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THE WORLD'S NEWS.

A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S DOINGS

Cyclone in Pennsylvania. Terrible Gale on the English Coast. Donn Platt Dead. Fifteen Hundred Houses Burned in China.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12.
A fire at Augusta, Ga., yesterday morning destroyed property valued at \$125,000 including two store buildings.

La grippe is prevalent at Plainfield, Conn., and is causing a great deal of suffering there and in the surrounding country.

Five stores with their contents were burned at San Antonio, Texas on last Tuesday night. Loss \$47,000; insurance \$24,000.

The 106th annual session of the Virginia Methodist Episcopal Conference is now being held at Petersburg, Va. Bishop J. C. Keener, of New Orleans, presiding.

Kensington, Penn., a new town twenty miles north of Pittsburgh, was visited by a cyclone Tuesday night, which wrecked nearly every building in the town. No loss of life reported.

Collections are being taken up in Charleston, S. C., colored churches for the purpose of raising a fund to employ counsel to defend the ten negroes in Laurens county under sentence of death for murder. One hundred and fifty dollars has been raised thus far.

FOREIGN.

Russia intends to build a line of forts along the Chinese frontier, and to increase the number of officers in Central Asia.

Another terrible gale set in Tuesday night sweeping the south coasts of England and Ireland. The storm extended north to Scotland. Many lives have been lost and much shipping destroyed. The heavy and incessant rains have caused many of the rivers to overflow, ruining crops and inundating towns.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Rev. Dr. C. Kentlock Nelson, of Bethlehem, Penn., has been elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia.

Twenty tons of powder at Miller's Station, Ind., exploded on Wednesday night, doing damage to the amount of \$75,000. No one was injured.

Col. Donn Platt, the well-known newspaper man, and founder of Belford's Magazine, died yesterday at his home in Maccochee, Ohio.

The California National Bank of San Diego, Cal., has closed its doors temporarily. Inability to realize on securities is alleged as the cause.

F. H. Smith & Co., ship brokers and commission merchants of New York City have made an assignment. Liabilities \$900,000. The firm have preferred creditors to the amount of \$120,000.

FOREIGN.

The storm of Wednesday did great damage in Spain, France, Portugal, Holland and Belgium.

The epidemic of typhus fever in the fever-stricken districts of Russia is spreading rapidly. The daily mortality already runs up in the hundreds.

Thirteen hundred houses were burned on October 3rd, in Hong Kong, China, and the following day two hundred more were destroyed in the same manner. Thousands of people are thus rendered homeless.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

One hundred thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed yesterday morning, by fire, in the town of Silver City, Iowa.

Hon. Allan G. Thurman celebrated his 78th birthday at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday. There was no celebration on account of Mrs. Thurman's recent death.

The fire on the coal docks at Duluth, Minn., took a fresh start yesterday morning. The docks of the Northwestern Fuel Company are on fire underneath the coal which is blazing fiercely.

The World's Convention of the National W. C. T. U. is now in session in Tremont Temple, at Boston, Mass. Three thousand delegates are present. The report shows a membership of 153,402.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Business has entirely recovered from the slight disturbance caused by the Mave- rick bank failure. Trade is large in volume for the season and in many lines, especially at the West, largest ever known. At the South cotton receipts are very large, but much is held because of low prices. Failures for the past week 291 against 266 for last week.

FOREIGN.

Eleven miners were killed by an explosion which occurred in a coal mine near Essen, Germany.

Sixty members of the Russian nobility have been arrested charged with being in conspiracy against the government.

The Italian rice crop is 8 per cent. greater than that of last year. The wine crop is also abundant and of good quality.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Senor Montt, the Chilean minister, was yesterday formally presented to the President by Secretary Blaine.

The New York Associated Banks now hold \$9,392,150 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

Several points in Iowa report that snow has been falling for several hours and that the indications are for a big snow storm.

The Leland Hotel, on Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, is reported to have been sold to a syndicate of New York capitalists for \$950,000.

