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THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C. June 23.—The penitentiary is required to be self-supporting. To make it so, the most constant care is necessary as well as favorable weather which permits out door work. In any period of bad weather there is a marked falling off in receipts. During the past quarter the receipts exceeded the expenses about \$1,000.

The condition of Charles M. Busbee, the Grand Sire and head of the Odd Fellows of the world, has attracted wide-spread attention. He was stricken with paralysis on the 11th inst., and though it was at first stated that the attack was of a mild nature, it soon became apparent that his condition was dangerous in the extreme. Last Sunday his death was hourly expected. Yesterday there was a sort of rally.

It is a great while before the next campaign, but already many people are talking about the coming man for Governor. Some say he will be Thos. M. Holt, while others name Geo. W. Sanderlin. It is no secret that the latter is or will be a candidate for the nomination and that he is a very strong man.

Governor Holt has not been ranked as a strong speaker, but rather as a man of acts, not words. Yet his speeches at the University Commencement and at the Teachers' Assembly evinced the fact that he is also a man of ideas. The Assembly this year has been a great success. The attendance is the largest on record, it is asserted. Of course not all those who attend are teachers, but people who avail themselves of the wonderfully low rates to pass some days at the seaside.

At each of the summer resorts all over the country the barroom plays a prominent part and the consumption of more or less cooling beverages is an item of interest to the visitor and of profit to the landlord. But at Morehead City there is so far this season no bar and no drinks save those which the guests of the hotel take with them from home. This state of things is due to the prohibitionists and the County Commissioners, who have put their heads together. The Commissioners refuse to grant license, though the hotel people offer to pay the total taxes of the town for two years and a bonus besides.

The State Board of Agriculture had an interesting meeting last week. It re-elected all the officers of the department. The reports made by the latter were very satisfactory indeed.

The trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College also met last week and elected the faculty of that institution, besides electing two additional assistant professors. The legislature voted \$10,000 a year to the college, this sum to be used solely for buildings and equipment. A decision was not reached as to what should be done with this year's fund, but at another meeting soon to be held it will be decided that a dormitory building and improved heating and lighting appliances for all the buildings shall be added. It is interesting to note that they will make a complete exhibit of its work at the Southern Exposition in October and November.

The board of managers of the World's Fair for this State met last Friday, Gov Holt calling it to order. It elected Elias Carr president, Mrs. George W. Kidder vice-president, T. K. Branor secretary and Peter M. Wilson executive commissioner. Upon the latter falls the heavy work of securing the State's exhibits, providing for their transportation to Chicago and their display there. North Carolina has secured a large and well located space in the main building. It will select for Chicago the cream of its exhibit at the Southern Exposition at Raleigh. The board of managers will meet again October 21st.

The number of inmates of the Confederate Soldiers Home here has increased to thirty and a number of ap-

plications for admission are filed. Money is needed to meet the urgent requirements of this worthy institution. The merchants of the State are preparing for a great fight on the question of the right of the State to impose what is commonly termed the "merchants purchase tax." It is clearly an unjust tax. Thinking members of the legislature so regarded it, but the greed for money made them again levy the tax. The fight will now be in the courts and will be conducted with system and vigor. Able counsel are engaged.

NORTH CAROLINA.

News Clipped From Valuable Exchanges From the Old North State.

Crops have been doing finely the past week. They are yet quite small for the season but prospects look more favorable.—Eastern Reflector.

Our people expect to have quite a celebration here on the 4th of July, and a grand time is anticipated.—There were 5,000 barrels of potatoes shipped from here last week.—Washington Progress.

The crops in this immediate vicinity are not at all encouraging. Farmers say that the crops are much behind last year, and even as much behind as in 1889. However, the very favorable weather during the past week has done much for them, and the farmers are more hopeful.—Scotland Neck Democrat.

The continued wet weather has caused about one half of the early peaches to rot, and has likewise seriously damaged the grape crop.—A number of revenue officers left here on Thursday on a raid through Moore and Montgomery counties. They captured only one still, which was in Montgomery.—Carthage Blade.

The Gingham Mill for Charlotte is a fixed fact.—The financial committee presented Mr. Fife with a purse of \$1,000.—The Grand Lodge K. of P. was held in this city last Wednesday, the 17th inst. The report of the Grand Chancellor shows a large gain in membership and many lodges organized during the past year. The order is in a very prosperous condition, and growing rapidly.

