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## The Marion Record.

DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER.  
MARION, N. C.

The report of the Board of Health for New York City for the past year shows that it was the healthiest since 1877.

England is having hard times, notes the Courier-Journal. Its leading securities declined nearly half a billion dollars in value during the past year. Its imports fell off \$38,000,000 and its exports \$32,500,000. Its trade in coal and textiles dwindled alarmingly.

Under the heading, "Ireland in 1893," the London Times says that the year was one of the most peaceful and prosperous of the century. Since 1824 there has been no better agricultural season, and the people have never been freer from distress. There are many signs of the material and moral improvement of the people.

Navigation of the great lakes during the season of 1893 resulted in the loss of 123 lives. The number of vessels lost was fifty-three, with an aggregate tonnage of 24,258, and valued at \$1,040,400. Partial losses by strandings, collisions and fires bring the total up to \$2,112,588. The shallow waters of Lake Erie claimed nearly half the lives lost, Lake Huron being second.

Manuscripts by noted authors have so great a value as autographs that within the past few years some authors have stipulated with publishers that their manuscripts should be kept clean—perhaps copied on a typewriter for giving out to the printers—and returned to them, that their families may traffic in them after they are dead, presumably. T. B. Aldrich is said to be one of the authors who always wants his copy back.

Oklahoma is going to knock very hard for admission as a State, declares the St. Louis Star-Bayings. The Territory was organized only three years ago, but in population and wealth it is to-day far in advance of the other Territories seeking admission as States. The report accompanying the application for admission as a State shows that she has 2,372,432 acres of land in farm use valued at \$13,022,345. In the last year the farmers harvested 284,254 acres of corn, 222,319 acres of wheat, 104,374 acres of oats, 21,311 acres of cotton, 18,755 acres of sorghum, 14,121 acres of Hungarian millet, and 4425 acres of broom corn. It is almost as large as the State of Illinois, and has a population of about 250,000, which is greater than that of any other State when admitted to the Union. Its assessed valuation of property in 1891 amounted to \$8,878,928, which in 1893 had increased to \$13,051,056. It has six National banks with deposits of \$655,574. The Territorial Legislature has been attentive to educational matters, and there are already in nearly all the districts schoolhouses, normal schools, colleges, and an agricultural and mechanical college at the town of Stillwater. In religious matters it has also kept pace with many of the older States. In the Territory there are 165 Methodist churches, twenty-five Baptist, twenty-four Congregational, twenty-five Catholic, twenty-four Presbyterian, six Episcopal, and fifty Christian Endeavor Societies. This is a remarkable showing for Oklahoma, and we can scarcely believe, adds the Star-Bayings, that Congress can refuse her admission.

Says the New Orleans Picayune: "Now that the record of business failures during 1893 is available, some very remarkable facts are brought to light. In the first place, according to Bradstreet's, the total business failures during the past year amounted to an increase of fifty-one per cent. over the previous year, the largest increase as well as the greatest total for a single year on record. The liabilities were correspondingly large, but, as usual in panic years, the assets bear a larger proportion to the liabilities than is usually the case. The failures are greatest in the central Western States, and were heavy in the Eastern and Middle States, large on the Pacific coast, and comparatively light in the South. In four Southern States the total failures for the year were actually smaller than during the previous year, these four States being Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Louisiana showed only ninety-five failures, against 116 during 1892, which is a remarkable showing considering the financial panic and the monetary pressure which prevailed here during the summer. Not only was the total number of failures light, but the showing of assets and liabilities was small considering the business contraction. The total liabilities of failing traders were a trifle more than a million of dollars, the bulk of which a few institutions were responsible for, so that, eliminating a couple of large failures, the individual liabilities of the bulk of the failing traders were insignificant. The reason of such small business casualties in the Southern States cannot be hard to seek. There has been, for instance, no disposition to inflate values of recent years in this section, and poor crops, coupled with unsatisfactory prices, for several years in succession, forced upon the people a policy of rigid economy and conservation which left little room for excessive and sudden financial pressure. The immunity of the South from financial disaster has turned the attention of investors in this direction, and, consequently, placed our people in a position to profit by the first signs of returning confidence."

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## PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

Six cottages along the canal at Columbus, S. C., burned Thursday.

