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THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

Raleigh, N. C., September 22.—The revenue officers are now very busy looking after the licensed distillers of brandy that they have no time to devote to the moonshiners. The latter are certainly more daring than they used to be, in working near towns.

The Railroad Commission will on the 30th inst., take up the matter of express charges. The express allegation is made that there is no standard basis for rates and that the general public cannot understand them. The treatment will probably be the same as in the case of the telegraph companies.

There are now 215 pupils in the white and colored departments, or rather institutions, for the deaf mutes and the blind. Space is greatly needed, but it is of course certain that it will not be obtained until the white deaf mutes occupy the new institution for them at Morganton.

The greatest musical event in the State will be the music festival here, October 1 and 2, and certainly the representation of the vocal and instrumental talent in North Carolina will be larger than ever before. Such festivals ought really to be held each year.

These are busy days at the Exposition grounds. There is the usual great rush in the last few days, and even then some people will be behind hand. The public in North Carolina certainly expected cheaper rates than the railroads have granted, and the rate should have been a cent a mile from any point in North Carolina. As it is, many people will not come, because they cannot afford it, and thus will miss seeing what really promises to be a fine exhibit. Interest in the Exposition is as great, or perhaps greater, in other States than in this.

The question of privileges to common carriers comes up for settlement by the Railroad Commission October 20. If an express company is formed, and offers to pay a railway company for transporting its parcels, etc., can the railway refuse to do so upon the ground that it has a contract with another express company. Such is the case as now presented, and of course it is of peculiar interest. The railways allege that the contract is made and also that they have no room to provide for more than one company.

There was never a right-of-way case which led to a more stubborn legal fight than the one which comes up next week at Pittsboro, concerning the legal rights of the North Carolina railway in Durham. When the road was built there was no town. Now the railway claims the regulation distance on either side of its track, while the town lays claim to the same.

There are many of the rank and file of the republicans here, who are inimical to the protective tariff league which has been formed. They regard it as best that all work be done in secret. The party seeks to get new blood in its ranks. It wants to put the negro behind it.

The Supreme Court will meet next Friday and will examine applicants for attorney's license, there being now twenty of these. Monday the call of cases from the first district begins. None of the district dockets are heavy.

The State weather service now has 46 frost warning stations and will perhaps have more. The season is late and the tobacco crop will need special care. It is really about half a crop and is curing tolerably well.

Could not some means be devised for securing the erection at Chicago of a North Carolina building. The space allotted this State is excellently located. A rendezvous for the people who are natives of the State ought certainly be provided. It will be a delight to them there. Some people say they think the legislature will in 1893 make an appropriation in behalf of this State, but that is too late and it is mighty seldom that it will do to

count on what a North Carolina legislature will do.

And now Col. Polk says in his newspaper that the "bosses" in North Carolina sought to induce him to be Governor! What "bosses" and when? Do any of your readers know. It must mean the democratic bosses. Who are they?

How is the Third party coming on. It is dead, say some. It has a strong footing in the country, say others. It is certainly losing ground in the Alliances east of here. It is safe to say the fight in 1892 will be between the same old democratic and republican parties.

The showing which the penitentiary authorities have made in a financial way is great. The net earnings for the past quarter were \$11,096.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

The French Government has instructed the French ministers at Santiago to recognize the provisional government of Chile.

President Carnot and his cabinet reviewed the French army, consisting of 110,000 men, at Virey-Le-Francais last Thursday. Immense crowds were present and much enthusiasm was manifested.

The Italian Government has recognized the Junta, as the established government of Chile.

The Australian mail service has been renewed for a term of three years. The renewal is for a four-weekly service via San Francisco and New York.

A dividend of five guineas per cent. was declared last week by the Bank of England, out of the profits for the first six months of this year.

The damage done by the recent floods in Spain is now estimated to be about \$4,900,000.

Floods and hurricanes on Sunday did immense damage to crops, shipping and other property throughout Great Britain.

The London Standard's Sebastopol correspondent says that a large party of Russian officers have been sent from St. Petersburg to survey the whole Crimea and to prepare topographical maps for the War Department.

