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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Eleven negro men were drowned in the Warrior river, Akron, Ala., Monday by the capsizing of a skiff.

There is a cotton famine in Lancashire, England. Thirty great companies intend to suspend work in a fortnight.

A new story of the massacre of the foreigners in Pekin comes from Newchwang, China, and places the time as July 12th.

In the Powers-Goebel case Monday the state showed positive evidence of a conspiracy to kill Goebel and how the conspiracy was carried out.

Elijah Clark, a negro, who on Sunday assaulted a 13-year-old white girl, was taken from jail at Huntsville, Ala., Monday and lynched by a mob of 1,500 people.

Out of an army of 100,000 men, all we can muster to send to China is about 13,000. The rest are "policing" Cuba, Porto Rico, and the "pacified" Philippines.

Gen. Chaffee will have under him in China Brigadier Gens. Wilson, Grant and Barry. Orders await the transport Grant at Nagasaki to hasten with all speed to Taku.

At Colonial Beach, Va., Monday night James Nelson was fatally shot by George Muse. Nelson found that Muse was on intimate terms with Mrs. Nelson, and struck him with a club. Muse opened fire with a pistol, five shots taking effect.

Snob W. W. Astor, who extruded himself to bootlick British nobility, has evolved into a "cad." That's what the Prince of Wales pronounces him. W. W. seems to have played himself out, and to be as much despised over there as he deserves to be on this side.

John A. Barsanti, a saloon-keeper in Van Buren street, Chicago, was shot and fatally wounded by a hold-up man at his place of business early Monday. Barsanti had refused to hand over his money on the demand of the robber, and the shooting was done during a rough and tumble fight between the men. The robber escaped.

Capt. Thomas J. Wright, of Manchester, Va., was killed and Brakeman S. J. Owen, of the same place, severely injured in an accident which occurred late Saturday night on the Southern Railway, about 90 miles from Richmond. The freight train on which they were running had to stop on account of a hot box. It seems that by the fall of a coupling pin four cars at the rear of the train had become detached and were lagging behind. Wright and Owen were going over their train when these cars came up with a crash.

The commandant of the Norfolk navy yard has sent out a statement that a number of persons in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland have been of late representing themselves as government agents for the employment of laborers and mechanics in the Norfolk navy yard. These parties are branded as frauds as the government has no agents or agent outside of the navy yard. As a consequence of the nefarious work of these parties it is probable that many men will go to Norfolk expecting to at once go to work in the navy yard and will be sadly disappointed.

NEWS FROM CHINA.

Chinese and Russians About To Fight. Li Hung Chang Says The Ministers Are Alive. To be Taken To Tien Tsin.

Shanghai, July 24.—Ten thousand Chinese regulars, well armed and European drilled, bar the way to Pekin to 3,000 Russians just arrived at New Chang from Port Arthur. A decisive battle is inevitable, probable today.

Li Says Ministers Are Alive.

New York, July 24.—The World publishes a special cable today that Li Hung Chang says the envoys and missionaries are alive.

Ministers to be Taken to Tien Tsin.

Washington, July 24.—Minister Wu has received a cablegram from Sheng, director of telegraphs at Shanghai, which states that the foreign ministers at Pekin are to be brought to Tien Tsin under an escort. Sheng further states that the ministers are being supplied with food and protected by the Chinese government.

A Good Cough Medicine.

Many thousands have been restored to health and happiness by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. If afflicted with any throat or lung trouble, give it a trial for it is certain to prove beneficial. Coughs that have resisted all other treatment for years, have yielded to this remedy and perfect health been restored. Cases that seemed hopeless, that the climate of famous health resorts failed to benefit, have been permanently cured by its use. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

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

ANOTHER REGISTRAR ARRESTED.

The Progressive Farmer Strongly Commends the Franchise Amendment.

Raleigh, July 24.—Yesterday in Chatham county the fusionists caused the arrest of Registrar Stedman, who is the uncle of Editor Poe of the Progressive Farmer, which is the organ of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance. That paper today editorially commends the franchise amendment. It says:

"The charge that the amendment means the substitution of aristocracy for Democracy, the death knell of political freedom, and the control of the State by one political party for an indefinite period regardless of its acts is wildly absurd.

"All know that the negro question has done more to enslave our people politically, and to promote the uninterrupted control of southern politics by one political party than any other one thing. In the south it has been in all its history the most potent foe of political purity and statesmanship and the most powerful protector of demagoguery and partisan slavery with which we have had to deal.

