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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 16.—Bishop A. C. Smith today wired Rev. A. C. Beaman to report to his new field at Durham, thus bringing to an end the unpleasant episode of the conference. Mr. Beaman will leave next week and Rev. S. E. Thompson will report here. Matters are all smoothed over now. The church hates very much to lose Mr. Beaman.

Monroe, Dec. 16.—News of a very distressing accident which occurred in Lane's Creek township a day or two ago, has just reached here. Mrs. Calvin Smith, an old lady of the lower part of the township, was sitting before her fire making brooms. She had accumulated a quantity of chaff and straw on the hearth before her. Suddenly this caught fire, and communicated itself to Mrs. Smith's clothing. So rapidly did the fire burn that she was totally unable to control it and before assistance reached her, her body was burned so badly that she died, amid great suffering, the day following.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 16.—Chief of police Irwin returned to Charlotte today with Arthur L. Bishop, the murderer of T. J. Wilson, who surrendered himself Sunday to the Petersburg authorities. Bishop does not seem to be greatly worried over what may be in store for him and talked freely of his adventures since the commission of the crime, though he refuses to talk of the circumstances surrounding the shooting. He says that he sneaked into the Buford Hotel where he had been stopping the night of the murder and spent the night in an unoccupied room. The next day he sneaked away through a back street, walking some distance into the country and then boarding a train for Norfolk. His attorneys may effect his release through habeas corpus proceedings as there is a term of court next Saturday.

Greensboro Record: Mr. C. M. Hoyt, advance agent for the Hovis Parkinson Company playing a week's engagement here was arrested Saturday night on a warrant from Asheville charging him with abducting one of the two young girls from that place who were in Greensboro last week. Mr. Hoyt being a stranger in the city was in a box, not knowing where to find a bondsman, but Mr. E. H. Tate, local manager of the Grand, arranged to pay an officer to remain with him in the room until the arrival of the company here yesterday afternoon when a bond of \$200 in cash was put up. Mr. Tate says he was with Mr. Hoyt on the street one day last week when these two girls accosted him and wanted to be given a place in the company, reminding him that they called on him in Asheville on the same errand. They told him in answer to a question, that they had run away from home, whereupon Mr. Tate says he urged them to return, warning them of the wrong of such a step and telling them that even if they knew anything about the theatrical business he would never employ them under such circumstances. His conduct was such as to impress Mr. Tate and he saved him from going to jail.

Charlotte Observer: Telephone message from Union county to the police last night asked that lease C. Long, a well-to-do farmer who lives about 12 miles northwest of Monroe and 15 miles from Charlotte, and is well known in Charlotte, be arrested on the charge of criminally assaulting Rosa Benton, a 18-year-old white girl. The officers were informed that Long had been arrested, but had escaped from his captors and fled. Information of the crime did not reach Charlotte until 10 o'clock last night. A policeman at once went to the home of Recorder Shannonhouse and that official, as communicated to the police issued a warrant for the arrest of Long, who was supposed to be in Charlotte. At 12 o'clock last night several officers, who were assigned to prosecute the search, reported to Mr. Shannonhouse at the station that their search for Long had been in vain. They learned that Long had arrived in Charlotte Monday at 1 o'clock driving a buggy. He went to Wadsworth's stables, but left there before daylight. He took several bound trains and went his horse and buggy home in charge of a negro boy. Long has relatives and friends here. He is a farmer, about 45 years old, is married and has six or seven children. The details of the tragedy are not known, though it is said that the girl was seriously injured. Long is a designated man and it is presumed that he was under the influence of drink.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Senator Hanna's Power.

A good story was told of Senator Hanna's power by a well known member of congress who accompanied him from Cleveland to Washington. Several senators and representatives were on the train, and in the same sleeping car were several members of the Bonded Warehouse association. The whole party got out at Pittsburg for an airing, and while they were walking up and down the station platform their train pulled out and away. When it finally dawned upon them that their sleeping car had really gone, the members of the Bonded Warehouse association became exceedingly anxious and hurried to the office of the division superintendent of the Pullman company.

"I am sorry, gentlemen," said the superintendent, "that your train should have left you, but all that I can do is to give you accommodations in a chair car from here to Altoona. There you will be able to get a sleeping car through to Washington."

"What time can we get to bed?" was asked.

"One o'clock."

"That will never do," said one of the party. "Our tickets call for sleeping car accommodations from Cleveland to Washington, and we must have them."

"Can't be done, gentlemen," said the superintendent. "Very sorry, but it is absolutely impossible."

"But Senator Hanna?"

"What? Senator Hanna? Is he left?"

"He is."

"Gentlemen, be seated. I will see what can be done."

In five minutes one of the best sleeping cars in the Pullman service was ready, and the party came on to Washington rejoicing.

Took Him For a "Fug."