Sir James Fergusson, Bart, politician, secretary of the foreign office, has been appointed to the office of postmaster general, vacant through the death of Henry Cecil Raikes.

It is said that the total number of visitors this year at the Treves exhibition of the Holy Coat, will reach two millions. The exhibition closes on October 1th.

The English Government has officially recognized the provisional government of Chile.

A collision has just occurred between two passenger trains in Prussian Silesia, resulting in the complete destruction of both trains, the death of ten people and the injury of many others.

The Sultan of Turkey has given a pension of \$3,240 yearly to his deposed Grand Vizier, Kiamil Pasha.

The eldest son of the Crown Prince of Denmark, is to be betrothed to Princess Victoria of Wales.

The Holland budget shows a deficit of \$1,000,000.

The bodies of 1,200 victims of the flood at Consuegra, Spain, have been found and buried.

Special dispatches to the New York Herald, from Valparaiso, Chile, announce the death of ex-President Balmaceda by his own hand. He committed suicide at Santiago on Saturday night by shooting himself through the temple.

Many starving peasants in Russia have been arrested for setting fire to houses in order to plunder them. Nine places in the Kieff District have been burned in two days.

The steamer Ems, from Bremen, which sailed from Southampton for New York on Saturday, has on board \$1,250,000 in gold.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

GATHERED BY THE "LEADER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—Mr. Harrison is now getting the benefit of the presence of an unusually large number of the prominent members of his party in Washington, but it is probable that at no time since Mr. Blaine went away has Mr. Harrison so much desired the presence and advice of his Secretary of State. As far as parcelling out the offices is concerned Mr. Harrison can get along just as well without Mr. Blaine, in fact there are those who say that he thinks he can do it much better; but when it comes to foreign complications there is no man's advice he regards so valuable as that of Mr. Blaine, and foreign complications are believed to be imminent just now, and the wrong move on the part of the Department of State may cost the United States very dearly in the end. In the first place Great Britain is disposed to make a diplomatic row because more seals were taken before and after the modus vivendi than was agreed upon, but that is a small matter compared with the alleged intention of Great Britain to establish a protectorate over the Sandwich Islands. That is a serious menace to American supremacy in the Pacific, and should it be consummated without the active resistance of the United States it would create a feeling of indignation throughout the country that would be fatal to the administration. All of this Mr. Harrison knows, but he also knows that it would be equally fatal for him to get up a quarrel with Great Britain on a false alarm, and that's why he wants the advice of the man who has so far successfully managed the foreign policy of his administration.

An attempt has been made to ascertain from the officials at the Farmers' Alliance headquarters whether that organization in the State of New York would support Lieut. Governor Jones should he run for Governor on an Independent ticket, but the attempt was unsuccessful, as they declined to talk about the matter, further than to say that the platforms of both the republican and democratic parties in New York were unsatisfactory to the Alliance. However, this may mean that if Mr. Jones should run on a platform that was satisfactory he might get the Alliance votes.

Mr. Hendricks, the man who captured the appointment as Collector of Customs at New York in place of Mr. Fassett, who resigned to make the run for Governor on the republican ticket, was at the White House Saturday to thank Mr. Harrison for the appointment. It was jokingly remarked by a gentleman present, in a whisper, that his thanks were due to somebody much nearer home.

Ex-Representative Morrow has been appointed U. S. District Judge, for the northern district of California, to fill a vacancy.

At last the pressure for the removal of Civil Service Commissioner Lyman which has been constant, ever since the exposures made by the Congressional investigation, has had its effect, and Mr. Harrison has decided that he will take that action. It is said the removal would have been made early in the spring if ex-Representative McComas of Maryland, to whom the place was tendered had not declined it. Now it is stated that Mr. McComas has concluded to accept the place. Personally, Mr. McComas is a very clever fellow and he is deservedly popular here, but it has been generally supposed that he was a good deal more of a sportsman than a civil service reformer.