Maj. W. A. C. Doggett was crushed to death by two cars at Gaffney, S. C., last week.

200 bales of cotton burned at Anderson, S. C.

Capt. R. R. Crawford, a prominent man of Winston, N. C., has failed.

James' livery stable in Atlanta was burned Friday night at 11 o'clock. Loss \$100,000. A number of firemen were seriously burned.

Henry Hagedorn, an old man, and his wife were killed by burglars 18 miles from Knoxville Thursday night. The burglars got \$200.

The Bear Spring Iron Furnace in Stewart county, Tenn., will resume in a few days giving employment to 300 men.

The postoffice of Newport News, Va., was robbed Friday morning of \$4,000. No clue.

A flour mill has been contracted to be built near Fingerville, S. C.

Stanhope Pullen will erect a new business block in Raleigh, N. C.

Many of the cotton mills of South Carolina are adding more machinery. The textile interests of the State are humming.

C. H. Almond, dry-goods merchant at Lynchburg, Va., has assigned, with liabilities of \$21,000.

The Wilmington (N. C.) branch of the National Loan Company has been organized with Samuel Northrop, president.

The Consolidated Lumber Co., at Pulaski, Va., has made an assignment. Assets are estimated at \$10,000.

Charles A. Gladke, dry-goods merchant at Staunton, Va., has assigned. Liabilities are estimated at \$35,000 and assets at \$18,000.

The improving credit of the State of Virginia is shown by the passage in the Virginia senate of a bill authorizing the monthly purchase, out of the surplus of \$100,000, of "Century bonds."

Petersburg, Va., is to have electric street cars.

It is expected that the Manchester & Augusta road now being built will be completed by April. The grading is nearly finished and track-laying has begun. This is the Atlantic Coast Line's extension between Remini and Denmark, S. C.

It is reported that the Baltimore & Ohio is considering the idea of extending the Valley division of its system to Roanoke, Va.

Bids have been opened at Charleston, S. C., for the reconstruction of the bridge across the Ashley River.

A reduction of 50 cents per gallon in whiskey has been announced by the South Carolina State dispensary.

The bill to repeal the Federal election law has passed the U. S. Senate, and received the President's signature.

Stewart, of Nevada, and the three Populist Senators, Allen, Kyle and Peffer, voted with the Democrats, otherwise it was a strict party vote.

Kope Elms is slated for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 9th North Carolina district.

Roses are blooming out of doors at Newbern, N. C.

The Raleigh, N. C., electric street cars have not been running since Nov. 4. The road will be sold in April, by order of the court.

Ex-Sheriff Leonard, of Davidson county, N. C., died Tuesday of Bright's disease.

The girls of a certain town of North Carolina have a new fad. It consists in stealing the hair from inside of an unmarried gentleman's hat and wearing it in the bed of their stockings. If they do this they say the gentleman will be sure to propose.

**A CHATTANOOGA KILLING.**

Barker-Henson kills insurance agent Wert while on the elevator.

CHATTANOOGA.—The town is wild with excitement over the killing of J. B. Wert by Geo. N. Henson, the former an insurance man, the latter a big bank president. Henson had been giving advice to his wife, charged with infidelity on her part, with Wert, who had lately been expelled from the Methodist church. The two men had been feebly avoiding each other for some time. They met on a descending elevator, and before it reached the bottom floor Henson had fired several shots into Wert. Henson alleges that he saw Wert reach for a weapon, but Wert was unarmed. Wert was very prominent.

**For the Cyclone Sufferers.**

BEAUFORT, S. C.—Col. White acknowledges the receipt through his son-in-law, G. F. Lawson, of No. 486 Broadway, N. Y., two large cases containing four hundred suits of ready-made clothing and an additional check for \$400 for the benefit of the sea island cyclone sufferers. This latter amount up to the time agreed upon \$1,850 received by the special relief committee, consisting of Col. T. G. White, George Thomas Talbair and Drs. A. P. Proulx and W. Percy Gibbs from this and other contributing sources for sufferers, who in their discretion need support and aid and to whom help has been extended and without discrimination.

