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WASHINGTON NEWS.

GATHERED BY THE "LEADER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—The trouble which resulted in the resignation of the son of Pension Commissioner Raum has assumed a new and interesting aspect, having gotten into the hands of the District Attorney through the efforts of the Civil Service Commission, which feels very sore on account of the trick that was played upon it in connection with the sale of a promotion in the Pension Office. Commissioner Roosevelt, who, whatever his faults may be is never afraid to publicly speak his opinion, says on the subject: "I am delighted to learn that the Attorney General has turned the case over to the District Attorney. We felt very sure that the testimony made out a prima facie case against the four men—Raum, Straun, Johnson and Smith—and that it was our clear duty to promptly report the case not only to the heads of the departments in which the men were serving, but also to the Attorney General for such action as he might see fit to take. The misconduct of which these men are alleged to be guilty is of so serious a character that we could do no less. Offences of the kind indicated are sure at times to occur, and the only efficacious way of dealing with them is by punishing the offenders. The prompt and vigorous action of Secretary Noble in this matter reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the administration."

What the District Attorney will do with these cases is a question upon which he and the Attorney General have held several conferences. It is believed that he will be compelled to do something by the Civil Service Commission, which recognizes the doubt cast upon all its proceedings by the fact that one man could take an examination upon which another could be promoted, and is determined to try and rehabilitate itself in public estimation by its energy in pushing the prosecution of the detected offenders and by making promises that such things shall not again occur.

Commissioner Raum has not yet tendered his resignation, but the general impression is that he will eventually do so. Many believe that he will do so as soon as Secretary Noble returns to the city, which will be inside of ten days. He is regarded as a very unfortunate man, but many of his personal and political friends do not hesitate to say that the best thing he can do is to resign, in order to relieve the administration of embarrassment.

Mr. Harrison has not up to this time attempted to take up the hanging threads of any of Mr. Blaine's partially completed reciprocity agreements, but I am informed that an arrangement has been made satisfactory to all concerned, whereby, in case Mr. Blaine decides to go to Maine instead of returning to Washington, Mr. John W. Foster, the gentleman who recently went to Spain for the State department and negotiated a trade reciprocity agreement, which is now in Mr. Harrison's hands, will become Mr. Harrison's adviser in all matters pertaining to reciprocity, in short, a sort of deputy Secretary of State.

The presence of a considerable number of more or less prominent republicans in this city has caused it to be believed that the appointments of the new U. S. Circuit Court judges are about to be made, although there are still some people who think they will not be made until after Congress meets. The rumor is also revived that Mr. Harrison proposes appointing at least three democrats among the judges. Perhaps he will, but if so, he will greatly surprise a good many people, myself among the number. It would, of course, be a highly honorable thing for him to do, but his political associates would call it mighty poor politics.

At the Farmers' Alliance headquarters here there is little disposition to discuss, for publication, the new born People's party. Nothing but the

kindest feeling exists on the part of the Alliance men for the new party, but it is easy to see that they fear that there has been too much precipitancy in its formation; and it is presumable that they wish to see how it is received before committing their organization, which will have to furnish a very large majority of the voters in the party, if it is to become a factor in the national campaign next year.

FOREIGN NEWS CONDENSED.

The U. S. war ship Pensacola arrived at Iquique, Chili on Wednesday of last week.

A dispatch received last Thursday in London from Lisbon says the financial situation there is growing worse. Owing to the disappearance of small notes from circulation and the appearance of large notes in their place it is difficult to change money. Money changers are advertising for gold and silver.

The Italian Government has ordered that the tomb of the late Prince Napoleon, in the church of La Superga, be closed. This is in consequence of the French Government's refusal to allow the body to be buried in Corsica, which was the request of the executors of the late Prince's will.

Paris was visited, Thursday evening last, by a terrific storm which did considerable damage, uprooting trees, and destroying flower beds and lawns. There was no loss of life.

The German Government is building a large dynamite factory at Coswig, on the Elbe, near Dessau.

Four outlying forts are being constructed in connection with the Neubreisach fortress, which commands the Belfast district of France.

A German-American petroleum company at Bremen is building a huge reservoir at Riesa, Saxony. The reservoir will have a capacity of 200,000 casks.

Mme. Paul Blouet, wife of the well known writer and lecturer, Max O'Rell, will accompany her husband on his next lecturing tour, which will be through Australia, and which will commence in September next.