The Constitutionality of the tax of one half of one per cent. on the circulation of the national banks every six months is doubted by the banks, and a test case is to be taken to the Supreme Court by the Twin City National Bank of New Brighton, Minn. The grounds for this doubt is that this provision of the National Banking act originated in the Senate, whereas the Constitu-

tion says that all bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives. Should this question be decided in favor of the bank, the Treasury would have to refund many millions of dollars which have been collected for National banks, but the victory would, in the opinion of those who are opposed to the National Banking system, eventually prove to be a boomerang to the banks.

It is thought that both the vacancies on the Inter-State Commerce Commission will be filled this week, but the names are difficult to guess, although ex-Representative Clements of Georgia is a strong favorite for the democrat and ex-Representative Grear, of Iowa, who is strongly urged by J. S. Clarkson, for the republican.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

A Steady Progress of the Work in the Various Departments.

The Director-General has given the lady managers power to appoint for eight representatives of their Board, and the appointments will probably be made at an early day.

Miss Yandall of Louisville, Ky., is by permission of the Chief of Construction designing the caryatides which are to support the roof garden of the Woman's Building.

The Illinois State Board is now comfortably established in its new rooms on the fifth floor at headquarters.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the local directory, to receive the envoys from England and other foreign countries, who are en route to Chicago with the special commissioners to Europe.

At a meeting of the grounds and buildings committee on Monday, the sites for the State buildings of Texas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Indiana, California, Massachusetts and Rhode Island were fixed.

The Local Directory has offered to lend the National Commission sufficient money to make up the deficit in the Government appropriation.

Clubs have been organized in Mexico and subscription books have been opened to enable members to visit the Fair. It is estimated that \$269 will pay all expenses, including sleeping car tickets and ten days' stay at a first-class hotel.

During the recent session of the National Commission the members visited Jackson Park, and were surprised at the rapid progress which had been made in the Exposition work.

Ten acres of the sixteen composing the wooded island, are to be planted in flowers.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Lady Managers, Mrs. S. G. Paul of Virginia, was elected to the place vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Susan Gale Cooke of Tennessee.

The Nebraska State World's Fair Commission has empowered the Director General to appoint four lady commissioners at a salary to be fixed hereafter.

The committee upon electricity are directing their efforts towards an unusually splendid display in the form of an illumination around the administration building. Electrical experts from different parts of the country are to be consulted.

The Board of Lady Managers have issued a circular calling the attention of women throughout the country to the necessity for taking early and prompt steps to secure recognition on State Boards.

The Government of Brazil intends to make a magnificent exhibit at the Exposition, and will expend not less than a million dollars upon the representation. It is proposed not only to erect a splendid structure in which to place the display, but to surround that building with practical illustrations of the industries and agriculture peculiar to the country. There will also probably be several reproductions of native huts, with native families living as they live at home.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, September 17

The robbers who held up the Georgia Central train when five miles out of Savannah last Friday night have been captured at a place called Moseley Hill, about seventeen miles from Madison, Fla.

No further purchases of silver will be made until October 2d next, the requisite amount for the current month having been purchased.

C. H. Allen, of Lowell, Mass., has been nominated by the Republicans for Governor of Massachusetts.

Rosewell P. Flower has been nominated for Governor by the New York Democrats.

Ex-Treasurer W. F. Slingsuff, of the Montgomery (Pa.) Trust Co., has been arrested charged with altering the books of the company and embezzling \$180,000.

The Waltham and Elgin watch companies have pooled their issues and are working against John C. Dueber, the well-known watchmaker, and, it is said, are trying to drive him out of the business. These two companies will lose \$1,400,000 by a reduction in prices recently made in what is known as the "18 size."

Friday, September 18

The Bank of Lyons, at Lyons, Kan., made an assignment Wednesday for the benefit of its creditors. This bank was supposed to be one of the strongest financial institutions in the State. The assets, it is expected, will cover all liabilities.

A dispatch from Chattanooga says that an expert has just completed an examination of the books of M. J. O'Brien, the defaulting treasurer of the Catholic Knights of America. He reports that the defalcation will be several hundred dollars in excess of \$71,000.

Two elevators and an electric light works were burned yesterday afternoon at Hastings, Neb. The loss will be about \$600,000.