The late Justice Gray was a man of austere manner and not the subject one would choose for a practical joke, but none the less was ready to enjoy a joke on himself and to tell it. This is one of his stories. About the time that John L. Sullivan was at the zenith of his glory Mr. Gray was traveling in the west and compelled, through missing a connection, to wait an hour or more at a little junction town in Kansas. As he strolled back

and forth on the platform his great height and massive build naturally attracted the attention of the station loungers, and within ten minutes some report had spread through the town which drew half the inhabitants down to the tracks, where they stood in groups staring at the judge, who was quite at a loss to understand their curiosity. Fifteen minutes later it was explained, when a gaunt and gawky countryman approached him and asked:

"Be you really John Sullivan, the scrapper?"

What Was Searched.

In making a tour of the Transvaal to acquaint himself with its people Lord Milner is following the example which Sir George Grey set in South Africa many years ago. It was a red letter day in the history of a household on the veldt when Grey called and took coffee and spent half an hour in talk. The chair he sat in was sure to be preserved as a memento. But this regard for him had a very amusing contrast in an experience of his at a little up country hotel. When the bill was being paid, one of Grey's companions drew attention to a rather excessive charge which the landlord put against the eggs he had served to the party at breakfast. Grey, who liked his little joke said on taking leave of the landlord:

"By the way, eggs seem to be rather scarce up here." "No," said the landlord, "it's governors that are scarce."

Aglow.

Now comes the time of wintry snow. When people slog with glad acclaim. Then youthful cheeks will be aglow; I hope the snow will be the same.

—Washington Star.

FIGHTS PATRICK FOR THE JOB.

Hahn Appeals from Pritchard.

He Wishes the Official Plan to Fail to Him.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Some moves have been made relative to the contest over the New Bern collectorship that border on the sensational from the point of view of the average Tar Heel politician. The fight over this office has for several months hung fire until Senator Pritchard recommended to the president yesterday the appointment of Daniel Patrick. It now transpires that Mr. Hahn, the present collector, will not abide by this decision and has returned to Washington with a view to appealing from the North Carolina senator's decision direct to President Roosevelt. Mr. Hahn is accompanied by friends who declare that the collector's case will serve to test more clearly the attitude of the president towards the "illy whites" in general and Senator Pritchard in particular, than will the decision of the chief executive in the Yick case, as the colored postmaster's party loyalty has been put forward to becloud the situation. One of Mr. Hahn's friends has gone to New York with the object of enlisting the good offices of Gen. Jas. S. Clarkson, and Postmaster General Payne will next be appealed to. The contention will be made that Hahn was one of the few white men of influence in the State to stand by the administration as against the encroachments of the "illy whites" and that as a consequence he suffered political ostracism, he having been kicked, metaphorically speaking, from the Greensboro State convention. Mr. Hahn will tell the president that he does not favor negro domination in political or in any other walk of life, but that he believes the black man had some rights at the Greensboro convention, which were denied him. Moreover, Hahn will say that he was elected a delegate to the Greensboro convention in which accredited delegates from various townships participated and that with him were seated three other white men and one colored delegate, ex-congressman O'Hara, white Robert Hancock, representing the "illy white" element, got together seven Republicans and sent a contesting delegation to Greensboro. Hahn, according to his supporters, happened to be associated with a bi-colored delegate, hence his ex-communication. To still further clarify the issue it will be pointed out to the president that Hahn is a man of standing in the business life of the community in which he resides, that he has accumulated property, and that Mr. Patrick is not a resident of the district, a condition on which the president is said to have laid great stress when the nomination was made for the collector of customs of the port of Wilmington. Mr. Hahn asserts that he has among his letters of endorsement one written by Mr. Patrick several months ago, before that gentleman decided to apply for the office. Senator Pritchard is in one of the local hospitals, where he underwent a successful operation today and has not been advised of Mr. Hahn's determination to combat his decision. It is believed, however, that the senator will stand by Mr. Patrick, and that the prolongation of this contest will contribute very materially to the president's embarrassment over the Old North State's Federal patronage situation.

Rev. Dr. Thomas, Colored.

The arrival of Rev. C. O. H. Thomas, D. D. LL. D., formerly of Beaufort, N. C., to assume the pastorate of the St. Augustine Zion Methodist church in Kinston, is one of which the colored people should feel proud. Dr. Thomas is of broad experience, made so by his scholarly training and extensive travel. He was educated in the British Isles and in Canada; lastly in this country. He has been a practitioner of law, with frequent pleadings before the State, district and Supreme Courts of Tennessee, also the Court of Appeals in Kentucky. In 1888 he abandoned the law practice for the ministry. He will preach his introductory sermon on the first Sunday in January 1903, at 11 a. m. service. Subject: "A Christian's Contract." He will also, by invited request, deliver the emancipation address for the colored people of Kinston, January 1, 1903, at the court house.