The farmers are in the midst of wheat harvest this week and the crop is turning out quite well—it will be at least an average crop. The warm days and nights are bringing the cotton and corn out of the kinks but they are woefully over-run by the grass, and the farmers can't get to it on account of having to save their wheat. Tobacco is really the only crop that is in good shape.—Landmark.

The Russian Jew purchase is about 25 miles from Lenoir, in the heart of the mountains on the waters of Wilson's Creek. The settlement, if it should be made, would be made, would necessitate the building of a railroad from Lenoir via that point to Linville.—In a town that lays no claim to having no "boom" on Lenoir is making very substantial progress. Work is plentiful and new enterprises are daily springing up.—Lenoir Topic.

A number of the merchants of Fayetteville met in the market-house here last Thursday, to hear the report of the canvassing committee, appointed at a former meeting to ascertain what amount the Fayetteville merchants would contribute to a suit to be brought for testing the merchants' purchase-tax. The report showed a subscription of about \$130,000, and Mr. F. R. Rose was appointed to represent Fayetteville on the advisory committee.—Fayetteville Observer.

Dr. W. A. Lash, of Walnut Cove, has been unanimously elected President of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, to fill the unexpired term of the late Col. Julius A. Gray. Dr. Lash is a progressive young man of considerable wealth, popular and energetic and has for several years been a leading director of the road. We learn that he will remove from his home at Walnut Cove to Greensboro and make his home at the latter place.—News-Observer.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

GATHERED BY THE "LEADER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—The condition of the United States Treasury has been much talked of during the last few days, the fruitful source of misstatements not to give the hundred and one stories that have been told on both sides a worse name. The democrats have declared that the much prophesied deficit was an actual fact, while the republicans have been just as emphatical in stating that the Treasury had plenty of available cash on hand. Neither of them have stated the facts just as they existed, without exaggeration, because they were, on both sides, trying to make political capital out of what should really have nothing to do with partisan politics.

However, it is hardly fair to saddle all of the blame upon the politicians, when much of it is chargeable to the style in which the Treasury statements are made up. For two days this statement made it appear that the U. S. Treasurer had given checks for nearly a million dollars more than the amount of available cash in the Treasury, hence the democratic stories of the Treasury deficit, when as a matter of fact the Treasurer had \$26,000,000 on deposit with National Banks, which was certainly just as much available cash as is a private individual's bank deposits, besides, there was in the Treasury more than \$20,000,000 in fractional silver—hence the republican cry of plenty of money.

There is no deficit, and there is not plenty of money; the real situation is midway between those statements, but as all the big payments that will be due for three months have now been paid, it is fair to infer that the Treasury surplus will increase very rapidly during the next ninety days. Among the questions to be considered at the Cabinet meeting which Mr. Harrison called, before going to Cape May Point with Mrs. Harrison and the children, for next Friday, it is understood, will be the form of Treasury statement to be used, and it is hoped that it may be decided to change it to a plainer form, so that neither side can take advantage of it for political purposes. Every patriotic citizen, no matter what his political prejudices are, should be in favor of divorcing out financial system from partisan politics.

As was expected the North American Commercial Company, which is the exclusive lessee of the sealing privileges in Alaskan waters, has filed notice of its intention to put in a claim against the Government for the amount of it; losses by reason of not being allowed to take the stipulated number of seals during the season of 1890, when it only took 20,000, while its contract allowed it to take 60,000. For that it claims \$400,000. This season when it is to be only allowed to take 7,500 it will probably claim a larger amount. It is believed that the administration is favorably inclined to paying this company back the money that it had actually paid out.—Mr. Blaine is credited with having said as much—but it is hardly probable that it will even entertain the idea of paying the enormous sum asked for which doubtless includes anticipated profits had the full number of seals been taken.

The "National Democrat" which has been in financial straits for some time, has suspended publication. It is thought that a very large amount of money has been sunk by its publishers. It has been regarded as a Cleveland organ.

A gentleman high in the councils of the democratic party said to me to-day that Mr. Cleveland was backing representative McMillin of Tennessee in his fight for the Speakership of the House. He was of the opinion that Mr. Cleveland's help would not prove very beneficial, because, while he had a very large following it was entirely personal and not of a nature to be transferred.

