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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. An Item Here and There.

Burton Norville Harrison, a lawyer of New York, and husband of Mrs. Burton Harrison, the authoress, and father of Congressman Harrison, of New York city, died in Washington, D. C., last night, aged 65.

New York, March 29.—The story of an alleged plot to assassinate President Roosevelt, which upon investigation proved to be entirely without foundation, was made public today by Police Commissioner McAdoo.

Elijah W. Campbell, division superintendent of the Texas and Pacific railroad, was accidentally killed in the railroad yards at Marshall, Texas, being caught between two moving cars and crushed to death.

Of the twenty-four delegates to the New York Democratic state convention chosen at the Erie county primaries yesterday, twenty-one are instructed to vote for Judge Alton B. Parker for the presidential nomination.

Rome, March 29.—The "Agenzia Libera" reports that a portion of the Russian Vladivostok squadron, the location of which has long been in doubt, has arrived at Nikolaiavak, Siberia, at the mouth of the Amur river, 700 miles north of Vladivostok.

Little Rock, Ark., March 29.—Six persons were killed, two fatally injured and twenty seriously injured in a tornado which devastated Gainesville, Ark., Saturday. Fifty houses were destroyed and a number of horses and cattle were killed. The path of the storm was half a mile wide by five miles long.

Washington, March 28.—Representative Gillett, of California, has prepared and submitted for the minority a report against the resolution adopted by a majority of the committee on the judiciary to impeach Judge Swayne, of the northern district of Florida, for high misdemeanors. Every ground urged by the committee for impeachment is attacked in this report.

Washington, March 29.—The secretary of the interior today sent to the senate a communication in response to Senator Overman's resolution directing the secretary to furnish to the senate a copy of the order issued by the department enlarging the pension act of June 27, 1900, and amendments, as to the disabilities of applicants for pensions, and report what amount the order will increase the pensions annually.

MONTH'S TRIAL FREE.

Breathe the Hyomei Three or Four Times Daily and Be Cured of Catarrh.

J. E. Hood & Co., one of the most reliable business firms in Kinston have seen many instances of the remarkable power of Hyomei to cure catarrhal troubles and other disorders of the respiratory organs.

Results in this treatment have given them so much confidence in Hyomei that they will give a month's trial with the positive understanding that if at the end of that time a cure is not effected or enough relief gained to warrant a continued use of the treatment for a while longer, the money will be refunded.

Hyomei is the only treatment for catarrh that has ever been sold under a "no cure, no pay" plan, and the only one where a month's trial treatment is free unless it cures.

Hyomei is not a pill or liquid. Just breathe it through the nasal inhaler that comes with every outfit, and benefit will be seen from the first day's use. Breathed in this way, the health-giving Hyomei penetrates to the minutest air cells of the lungs, and drives catarrhal germs and poisons from the system.

The complete outfit costs but \$1, and extra bottles of Hyomei may be obtained for 50c.

Remember that if Hyomei does not cure you after a month's trial, J. E. Hood & Co., will refund your money and the treatment will be absolutely free.

You certainly will have a pleasant time at carnival ball, the queen will entertain, April 8th.

If your lady friend is not elected queen of carnival it's your fault, so hustle up.

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Progressing.

Cardinal preparations are now very nearly completed, and the entire affair promises to be a grand success.

A great amount of labor and hustling is attached to the promotion of a successful carnival, and the gentlemen in charge at Kinston have not been idle.

The affair has been advertised in all the surrounding counties, and rain is the only thing that will prevent this city from being crowded all next week.

The merchants have shown their approval of the affair by taking hold and aiding it in every manner possible, their ads will be found in the souvenir program that is being issued for the occasion; they will also make some special preparation for decorating their business places and be represented in the floral parade.

The popular voting contest opened today, by which some young lady will be elected as Queen of the Military Carnival. Voting precincts have been established at the drug stores of Hunter, Woodleys, Temple-Marston, Harrissons and Denmark's jewelry store, where any one may obtain ballots at five cents each and write thereon the lady's name for whom they desire to vote and deposit in the ballot boxes at the above named places; a daily count will be made of the ballots cast and results announced in the columns of THE FREE PRESS every evening.

The entire Carnival Company is expected to arrive in this city Saturday and will be very busy Monday making ready for the opening, as everything will open in full Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., as this company have a record of always being ready to entertain on time.

A host of high class attractions and amusement devices will serve to entertain and amuse every one. Bad temper will not be known all week; all will be in good spirits.