"The south has not produced a Jackson, a Jefferson, or a Calhoun since reconstruction days. They could not grow in our political atmosphere at this time. They discussed issues; they appealed to a people whose judgment and intellect were not kept in subjection by the presence of a race problem. The enfranchisement of a race just emerged from slavery has made political slaves of many of their former masters. Many good people believe the amendment will be making the State's ratio of voting population 8 whites to 1 negro, render negro rule impossible in any county, remove the negro from politics, give greater liberty to our people and benefit whites and blacks alike. To charge that they are actuated only by desire for office or by un-Democratic ideas is as futile as it is unjust.

"The charge that the educational qualification means an aristocracy, does not seem to be better grounded. But if it be an aristocracy; then it is one that practically all white boys of ordinary intelligence and industry can enter—a fact that ought to stimulate interest in our schools and elevate our citizenship.

"Nor do we believe that there is danger of the elimination of the grandfather clause, leaving in force an educational test for whites and blacks alike. This is a scarecrow that has been deserted even by its makers."

SHAKESPEAREAN PARTS.

The Melancholy Dane is the Longest of Them All.

The longest part in any Shakespearean play is Hamlet, who is before the audience almost constantly. Hamlet is a constant talker, and it is surprising that in the circumstances he says so many wise things. He has to his share 1,560 lines. Richard III is another long part, as the character speaks 1,161 lines, and next comes Iago, with 1,117 lines. Henry V has 1,063 lines.

One would suppose from seeing the representation or from looking over the play that Othello had more lines than Iago, but it is not the case, for the valiant Moor has only 888 lines. Coriolanus has 886, the Duke in "Measure for Measure" 880 and Timon 883. Antony in "Antony and Cleopatra" does not seem a very long part judging by the appearance of the prompt book, but in reality he has 830 lines.

Brutus in "Julius Caesar" has 727, Falstaff in "Henry V" 719. Macbeth appears a long part judging from how much he is on the stage in the representation, but in fact he has only 705 lines. Romeo has 618, which is only a few more than the King in "Hamlet," who has 551. Cassius in "Julius Caesar," although a first class part, has but 507 lines.

The female parts in Shakespeare's plays are not very long. The actress who plays Portia has 580 lines to study. Rosalind has 749. Cleopatra has 670 and Juliet 541. Desdemona has only 380. Beatrice has 309. Only 20 of Shakespeare's women have more than 300 lines each, and some of the most famous of the great bard's feminine creations have comparatively little to say. Cordelia in "King Lear" has only 115 lines, Kate in "Taming of the Shrew," although so conspicuous and voluble, has but 220, while Lady Macbeth has but 211.—Baltimore American.

In the time of Louis Quatorze in France food in general was placed upon the table in one huge dish, and each helped himself with his naked hand. As late as the middle of the sixteenth century one glass or goblet did duty for the whole table.

Men have missed their opportunities more often than opportunities have missed them.—Elliott's Magazine.

White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain. J. E. Hood.

DUPLIN IS AROUSED.

Arrest of Registrar Williams and Other Despicable Methods of Fusionists Have Set the People Wild.

Kenansville, N. C., July 23.—Such enthusiasm as exists among the white people of Duplin county has never been known before in the history of the county, and the indignation against the fusionists who are turning heaven and earth to register negroes is so great that it is feared that trouble cannot be prevented, and if it does come it will be serious, and the class of whites who are now advising negroes to register and vote, whether qualified or not, will be classed with the negroes in the future.

Democratic registrars are being arrested in their desperation and Marion Butler is at the bottom of it all. He has been in communication with convicts and is having them and negroes to swear out warrants against white men. He had a hard time getting this done and came to the county Saturday afternoon and brought a United States marshal with him. When it was learned that he had got off the train at Warsaw, a storm of indignation went up from different points on the W. & W. R. R. and crowds were anxious to go to his home at Elliott and drive him from this section of the State and could hardly be restrained from doing so. He has had a warrant sworn out against Dick Williams, registrar for Island Creek township, by a negro, and Williams will be tried at Rose Hill Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Hundreds of Democrats will be there to witness the trial and to stand his bond if necessary. It is reported that Populists will not allow Democrats to assemble there. Both sides are aroused and the Democrats will not yield an inch, as they have the county safe by several hundred majority and do not propose to be bulldozed out of it by negroes or negro-loving white men.

Marion Butler is advertised to speak at Warsaw next Thursday, the same day Aycock speaks there, but no one thinks he will make the attempt. Several hundred red shirts will meet Aycock at Warsaw, and if Butler is found there it is safe to predict that he will not speak and it is doubtful if trouble can be prevented.

