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## OLD NORTH STATE

### NEWS AND GOSSIP

#### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

A national bank has been organized at Winston-Salem, capital stock \$25,000. The monthly reports of the State board of health reports smallpox in 19 cases in Caswell, 48 in Mecklenburg, 20 in Gaston and 25 in Swain.

Monroe special to Charlotte Observer. By a vote of 4 to 1 the board of Aldermen refused to grant license to saloons in Monroe. This means that when the dispensary goes out January 1, Monroe is dry. There were five applications for license.

Winston Journal. Mr. Ghaub, agent for the Southern Express company, at Madison, who guided the lucky number that would have drawn \$64,000 in a guessing contest from the Cincinnati Enquirer, was too late in sending it in, and the money was awarded to some one else.

Winston-Salem Journal. Bob Mitchell, colored, was shot and instantly killed Saturday night by John Rife, also colored. Rife used a .38-calibre revolver and shot one time, shooting Mitchell through the lungs instantly killing him. The men had been quarrelling about a woman. They had been engaged in a wordy war for some moments previous to the shooting, and without any warning Rife suddenly drew the pistol and shot the victim dead.

Wilmington, Dec. 8.—Vessels arriving in port this week reports very rough weather on the outside during the past few days. Several Wilmington boats are cruising up and down the North Carolina coast for the purpose of fishing, and rendering assistance to shipwrecked crews.

The British steamer *Rivewood*, which arrived last night from New York, France, with a cargo of potatoes for the Virginia Carolina Chemical Co., reports a very rough passage. One of the crew, which a member of the crew was washed overboard by high seas and lost. The schooner *Eve A. Danahower*, which also arrived yesterday, reports that the North Carolina coast from Batteries to the mouth of the Cape Fear river is strewn with wreckage from ill-fated vessels which had either thrown overboard a part of their cargoes or were destroyed outright.

Capt. Miller, of the Danahower, also reported having seen off Erying Pass Sunday afternoon, a dismantled schooner in tow of a Savannah steamer. The movement recently started by the chamber of commerce of Wilmington toward the encouragement of tobacco cultivation in this section of western North Carolina, is assuming gratifying proportions. The farmers generally are taking right hold of the suggestion and are sowing beds and preparing to plant a crop of the yellow weed.

James Dodo, employed by the newly organized Tobacco Warehouses company of this city, is traveling through the surrounding country and giving instructions to prospective growers. The directors of the company today perfected plans for two warehouses, a processing, scientific, stable, etc., and the contract for building them will be given out within a few days.

#### STRABANE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stobson of Kinston spent Sunday at Mr. J. H. Hardy's. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown left Thursday to visit relatives at Valdosta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. George Bizzle, of Oxford, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whitfield returned Friday from visiting relatives at Jackson. Mr. East Hardy and Miss Mary Hodges, leave and leave for Saturday and Sunday at Pink Hill.

Bishop J. A. Watson, of Wilmington, will be in Raleigh for the next few days. In addition, being the same, the Bishop will be in Raleigh for a few days.

Mr. James Barwick was accidentally shot by Mr. Arthur Jones last Saturday while hunting, receiving four chest wounds which caused him to lose consciousness and to be unable to get up. He was taken to the hospital and is now recovering.

## NEW SHORT STORIES

### A Famous Singer's Letters.

Not the least entertaining thing in a singer's life are the letters she has sent her. In seeing and hearing an artist on the stage a degree of sympathy is established that, I suppose, makes the auditor appreciate a certain kind of acquaintance with the singer, says Zelle de Lussan in *Leslie's Weekly*. This seems at least to account for many letters I get. But sometimes they do seem a little personal. One gentleman, I remember, wrote: "You remind me of a lovely purring cat. You come on the stage and never look at the gallery." Another wrote that he neither smoked, chewed, nor drank and that when I came his way he would show me about the town. One, practical letter I recall, and the compliment it contained was of the kind that is always dear to the singer's heart. I had given the man a pleasure in life by my songs, and he wrote me a letter of advice. He said he knew singers were a careless, frivolous, spendthrift lot of people, and that I ought to save my money. Following was a list of safe investments that he recommended, bearing 3 per cent interest. "You have given me some happy hours that I shall never forget," he said in conclusion. "Perhaps as a man of experience I have given you some advice that will be useful."

Street Bookkeeping. Mayor's Secretary William P. Ryan was commenting the other day on the way in which many illiterate persons seem to get along in the world. "The life William T. Carroll used to tell a good story along this line," said Mr. Ryan. "He had business connected with the collection of rents which used to take him to a certain place on the eastern shore at intervals. On one occasion he went into a store there, the



"I didn't see the dog in the middle," proprietor of which could neither read nor write. While he was there a man came in who was evidently a regular customer.

"I owe you some money, don't I?" he said to the storekeeper. "The latter went to the door and turned it around so that the back was visible." "That's so," he replied. "You owe me for a cheese."

