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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

William Branch, a negro, who murdered George Bell, at Elberta, Ga., was hanged there Monday.

President McKinley has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, appointing Thursday, Nov. 29th, as the day.

Joseph D. Miller, colored, a night mailing clerk at the Norfolk postoffice, is under arrest upon a charge of robbing the mails.

In Elmira, N. Y., Monday night while going to his different places of speaking Roosevelt was pelted with eggs and vegetables.

Charles Rudd, engineer of Southern passenger train No. 18, was struck and instantly killed by a mail train Monday evening at Sideburn, a station ten miles east of Manassas, Va.

An earthquake at Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, killed 15 persons and injured many others. Great damage was done to buildings. The United States legation was greatly damaged.

L. C. Alvord, the defaulting bank teller of New York, has been captured in a Boston boarding house. He says he has no money to return; that he will take his punishment and come out of prison to start life anew; that he has lived a fast life at the cost of \$50,000 a year.

### SIMMONS ON THE STUMP.

He Has a Large Audience at Smithfield. Other Appointments. Goldsboro, Oct. 29.—Simmons speaks tomorrow at Nashville and at Wilson at night.

The published statement that Hon. Cy Watson and Gov. Jarvis are for Gen. Carr are misleading. I have it from a thoroughly trustworthy source that these gentlemen are for F. M. Simmons.

Democracy, a thousand strong, gathered at Smithfield today and listened for two hours to a speech from F. M. Simmons. There was great enthusiasm. Mr. Simmons was detained more than an hour after the speaking shaking the hands of his friends. I have it from a reliable source that Simmons will lead in Johnson county at the rate of 4 to 1.

### The Great Tarrant Explosion.

New York, Oct. 30.—Defective insulation of electric light wires it is said caused the great Tarrant fire. One body of a woman was taken out of the ruins this morning. A number of employees are thought to be hemmed in the vaults under the sidewalk. There is a big pile of debris on top. Efforts to signal them have so far failed.

Chief Inspector Feely says the explosion in the Tarrant store was caused by nitro-glycerine or collodian. He believed it was a nitro-glycerine explosion as it was too heavy, he says, to be accounted for by any other explosive that could have been in the building. The number of missing is now estimated at thirty-two. All but two of Tarrant's employees are accounted for.



"We put certain chemicals together, chemicals which have a known result. We make no immoderate claims for them, and we confidently expect them to do what we say they will do. Ayer's Hair Vigor will make hair grow.

Miss Moore, who is the postmaster at Welchburg, Ky., put this letter in her mail the other day:

"Last summer my hair was thin and short and was falling out profusely. I then began using Ayer's Hair Vigor, and two bottles of it gave me beautiful and glossy hair. My hair is now over a yard long, and my friends all wonder what has made it so thick and heavy."

Now that the secret's out we suppose her friends will stop wondering.

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### Hurrah for Simmons!

Murphy, N. C., Oct. 15, 1900.

Mr. Editor:—We in the west, as a part of the great Democratic party of the State, are deeply interested in the result of the senatorial contest. Many of us, personally, have a limited acquaintance with the various candidates, yet in a way through their many good deeds and acts we feel as though we know them all.

Jarvis, Waddell, Carr and Simmons, names familiar in every household in the State, and worthy to be known and cherished. We have read the papers and note the claims of each for the senatorship. When the campaign opened, we hoped that no one of these gentlemen nor their friends would say or do anything that would tend to reflect upon the character or integrity of any other. But we are sorry to note that Gen. Carr and some of his friends have apparently forgotten themselves in some of their expressions, and we feel that an explanation is due from Gen. Carr and those who endorse his utterances. We feel as a part of the Democratic organization of the State that the entire party has been attacked in the home of its friends. It is reported that Gen. Carr in his Mt. Holly speech said in substance that he had no "machine behind him; he was the people's candidate and would be elected if he could get a "free ballot and fair count" at the hands of the Democratic organization."

What does Gen. Carr mean by "machine"? What does he mean by intimating that he cannot get a "free ballot and fair count." Does he mean to say that Col. Alfred M. Waddell, Gov. Jarvis, and Hon. F. M. Simmons and their followers as well as the entire Democratic party of North Carolina are corrupt and will if they can defraud him or any one else? "Machine," "free ballot and fair count," the hue and cry of the Republican and Populist. Has Gen. Carr adopted the cry of the Republicans and Butler, and has he drawn the stiletto and plunged it into the hearts of the members of his own household?