The registration is complete and the county was carefully polled today. The result shows a majority for amendment of 514 and since the arrest of the registrars it is confidently believed it will exceed 750. The fusionists are beaten badly and are resorting to every means to defeat the Democrats, but every attempt works against them. They are advising negroes not to work for Democrats and trying to arouse them against the whites; but the negro has been very peaceful except when incited to anger by white men. There is evidence of numbers of cases where they have sworn to lies about their age, etc., and if the fusionists continue to obstruct the electors, warrants will be sworn out and the jail here will be filled with them and we will see if the whites who are giving them mean advice will stand up for them. There never was such determination in Duplin, and if the present tactics are pursued by fusionists until election day, there will be a revolution in the county.

Wilmington Ready.

Wilmington, N. C., July 23.—Wilmington Democrats had a special train prepared and will rush 500 white men to Rose Hill if needed to prevent the carrying out of fusion threats of violence. There is great indignation here at the arrest of Registrar Dick Williams.

News came tonight that Mr. Stokes Williams, registrar in the adjoining township, Rock Fish, had been indicted by Mallard. This only increased the indignation.

Sixteenth Century Apples.

Apples be so divers of form and substance that it were infinite to describe them all. Some consist more of aire then water, as sour puffs called Mala pulmonea; others more of water then wind, as sour Castaras and Pome waters. To be short, all apples may be sorted into three kinds, sweet, sour and unsavoury. Sweet apples ease the cough, quench thirst, cure melancholly comfort the heart and head, especially if they be fragrant and odoriferous, and also give a laudable nourishment. Sour apples hinder spitting, straiten the breast, grippe and hurt the stomach, increase phlegm and weaken memory. Sweet apples are to be eaten at the beginning of meat, but sour and tart apples at the latter end. All apples are worst raw, and best baked or preserved.

Philip of Macedonia and Alexander, his son, from whom perhaps a curious and skilful herald may derive our Lancashire men, were called Philomell apple lovers because they were never without apples in their pockets. Yea, all Macedonians, his countrymen, did so love them that having seen Babylon surprised a fruiterer's boy they strived for it that many were drowned.—Dr. Thomas Moffett in 1575.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Sciatica, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. A 25c bottle for 15c. J. E. Hood.

FIRST DIRT THROWN

In Construction of Great Eastern R. R. Interesting Ceremony at Fremont.

Fremont, N. C., July 24.—In the presence of several hundred citizens from the counties of Greene, Wayne and Lenoir, Mr. J. W. Lynch, of Kinston, president of the Great Eastern Railroad company, threw the first shovel full of dirt in the construction of the Great Eastern railroad here today.

There was as little ceremony about the proceedings as there has been bluster and brag and blowing of horns over the organization of the company and the bonding of the road. For two years Mr. J. W. Lynch, of Kinston, and Maj. J. H. McCleary, of Suffolk, Va., have quietly and consistently overcome every obstacle to the building of this road, until today, when the good citizens of Greene county were convinced that in a few short months they would have railroad connection with the rest of the State, often promised but never realized in the past.

At 1 o'clock the crowd gathered under the shade of a big water oak, which marks the terminus of the road, to begin exercises planned for the occasion. Mr. Jno. W. Davis welcomed the enterprise in a brief speech and was followed by Mr. L. V. Morrill, of Greene, and Mr. J. E. Robinson, of Wayne. Mr. J. W. Lynch, president of the new road, then, with a slight show of emotion, threw the first dirt in the construction of the road. Maj. McCleary followed with another spadeful, as did also Mr. L. V. Morrill, attorney for the road, and Mr. Geo. W. Sugg, Sheriff Edwards, of Greene, and Mr. Josiah Exum.

After this the crowd was invited to the town hall, where the citizens of Fremont had spread a feast of barbecue and watermelons and everything else that a hungry railroad director, president or spectator could desire, and the ladies of Fremont were there to see that all had enough.

At the close of the dinner Mess. L. V. Morrill and E. B. Lewis thanked the ladies of the town and the citizens for the feast spread so bountifully.

The active construction of this railroad has now begun and the people along the surveyed route can reasonably hope to see it in operation to Snow Hill by the time snow flies. The completed road will run from Raleigh to Engelhard, on Pamlico sound, via Snow Hill. It was first proposed to run by Goldsboro to Snow Hill but the Goldsboro people discouraged the idea. Now it is too late to change and they will see themselves sidetracked once more because of their procrastination.

Make no mistake about it, this road is being built, and built to stay, notwithstanding the doubts and distrust of timid minds, and the fears of those who don't want to see it.

FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.

Chairman Simmons Determined To Have Pernicious Activity of Federal Officeholders Punished.

