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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—Ex Representative Hare, of Texas, is in town and he is full of interesting talk about things of national importance. He says Governor Hogg is afraid to call an extra session of the legislature on account of the Senatorial situation, although the people are mostly in favor of one. He says also that Representative Mills cannot be elected to the Senate because of his having too many bitter enemies in the State, and that, he thinks, Judge Culbertson would be the next Senator from Texas, if he wants the place, whether the election be at an extra or the regular session of the legislature. This, if true, puts a spoke in the wheel of the scheme which has been much talked of here to get Mills elected to the Senate at an extra session of the legislature, in order to get him out of the Speakership fight.

By the way, speaking of the Speakership, a Tammany democrat who is credited with knowing whereof he speaks, says that the twenty-three democrats of New York have been polled on the Speakership, that one of them is for Mills, six for McMillin, and sixteen for Crisp. As the unit rule will be observed in the caucus, with the exception of Representative Tracy who refuses to be bound thereby and who will vote for Mills. Crisp will get twenty-two of the votes.

Secretary Noble is again on hand, and he is kept busy in denying that he has resigned or that he intends to resign. Whatever he may have been several months ago, when the report got out that he intended to resign on account of bad health, he certainly isn't a sick man now.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, which has been in session here since last Wednesday, has about concluded its business, and the members are now engaged in enjoying themselves by sight-seeing and other methods just like ordinary folks.

Can lager beer be taken legally into Indian Territory and be sold there? The question has been raised by some body, and the Treasury, War and Interior Departments are all interested in its answer. "Ardent spirits," or "Spiritous liquors" are prohibited by Statute from being taken into or sold in the Indian country, but judges having jurisdiction of the Territory have differed in the construction of this Statute, some holding that it included beer, and one, the other day, that it did not. The Secretary of the Interior thinks it is a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the law to sell beer in the Territory, and he has requested the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to prevent the admission of any more beer into the Territory, but that official has not yet decided what, if any, steps he will take in the matter. The Secretary has directed that all packages of beer in the Territory be seized.

Washington now wants everything that is going. The delegates from the District of Columbia department of the Union Veterans' Union carried a hearty invitation to the national meeting of the Union which convenes at Cleveland, Ohio, to-morrow, to hold its 1892 meeting here during the same week that the G. A. R. encampment will be here, and notwithstanding that yesterday was Sunday many of our leading citizens were doing missionary work in the ranks of the departments of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, the members of which stopped here enroute to Cleveland. Washington is also after all the political conventions next year.

It is stated that a determined effort is to be made to get Mr. Harrison to appoint as successor to W. L. Bragg, of Alabama, of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, who died last week, a Farmers' Alliance man, if not a member of the order, one who is known to be sympathetic with its aims. It is claimed by the Alliance men that

their numbers and their direct interest in matters pertaining to Inter-State Commerce entitle them to be represented upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and they will be supported by a number of influential republicans who believe it would be good politics for Mr. Harrison to publicly recognize the Alliance, and if the Alliance man selected be a democrat, it is not thought that the members of that party would do much kicking, as they are particularly desirous just at this time of standing well with the Alliance.

The officials of the National Farmers' Alliance say that there is no truth in the charge that Senator Peffer has been misrepresenting the mortgage indebtedness of Kansas, and they have obtained the official figures from the Census Bureau to substantiate their statement. These figures give the mortgage indebtedness of Kansas for the past ten years \$482,700,000, of which there remained unpaid at the close of the Census year \$235,000,000. The total number of mortgages was 620,000; the per capita debt was \$160; 71 per cent were on farms; 28 per cent are subject to 10 per cent interest; 7 per cent to 12 per cent interest and some of them are reported to be subject to 40 per cent interest.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

Ten men were killed and forty injured by the fall of a scaffold at Nordenhamm, in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, last week.

Thos. Eddington & Co., iron founders in Glasgow, have failed. Their liabilities are placed at \$250,000.

Kohlener's oil refinery at Berlin, was burned last Thursday. Four thousand casks exploded, flooding the streets of the city with blazing oil and causing great danger to the public. There was, however, no loss of life.

The Government of China has been notified by the Government of Great Britain, that henceforth no British officers will be allowed to serve in the Chinese navy.