The Edgar Thomson Steel Works at

Pittsburg, Pa., now holds the record for making steel rails. In twenty-four hours, ending at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, 1,907 tons of rails were turned out.

W. F. Baird, ex-vice-president and manager of the Bank of Madera, Cal., is, it is reported, short \$100,000 in his accounts and is also guilty of issuing forged checks and drafts to cover his shortages.

The Cheyenne National Bank, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, has closed its doors. Its liabilities are \$290,000. The bank is solvent. The closing is due to the failure of the California Bank, at San Diego, Cal.

FOREIGN.

Dispatches from Berlin state that there are no grounds for fearing a financial panic.

Three persons were killed and several injured in a collision which took place yesterday on the railroad between Rome and Turin. The wreck of the two trains blocked the road for several hours.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

The Bonner & Bonner banking house at Tyler, Texas, has failed for half a million dollars. This was one of the oldest banks in the State, having been in business over twenty years.

The Sandwich Savings Bank, at Sandwich, N. H., has closed its doors. The deposits amount to only \$59,000 and a careful estimate shows that depositors will realize 90 cents on the dollar.

Several inches of snow fell at St. Paul, Minn., yesterday. Reports from various parts of the Northwest indicate that the storm is general. At Morehead three inches of snow fell and a blizzard is threatening.

The White Star steamer Tauric ran ashore on Dry Homer Shoals, just outside New York harbor on Saturday night. She was deeply laden with grain and cattle. After being lightered, the big steamer was pulled off on Sunday afternoon.

Cleveland, Ohio, suffered from a \$200,000 fire last night. One fireman was killed and two others seriously injured. Five large buildings were burned. For a long time the fire threatened much more serious consequences, but by hard work the firemen succeeded in checking it.

FOREIGN.

Forty thousand miners in the north of France declared an immediate strike yesterday.

The failure of the principal bank at Wintertur, a Swiss manufacturing town, has caused a panic there.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Richard L. Haig, a well-known citizen of Charleston, S. C., committed suicide yesterday at that place by shooting himself through the heart.

The St. Louis Republic a three column article by M. K. Curtis, M. D., showing up Gen. Dryden's "experiments" in rain producing in Texas.

W. J. Florence, the well known actor, is very ill of pneumonia at Philadelphia. His life was despaired of on Sunday, but he is much better to-day, and his physicians say he is out of danger.

News has been received at Rio Grande City, Texas, that the Mexican government forces have been defeated at a place about twenty miles from Mier, on the road to Guerrero, by revolutionists under Catarino Garza. Several soldiers were killed.

Every precaution is being taken in New York City to avert the threatened water famine. The commissioners of public works have issued peremptory orders to inspectors to carefully watch in every direction and see that no water is wasted. The available supply is not sufficient for this week.

FOREIGN.

The London dock strike has collapsed.

Prince George, the second son of the Prince of Wales, has been seriously ill of enteric fever. The latest bulletin of the physicians, however, say that he is now making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Four business blocks at St. Louis, Mo., were destroyed by fire yesterday, involving a loss of over a million of dollars.

The Middlesex Quarry Company, of Portland, Conn., has closed down until January 3th, on account of a lack of business. They employ 260 hands.

Herman Greenbaum, an employee of the Berner & Engel Brewing Company, of Philadelphia, has been held for embezzlement on his own confession. His stealings amount to about \$12,000.

The Minneapolis Glass Company's wholesale house and Lindsay Bros. agricultural implement establishment, at Minneapolis, Minn., were burned to the ground yesterday. Loss \$300,000.

The Supreme Council of the Farmers' Alliance met at Toulon Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., yesterday. The meeting was called to order by President Force of the Indiana Alliance, 120 delegates were present and about 500 spectators. The chief topic of conversation is the Third Party.

FOREIGN.

It is expected that Austria will in a few days repeal the prohibition on the importation of American pork.

Lord Salisbury is said to have intimated to the Turkish ambassador in England, that England is now ready to reopen negotiations for a convention to regulate the affairs of Egypt.