Raleigh, July 23.—Democratic State Chairman Simmons today forwarded to the civil service commission a copy of his recent letter to the president and wrote the commission the following letter:

"I herewith enclose a letter addressed by myself as chairman of the Democratic State executive committee of this State to the president. The letter is a true statement of the meddlesome conduct and pernicious activity of federal officeholders in the State campaign which is now in progress in North Carolina. I am getting together affidavits which I propose to submit to your commission showing open and flagrant violation by these officers of the civil service laws and regulations which it is your duty to enforce. As soon as I have secured these affidavits I will submit them to your board for investigation and adjudication."

Chairman Simmons is also in communication with Ex-Senator Gorman, Senator Jones, of the national executive committee; Senator Morgan, of Alabama; Ex-Senator David B. Hill, of New York; Senators McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina; Money, of Mississippi, and McEnery, of Louisiana. He expects to enlist them in behalf of the people of North Carolina against the attempt of the federal officeholders to take charge of the affairs of the State. He has asked them to assist in securing a full investigation and adjudication by the commission. He has also written to Ex-Senators Ransom and Jarvis and Mr. C. B. Aycock upon the subject, asking not only their co-operation, but that they appear before the commission. He says affidavits are already coming, showing the meddlesome interference of federal officeholders in matters of election, as well as pernicious activity. It is further given out that not only Chairman Simmons but the white people of North Carolina are determined to press this matter and to have a decision as early as possible; that this is a matter not only of State importance but of national concern; that if the Republican party does not intend to enforce the civil service laws, it ought to repeal them; that the national campaign will open very soon and it is good to have an understanding as to what the civil service commission proposes to do about such conduct as is now taking place in North Carolina on the part of federal officeholders in this State.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Gaston county promises 1,000 Democratic majority.

In Craven county the registration shows a white majority of over 400.

A prominent Democrat says Mecklenburg county will declare for the amendment by a majority of 2,500 to 4,000.

The Chowan-Roanoke Times says that Northampton is good for a Democratic majority of 1,000 and that it may reach 1,500.

Dan McCathachan, of Columbus county, who organized the Populist party in that county, is out for the amendment. Columbus is said to be safe for 800 majority.

More fusion rascality. The registration books in Hunicutt township, Sampson county, were taken by a mob Saturday night. The books showed a Democratic majority of 27. This is Butler's own township.

The Vance statue was Monday afternoon placed in position in the capitol square at Raleigh in the presence of a hundred people or more. It is an excellent piece of work. It was photographed and then draped so to remain until August 22.

In September, when the State Agricultural and Mechanical College reopens, it will have a new feature in the shape of the first textile school in North Carolina. Many gifts of machinery for the use of the students are being made. The plan finds favor with mill men and also with makers of machinery.

Winston Sentinel: Mr. N. Glenn Williams, of Yadkin county, is one of North Carolina's leading farmers. His wheat crop this year threshed out 5,815 bushels. This was grown on 220 acres. His individual crop amounted to 5,659 bushels. Average per acre was 25 8-11 bushels. His best field of wheat was 37 acres, which produced 1,210 bushels.

Mr. A. S. Thompson, of Robeson county, has a card in the Lumberton Robesonian severing his connection with the Populist party. He says he was a delegate to the State Populist convention last May and helped nominate a ticket with the distinct understanding that there was to be no fusion. Mr. Thompson was nominated by the People's party for register of deeds of Robeson county. He has written a card declining the nomination.

Wilmington Messenger: While in the west Mr. Bellamy learned that in Mitchell, the strongest Republican county in the State, county script is selling at 10 cents on the dollar and in Madison county, Pritchard's home, it is only bringing 30 cents on the dollar, and since the institution of Republican rule the county's indebtedness has increased from \$12,000 to \$60,000, and to cap the climax the county treasurer has reported that "burglars" had robbed his safe of all the county funds.

Wilmington Messenger: Reports were current yesterday at Whiteville that the registration books at Cerro Gudo in South Williams township, Columbus county, had been stolen. The registrar is Mr. Henry Coleman and he is a staunch Democrat. This township is one of the largest in the State and always gives big Democratic majorities. There has been a large number registered and only two were against the amendment. As to the truth of the statement it is impossible to accurately confirm or deny it. If these books have been stolen and the thieves are caught there is no telling what might happen to them.

McKinley May Arbitrate.

Washington, July 23.—The president has listened to the appeal of the Chinese government as transmitted through Minister Wu and has signified his willingness to mediate between the imperial government and the powers, but only upon conditions which must be met by the Chinese government. The exact nature of the terms proposed by the state department cannot be stated until tomorrow, when publications will be made of the text of the Chinese appeal and of the president's answer. It is known, however, that the answer is entirely consistent with the statement of principles laid down by Secretary Hay in his identical note to the powers, and moreover it accepts as truthful the Chinese statements relative to the safety of the foreign ministers at Pekin.

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, "Boesche's German Syrup." It is not only healing 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-Market Drug Co.