He says he is the "people's candidate." What people? Holton and Butler or their followers? Certainly the course being pursued by him, and the tactics adopted, are the same, as adopted by these men in the last campaign. Who are to vote in this senatorial contest? Only those who belong to the Democratic organization, which we take to mean every true and good Democrat in the State, and yet we are all charged with being people who would defraud a man of his rights. We feel that it is a direct attack upon every Democrat in the State, worthy of such men as Holton and Butler. Gen. Carr says that he has contributed liberally to the Democratic campaign fund. Does he mean to say that he has been a contributor to a "machine" and for the purpose of depriving people of "a free ballot and fair count?"

We note with regret that certain gentlemen, friends of Gen. Carr, to-wit: W. W. Jones, E. P. Walker and M. L. Reed, of Buncombe county, have seen fit to get up a large two-page circular attacking Hon. F. M. Simmons, and are having it circulated by certain papers as "a supplement." We deplore the fact that any one, Democrat or Republican, will resort to attacks that reflect in the least upon the integrity of any good man, but when these attacks go so far as to affect the Democratic party, we deem it our duty to repel them. We denounce every utterance in said circular that reflects upon Hon. F. M. Simmons; and we repudiate the attempt that is made in said circular to prejudice the friends of the beloved Senator Vance against Mr. Simmons, in a manner that he would scorn if he were alive.

We regret to see that Gen. Carr and his friends are making capital and preparing the munitions of war for the Republicans in the campaign that comes on in 1902. Defeat Mr. Simmons and in 1903 every Republican will have in bold print the attacks that are now being made on him and flout them in the face of every Democratic voter.

We of western North Carolina endorse fully the actions of the Democratic party in the last and in all other campaigns and we endorse the acts of Hon. F. M. Simmons and shall show our appreciation of his efforts by endorsing him for United States senator. We are not ready to say that he who can give the most in dollars and cents is the one entitled to the senatorship. We are not ready to go back on our vote for the amendment in August, but on the other hand we feel proud of what we did.

We scorn any attempt to array the old soldier against his son, and make him a "thing with a price upon it," as it were, for the political gain of any one.

The young Democracy of North Carolina have and always will honor and cherish the old soldier, but they will always rebuke any attacks made upon the character of either man in this race, no matter from where it comes.

EDWARD B. NORVELL,  
BENJAMIN POSEY,  
JOHN H. DILLARD,  
MARSHALL W. BELL.

### The Miners at Work.

Wilkesbarre, Oct. 30.—The army of breaker boys were put to work this morning. This makes the resumption complete except the Lehigh Valley coal company mines which resume Thursday after the repairs are complete. One hundred miners who served as deputies during the strike were boycotted on their return to work this morning.

### SENATORIAL CANDIDATES.

#### Ex-Senator Jarvis Speaks of the Candidates, Especially Mr. Simmons, and Their Qualifications.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 29.—Ex-Senator Jarvis wrote today in reply to a question:

"When I withdrew from the senatorial contest it was my purpose to take no part whatever in the fight between the remaining candidates. I have steadfastly adhered to that resolution. I have not, however, hesitated to rebuke all persons who have made any assault in my presence upon either of the gentlemen who are in the race to the finish. Nor have I hesitated to answer any question asked me as to the character and fitness of these gentlemen, and to assure those making inquiry of the high character and fitness of both. I, therefore, take pleasure in answering your inquiries concerning Mr. Simmons. I have known him intimately 20 years. I appointed him State's proxy for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad company when governor. I canvassed the State under him in 1892, with Gov. Carr, when he was first chairman of the State committee. I was very closely connected with him in the great campaigns of 1898 and 1900. I have mixed much with people of the east where he was born and raised, and I take pleasure in saying I never heard aught against his private character. I do not believe any man of any standing in all the east will, over his own name, say he has ever heard aught against his character. I think I may say his character is unassailed and unassailable.

"Now, as to the opposition of Senator Vance to the confirmation of Simmons as collector. I let no man go ahead of me in admiration and love of North Carolina's great statesman. I had the honor and privilege of being very close to him in life, and think I am loyal to his great name and fame. I did not, however, always agree with him in all things. In fact, I had the misfortune to differ with him more than once. One of the things in which I differed with him was his opposition to the confirmation of Simmons. I talked with him about it, and tried to dissuade him from it. He gave me fully, as I understand it, his reasons for his opposition, and in no single instance did he ever assign a reason that reflected in the least upon Simmons' integrity or character. He thought Simmons had taken sides against him in some matters of appointments, and that led, as I then understood it, to his opposition to Simmons. I think these are facts in the case.

"Simmons is a lawyer and a man of ability. He has given much of his time to study of political questions. I do not believe those who come in close contact with him will say he is intellectually or morally unfit to be senator. I was warmly in favor of this primary. I believed it a fair way to select a senator. I am, therefore, deeply grieved at the bitterness and personal attacks that have been engendered.

