this city.

The letter, which contained the money order for \$15, was addressed to J. W. Barbour, an A. & M. student. Fitzpatrick is charged with taking the letter from the postoffice some ten days ago. He is also charged with forging the money order for \$15. Fitzpatrick left the college soon after the incident occurred.

Fitzpatrick was arrested at Tillery May 21st. He was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Robertson May 22nd, and was held for the grand jury at the next term of federal court under a \$500 bond.

Young Fitzpatrick acknowledges the forgery and he is very penitent. The young man comes of a good family. His father is a prominent farmer of Halifax. Young Mr. Barbour, who is the victim of Fitzpatrick's forgery, has not pushed the case and is willing to let it drop.

### Repeal of Goebel Law.

Frankfort, Ky., May 24.—Senator J. C. S. Blackburn at Frankfort today caused a panic in the ranks of the Goebelites by demanding an extra session of the Kentucky legislature in order to repeal the election law.

### A Friend in Need.

It happened in the early days of Australian history when bushranging was common.

A gentleman was riding along a lonely track through the bush when he heard loud cries for help proceeding from a neighboring grove. Arriving at the spot whence proceeded the cries, he was surprised and shocked to find a man securely tied to a tree.

"What is the matter here?" he asked. "Oh, sir," replied the poor fellow, "I'm so glad you have come! A few hours ago I was stuck up by bushrangers, who rifled my pockets, and, after stealing everything I had except a bundle of notes in my inside breast pocket, which they fortunately overlooked, bound me to this tree and decamped."

"The scoundrels!" ejaculated the newcomer. "Took everything you had except a bundle of notes in your inside pocket, eh?"

"Yes, sir." "The villains! And then they tied you so tightly that you cannot escape?" "Yes, sir." "Then I'll take the notes the other fellows left!" And he did.—London Answers.

### Negro Eloquence.

Negroes sometimes express themselves as felicitously as do the Irish. Here is a case copied from a Texas paper. Some time ago one of Texas' widely known statesmen, who is now dead, was passing along a street in Dallas, when an old colored man, who had once belonged to him, approached, took off his hat and passed a hand over his white wool as he asked:

"Marster, gin de old man 50 cents." "Dan, you are a robber." "How?" asked the astonished darky, opening his eyes, around which rough shod age had walked.

"Didn't you see me put my hand in my pocket?" "Yes, sah."

"Well, you old rascal, you rob me of the pleasure of giving you money without being asked."

The old man received a dollar. Bowing almost to the ground, while tears came out and coursed through the aged prints around his eyes, he replied:

"Marster, wid, wid such a heart as you hab and wid Abraham and Isaac and de Lord on your side, I don't see what can keep you out of heaven."

### The Hog.

No other animal has been more modified by civilization and none reverts more quickly to the original wild type than the hog. Three generations of running wild suffice to turn the smooth, round, short snouted razorback or harel splitter, thin, lank, leggy, loped, sharp snouted an Ishmael in bristles, running like a deer, if running be possible, fighting as only a wild hog can fight when battle is imperative.

The tasks, which have been half-obliterated in the process of civilization, get back size and strength. At a year old they are formidable, at 2, murderous; at 3 or 5, more deadly than a sword. They afford a certain index of age up to 6 years, but are commonly broken in fights long before that time. Wild boars are very ill tempered and, when worsted in fighting, often revenge themselves by ripping the hair from trees as high as they can reach.

## IT'S CLAUDE KITCHIN

After an all Night Session Kitchin Wins Out on the 120th Ballot. Grainger Received a Handsome Vote. T. C. Wooten Nominated For Presidential Elector. Most Notable Convention Ever Held in the State.

The Democratic convention of the 2d congressional district met in the Messenger opera house at Goldsboro, at 4 p. m., May 24th. It was the largest and most warmly contested convention ever held in the district.

Mr. W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, was elected as chairman, and Mr. John D. Gold, of Wilson, secretary.

The following committee on credentials was appointed, one from each county: Bertie, A. T. Eason; Edgecombe, J. E. Cobb; Greene, T. E. Barrow; Halifax, John O. Burton; Lenoir, H. W. Davis; Northampton, B. M. Pugh; Warren, D. M. Collins; Wayne, J. T. Hooks; Wilson, John R. Dildy. Committee on platform and resolutions: Bertie, C. W. Mitchell; Edgecombe, D. E. Cobb; Greene, Swift Galloway; Halifax, David Bell; Lenoir, W. D. Pollock; Northampton, C. G. Peebles; Warren, Dr. L. J. Picot; Wayne, W. R. Allen; Wilson, Dennis Worthington.

The names of F. A. Woodard, of Wilson, Claude Kitchin, of Halifax, Donnell Gilliam, of Edgecombe, and R. B. Peebles, of Northampton, were placed before the convention.

The first ballot was taken at 6:50 o'clock. The first ballot resulted, leaving off fractions: Peebles 94, Kitchin 74, Gilliam 62, Woodard 58.