Reports from Russia's famine stricken districts continue to show great suffering and want among the poorer classes. The Government is said to be doing all in its power to help the sufferers.

OUR CRUISERS.

THE ERRANDS WHICH ARE TAKING THEM SOUTH.

Activity in the Navy Yards. The Petrel's Changed Orders. Will Admiral Gherardi Be in Command? Denials in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Admiral Gherardi's friends say that it is probably true that he urged upon the department, when he was here, the appointment of himself to command the United States fleet in the Southern Pacific, in case of hostilities with Chile.

Some of the men who have heard this report have obtained the impression that President Harrison does not expect to secure an expression of regret from Chile. They also believe that he was not correctly represented when it was reported that he would declare war upon Chile. What he did say, it is now asserted, was that if Chile did not manifest a decent disposition before Congress met, he should ask that body to authorize him to declare the attitude of Chile as hostile, and that he be empowered to use the army and navy to compel an acknowledgment and an indemnity.

The United States cruisers Atlanta and Bennington, now at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, were yesterday supplied with complete sailing charts for South Atlantic and South Pacific waters. The charts were sent to the two cruisers from the main Hydrographic Office in Washington. An accompanying order directed the commanding officers of the two vessels to turn in to the Hydrographic Office their North Atlantic charts. Each ship retains, however, general charts of all waters on the globe. The fact that the Atlanta and Bennington have received charts of Chilean waters leave no doubt in the minds of their officers as to the destination of these two cruisers.

Yesterday afternoon all the short-time men on the Atlanta and Bennington were being removed to the receiving ship Vermont and their places filled with full-service seamen. The period of enlistment is three years. Should it happen that men are in a foreign station when their enlistment period expires, they can claim, under the terms of their enlistment, free transportation to the United States and an increase of one-quarter of their pay over and above that which they ordinarily receive. In order to avoid this additional expense, care is usually taken to send only full three-year men to foreign duty.

In the present instance considerable regret is being expressed aboard the Atlanta over the loss of some of the best gun captains in that ship. The time of these gun captains has nearly expired, and now that they are being sent aboard the Vermont, gunners comparatively inferior are to replace them. The Atlanta has enjoyed the reputation recently of possessing some of the best gunnery men in the navy.

The Atlanta was to have come out of dry dock late yesterday evening, and her place was to have been immediately taken by the Bennington. The Atlanta could go to sea to-day, but it is not likely that she will sail before Sunday or Monday. The Bennington can sail Tuesday.

With the departure of the Atlanta and Bennington for Chile, the American naval force en route to the west coast of South America will consist of the cruisers Yorktown, Boston, Atlanta, Bennington, and Charleston. The last-named vessel is under orders from China to Chile. The Baltimore is at present at Valparaiso. The cruiser San Francisco is en route to San Francisco, Cal., to have her bottom cleaned, when she will again sail for Chile. The cruiser Philadelphia is now at St. Thomas, W. I., ready to sail for South America on the receipt of cable orders. The corvette Kearsarge is also at St. Thomas.

The cruiser Concord, now at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has received a full supply of North Atlantic charts. It is evident from this that it is not the present intention of the Navy Department to send her south. The war ship Chicago, also at the Brooklyn yard, has received no further addition to her chart supply. The Chicago is carrying North Atlantic charts. The cruiser Newark, now at the Boston Navy Yard, is reported as ready to sail. It is still claimed that she will be sent to the Brazil coast with Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham on board. This is hardly believed possible in view of the fact that Acting Rear Admiral John G. Walker, a junior flag officer, is afloat and in command with

the Chicago as his flagship.

Furthermore, it is known that Acting Rear Admiral Walker protested against being given the Newark as a flagship, claiming that the vessel was not fitted up for such duty. In consequence, naval officers are not ready to believe that Secretary Tracy will assign Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham, an officer senior to Acting Rear Admiral Walker to a vessel which the latter protested against having as a flagship.