Miss A. Goodtime will be in the city all the week, in fact the lady has good natured people announcing the arrival by passing out her personal cards in advance. Have a card.

The by-word during next week will be "have you laughed," and will refer to the attraction known as the "Laughing Parlor" absolutely new in this section, where you laugh at yourself. And when the old saying is made effective, "see yourself as others see you" in the meantime have a laugh at your friend's expense. Fun and a plenty of it will be found under this tent, and fall to pay it a visit you will regret it. In fact all attractions that will be presented are new to this section, and are all guaranteed to be first class in every respect. The carnival company challenges any one to find one feature in the entire exhibition that would not be approved by the best people in the city. Their motto is good, clean amusement for the masses. Wild men, dancing girls, eat 'em-alive and this sort of exhibitions will be conspicuous by their absence, this class of shows have been retired back to the woods with the Jones Carnival Company.

Get ready for the big show all next week.

The Surgeon's Daring Skill.

New York World.
Early in this month a surgeon stood with the beating heart of a live man held in his hand. He took six stitches in the organ, put it back in the right place, and the man lived on. The operation was one of a series of surgical operations of the last two or three years through which the heart has ceased to be the one part of the body sacred from the daring knife and needle.

And now there is news of the heart massage. The vital organ is exposed and subjected to gentle manipulations which restore its beating. So life returns to persons who have seemed to die.

Nor do the newest marvels of surgery stop with operations upon the heart. Within a week there has been announced at a Philadelphia hospital the miracle of splicing nerves. An interrupted telegraphic circuit of the body was remedied, just as a Western Union line is restored to service by the splicing of two wires. The world moves on, and the doctors with it. The one point further for science to go is to demonstrate life itself.

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief. For sale at J. E. Hood & Co.'s drug store.

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COMFORT ITEMS.

March 30, 1904.
The farmers are making good use of the pretty days we are having of late.

Miss Mary Gill, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Busbee, this week.

Mr. Manly Hatch, who went to Arkansas with his father about four years ago, has returned to his former home at Comfort.

Mr. Ike Koonce and Mrs. J. L. Hardy visited at Hon. F. D. Koonce's Saturday and Sunday.

The public school taught by Miss Annie Rhodes, closed last Friday.

There was quite a disturbance among the colored race yesterday. A young negro girl, Mary Morgan, ran away with a negro man named Nelson Davis Monday night with the intention of getting married that night, but the one that was to bring the license did not come, so the man took her to his brother's house, near by, until morning. The parents of the girl were very much upset about her, and last night they found the girl and took her home. Although the colored man fought for all he was worth, he had to give up his girl. Guess there will be no wedding soon.

Mr. James Leary and Miss Sallie Cox and little niece, Eula, of Trenton, visited at Mr. C. A. Rhodes' last week.

The school at Brady Branch, taught by Mr. I. B. Koonce, will close next Friday with an entertainment.

Call For Cong. Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the second congressional district held in Wilson, N. C., on the 29th day of March, 1904, a convention to be composed of delegates from the various counties of the second congressional district of North Carolina was called to meet in the town of Wilson, N. C., on the 31st day of June, 1904, at the hour of three o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and a candidate for presidential elector; and for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national convention and transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The county executive committees of the various counties of the district will call county conventions prior to the 21st of June for the purpose of naming delegates to said congressional convention in accordance with the plan of organization of the Democratic party.

This 29th day of March, 1904.
J. W. GRAINGER,
Chairman.

L. V. MORRILL, Sec'y.

PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Witnesses Examined Concerning the Murder of Jonah Mewborn.

The preliminary hearing and investigation of the case against Robert Thompson, charged with shooting Jonah Mewborn on the night of the 28th inst., was begun last evening before Justice W. F. Dibble and at 11 o'clock last night was continued till today, when it was taken up again.

Quite a number of witnesses are to be examined in the case. The evidence is entirely circumstantial, but it is said a strong chain is forming against Thompson. It is known that feeling existed between the two and circumstances directly connected with the shooting point to Thompson as the guilty man.

Thompson lived in this city at one time and was a helper to brick masons.

CRIMINAL DOCKET FINISHED.

And the Civil Docket Taken Up By Superior Court. Several Divorces Granted.

The criminal docket for this term of the superior court was completed yesterday and Solicitor Duffy left on the afternoon train for his home in Onslow county.