The ballots varied but little for 87 ballots, no candidate receiving so many as 100 votes. The name of Mr. J. W. Grainger was then put before the convention by Mr. H. E. Shaw, there seeming to be no probability of a selection from among the names in nomination. The nomination of Mr. Grainger was seconded by Mess. T. C. Wooten and Theo. Edwards.

The name of Mr. Grainger was before the convention for 13 ballots. Mr. Grainger received the following vote: Lenoir 32, Greene 20, Warren 3—55.

Woodard withdrew after over 100 ballots had been taken. After the 114th ballot the name of Mr. Grainger was withdrawn. On the 120th ballot the name of Peebles was withdrawn and Kitchin was nominated, the vote being as follows:

GILLIAM, KITCHIN.	
Northampton.....	33
Edgecombe.....	36
Bertie.....	7
Greene.....	8
Halifax.....	8
Lenoir.....	3
Warren.....	3
Wayne.....	13
Wilson.....	31
	98% 192%

The last ballot was taken at 18 minutes to 5 o'clock this morning, the convention having been in continuous session all night, only adjourning an hour for supper.

Mr. Kitchin was escorted to the rostrum and made a short but splendid speech of acceptance.

Mr. Plato Collins placed the name of Mr. T. C. Wooten, of Lenoir, before the convention for elector. The name of Mr. Jno. C. Carr, of Warren, was also placed in nomination. Mr. Wooten was elected, receiving 175 votes to 116 for Mr. Carr. We are glad Mr. Wooten is nominated. He is a fine speaker and will make an active campaign.

The report of the platform committee was read by Capt. Swift Galloway and was adopted, as follows: "Resolved, That we pledge our allegiance and devotion to the principles enunciated in the platform adopted by the Democratic national convention at Chicago in 1896, and in the platform adopted by the Democratic State convention at Raleigh, on the 11th day of April, 1900."

The following were elected members of the executive committee: Bertie, A. S. Roscoe; Edgecombe, H. A. Gilliam; Greene, Geo. W. Sugg; Halifax, E. L. Travis; Lenoir, J. W. Grainger; Northampton, W. H. Joyner; Warren, L. J. Picot; Wayne, J. E. Robinson; Wilson, Geo. W. Connor. The executive committee held a brief meeting after the convention adjourned, and elected Jos. E. Robinson, of Goldsboro, as chairman and E. E. Britton, as secretary.

Seceded the most notable congressional convention ever held in North Carolina, one that will be long remembered and talked about.

The convention undoubtedly made wise nominations. Mr. Kitchin is a young man, but is able and brilliant and will make a most thorough campaign of the district. He is a magnetic and eloquent speaker and will arouse great enthusiasm.

Mr. Wooten will also make speeches all over the district and will help arouse enthusiasm for white supremacy, the amendment and for Bryan for president.

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

### BIG COTTON FAILURE.

Price, McCormick & Co. Forced to the Wall. Losses in the Millions. May Broke 78 Points, August 1922.

New York, May 24.—Price, McCormick & Co., one of the largest brokerage firms in the city, failed today, with liabilities estimated at \$13,000,000. The firm is a member of the Stock, Cotton and Produce exchanges, and of the Chicago Stock exchange, and has branch offices in about 30 cities throughout the United States. The failure is ascribed to the fact that the firm was long of cotton in the face of a fast falling market.

A notice on the doors of the offices of the company referred all inquirers to W. J. Curtis and W. N. Cromwell, assignees. Mr. Cromwell said late this afternoon that it was impossible to make any statement at this hour concerning the condition of the firm; that its business is very extended and covers several branch agencies. The total liabilities, he said, are about \$13,000,000, nearly all of which was secured. He added that a statement would be submitted to creditors at the earliest possible date.

Early in the day rumors were current that a prominent firm was in trouble, and shortly before the official announcement of the suspension was made, it was generally understood that Price, McCormick & Co. was the house referred to.

Prior to the formal announcement the cotton market had broken over 20 points under the terrific selling for accounts from all directions.

The firm has long been regarded as the leading supporter of the market, and at one time it was said they were going to put August cotton up to 10 cents. The decline of the past month, however, was against them, and despite their efforts they could not hold the market up. Consequently today's developments did not come as a total surprise, though they had sufficient force to temporarily demoralize the trade.

The firm's bullish attitude was surmised in the cotton market, and it is thought to have stimulated the recent activities of cotton bears.

Following the announcement of the failure the cotton market became panic-stricken and broke 10 to 13 points. The extent of the decline from the highest price when the bull movement culminated has been 123 points.

Later in the session the market became more quiet and recovered from the extreme depression.

### TOBACCO GROWERS.

Encouraging Reports to a Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The committee of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' association met in Raleigh Thursday under call of President J. Bryan Grimes.

Secretary T. B. Parker had reports from the various county organizations showing very gratifying progress of the association in this State.

He also had letters from adjoining states showing great interest in the movement. Reports from the counties in the State show great activity and that most of the tobacco growing counties are being satisfactorily organized.

The committee thinks best to push organization until it shall cover each and every township in the tobacco belt.