"Both Simmons and Carr are men of standing and character in the State. No good can come of tearing either down. Both are my personal and political friends, and I am not taking any part in their contest, but I appeal to partisans of each to cease all attacks upon the other."

#### Mr. Simmons Not a Foreigner.

Charlotte Observer.  
Mr. F. M. Simmons, talking with a lot of friends tonight, said he heard in Charlotte yesterday morning, that it was reported that he was a New Jersey Yankee, and in the evening at Gastonia he had heard it was reported that he was a foreigner.

These reports, he said, were not true; that he was of Scotch extraction, and was a North Carolinian to the manner born. He was, he said, born and reared on a little farm in Jones county, where his aged father and mother now live, and where his paternal ancestors have lived as far back as any of the family can remember.

On this farm he said he lived until he was 22 years of age.

FRANK A. CLELAND,  
Hickory, N. C., Oct. 27, 1900.

#### The Diseased Rich at Baden-Baden.

A great deal of grandeur always makes me homesick. It isn't envy. I don't want to be a princess and have the bother of winding a horn for my outriders when I want to run to the drug store for postage stamps, but pomp depresses me. Everybody was strange, foreign languages were being me from the rear, noiseless funkies were carrying pampered lap dogs with crests on their nasty little embroidered blankets, fat old women with epilepsy and gouty old men with scrofula, representing the aristocracy at its best, were being half carried to and from tables and the degeneracy of noble Europe was being borne in upon my soul with a sickening force. The purple twilight was turning black on the distant hills, and the silent stars were slowly coming into view. Clean, health giving Baden-Baden, in the valley of the Oos, with its beauty and its pure air, was holding out her arms to all the disease and sith that degenerate riches produce.—Lillian Bell in Woman's Home Companion.

### TRENTON ITEMS.

October 30, 1900.

Hon. C. R. Thomas spoke yesterday to a large crowd in the court house.

Miss Della Bynum has returned from Maysville to attend Trenton High School. Mr. F. Castet, of Newbern, is clerking at the store of Lipman & Yoffie this week.

Jones county superior court is being held here this week, Judge Fred Moore presiding.

Mr. W. H. Hammond and Miss Pearl Williams were joined together in wedlock Tuesday week.

Mess. Isaac Brock and F. P. Koonce are attending U. S. district court this week as jurors.

Mrs. E. A. Rhodes went to Pollockville to visit relatives Saturday and returned yesterday.

Mr. E. L. Hardy returned from Cypress Creek last week, where he had been visiting relatives for some time.

In the case of State vs. S. Barker for unlawfully blockading Trent river with logs, Barker was proved to be not guilty.

Miss Clara Simmons, of Catharine Lake, is visiting at Mr. J. A. Smith's and attending school under Miss Ethel Olive.

Mr. Murray, father of Mrs. R. A. Whitaker and Mrs. T. C. Whitaker, died very suddenly a few days ago at the home of Mr. T. C. Whitaker.

The Free Will Baptists held conference at Friendship church, about 2 1/2 miles from Trenton, last week. There were nearly 1,500 people there Sunday.

#### Jarvis and Waddell on the Senatorial Question.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 29, 1900.

Hon. T. J. Jarvis, Greenville, N. C.  
The Charlotte Observer states that you will this week publish a card supporting Carr. Answer if such statement is authorized and what is your position.

C. M. BUSBEE,  
Greenville, N. C., Oct. 29, 1900.

C. M. Busbee, Raleigh, N. C.  
Telegram received. I am taking no part in senatorial contest. It is not accurate to put me down as supporting either of the gentlemen.

THOS. J. JARVIS,  
Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 29, 1900.

Hon. A. M. Waddell, Wilmington, N. C.  
Charlotte Observer this morning states that you will support Carr. Answer if statement is authorized and what your position is on the question if you intend to make it public.

C. M. BUSBEE,  
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 29, 1900.

C. M. Busbee, Raleigh, N. C.  
Statement wholly unauthorized. My position is stated in my card of withdrawal.

A. M. WADDELL,  
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 29, 1900.

Hon. C. M. Busbee, Raleigh, N. C.  
No truth in statement Greensboro correspondence Charlotte Observer that Waddell will support Carr. He has said repeatedly and publicly since his withdrawal that he intended to vote for Simmons.

W. H. BERNARD.

#### Please Deliver Us.

Charlotte Observer.  
The Spartanburg Herald says: "The Charlotte Observer stops the press long enough to say that a little life has been injected into the senatorial campaign in that State. North Carolina will never get exactly right until she adopts the primary system in full, including the traveling menagerie with a Walt Whitman bringing up the rear."