Last Monday night was the occasion of the one hundredth night of the performance of "Ivanhoe" in London and was signalized by the conducting of the opera by Sir Arthur Sullivan, in person.

The Cologne Gazette says that previous to the Czar's visit to the exhibition at Moscow, a French squadron is expected at Cronstadt with 2,000 rifles for the Russian army, and that the French officers will accompany the Czar to Moscow.

The Westphalia miners have opened co-operative stores at Dortmund, Witten, Gelsenkirchen, Oberhausen and other places. The Krupps introduced a similar system at their works in Essen sometime ago.

Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart, member of Parliament for London died last Friday of heart disease.

Dispatches received at Paris from Grand Bassaw, a French town of Upper Guinea, on the Gold Coast of Africa, says that the French expedition sent into the exterior to avenge the death of French travelers, has fought a battle with a force of 800 natives killing many and subduing the surrounding country.

Drivers of the public stages of Paris have struck for twelve hours work and the reinstatement of drivers belonging to the union, who had been dismissed. Several riots have occurred and many arrests made.

A cable from Shanghai, China, states that the Christian missions at Nankin have been attacked and pillaged by natives. All the European women and children have left the city. The Methodist girl's school has been set on fire and looted. The British torpedo cruiser, Porpoise, has been ordered to protect British interests. Chinese troops have also been sent to the scene of trouble.

SOUTHPORT'S HARBOR.

A SPLENDID ENDORSEMENT BY CAPT. R. B. QUICK.

Of course, you know I have made an impromptu visit to the little town of Southport, N. C., situated at the entrance of the Cape Fear River, and as my experience may be of benefit to some of your readers, I will give it them through your columns. The El Monte crossed the Southport bar drawing 20 feet 11 inches of water, and Capt. Tom Morse, the pilot who had us in charge, took her over without scratching the paint off her keel. We anchored in five fathoms of water, within one-eighth of a mile of the wharves. The harbor is a good one, the best on the coast between the Chesapeake Bay and Key West, and in my opinion has a promising future. There is a company established there for coaling steamers, and the rates are reasonable. Ships of 20 feet draught can be at the coal dock. The same company also contract to do lightering and other work connected with shipping. I found every one with whom we had business most accommodating and reasonable in charges, and not trying to put on the screws because we were in distress. The town is healthy, strictly temperate (no intoxicants being sold within its limits), and is noted for the beauty of its women.

R. B. QUICK,

Master steamship El Monte.

The above letter is characteristic of the man who wrote it. A great, big hearted American, that knows when the interests he represents are well treated, and does not hesitate to say so. Capt. Quick's indorsement of Southport is invaluable, because it emanates from a man who knows what he is talking about, and is void of prejudice. He owns no town lots there and has no axe to grind. He discovered a good port to put into in distress, and gives his brother mariners the benefit of his experience through these columns. We would be under many obligations to any of our marine friends, who are all co-workers with us for the benefit of the American ship, to communicate such or like information at any time.

—Marine Journal.

THE DAVIS MONUMENT FUND.

To the people of the South: It has been the custom of all times and of all people to honor the memory of their illustrious dead by the building of monuments which shall be a perpetual reminder of their virtues and achievements. Southern soil is rich with the blood and ashes of Southern heroes and patriots, whose memory will be a priceless heritage and inspiring example forever. Among the noble dead there is none whose name appeals with greater power to the affectionate remembrance of the Southern people than that of Jefferson Davis. His splendid valor upon the field of battle, his brilliant abilities in the arena of statesmanship, his heroic fortitude under persecution unparalleled in its atrocity and bitterness, his patient, proud endurance of calumny and detraction, make him a figure which will stand for all time in the group of the great men of our history.

The cause for which he fought and suffered has gone down, and we have buried it forever. But there is no sentiment of honor or of patriotism which requires us to bury the memory of those whose lives were entwined with and whose blood was shed for it. The Southern people will have become lost to every sense of honorable manhood and womanhood when they forget him who for their sake wore the shackles upon his wasted limbs. We, therefore, appeal to the people of the South, confident of the nature of their response. We have appointed the 18th day of June, 1891, as a day upon which the people of every town and county in the Southern States should meet and take the proper steps to forward the enterprise of voluntary contributions, or other methods which may seem best. Let those who feel a patriotic interest in this movement everywhere begin at once to organize a movement in their respective communities, and secure a large and enthusiastic meeting on the day appointed and send the results of their efforts to Capt. John L. Weber, Charleston, S. C., who will act as treasurer of the fund.