**Killed at Spartanburg.**

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—In a whiskey fight at W. H. H. 12 miles from the city, Crawford Bailey was shot and killed by State Constable Massey. The coroner's jury rendered the following verdict, which is singular in its phrasing: "We, the coroner's jury, agree that the deceased, Crawford Bailey, came to his death on February 3, 1894 by means of a shot fired in the hands of F. G. Massey, while resisting officers of the law." Massey was then placed under arrest.

**Sam Jones and Ingalls Meet.**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—When Evangelist Sam Jones called for penitents at the Gospel Tabernacle in this city, where he is holding a revival, the first person in the line of those who went forward to take his extended palm was no less a personage than Hon. John James, ex-governor of Kansas. Mr. Ingalls was in Nashville to lecture.

"I endorse every word you say," he remarked earnestly as he grasped the evangelist's hand. "God bless you," responded Mr. Jones, fervently.

**Populists are Organizing.**

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Populists are this early beginning to hold county meetings for the purpose of organizing clubs. At each meeting a letter from Chairman Tanbueck of the national executive committee, is read urging the immediate organization of clubs in each township. It is said these clubs are to meet weekly and have no sign or passwords, such as the Populists used in their organization two years ago, and that their motto will be "an honest government and a fair count."

**Passed the Senate.**

RICHMOND, VA.—The Senate passed the joint resolution ordering a vote at the November election on the question of amending the constitution as to dispensing with jury trials in cases of misdemeanors, and thus giving trial by judge and jury the choice of the parties. The bill had before the Senate the Supreme Court of Appeals in the case of Miller vs. the State. The bill will be the signature of the Governor to become a law.

**Troops to Protect Negroes.**

RICHMOND, VA.—Pursuant to a call from the Sheriff of Prince William county, Gov. O'Ferrall ordered the Alexandria Light Infantry to proceed to Manassas to aid the civil authorities in protecting two negroes to be tried there for assaulting two women. The negroes were taken to Alexandria to prevent lynching. The Sheriff in his request says he cannot get a posse sufficiently strong to protect the prisoners upon their arrival at Manassas unless aided by the military.

## THE FLY WHEEL BURST.

And Engineer Lewis, of the Spartan Cotton Mill, Killed.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—A terrible accident occurred at the Spartan Cotton Mills Tuesday morning at ten minutes to 6 o'clock, which resulted in the death of Engineer James Lewis and the destruction of the boiler and engine room. The large fly wheel, which is 24 feet in diameter and seven feet wide, flew to pieces, demolishing the walls and timbers of the engine room and tearing off the roof.

The falling of the walls and roof awakened the sleeping inhabitants of the squares away. People rushed out of their homes, thinking that another earthquake had come. Large pieces of the fly-wheel, weighing hundreds of pounds, were hurled through the massive brick walls and worked destruction wherever they struck.

Engineer Lewis, as soon as possible, removed from the ruins. His body was in a mangled condition and considerably bruised by the crash. What caused the accident is not known; it is a thing that no one can explain. Capt. Montgomery, the president of the mills, has a large force of hands clearing away the wreck, and in thirty days time it is thought that the mill will be running again.

Should it take longer than thirty days the pay of the employees of the mill will continue until work is resumed.

**Must Beat Them.**

Bremen, the famous German seaport, has addressed an official communication to Clarksville, Tenn. These two ends of the earth have thus come together, because, as Bremen charges and Clarksville admits, the tobacco packed at the latter place and shipped to the former falls far short of the samples furnished to the Bremen tobacco importers. The importers announced that they would give no more orders for Clarksville tobacco until a satisfactory reply should be made to the circular of complaint. The Clarksville Tobacco Board of Trade, which had already been investigating the question of fraudulent tobacco packing, not only sent a full and satisfactory reply to Bremen, but thanked the importers for their circular of complaint, and henceforth Clarksville is likely to maintain her good reputation in the tobacco importing world. Clarksville is a town of 8,000 inhabitants, the county seat of Montgomery county, up on the Kentucky border and the depot for a large tobacco-growing area. The first of the year, which has been a record for the volume of which throughout the year is sufficient motive power to drive the machinery of any one of the largest textile establishments in the country.

**Water Falls in North Carolina.**

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**B. Her on the Hustings.**

BRENTFORD, S. C.—United States Senator M. C. Butler made an address here before a large audience from various parts of the country. He was introduced by President Evans, of the State Alliance. He declared his course in national politics, stating that he had advocated free silver since 1881. He seemed to have many friends among the Marlboro farm-raised in his race for election.