The civil docket was taken up just before adjournment for dinner yesterday and during the day several divorces granted and decrees signed. No civil causes of special interest to the general public have come before the court yet and there are no very important ones to come up.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.
Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. It is not only a cough remedy, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. For sale at J. E. Hood & Co.'s drug store.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED

Wake County Grand Jury Finds True Bill Against Finch and McBee

BILL OF INDICTMENT IN FOUR COUNTS

Motion Will be Made Today to Set Date for Trial, Which will Probably Be During This Term.

News and Observer, 31st.

The jury of the Wake county superior court yesterday returned a true bill for conspiracy against K. S. Finch and V. E. McBee, who contrived to have the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad thrown into the hands of a receiver by Judge Thomas R. Purnell, of the federal court here, and to have V. E. McBee appointed receiver. The State, supported by a majority of the private stockholders of the road, appealed to Judge Chas. H. Simonton, of the United States circuit court of appeals, to have the order appointing a receiver vacated. While this appeal was pending, the State brought a charge of conspiracy against McBee and Finch, and Chief Justice Walter Clark issued bench warrants for them. They were tried before Judge Clark, and each was bound over to court under a \$2,000 bond. When the case was reached by Judge Simonton in the federal court, he vacated the order and discharged the receiver. Judge Purnell concurring with him after he had learned the evidence adduced in the trial before Chief Justice Clark.

Now the grand jury returns a "true bill," the bill of indictment, drawn by Solicitor Armistead Jones. The bill was brought into court yesterday just before the adjournment for dinner, by Foreman S. W. Brewer, of the grand jury. The bill of indictment is in four counts for conspiracy to injure and impoverish the property of the road, and to injure, embarrass and obstruct the president and officers of the road; conspiracy to fraudulently deprive the president and board of directors of their offices and the property of the company; conspiracy to have a receiver appointed for the road, in order that they might reap the benefits thereof, and finally conspiracy to force a lease of the railroad.

The case will come up today on a motion to set a date for the trial. It will be impossible to reach it this week, because two capital cases are set, one for today and one for tomorrow. So, if it is reached at all this term, it will be next week.

Messrs. Argo & Shaffer, and F. H. Busbee have already been retained by the defendants.

Solicitor Armistead Jones was interviewed yesterday concerning the time of the trial of Finch and McBee on the four counts in the bill of indictment.

"Do you think the trial will take place at this term?" he was asked.

"I think so," was the reply. "I see no reason now why the case can not be reached. Yes, I think it can be reached at this term."

Both Captain Finch and Captain McBee are in the city, and both are under a \$2,000 bond. The bondsmen of Captain McBee are Messrs. M. T. Leach and J. R. Chamberlain, while Captain Finch's bondsmen are Mr. W. F. Moody, chief clerk in the office of the State treasurer.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia.
Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for any one to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold at J. E. Hood & Co.'s drug store.

Ballots will be counted every day and the results be published in these columns.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

To Cotton Growers.

The undersigned has received a note from the editor of a drug trade journal asking if any cotton root bark is to be obtained in this State. The present wholesale price of cotton root bark in New York is from 15 to 20 cts. per pound.

It is very strange that cotton growers with idle hands during the winter months will permit this most valuable part of the crop to waste in the fields and remain as an encumbrance to the succeeding crop.

It is likely that in most cotton sections the roots now in the field are still salable and a very good thing can be made out of them while waiting for the soil to dry. Those who wish to gather the root bark should first send to the undersigned a sample of one pound of fresh root bark in order to have its quality tested. For all the good bark offered the undersigned will agree to find a sale.

As the present high price may not continue long those who wish to sell should act promptly.

Samples may be sent by mail at eight cents per pound for postage.
GARLAND MCCARTHY,
N. C. Dep. Agriculture,
Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. W. G. Lang Dead.

Mr. W. G. Lang, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Farmville, Pitt county, died this morning at 4 o'clock, at his home in Farmville. He fell on the sled some time ago and broke his leg, but recovered from it and was getting along very well when an attack of acute indigestion threw him into bed again and death resulted today.

Mr. Lang was one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of his section. He was the father of Mrs. W. E. Mewborn and Mrs. J. F. Joyner, of this city; Mr. W. M. Lang, of Farmville; Mr. Jim Lang, of Greenville, and Mrs. Frank Joyner, of Va. The funeral will take place at the family burying ground at Corinth church, near Farmville.

W. T. KENNEDY SENTENCED.

To 18 Months on the County Roads. No Appeal Will be taken.

Judge Ferguson passed sentence on W. T. Kennedy late yesterday evening for assaulting Ed Hughes with a deadly weapon, sentencing Kennedy to the county roads for a term of 18 months. Notice of appeal was given, but it was learned today that there will be no appeal taken.