The reports just received from the Island of Martinique show that the first report did not give the full extent of the fearful hurricane. It is now said that 340 people were killed on the coast and interior towns.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt Saturday in the central part of Lisbon. No damage, however, was reported.

It is announced from Panama that the Venezuelan Congress has rejected Blaine's proposed reciprocity treaty.

The imperial ukase prohibiting the exportation of rye from Russia after August 27th, has been extended to Finland.

Right Hon. Henry Cecil Raikes, M. P., Postmaster General of England, died last Monday.

News has been received in London of a decisive battle having been fought between Chilean troops and insurgents, beginning last Friday. It is now thought that the end of the war is near at hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley are now in Paris. Mr. Stanley has almost recovered from the recent injury to his leg.

A new Ministry has been formed in Peru, with Senor Borgono as Premier and Minister of War, Senor Elmore as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senor Carbajal as Minister of Finance.

Three of the members of the foreign Committee of the Columbian World's Fair, have arrived at St. Petersburg, Russia, and have had satisfactory interviews with the Russian Ministers with regard to co-operation at the World's Fair.

According to a letter received by a gentleman at San Antonio, Texas, from a friend at Chihuahua, Mexico, there is a widespread famine in that State. There has been no rain in many sections of that State for nearly two years. Cattle are dying by thousands and men, women and children are driven to madness by hunger.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, August 20

The offer of 30 cents on the dollar, recently made by Stephen A. Ryan, of Atlanta, Ga., to his creditors, has been unanimously rejected.

The president, cashier and one director of the defunct Citizen's Bank of Nevada, Ill., have been arrested, charged with receiving deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent.

The State Department at Washington has received word that the Island of Martinique was on Monday swept by a terrific hurricane which destroyed every vessel in port. Many houses were blown down and lives lost.

David Webber of Bailey's Island, Maine, has just received a warrant for 100 acres from the Government on account of services rendered during the Mexican War. The claim was filed on the first of September, 1856.

The will of the late James Russell Lowell has been filed in the Middlesex probate office, in Boston, Mass., and disposes of substantially the whole of his property for the benefit of his daughter and her children. He gives to Harvard College all the books from his library as the library of the college does not possess.

Friday, August 21

Dallas, Texas, was visited yesterday by a \$400,000 fire.

Reports say that the Richmond Terminal Company has been obliged to borrow money with which to pay coupons falling due September 1st.

The immense brewing business of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, at St. Louis, Mo., is reported sold to an English syndicate for \$10,000,000.

L. H. Mace & Co's immense plant and lumber yard at New York was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss, which is nearly \$250,000 is only partially insured.

A package of genuine old Spanish doubloons was received at the New York Assay Office last Thursday from Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. It contained 4,000 ounces and was worth \$72,000.

The Southern Lumber Company of Atlanta, Ga., owning two large mills in South Georgia and about 2,500 acres of land, has been placed in a receiver's hands. The liabilities are estimated to be about \$125,000.

Saturday, August 22

Some localities in Missouri and Illinois were visited yesterday by severe earthquake shocks but no damage was done.

The Fairly National Bank, at Montgomery, Ala., has suspended payment. The directors state that the suspension will be only a temporary one.

One masked man took five mail sacks from the stage, on Thursday evening, that runs between Princeville and Canyon, Oregon. The robbery was accomplished with the aid of a Winchester rifle.

The death of Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Walter L. Bragg, of Alabama, took place yesterday at Spring Lake, N. J. His death is attributed to wounds received while an officer in the Confederate army.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says, that during the past week attention has been absorbed by the great excitement in grain. The general business does well, with gradual improvement in nearly all branches, based on an actual increase of demand from the farming States. Business at the South still dull and money tight at many points. Failures for the past week 216 against 227 for the previous week.

Sunday, August 23

Chandler Bros., doing a real estate and savings bank business at Montgomery, Ala., have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Their assets are about \$75,000 and

liabilities \$50,000. Local money stringency caused the failure.

New York banks now hold \$14,110,150 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

The license or no license election at Staunton, Va., was carried for license by 92 majority. The contest was an exciting one.

Two large buildings at 70 and 72 Park Place, New York, were destroyed yesterday afternoon by a mysterious explosion. The buildings were completely collapsed and took fire immediately. It is thought that at least fifty persons were buried in the ruins.