**Stolen Whiskey Had Under a Church.**

A disreputable robbery which occurred at Kershaw, S. C., two men named Hilton and one named Davis, all white, were arrested for stealing 60 quarts of Tillman's XXX from the dispensary. A small colored boy heard a hen cackle under the Methodist church. He went under the building in search of the egg and discovered the whiskey hid under there. The men were suspected, arrested and carried to jail.

**Gun House Burned.**

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—A disastrous fire occurred at Fairmont, twelve miles from this city. The gun house belonging to Joe C. Smith, was entirely consumed. All of the machinery and a lot of cotton seed went up in the flames. The first occurred about 11 o'clock. It was incendiary and Hampton Smith has been arrested for applying the torch.

**Women in Power Out West.**

Mrs. Annie S. Austin, the newly elected mayor of Pleasanton, Kansas, is described as "a buxom woman of 200 pounds, and quite intelligent." Her husband is a railroad employee. She was the leading speaker in the campaign which resulted in her election, and electrified so cleverly that she went into office with a majority of 12 votes.

**Four were Killed.**

WARM SPRINGS, VA.—News has just been received here of a fight on Black Allegheny Mountain, near the West Virginia line, between several deputy United States marshals and a party of illicit distillers. Two of the marshals were killed, as were also two of the distillers, and one man, Ham Collins, who is known here, was badly wounded.

**Five Years From a Sentence.**

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Governor Tillman knocked off five years from the term of Colonel J. H. Morrow, the well-known horseman, who was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for aiding in the malpractice that brought about the death of pretty Corie Fowler year before last.

**Killed by the Sheriff.**

RALEIGH, N. C.—John Maze, colored, broke into a store at University station. He was pursued by Sheriff John Cates, of Durham county, who came up with him at Hixtown. Maze drew a knife and attempted to cut the sheriff, who then shot him dead.

**His Eyeball Carried Off by an Owl.**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.—John Rider of Dutechford was out on a hunting Tuesday night and while looking up a tree for a coon an owl flew down, striking him in the eye with his claw, tearing out the ball and carrying it away.

**Diet and Taken Home.**

J. Walter Campbell, of Columbia, S. C., belonging to the Washington, D. C. district mounted police, died there of pneumonia, after four days illness and his remains were taken home.

**Wash. of Ohio, Drops Dead.**

## Hanged For Killing His Sweetheart.

At Winston, N. C., in the presence of over 6,000 people, Peter DeGraff, paid the penalty of the murder of his sweetheart, Ellen Smith. Sheriff McGuffey sprung the trigger at 12:35 and in an instant the life of the condemned man was over. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous, but the heart's action continued for seven minutes.

In his speech DeGraff made a confession of the crime, which he has always bitterly denied. He talked rapidly but was not excited. He said: "That thing you call corn liquor, cards, dice, and other games of chance, pistols and bad women, are the things which have brought me to this place, to stand on this scaffold. I have kept you for months that I am going to tell you. God told me to keep it back, I said that woman. I was drunk at the time. I put the pistol to her breast and fired it. The only words she said after I shot, were: 'Lord, have mercy on me.' I stand here to-day to receive my just reward."

He concluded his remarks by telling his hearers not to do as he had done. He said: "I shot her, and told his two brothers and the officer who was by the scene was a sad one. He gave his Bible to his youngest brother."

**Persimmons and Crab Apples on One Tree.**

"There is a curiosity in the tree line near Columbia, Ga., that I never saw mentioned in print," said Lee Jordan of Cleveland. "It is a tree which bears persimmons on one side and wild crab apples upon the other. Of course, as a matter of fact, there are two trees, but it takes very close examination to distinguish a persimmon from there. They have grown so closely together that each has lost its identity, so far as appearance is concerned, and the people in its neighborhood insist that it is but one tree. The persimmon side is the most fruitful, and produces a fairly good yield of fruit, which is not in the least affected by the presence of the crab apples. The other side does not bear very well, and it is only during an occasional year that there is a yield of crab apples, but both sides have been known to bear good crops in the same year. The roots have never been examined, so far as I know."

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