Commencement at Littleton.

The commencement exercises of Littleton Female College will begin on Sunday May the 22d, with a sermon before the faculty and students of the college, by Rev. G. F. Smith, presiding elder of the Warrenton district. On Wednesday, the 25th, Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Atlanta, will preach the annual sermon in the college chapel. The commencement address will be delivered on Thursday, the 26th, by Rev. R. D. Smart, D. D., of Norfolk, Va. In place of the annual address on missions before the Y. W. C. A., there will be, this year a series of three addresses on missions. These will be delivered by Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, Md., on the evenings of April 12th, 13th and 14th.

Quaint Custom in Land Tenure.

At Chingford, in Essex, England, an estate is held by a very curious condition. Whenever it passes into new hands the owner, with his wife, manservant and maid-servant, comes on horseback to the parsonage and pays his homage by blowing three blasts upon a horn. He carries a hawk upon his wrist. His servant has a greyhound in a slip, both for the use of the rector for that day. He receives a chicken for the hawk, a peck of oats for his greyhound. After dinner the owner blows three more blasts and then, with his party, withdraws from the rectory.

Have you sent in your entries for the floral parade if not do so at once, and make it a success. No expense.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.
William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam." For sale at J. E. Hood & Co.'s drug store.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Manteo of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

A wholesale hat company has been organized at Charlotte with \$100,000 capital.

The trouble in Republican ranks in the eighth congressional district may result in two conventions today in Greensboro.

Fire at Billmore, Vanderbilt's estate in western North Carolina, Tuesday morning, destroyed \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of property.

Twelve freight cars went through a bridge on the Durham and Northern Railroad, near Henderson, Tuesday. None of the crew were hurt.

The Salvation Army, which for some years has not been in the State, has established a post at Charlotte and will establish one in Greensboro.

The smallpox situation is so serious in Durham and Durham county that the board of aldermen of the city has ordered compulsory vaccination of everybody.

It is a certainty that Wallace will be confirmed postmaster of Wilmington. The charges made against him by Gore, an unsuccessful aspirant, are considered spite work and are not regarded seriously.

The dead body found in the river near Elizabeth City, at first thought to be that of a white lad, has turned out to be the body of a negro man. Holes had been eaten in the body by fishes and it was a gruesome sight.

The schooner William Churchhill, Capt. Byrnes, loaded with lumber at Georgetown bound for New York, encountered a heavy gale, which shifted the cargo and a part of the deck load was lost. The vessel put into Cape Lookout cove Tuesday and it is leaking badly. It will have to be towed to its destination and has wired for assistance. The crew are all safe.

A mortgage by the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company to the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of New York, for \$1,320,000 was recorded in the office of the Wake register of deeds Tuesday. Of the amount, \$45,000 is to be advanced to the railroad company when five miles of road is completed and ironed, \$50,000 for each additional five miles until fifty miles is completed; then \$55,000 every five miles for the remainder of the distance to Washington. A force of convicts is working on the first five miles of road from Raleigh to the Neuse river.

Meeting of Dem. Ex. Com. Called

The Democratic Executive Committee of Lenoir county will meet at the court house on Saturday, April 2nd, at 2 o'clock p. m. All members of the committee are specially requested to be present. Time of calling the county convention and other important matters to be discussed.

J. W. GRAINGER,
Chairman Com.

LAWYERS BOYCOTT JUDGE.

Robeson Bar Continues Civil Docket Rather Than Have Judge Peebles Hear It.

Lumberton, March 30.—The Robeson bar, at a meeting called to fix the calendar for the April term of superior court, Judge Peebles, unanimously declined to set the calendar and agreed to continue the docket. This action was taken by reason of reports received from other counties in which this judge has held court of his discourtesy to counsel, unfairness and partiality, a notable instance being the Haywood case. Lawyers here are unwilling to appear before him in any capacity. It is likely that the May term will also be continued unless an exchange of judges is ordered.

Letter to Chas. F. Harvey, Kinston, N. C.
Dear Sir: The late president of the Croatan River Bank, at Brewsters, N. C., built the finest house in all that region, in 1884, and painted it with lead-and-oll at a cost of \$400—the house cost \$31,000.

In 1887—three years—he repaired it with Devco at a cost of \$350. In 1897 this paint was in good condition. Lead-and-oll, \$400, three years. Devco \$350, ten years.

Yours truly,
P. W. DAVEN & Co., New York.
P. S.—B. W. Canady & Son sells our paint.