B. L. Buyer a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. L. Little, merchant, Hancock, Md. For sale by J. E. Hood.

Small Fire This Morning.

The fire alarm was sounded this morning at 11:30 for a small fire at the Gay Lumber company's mill. Abaze was discovered at a timely time in the dry kiln and as soon as the alarm was given—or to be more exact, a few seconds after—the company's dummy engine was throwing a stream of water. The Kinston fire company was prompt in laying a line of hose from the power house to the mill. If the firemen had not been prompt, etc., a large fire would have resulted, for the wind was blowing at a terrific rate.

Mr. D. P. Daugherty, well known throughout Meck and Sumner counties, W. Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea, when attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief, when a neighbor loaning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty-four hours. For sale by J. E. Hood.

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS

OF KINSTON PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Mr. Grainger Leases the Paper—Election of Officers.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Kinston Publishing company last night at Dr. H. D. Harper's office. A number of important changes were authorized in the management of The Free Press and the election of new officers.

Dr. H. Tull was made a director and elected president and treasurer of the company, Mr. D. Oettinger, vice president in the place of Mr. J. H. Herbert, resigned, and Mr. J. A. McDaniel was made secretary.

Two propositions were submitted to the board, one for the purchase of the paper by Messrs. L. J. Mowbray and R. B. West for a consideration of \$6,000 and another to lease by Mr. J. W. Grainger at an annual rental of \$600. Mr. Grainger's proposition was to lease the paper for a term of four months with an option for three years, and was accepted by the board and it is expected that he will begin the term of his lease in a few days.

Mr. Grainger will place the paper in competent hands, both as to business management and the editorial department as soon as the final details of the lease has been arranged, and further than to supervise the financial part of the paper, will take no active part in the running of it.

The policy of The Free Press, as ever, will be to conduct it for the up-building of this town and community.

Missing Girls Found.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 17.—The missing girls, Bonnie Jones and Marie Kuykendall, are under detention of the police at Columbia, S. C. The girls were found in Columbia, and a telegram this afternoon to that effect was sent by the chief of police of that city to the Asheville police. The police here wired immediately upon receipt of the message to the Columbia officer to hold the girls until further orders.

The chief of police left this afternoon for Columbia to bring the girls home. Hoyt, the theatrical agent, who is believed to have induced the girls to leave Asheville, was arrested late Saturday night at Greensboro and on Monday he gave a \$200 bond to appear here tomorrow. Hoyt "indignantly denied and complicitly whatever in the affair."

Gaskins—Pate.

Mr. Farrow J. Gaskins and Miss Nanette E. Pate were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Pate on Peyton Avenue. Dr. H. D. Harper officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Freeman H. Gaskins, father of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Cora Dennis, of Geddy, N. C. came yesterday to attend the marriage and returned home today.

McRae—King.

Mr. George O. McRae and Miss Nora King were quietly married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. King on North Heritage street in the presence of a few friends. Dr. H. D. Harper Sr., officiating at the ceremony. Both of the contracting parties are well and favorably known in Kinston and have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy life. The bridegroom is a successful contractor and high-class mechanic and one of Kinston's old residents. Miss King is an estimable young lady who is exceedingly popular among her circle of friends, which is large.

A Cure For Seasickness.

Dr. E. Castelli of Washington calls attention to this communication concerning seasickness which has been received from the Italian ambassador to the United States:

"My Dear Dr. Castelli—Knowing that you are interested in the treatment of seasickness, I take pleasure in giving you my personal observations on the subject. After having found by experience that the only way not to suffer from seasickness was to lie in a horizontal position, I happened to notice that fixing my eyes upon a mirror while dressing, even when the sea was stormy, was sufficient to relieve the unpleasant sensations of seasickness. During my last ocean trip I tried this accidentally discovered remedy and always with good results. Take into consideration my observation and make it yours if you think it may be of benefit to science."

Soleum.

A Copenhagen chemist has succeeded in producing a material called "Soleum," which possesses qualities which will render it of the greatest importance to the caoutchouc industry. It is derived, it seems, from asphaltum and can be used for the manufacture of linoleum, rubbers, insulators, etc. It is also claimed that it makes the best of waterproof paint in all climates.

PRESERVATION OF YOUTH.

Scientists May Avert Inroads Made by Advancing Years.

In an article on "The Newest Conceptions of Life" in Harper's Magazine Carl Snyder intimates a belief that recent scientific discoveries will lead to others by which youth may be prolonged. Here is his argument for the belief:

There is one phase of the problem that seems nearer to our day and time. That is the realization of Ponce de Leon's quest of prolonged youth. Arrest of growth, the stunted plant, the deformed or undeveloped child, the idiot, the cripple, the prematurely senile—are these not too familiar to our daily view? Yet why should the mechanism of nature, so seemingly sure, turning out a thousand perfect specimens, slip so sadly with the thousand and first? We know in part and can in part control. An impoverished soil, consumptive of otherwise diseased tissue, lack of sunlight and air—these are the producers of the physically, mentally and morally maimed. With narcotics and poisons we may stop development, whether it be that of a plant or a child.