The Policeman's Dilemma. A London newspaper tells this anecdote: "Last evening a straggling policeman was passing the barrow of a customer who was weighing out plants to a customer. The customer's cotter, who quickly checked up the bill, was over the top. The policeman, as policemen do, took a casual glance at his pocket. But the bit of wire was bit for his teeth ground hard upon the iron simulacrum of a plant. It was the very one the cotter had thrown off the balance. Now, what could a policeman do? As a policeman he could neither prosecute, for the situation was a delicate one, nor steal a business asset. He took the right course. He returned the iron plant to the stall and took a real one."

New Senator Scores. The advantages of the modern party are counterbalanced by an equally large number of difficulties that confront the modern campaign. Major Lewis secretary, James B. Reynolds, is still telling his friends a little thing he had recently at Miss Noble's house, the attorney for the Legal Aid society. Miss Reynolds was conducting a hearing before the court and called one meeting to tell Mr. Reynolds he could not attend. "You are going to London street and see a man out of jail," she said by way of explanation.

## FIGHT ON VICK

### WAXES WARM

#### HIS RE-APPOINTMENT LOOKED FOR

##### Affair Resolved Into "Grand Stand" Game of Politics.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The attention of the North Carolina colony has today been fixed upon the Vick case, with particular interest to which some surprising have been made. Senator Pritchard went to the White House, where he was more than once threatened over the subject with President Roosevelt.

PRITCHARD'S VIEW OF THE AGENT. The agitation of the Vick matter, sarcastically observed Senator Pritchard, after leaving the White House, "is not without its good results. Among other things, the Raleigh News and Observer is one of the rarest Democratic papers in the State; it has taken great pleasure in publishing articles by H. P. Chesnut, a colored man in the defense of the colored race, and has also published articles commending Mr. Vick as a gentleman of high character and standing. The leading Democrats of Wilson have also written resolutions in behalf of Vick as to his high character and standing, and in this way have given him a quasi endorsement for appointment as postmaster at Wilson.

FRITCHARD NOT EASED. Those who heard Senator Pritchard speak at the meeting in the afternoon at the Raleigh Hotel, and who had heard him speak at the conclusion of the day, are going to change their opinion on him, for there is no doubt that, at this time Senator Pritchard has rested, securely, in the belief that the president was with him to the end in all things. Senator Pritchard handed to the president the following letter, which he declares indicates no modification of his views:

#### THE SENATOR'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

"Dear Mr. President: I have the honor to submit in writing my reasons for opposing the re-appointment of Samuel Vick as postmaster at Wilson, N. C. In the first place, Vick has, during the past three years, done every thing he could to obstruct those who have been endeavoring to carry out what I conceive to be the best policy for the Republican party in eastern Carolina. At the Walden congressional convention two years ago, Hon. D. W. Patrick, a gentleman of high character, was a candidate for congress, Mr. Patrick is a gentleman of large means, and stands exceedingly well with the best elements of the people of his district. He has never, in so far as I know, held any Federal position. I was of the opinion that the very best thing that could have been done at that time for the Republican party was to nominate Mr. Patrick. Vick was a delegate to the Walden convention and the convention was openly divided between Mr. Patrick on the one hand, who was not a Federal office-holder, and Gen. J. S. Martin, who was postmaster at Tarboro. Under the leadership of those who had done all they could to disrupt the Republican party in North Carolina, I am informed that Vick gave the casting vote in the Walden convention in favor of Martin and thereby secured the defeat of Mr. Patrick.

During the last campaign, I am informed that he did every thing in his power to prevent the success of the Republican State and legislative ticket in North Carolina in his county. It is a notable fact that the Republican State ticket did not receive a single vote in the precinct in which Vick voted, and the election ticket only received two votes in his precinct and I am sure that these two votes were cast by white men.

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## CHOICE MISCELLANY

### Had No Time to Protest.

"Step up lively!" he commanded to those outside, says Harry Beardsley in *Leslie's Weekly*. "Move forward there, please!" he shouted in a domineering tone to the herd within. The western braced himself stubbornly to stand exactly where he was when he observed a most surprising thing. To his astonishment the people about him, without even a protest, were endeavoring to pack themselves closer together with a general movement toward the front of the car. The stranger recalled at once how in his western home street car conductors in gentle tones were obliged to coax and plead with their passengers to induce them to make room for others. The western street car crowd was moved by persuasion, but these New Yorkers, it seemed, permitted themselves to be driven.

### Home of a Prince.

Very ingenious is the home of the Prince of Agra, in India, which is a fitting picture of the most stupendous and magnificent proportions. Although only two stories, its height is immense, the rooms being grand vaulted chambers, furnished in the most gorgeous oriental manner. All the chairs have golden arms, and precious stones are set in the backs. The wall decorations are beautiful beyond description, while the ceilings are tinted to represent the sky, silver stars appearing here and there on the dark blue background. The palace is made of both wood and stone, but so constructed that it floats with ease. When not in use, it is moored to the banks of the river Jumna.