There is much speculation as to the

effect of the new European silver pool upon the purchasers of silver bullion by the Treasury department.

Ohio politics is exciting the greatest interest here just now, and in several respects it is certainly puzzling. For instance, the democrats seem disposed to concede McKinley's election as governor and to concentrate their efforts upon electing a majority of the legislature, at least that's the way they talk. The republicans are in much doubt as to the actual relations between Senator Sherman and Ex-Governor Foraker, and they are very busy of expressing opinions on the merits of either man.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

Signor Corte, late Italian Consul at New Orleans, has prepared a report on the New Orleans affair in which he alleges that the Italians killed belonged to no particular society but were murdered simply because they were Italians and competing with natives in the labor market.

Parnell has been ordered to pay \$3,500 costs in the O'Shea divorce suit.

Sir Wm. Gordon Cumming's share of costs in his suit against the Wilsons in the Baccarat case were \$12,500.

A public funeral of the victims of the victims of the terrible railroad accident at Bale, Switzerland took place last Wednesday and was attended by the entire population.

The Chamber of Deputies, Paris, has voted \$300,000 for measures against the locust plague in Algeria.

The police of Birmingham have expressed themselves as fearful that the Prince of Wales will meet with hostile demonstration in the streets when he comes there to open the new law courts on July 21st.

Sixty earthquake shocks were experienced Thursday last throughout the province of Bengal, India, and many buildings were destroyed.

The steamer Queen which has arrived at Victoria, B. C. from Sitka reports that the Revenue cutter Bear has reached Alaska from Icy Bay bringing news of the drowning of Lieut. Robinson and four of the crew of the Bear and A. C. Moore of the Russell party. They were drowned while trying to make a landing at Icy Bay.

The Court of Inquiry investigating the Manipur massacre has found the regent guilty of warring upon the forces of the Empress of India, and sentenced him to death.

Sir Alexander T. Galt, formerly High Commissioner for Canada in England is dangerously ill of influenza.

An artificial lake 1,000 feet long, 350 feet wide and 80 feet deep, formed by the Martell glacier in Tyrol valley Switzerland, burst its confines last Thursday and flooded the valley. It is thought that there will be no loss of life as the accident had been expected for some time. The damage to property will be immense.

Another terrible balloon accident has been added to the long list of casualties from that cause. Four workmen employed on a balloon, which was being inflated, at St. Petersburg, were carried upward through the carelessness of the people holding the ropes. The balloon burst after reaching a great height and the men were dashed to the ground and mangled beyond recognition.

The U. S. flagship San Francisco returned to Iquique, Chile last Monday and left for the South on Tuesday.

The omnibus men's strike at Bordeaux led to rioting on Monday last. A mob of citizens sided with the strikers and a force of cavalry had to be called out to clear the streets. Several persons were injured and many were arrested.

It is announced that Gen. Da Fonseca, President of Brazil, will shortly pay a visit to Europe.

The great banking house of Murieta & Co., of London, Eng., is said to be in financial straits.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, June 18.

A fine Confederate monument was unveiled at Pensacola, Fla., yesterday. The monument is of granite and is situated in the center of R. E. Lee square, eighty feet above the waters of the bay. It is over fifty feet in height. Fourteen military organizations of the State took part in the ceremonies.

A serious accident occurred Tuesday on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad near Boone, Ill., caused by train wreckers placing a tie on the rails. The express train, consisting of an engine and seven cars, plunged into the Coon river. Five or six persons were killed and many more seriously wounded.

M. Bondheim & Bros., retail clothiers at Richmond, Va. have assigned. Liabilities, \$25,000 and assets unknown.

One million dollars has already been subscribed to the stock of the Pan-American Transportation Company chartered by the Alabama legislature to operate steamships between the ports of this country and those of Central and South America. The capital stock is \$10,000,000 with the privilege of increasing to \$100,000,000.

Friday, June 19.

McKinley is the Republican nominee for Governor of Ohio.

Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania vetoed the Compulsory Education bill yesterday.

Crops in Iowa have been badly damaged by the late rains which have been very heavy. The Rock Island railroad at Casey is washed out and other damage is reported with some loss of life.