Monday, August 24

Secretary of the Treasury Foster, held a private consultation yesterday, at a Long Branch hotel, with several of the leading bankers of the country.

A killing frost is reported from Ellendale, N. D., yesterday, which did some damage to late wheat. Seventy-five per cent of the wheat and oat crop has been harvested.

An early Sunday morning fire did \$110,000 damage to a five story granite building in New York, occupied by E. C. Horsman, importer of toys, etc., and Ferris Bros., corset manufacturers.

A special meeting was held yesterday in Clarendon Hall, New York, by Typographical Union No. 6, attended by over 800 men. It was resolved that hereafter no member within the jurisdiction of No. 6, shall work under a non union foreman.

Pottsville, Pa., was visited yesterday by a destructive cloudburst and the water poured down in torrents for over an hour. Many families were driven to the upper stories of their dwellings. It was the worst storm ever known in Pottsville, and the damage is estimated at \$100,000. Several other towns were similarly visited.

Tuesday, August 25

Thirty-five bodies have thus far been taken from the ruins in Park Place, New York. It is said that these buildings were condemned, as unsafe, some thirteen years ago.

A phenomenal cold wave struck Iowa on Sunday and Monday, the thermometer quickly dropping from 90 degrees to 35 degrees. Crops are too far advanced to be injured.

W. E. Deshield, a prominent real estate agent of Richmond, Va., has been arrested on a warrant charging him with forging the name of J. L. Ludwig, of Pittsburg, Pa., to two promissory notes.

Two negroes have been arrested near Memphis, Tenn., and have confessed to having attempted to wreck an accommodation train on the main line of the Illinois Central railroad on Sunday.

The situation at Findlay, Ohio, on the Lake Erie & Western railroad strike is unchanged. Not a wheel on a freight car on any one of the divisions has turned since last Monday night. The general manager has laid off all the clerks, there being no work for them to do.

Wednesday, August 26

The army worm is doing great damage to the cotton crop in Arkansas.

Up to last night, forty-one bodies had been recovered from the Park Place ruins in New York City.

A construction train was wrecked yesterday forty miles west of Savannah, Ga., killing two men, wounding and injuring five others.

A Denison, Texas, dispatch reports a great change in the temperature in that section and slight frosts are reported from some places.

The trial trips of the new U. S. ships Bennington and Concord, which took place last week, were successful, according to reports received from the Navy Department.

A Fort Smith, Ark., special says that the town of Charleston was burned Monday night, including the court house and records. The loss is about \$50,000 with very little insurance.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 25.—Of course the quarrel between the News and Observer and the Progressive Farmer, or rather its editors, Messrs. Polk and Ramsey, causes a great deal of talk here, where sensations are always welcome. Col. Polk came yesterday. He has very little to say. His paper will do some talking next week, no doubt. The News and Observer is keeping up a brisk fire upon him.

A radical laughed to-day at the quarrel and said, "The Third party will be formed. It will carry the State. It will capture the negro Alliance men of whom there are over 20,000. It will also turn over many white republicans. Some of these will like the new party by reason of its novelty and its change of association, some because they will do anything to defeat the old democratic party." This is interesting, as it shows that the radicals are chuckling and waiting for anything to turn up. The quarrels are unfortunate. The Alliance men if they form the Third party will claim that it is the real democratic party. They call the party the "People's Party." The cartoon on the first page of the Progressive Farmer to-day shows clearer than any words that that paper favors the new party, and that Col. Polk favors it.

There is a great assemblage of firemen at Durham, the attention being the meeting of their State Association. The bad weather and heavy rains put quite a damper upon it. Two days will be devoted to tournaments.

Raleigh boasts of the smallest dwarf in the South. He was born in Harnott county, is over 21 years old, and is 3 feet 5 1/2 inches high. He was raised in Raleigh and went to the public schools here. His sister is equally small. His name is James Lanier. He will go upon the road after the Exposition. He is much smaller than the late Tom Thumb.

The largest phosphate mills in the State are now nearly completed here. The acid room, whose tanks, of lead, weigh ninety tons, is 240x40 feet, while the mill proper is 300x120 feet. The phosphate to be treated will be brought here from some point near Wilmington.