JOHN W. CHILDRESS,
PATRICK WALSHE,
JOHN L. WEBER.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, May 21.

The Davis Shoe Co., having headquarters in Lynn, Mass., and a branch at Richmond, Va. has failed. The liabilities of the Richmond branch are \$125,000. The company has been in operation in Richmond for eight years and employed 600 convicts.

The latest report from the Tarrytown, N. Y. casualty is that there were thirteen men killed and twenty-two wounded.

A Key West special to the Times Union says: Forty sponge vessels have arrived since Saturday with large catches of the finest quality of sponges valued at \$80,000.

A convict imprisoned at Pratt Mines Ala., was shot by the guard and instantly killed while attempting to set fire to the prison in which are confined over four hundred prisoners.

A dispatch from Gainesville, Texas says that the damage to crops in the section recently visited by hail storms will amount to \$50,000.

The National Linsseed Oil company's mills at Sioux City, Iowa were burned yesterday involving a loss of \$150,000 fully covered by insurance.

Friday, May 22.

Fire destroyed the entire lumber yard and stock belonging to J. W. Day & Co., Minneapolis, Minn. The fire started early yesterday morning. A number of freight cars belonging to the Northern Pacific R. R. were also burned. The loss will amount to about \$228,000.

The corner stone of the Masonic Home for indigent Masons, Widows and Orphans was laid at Utica, N. Y., yesterday with impressive ceremonies.

There were about 30,000 visitors in the city, including 15,000 Masons from all parts of the country.

Alphonso Taft, Secretary of War and Attorney General during Grant's administration and at one time Minister to Russia, died at his home in San Diego, Cal., yesterday.

The Executive Committee of the new People's Party of the United States of America, met yesterday at Cincinnati, O., and elected Robert Schilling of Milwaukee, secretary, and M. C. Rankin, of Terre Haute, treasurer.

Saturday, May 23.

The Hill Shoe Company, of Memphis, Tenn., assigned yesterday and the president, Wm. Vilas Hill, committed suicide almost immediately thereafter. President Hill was a nephew of ex Postmaster General Vilas and only 32 years old. The failure of the company is due to the failure of the Davis Shoe company of Lynn, Mass. which owed the Hill company between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Secretary Blaine is now able to be up and his physician, Dr. Dennis says his complete recovery is only a matter of a few days.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says that the continued outgo of gold, \$7,600,000 having been exported this week, is having a very depressing influence on markets. At the South crop reports are highly satisfactory, and trade, although sluggish now, is expected to be excellent hereafter. Failures for the week 214 against 190 for the corresponding week last year.

The U. S. cruiser Galeana will probably be sold at auction as the examining board recommends. She cannot, so the board say in their recommendation, be repaired for 20 per cent. of her value.

Sunday, May 24.

A terrific hail storm passed through Madison, Delaware, Randolph and Vermillion counties in Indiana, doing great damage to fruit and crops.

All of the deputy sheriffs arrested

charged with murder during the Morewood riots in the Pennsylvania coke regions, have been acquitted by the jury after a five hours' deliberation.

New York banks now hold \$5,211,600 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

The Navy Department is still without news from the Charleston. This is her sixth day out from Acapulco.

Francis W. Kennedy, president, and Henry Kennedy, cashier of the suspended Spring Garden bank, Philadelphia had a hearing yesterday before Magistrate Withers and were held in \$10,000 bail each to answer at court. Bail was furnished. The fact was established, by testimony taken, that the bank had declared a 12 1/2 per cent. dividend two days previous to its suspension.

Monday, May 25.

A police officer was fatally shot at Houston, Texas, last night, just after the Sam Jones' meeting by a man named F. F. Hunter while protecting a woman who claimed to be Hunter's wife.

Gov. McKinney says that the members of the State Debt Commission will convene at Richmond, Va., next week. During their session several members of the Scott committee of New York have been requested to be present and present a plan for the settlement of the State debt.

The steamer Hudson, from New Orleans to New York with ninety-six passengers and a miscellaneous cargo of merchandise, went ashore at six o'clock yesterday morning a short distance south of Nag's Head, N. C. The passengers were safely landed by the crew of the Life Saving Station but, owing to a break in the telegraph line, it is impossible to get further particulars.

Tuesday, May 26.