Col. Samuel B. Pickens, general freight agent of the South Carolina and of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad Companies, died at Charleston, S. C., yesterday morning, aged 52 years. He served with distinction in the Confederate army, and was made a Colonel when only 25 years old.

Saturday, September 19

The great seed house of the James Vick Company, at Rochester, N. Y., has failed, giving liabilities at nearly \$200,000 and assets sufficient to cover that amount.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: The hot weather at the West is worth many millions to this country every day. Each cloudless day places millions of bushels of corn beyond the possibility of harm from frost and the great part of the anticipated crop is already safe. In four months ending Sept. 1st., about 26 1/2 per cent. of the mortgage debt on the farms in Kansas, or about \$10,000,000 has been paid. The prospects for business this fall are unusually bright. Failures for the past week 210, against 214 the preceding week.

The Pullet carriage factory at Bell-air, Md. was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The machinery and contents, which are a total loss, are valued at \$95,000. The loss will fall heavily on some of the directors and stockholders, who were on ex-State Treasurer Archer's bond.

Congressman Robert Bullock, of the Second Florida district, is lying dangerously ill at the White Springs where he has been staying for medical treatment.

Sunday, September 20

A monument to the memory of the late Gen. Wm. C. Wickham, vice-president of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, will be unveiled October 29.

The monument was erected by funds contributed by the employes of the company.

The New York Associated Banks now hold \$7,756,800 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the First National Bank of Newport News, Va., to begin business with a capital of \$100,000.

An attorney for parties unknown has paid to the State National Bank at Boston \$18,180 as "conscience money." The lawyer does not himself know from whom the money comes.

Smith College for Women at Northampton, Mass., was opened yesterday with 700 students.

A disastrous fire is now raging in the great cranberry marshes near Norway Ridge, Wis. Thirty-five square miles of marshes have been consumed and thousands of acres are still before the fire.

Monday, September 21

Ex-Congressman Wm. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania, died suddenly before midnight Saturday. He was 63 years old, having been born in Washington, D. C., July 2, 1828.

The mill of the Lyons Paper Company, Lyons, Iowa, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$75,000; insured for \$30,000.

A freight wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad, two miles east of Greensburgh, Pa., yesterday morning. Forty freight cars and twenty cattle cars were completely demolished. The cattle cars were loaded with cattle, all of which were killed. Three of the train men were fatally injured.

Hon. Henry S. Walker, of Charleston, W. Va., who was for five years editor of the Wheeling Register, died on Saturday, at Philadelphia, Penn., of heart disease.

Thos. L. Shields, secretary and treasurer of the Allegheny, Pa., Heating Company, whose accounts were said to have been \$100,000 short, has made a full settlement and severed his connection with the company.

Tuesday, September 22

A second libel, for \$200,000 has been filed at Los Angeles, Cal., against the Chilean Government for damages sustained in bringing the Itata back from Chile.

The American schooner Senator Sullivan, from Brunswick, Ga., arrived at New York yesterday, sailing on board the captain and seven sailors of the American schooner Luella A. Snow, which was lost in a heavy gale off Cape Hatteras on the 13th instant. They had been rescued by the Norwegian barque Celica.

During the year ending with the last of June, 25,798 immigrants were landed at Philadelphia.

The larger post offices are soon to be furnished with stamp cancelling machines; these can cancel the stamps on 1,500 letters every six minutes.

Wednesday, September 23

A cablegram received at the Navy Department, announces the arrival of the Charleston at Yokohama, Japan, yesterday.

The well-known firm of S. V. White & Co., of Chicago, assigned yesterday morning. It is not known at present what the amount of their assets and liabilities is, but they must be very large.

The Southern Gas Trust and Construction Co., controlling the Palatka Gaslight and Fuel Co., and the Gainesville Gas and Electric Light Co., has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

The Ellis Hotel at Fort Worth, Tex., a fine new five story stone structure, together with a three story annex were entirely destroyed by fire on Monday. Loss \$150,000; insurance small.

The Chilean steamer Itata has been ordered released on filing a bond for \$120,000 being double the amount fixed upon as the value of the vessel. The hearing of the case has been set for October 19.