Here the prince and his royal routine betake themselves on sultry afternoons, and lazily the palace slides down the river to the soft, secret music of harp. Up and down the tide it majestically floats like a huge white swan, while within the royal guests sip cooling beverages and idly dream away the sultry hours.

### Patience the "Pineal."

"Do you know," said the man who has just returned from New York, "that one of the things that impressed me the strongest in the big town was the policeman. There may be corruption within, but the outside is certainly fair to view. Every man of them is as sleek and well combed and brushed as if he kept a valet. His buttons, shirt, and his white gloves—they all wear 'em—see immaculate. If there is anything in appearance, these dandy cops shave every day and look after the radiance of their shoes with the zealous order of a Pullman porter with a silver quarter in view. And it was a pleasure to ask them questions. They seemed to take an interest in setting you on the right path. Not once did I receive a curt or surly reply."—Kansas City Star.

### Speed in Costly.

They tell great things about the speed of the ocean greyhounds, but only to say that speed costs, and does every other luxury. They expect to drive the Kaiser-Wilhelm II. twenty-four knots an hour, but it will take an expenditure of 40,000 horsepower to do it, whereas 14,000 horsepower will drive the *Cordic*, the largest ship in the world, seventeen knots.

Every additional pound of steam means more coal, more "hands," and more expense; every increase in speed means an increase in cost.

### A Ship's Feathered Guests.

The captain in charge of a fishship situated at the entrance of San Francisco harbor recently reported to the United States fishhouse commissioner that a large number of land birds took refuge on board the vessel. A dense smock from northern forest flies hung over the locality and completely obscured sea and land. Evidently the birds had lost their wily and exhausted by their long flight, the wanderers alighted on the ship undeterred by the presence of the crew. At one time sixty of the feathered guests were captured on various parts of the ship. Owls, crows, humming birds and other nocturnal species were noticed during the time.

## CHARLES DUNN

### A BANKRUPT.

#### SO ADJUDICATED BY REFEREE MOORE.

##### Mr. G. V. Cowper Appointed Trustee, Gives Bond and Takes Charge.

Charles F. Dunn, editor and proprietor of the *Dime Savings Bank*, has been adjudged a bankrupt, a paper to that effect being received by Mr. G. V. Cowper, an attorney of Kinston, from Mr. J. J. Moore, of New Bern, referee in bankruptcy for Eastern Carolina, and appointing Mr. Cowper as trustee of the property. The Justice gave the \$1,000 bond required this morning and took possession of the property.

This is the outcome of what has been a long, contested case. A petition was heard before Referee Moore June 4th. Dunn contended that he was solvent, filing an answer to the petition and that he let the matter in litigation, until Dunn recently withdrew his answer giving cause to be adjudicated bankrupt.

Since the petition was filed June 4th by the creditors of Dunn, part of the property has been foreclosed under mortgage. The creditors will claim that property sold after June 4th was not a legal sale. It is thought probable that this will occasion further litigation.

The first meeting of the creditors is called for December 29th.

#### Eloquent Tribute to Reed.

House Pays Respect to His Memory. Washington, Dec. 8.—The house today paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed. His death had created a profound impression and there was a universal desire among the members that the house should show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the house to take action on the death of a former member there were only three precedents in its history, namely, on the occasion of the death of Daniel Blythe and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and arranged out of respect to their memory. It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed. The chaplain, at the opening of the session, paid a feeling reference to the death of ex-speaker. No business was transacted beyond the reading of the two messages from the president and the postponement of the special order for today. The London dock charge bill, until tomorrow. Mr. Stock, of New York, made profound eulogies, broad and in a few feeling remarks offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following minute be spread upon the record of the house of representatives: Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed died in Washington, December 7, 1902. For twenty-two years he had been a member of this house, for six years its speaker. His services terminated with the sixty-fifth congress. Within this chamber the scope of his life's greatest activities was laid. Here he rendered service to his country, which placed him in the front ranks of American statesmanship. Here he exhibited characteristics which compelled respect and won admiration. Forceful ability, intrinsic worth, strength of character, brought him popular fame and congressional leadership. In his depth and breadth of intellect, with a full and rounded development had been produced a giant who towered above his fellows and impressed them with his power and his wisdom. A distinguished statesman, a loyal patriot, a cultured scholar, an eloquent writer, a unique orator, an unmatched debater, a master of logic, with such; the most famous of the world's parliamentarians; the great and representative citizen of the American republic has gone into history.

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When the reading of the resolutions and been concluded, Speaker Henderson asked if there was objection to their present consideration. The matter remained unbroken. The resolutions were then unanimously adopted and, accordingly, at 12:15, the speaker declared the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed.

#### Within the Chamber.

Checked with dust, the hair, the eyebrows and the eyes. When the chamber doors are closed with plumes, the fumes of the chamber. Intelligent treatment with Allen's Lung Balm brings up the phlegm, allows inflammation steps and cough and pain in the chest and a word, sometimes, these terrible conditions which it has helped work become unnecessary.

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