But what may be arrested may perchance be influenced in other ways. We have seen how the whole drift of present day physiology is to reduce life to the connected and concerted play of the ferments. The identity of the two processes holds in most unexpected ways. Heat and cold, chloroform, the poisons, the toxins secreted by the virulent microbes even, act upon the test tube fermentations of the laboratory in precisely the same way as upon the living organism. Even the curious fermentative solutions of fine platinum and gold may be "poisoned," "chloroformed" or "killed," as if they were alive. What is disease, malnutrition and death for the one is the same for the other.

It seems to be clear, too, that the condition of growth, whether of a grain of wheat or the germ of a man, is the production or appearance of distinct enzymes—ferments—at each stage. Cessation of growth must mean the disappearance or lapse in activity of these special enzymes. What we call growing old seems merely a series of destructive fermentations. It is probable that these are present from the beginning; that throughout all life there is a struggle, so to speak, between the two; that in some cases, as Professor Loeb once remarked, death is a physical agent, the material antithesis of life.

If the action of the mait enzyme upon starch is reversible, so is that of the ferments which convert the active tissue, the living protoplasm, into the relatively dead fatty or connective or cartilage or bone tissue, the characteristic, as the great Russian biologist Metchnikoff has shown, of advancing years. As the discovery of reversibility in fermentations gave at least a clew to a complete account of the whole life process, so to those who have closely and reflectively followed the development of biochemistry, the discovery of reversibility in fermentations, and in time, give rise to the reversibility of the life process—the more concrete phrase, the arrest of death, the prevention of old age, the preservation of youth.

FUSSINESS.

Medical Press Has Elevated This Into a Disease.

The medical press has conferred no small boon on many sufferers by inventing a Greek or pseudo Greek term for their otherwise democratic complaints. The latest of these inventions is now recorded. The disease is fussiness, and the medical name, according to the London Graphic, is mysophobia. The mysophobe is he who when seated by his table lifts his glass to see if it is fingered, and if he detects a smudge uses his napkin to dispose of it. In short, mysophobia is the exaggeration of that respect for cleanliness which convinced Svengali of the madness of Englishmen when he surprised the Laird in his matutinal tub.

The lady in the play who seized on every one's watch chain and began rubbing it with camels leather was a mysophobe, and the irritating man who begs your pardon and picks some microscopic piece of fluff from your sleeve is another. The servant, though most would benefit by inoculation with the disease, who insists on dusting papers is another, and the disease is widely prevalent among all housekeepers in the spring. It is nice to know at last just what to call it, but the medical press is more inclined to suggest scientific names than remedies.

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VENEZUELA GIVING WAY

THEY ARE READY TO YIELD TO FORCE.

The People Ask Castro to Yield to Arbitration.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated, and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators.

The government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

CASTRO'S PEOPLE APPEAL TO HIM.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies.

The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

"THE MOMENT TO YIELD HAS ARRIVED."

Caracas, Dec. 17.—A joint note was transmitted to President Castro at one o'clock this afternoon. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the consensus of current opinion among the business element of this city. The men who signed the note will meet again tonight to discuss ways and means in obtaining money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantees which it will be possible to offer to creditors. The note is as follows:

"Caracas, Dec. 17, 1902.

"To the President of the United States of Venezuela:

"Sir—The undersigned having met with the purpose of offering their aid to the government of Venezuela in the present conflicting situation, which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your request to give our opinions in writing, we address you in the following terms:

"In view of the acts of violence already committed and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the government and the people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of national honor, we consider, with all due respect, that the moment to yield to force has arrived.

"We, therefore, respectfully recommend that full powers be given to the Minister of the United States of North America, authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela."

The note is signed by about 200 prominent citizens of Caracas.

CASTRO'S PROPOSAL INADEQUATE.

Berlin, Dec. 17th.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate; inadequate, unaccompanied as it is with guarantees to pay if the arbitrators decide against him, and a reply in that sense has been or will be sent through Minister Bowen. Great Britain will make a similar answer. These statements are not made official, but are derived from an excellent source.

The Foreign Office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita Island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

The Foreign Office officials allege that a systematic effort is apparently being made to represent Germany as the propelling power in the coercion of Venezuela and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the Foreign Office officials say without reservation that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the Topaze being a British ship. The German commander participated in the firing as a loyal ally.

A Good Thing.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Bosche, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapid increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Bosche's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1895, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Those who will receive any ordinary cough. Price 35 and 75 cents.