The pressure for admission into the institution for the deaf and dumb and the blind is very great. Last term both the white and colored departments were overcrowded. Now there are 50 new applicants, not one of whom can be taken in.

To this date over \$120,000 of the \$404,000 direct tax refunded has been paid out to claimants by the State. By the end of the year nearly all will have been paid out. There is no sort of chance for that \$25,000 which the Legislature foolishly appropriated(?) out of this fund. No legislature ever did a siller thing, or won more cheap and misapplied compliments.

Next Thursday the Agricultural and Mechanical College, with more than 150 students, nearly double the number present last term; with new machinery etc., will be opened. The only drawback is that the new dormitories are only partially completed.

In this district 420 bonds of makers of brandy from peaches, apples and grapes have thus far been filed to date. There are very few in the lower Cape Fear section.

What are known as the "State Days" at the Southern Exposition have been set. The Southern States will be represented, not only by exhibits but by speakers. Thousands upon thousands of people will be here. The cheap rates (only one cent a mile from any point in the United States) will bring them. It is a great opportunity for Northern people to see the South and they will avail themselves of it. This State will have a grand exhibit, made by the Department of Agriculture and thirty counties. It is North Carolina's golden opportunity. Four hundred and fifty Northern newspaper men

will be here during the Exposition. These should be shown the State.

October 15 at the Exposition will be Confederate Veterans' day. It is proposed to have then the greatest reunion ever held in North Carolina. The plan is considered feasible.

The grading of another railway has just been completed. It is the line to Murfreesboro and track-laying will begin this week if the weather permits. There is not as much railway building this year as there was in 1890.

The August crop report shows that the condition of the cotton crop is about 75 per cent. With a late fall it promises to be a very fair crop. It is very much behind. The corn crop is unusually large. Tobacco is quite satisfactory, taken as a whole.

On the next "rule day" in the Federal Court here Judge Seymour will file a decree in the case involving the ownership of Bald Head or Smith's Island, removing the heirs of the late Thomas P. Devereux and the former trustee, and appoint a new trustee.

The value of railway track in the State is assessed at \$16,528,000 by the railway commission; rolling stock \$1,683,000; other property \$524,756. The longest road is the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley, 350 1/2 miles.

The law requires the trustees (elected by the legislature) of the State Normal and Industrial School for white girls to be divided by the State Board of Education into three classes, serving two, four and six years. The Board has just divided them as follows: Class one, R. D. Gilmer, A. C. McAllister, M. C. S. Noble; class two, J. M. Spainhour, R. H. Stancill, R. F. Aycock; class three, H. G. Chatham, E. McK. Goodwin, W. P. Shaw. The trustees expected to select a site for the College, at Greensboro, last week, but failed to agree.

OUR WILMINGTON LETTER.

The weather continues to be of a character termed, "red-hot," and fortunate those Wilmingtonians who are able to get away from the city during these days. Blowing Rock has been the chief resort of many of our citizens this summer, and the popularity of the place can be appreciated when it is said that word had to be sent to Lenoir, the nearest railroad station, where tourists stopped before taking the stage to Blowing Rock, to stop all travelers, as every place was completely filled.

Ocean View and the Beach have claimed many heated city people, who could not get farther away. These resorts have fairly supplied the local news items for the papers, for with the several balloon ascensions—attempts, failures and successes, salt water dashes, and cooling couples, the reporters have filled space and supplied copy.

Last week we had the Fayetteville Infantry boys. The wearing of the Gray passed unremarked, and the recent discussions between "regular blue" and "independent gray" were laid aside, if not forgotten. Certainly the Fayetteville boys had the freedom of the town and were royally entertained.

The almost constant rain, since last Sunday has not as yet cooled off the atmosphere, but makes it fully as disagreeable as before. The "Cold Wave" at this writing is still looked for.

The half holiday season is nearly over, and our merchants are looking forward to a largely increased trade with the fall movement of crops. Some of our largest buyers are now in the North securing goods for the fall and winter demand.

The last few weeks have been productive of several local business irregularities, which on account of the position of the parties, the Wilmington papers have not thought best to publish, and as it would hardly be right to "scoop" them by giving your readers names and details, I will not give them away.

Indications promise more life and gaiety in our social world soon, and it will be a relief to see the end of the excursion parties and soldiers, and have some real home "goings on."

ABBY.