A large lumber shed in course of construction for Straus Bros., at Berkley, near Norfolk, Va., 272 feet long and 130 feet wide, was blown down during yesterday's storm. Four men were injured.

The will of the late General Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Order of Masonry, of the Southern jurisdiction, has been filed in Washington.

The Chicago Trades Unions will send a letter to President Harrison asking that in all work done by the Federal Government in connection with the World's Fair the eight hour day be recognized, all disputes settled by arbitration.

Saturday, June 20.

Meyer & Dickenson of Philadelphia, in their suit against the Government for excess of duties levied on material used as hat trimming were yesterday awarded \$632.40. This suit was a test case and according to the verdict the Government is made liable for between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 collected from other merchants throughout the United States.

Johann Most, the Anarchist was yesterday sentenced in New York, by Judge Cowing, to one year imprisonment.

About \$1,250,000 damage was done by a cloud burst at Utica, Ill., on Thursday last. Not a manufactory or a home escaped injury of some kind. Water rose from one to six feet in different parts of the town.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: While crop reports continue remarkably favorable, the volume of business at prominent trade centers is not as large as it has been in other years at this time, due in part to the exceptionally hot weather. Crop prospects have improved during the past week, particularly in the Southern and Northwestern regions. Failures for the week 253 against 244 for the corresponding period last year.

Sunday, June 21.

A terribly destructive cyclone and storm passed over portions of Arkansas and Kansas yesterday, destroying

crops and carrying away houses, barns and other buildings and causing considerable loss of life.

The Nestor block and several other buildings in Marquette, Mich., were destroyed by fire on Friday night last. The total loss will amount to about \$125,000. Five men received serious injuries at the fire.

New York banks now hold \$16,066,175 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

D. P. Grier & Co., one of the largest grain dealers in St. Louis, Mo., have failed.

The latest report from Secretary Blaine at Bar Harbor is that he is steadily improving in health and is better now than at any time during his illness at New York.

The damage by Thursday's storm throughout Illinois is even greater than was at first supposed. The new iron bridge over Mill Creek, over 300 feet long was washed away. The loss in crops will be very great.

Monday, June 22.

A dispatch from St. Joseph, Mo., says that the Mississippi river is higher than for several years and still rising. All Government work along the shore has been abandoned and the Government fleet moored in places of safety. Many farmers have lost their crops by the overflowing river.

J. Richardson, a shoe manufacturer at Reading, Mass., has discharged all of his masters owing to the demand for an increase of 36 cents made by the Lasters' Protective Union.

Rev. J. Wesley Hill, of Ogden, Utah has been indicted for libel. He is charged with writing and publishing letters charging criminal conduct upon Rev. Sam. Small in connection with the funds of Utah University.

The amount certified to by the Adjutant General as the expense of maintaining and transporting of troops during the coke region riots in Pennsylvania, is \$35,029.

Tuesday, June 23.

The Florence National Bank, of Florence, Ala., closed its doors yesterday. The bank's affairs are said to be all right and the officers say they expect to resume business in a few days.

Brigadier General A. G. Blanchard died yesterday in New Orleans, aged 81 years.

Seven convicts attempted to escape yesterday from the stockade of the prison at Cole City, Ga. They overpowered the guard, killed two and wounded another and secured their guns. Four of the convicts were fatally shot and two of them, negroes escaped.

A Holbrook, Mass., dispatch says that Whitcomb & Paine, who turn out about one hundred cases of calf boots per day, will this week close their factory indefinitely owing to the unsettled state of business throughout the country.

Anton Karl, an old and trusted disbursing officer of the United States Geological Survey at Washington, D. C., has been arrested, charged with the embezzlement of \$3,600 of Government funds.

Wednesday, June 24.

The striking car drivers of Grand Rapids, Mich., have returned to work.

The Haagat Bros distillery at Pekin, Ill., has been swallowed by the whiskey trust.

At a meeting of the New York State Farmers' League held at Albany, yesterday, the Third party movement was unanimously condemned.

The Agricultural Department at Washington, has commenced making experiments in artificial rain producing, an appropriation of \$7,000 having been made by the last Congress for that purpose.

At the suggestion of Pennsylvania's District Attorney Graham, ex-Treasurer Bardley's sentence has been indefinitely postponed, until a further investigation has been made into his accounts.