From information in the hands of the committee they are satisfied that by thorough organization they have the key to the situation and can accomplish the purposes of the association.

Upon the whole, the outlook is most encouraging.

### FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Investigation of Charges of Cruel Treatment at Raleigh Penitentiary.

Washington, May 23.—The U. S. attorney general has received a report from Raleigh, N. C., of the investigations into the charges that the warden of the State prison there had shot and killed a federal prisoner without cause. The attorney general will soon pass upon the report which will show, it is said, that the prisoner attempted to attack the warden with a stick. The warden fired on him, wounding him in the leg. The wound developed blood poisoning and caused death.

The remaining federal prisoners in the penitentiary charge wanton and cruel treatment of prisoners in general. For more than a year no prisoners have been sent there, and it is now probable that all those in prison will be withdrawn and placed elsewhere.

### 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 in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boecher'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 Tampa-Manston Drug Co.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

W. J. Harriss, a prominent citizen of Wilson, died suddenly Tuesday morning.

John Bradley, colored, of Enfield, has been arrested, charged with burglarizing the postoffice at Enfield March 20th.

The salary of Weldon's postmaster has been increased from \$1,100 to \$1,400, owing to the large increase in receipts at the office.

Ernest Britt, fourteen years old, of Tarboro, was drowned in Tar river Wednesday. He was subject to fits and was attacked while in swimming.

Maryland Hockaday, colored, who lived near Weldon, ate a piece of hemlock for a meal, and died almost instantly. The two plants are very much alike.

Jacksonville Herald: Mr. Furman Guthrie's son, Hubert, was bitten by a rattlesnake a few days ago while plowing and died in a few minutes after being bit.

A special from Washington says there is no other move in the Dockery-Bellamy contest, and there will be none at this session. It is probable that the matter will be dropped altogether.

The Tarboro Southerner reports a shot gun duel on the public road near that town Wednesday. The participants were J. W. Satterthwaite and J. H. Whitehurst. Neither was hurt seriously.

The Southern Golf Publishing Co., of Asheville, has been incorporated. The company proposes to publish a magazine called "Southern Golf," and to edit and publish books and periodicals.

A State Optical association was organized at Charlotte Wednesday. Dr. S. R. Peck, of Charlotte, was elected president. The purpose of the association is to bind the opticians closer together.

Snow Hill Standard: A movement is on foot to establish a red shirt brigade in Greene county this year. The movement will be discussed at the meeting of the White Supremacy clubs next Saturday.

The Charlotte Observer says a negro fake pension agent has been doing the negro women of Mecklenburg out of \$1.05 each—claiming to organize a "lodge" by which the widows of old negro soldiers would get pensions from the United States. It is supposed he has gotten \$500 or more from the negro women of Mecklenburg.

A monument to the Confederate dead from North Carolina who are buried in Stonewall cemetery at Winchester, Va., will be unveiled on June 6. Capt. C. B. Denson, of Raleigh, will be the orator of the occasion. Various Confederate organizations from North Carolina and Virginia will be present on the occasion. The monument was erected by Mr. Charles B. Rouss, of New York, who subscribed one-half of the cost of the monument.

The Washington Progress says a petition was circulated in Hyde during court week asking for the pardon of Dave Credle. Credle turned State's evidence in the Bonner murder case, and but for his testimony there would have been no convictions. All the others, three in number, W. H. Brantley, Uriah and Sherrill Bell, are out of prison. Sherrill Bell is dead and Uriah Bell and Brantley, who were serving 30 year terms, made their escape. Credle was sentenced to ten years and over half of that time has been served. We learn that all of the Bonner family have signed the petition and that the judge and solicitor will sign it.

### A Logical Result.

News-Observer.  
McKinley cannot escape responsibility for the Cuban steal. He put Rathbone in charge, with authority greater than any other American officer was given.

What was his qualification? He had been Hanna's right-hand man in buying his election to the senate, and was charged by the Republican committee of the Ohio legislature with an attempt to bribe a member and buy his vote for Hanna. The president knew of this charge. Rathbone made the Cubans pay even for his underwear and he put down to public expense the cost of his swell entertainments. Neely was appointed because he was Fairbanks' "man Friday" in Indiana. It is because Hanna's man and Fairbanks' man are the thieves that the senate will be in no hurry to pass Bacon's resolution of investigation.

The Cuban steal is another result of the Hanna idea in government. It is logical, ought to have been expected and is only a beginning.

### Prohibition State Ticket.

Salisbury, N. C., May 23.—The Prohibitionists at their State convention here yesterday put a full ticket in the field. Henry Streets, of Lexington, was nominated for governor; J. W. Long, of Salisbury, lieutenant governor; E. L. Parker, of Dunn, secretary of state; N. W. Newby, of Wadesville, treasurer; D. W. C. Benbow, of Greensboro, auditor; H. C. Stout, of Burlington, superintendent of public instruction; Edwin Chaver, of Salisbury, and J. W. Holt, of Burlington, electors-at-large.