That's what we are working to—to legalized primaries with Democratic candidates going over the State, as they do in South Carolina, holding joint discussions, calling each other liars and scoundrels and other things, and varying the entertainment with an occasional fight. But we must crawl before we walk. We have made a brave start toward the South Carolina plan, and when we get our legalized primaries, as our sister state has them, we will have the present primary experience every two years, with additions, enlargements, flounces and frills.

#### Conspiracy Cases Continued.

Smithfield, N. C., Oct. 29.—The preliminary hearing in the cases of twenty-six leading citizens of Johnston county who were arrested on the charge of having formed a conspiracy to deprive three white Republicans of the right to vote, was brought to a standstill here today by the able defense of Col. T. M. Argo and Mr. James H. Post, of Raleigh, attorneys representing the defendants.

The absurdity of the prosecution was made clear to the one thousand people present, and before the investigation was three hours of age it had been smashed into small fragments.

So strong was the defense that the United States commissioners, J. D. Parker of Smithfield and John Nichols of Raleigh, who presided at the hearing, decided to continue the investigation until November 8 in order to take time to consider the argument advanced by the defense in support of a motion to dismiss the warrants.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Wade Lovett, a colored carpenter, fell from the top of a building at Greensboro Monday and broke his neck.

Nashville Graphic: Forest fires are raging just across the railroad at the junction of the W. & W. and the Chappel road, and much damage is being done to timber and property.

Rev. W. W. Stanley, D. D., president of Elon College, passed through Raleigh last week on his way to his Virginia home at Suffolk. He had just closed a successful revival at the college over which he presides, and reports that in their large enrollment there is not a single student who is not now a professor of religion.

Greenville Reflector: The habeas corpus proceedings before Judge A. M. Moore in behalf of Mr. W. H. Mizelle, who was in jail under the charge of having poisoned his wife, came to a close on Friday evening after being in progress for two days. Mr. Mizelle was allowed to give bond in the sum of \$3,000 for his appearance at the January term of Pitt superior court. He gave the bond and was discharged from custody.

A special from Rutherfordton to the Charlotte Observer says: It appears that Mr. Chas. N. Vance's letter has lost Gen. Carr votes in this county. I know personally, of six that were strong Carr men until that letter was published, but who are now hot for Simmons. Mr. Carr's Mt. Holly speech has also hurt him here considerably. Outside of Henrietta and Caroleen Simmons will sweep the county. The machine in this county is certainly well organized, and it will, men in a position to know say, give Simmons not less than 1,500 votes.

Burke County News: The heavy rains of Monday night and Tuesday swelled the water courses to enormous proportions. The Catawba river reached a height Tuesday evening within two feet of the high iron bridge at the McDowell farm and the water was over the bottoms for miles along the stream. Thousands of bales of corn and a great quantity of roughness was washed away along Catawba and Johns rivers and their various tributaries. Sheriff McDowell, Mess. Goodson and Brittain, on the McDowell farm, and Mr. Joseph W. Simpson, near Glen Alpine, are among the heavy losers.

#### Undignified at Least.

Tarboro Southern.  
A dapper, well-dressed man yesterday afternoon created here no little surprise and more or less disgust.

People were occupied as usual when in stores and on the street, this man would walk up and say to each, "Permit me to shake your hand; I am Col. Carr, of Durham."

If there was a baby about he would take up the little one and kiss it.

Whether he imagined that there was a virtue in his hand-shake or that the name of the place of his abode was the shibboleth to the United States senate doth not appear, but unless he had some such idea his action is inexplicable unless he intended to make ridiculous canvassing by hand-shaking and kid-kissing.

It is not believed that Gen. Carr did his cause any good here. Not a convert has been heard of, while several have been heard to say that up to yesterday's hand-shaking they had not determined how they would vote in the senatorial primary; now they would vote for Simmons.

#### The Mosquito Fleet.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 29.—Four of the vessels of the mosquito fleet, Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 11, bound from Trenton to Cuba by the inland route, to do revenue cutter duty about the island, put in at Southport yesterday morning on account of rough weather, and reported having lost No. 10 in the vicinity of Frying Pan lightship early Sunday morning. The revenue cutter Algonquin, stationed at this port, left immediately in search of her. The little vessel is of very light draft, and has a crew of captain and six men.

#### Population 76,295,220.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Director of the Census Merriam today made public the figures of the census. The population of the United States is 76,295,220. This is an increase since 1890 of 13,225,644.

The population of North Carolina is given at 1,891,922; Virginia, 1,854,184; Alabama, 1,828,627; Georgia, 2,216,320; South Carolina, 1,340,312.

#### AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houten, "that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach and for constipation. I find for tourists and sailors, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomach and indigestion." Sample bottles free at Temple-Marston drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.