Judge L. C. Houck, representative in Congress from the Second Tennessee district died at his residence in Knoxville, Tenn., at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. His death was occasioned by a dose of arsenic taken in mistake for another preparation.

City treasurer Bardsley of Philadelphia has been arrested on a second charge, that of embezzling \$446,000 of the State's money. His bond in each case has been fixed at \$25,000. As he is still sick he is to be kept under surveillance in his own room. His first case will come up for a hearing next Friday.

It has been decided by the Southern Presbyterian Assembly, now in session at Birmingham, Ala., to establish an institute at Birmingham, for the education of colored Presbyterian ministers. A site has already been donated.

Patton, White & Bailey, shoe manufacturers at Boston, Mass., have failed. Their liabilities are thought to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The firm lost \$178,000 by the failure of a Memphis, Tenn. shoe house.

Wednesday, May 27.

The train which left Bangor, Me., for St. Johns at 7:40 o'clock, Monday night, was held up near Enfield by four men armed with rifles and revolvers. Several shots were fired but no one hurt. The robbers secured no booty.

A fearful collision occurred yesterday at Iowa City, Ia., between students and policemen owing to an unprovoked assault made on a student by a policeman who, in turn, was roughly handled by the students. The fight raged for nearly an hour and several of the participants were badly hurt.

Secretary Blaine is still in New York, but is reported as improving in health.

Kenny & Satsky, clothiers in Atlanta, Ga., were closed by the sheriff yesterday. Their liabilities are said to be about \$18,000. They expect to be able to resume business soon.

President Brown, in the joint session of the Florida Legislature held yesterday, declared Call elected U. S. Senator. He received 51 votes.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 26.—The crops, save small grain, are not good. Their contrast with the luxuriant crops of 1890, is calculated to make the farmers feel blue. Everything appears to go wrong and of grumbling there is no end. Cotton is very poor and the same may be said of corn in the eastern counties. About two-thirds of the tobacco crop has been set out, and looks fairly well.

Wrightsville will be a gay place this summer. The North Carolina troops go into camp there (30 companies) and at the same time the First Virginia regiment. After these depart the Confederate pensioners will go into camp, and a South Carolina regiment will succeed these.

The Alliance people are doing a deal of talking these days. They do not like the "People's Party" movement at Cincinnati. They do not at all fancy Col. Polk's letter which was read there and say he should not have written one word. They do not like the peculiar style in which Gov. Tillman, of S. C. does business and appear to think it will not advance Alliance plans or ideas. They do not endorse him. The truth is the Alliance is at once more conservative and democratic here than in South Carolina. The people over the border nearly always go to the extremes. The views as to Polk and Tillman are expressed plainly by some of the leading Alliance men like S. B. Alexander and W. A. Graham.

The strange case of D. A. McDougald like Banquo's ghost, will not down. Did he kill his old uncle, Simon Connelly? The people of Laurinburg, his home, say "no." The grand jury of Robeson county says "yes." The grand jury, upon overwhelming evidence, finds a true bill, and asks for an increase of rewards by the Governor and the county. Meanwhile the worst criminal of the year is at large. It is certainly curious how the man's friends can, in face of the evidence and of his flight, have faith in him.

The Supreme Court has adjourned after having reversed the opinions of Judges of the Superior Court in an unusually large number of cases. The business of the court the past six terms has not been as large as for the six terms preceding. The cause of this is not known, but may be the disposal of old cases by the increase in the number of justices of the court.

The railway commissioners have sent away to the various roads the tax assessment blanks. The duty of assessing now devolves upon this board, and very properly so.

The cases against the New Hanover county canvassing board will hardly be called before the middle of next week. It may be that the parties defendant will not have to come here, with their witnesses, of whom there are some 15. It is not reasonable to suppose that the case will go against them, though the Government would like to make some party capital out of it.

Thus far this year 25 illicit distilleries have been seized in this district. That is the largest in the same period in recent years.

The Governor has issued the death warrant for Henry W. Bradham, the negro murderer, who will be executed at Charlotte July 2nd for the murder of John B. Moca.

The University commencement occurs next week. Governor Holt goes there Tuesday. He is compelled to decline many invitations to affairs of the sort. The Governor is not in robust health, rheumatism giving him a great deal of annoyance.

Many persons are at work at the exposition grounds, putting up the great building, which will have a frontage of 1,250 feet. It will be finished by July 15th.

The trustees of the colored State Agricultural and Mechanical College meet here June 23rd, to locate it and elect officers.