It is the general impression here that just as soon as the arrangements are perfected for a demonstration of force before Valparaiso, Rear Admiral Gherardi, now aboard the Philadelphia at St. Thomas, will be directed to assume chief command.

The commander of the gunboat Petrel was telegraphed at Santa Lucia to proceed from that point to China by way of the Suez Canal, instead of going by Cape Horn or the Straits of Magellan and Valparaiso.

NORTH CAROLINA.

News Clipped From Valuable Exchanges From the Old North State.

Sam Jones was paid the sum of \$1,200, and \$800 for rent of auditorium, and \$50 for the benefit of Sam Jones' orphanage. Prof. Excell realized handsomely from the sale of his books, Songster.—Charlotte Democrat.

A log train on the Western North Carolina Railroad was wrecked at the Murphy junction near Asheville, Tuesday, and two black men were killed. A slide occurred on the mountain division of this road, east of Asheville, Tuesday night, and delayed trains four hours.—Lancaster.

The Mary Smith Morehead will case has been compromised by the parties interested. The full details of the compromise cannot now be stated, but enough is known to render it certain that the University of North Carolina will receive under its terms, between \$35,000 and \$40,000.—News and Observer.

The Charlotte Chronicle says that petitions are being circulated asking that the sentence of Alfred Dowles, the negro burglar, be commuted to imprisonment for life. The petition has been signed by a number of persons. Another petition, with numerous signers, has been received from Georgia.

After thirty months of prohibition, the Messenger-Intelligencer says, Wadesboro again has a place where whiskey can be obtained. The closing battle was fought last Tuesday, and whiskey was victorious. It was a battle of giants. Mr. D. A. Covington represented those opposing license and Messrs. Robinson and Walker the petitioners.

The plant and stock of the Asheville Furniture and Manufacturing company, doing business near the freight depot, has been attached by Sheriff Reynolds, on warrants sued out by the National Bank of Asheville, the Battery Park bank and Western Carolina bank, of this city. The claims on which the attachments are based aggregate nearly \$40,000.—Asheville Citizen.

The citizens of Forsythe voted down the proposition at the election for the issuance of fifty thousand dollars worth of bonds with which to erect a new court house. The returns show that with the exception of Winston not a township favored the question.—Gen. LeDuc informs us that about the 1st of December he will declare another 20 per cent. dividend to the depositors of the People's Bank.—At the Federal Court in Wilmington, Judge Seymour presiding, the grand jury found a true bill against Mr. E. F. Moore, ex-President of the broken People's Bank of this city.—Fayetteville Observer.

A suit case has been entered here in this county against the Richmond & Danville Rail Road Company for damages amounting to \$1995. The case is where the R. R. Company put a man, named Ramsey, off the train at Princeton. It seems that he had bought a ticket at Wilson for Raleigh by way of Selma. The trains being late he went to Goldsboro under instructions from the agent at Wilson who told him that his ticket would be good that way. He refused to pay fare from Goldsboro to Selma and the conductor put him off the train. He now has sued for damages. The case will probably come up next week.—Smithfield Herald.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

EX-SENATOR VAN WYCK ON ALLIANCE MATTERS.

Ex-Governor Foraker in Washington. The Chilean Minister Presented to the President. Alliance Convention Col. Polk for a Third Party.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 16, 1891.—Ex-Senator Van Wyck, of Nebraska, now in Washington, who has cast his political fortune with the Farmers' Alliance, is not one of those who believe the alliance movement to be only temporary. He says: "Some folks are saying that the Alliance has gone all to pieces. That is not so, and they will find it out next year. I don't know just what the Alliance will do, but they will do something to make themselves felt in the Presidential election, and, mark what I say, though, from various causes, there was a falling off in the vote they cast this year, the great working body of the organization is all right and will be found pulling together next year."

Ex-Governor Foraker, of Ohio, who is here on professional business in connection with the selection of a site for a public building in Pueblo, Colorado, has for once disappointed the newspaper correspondents who expected to get some sensational interview with him concerning his fight with Sherman for the Senatorship and the scheme to deprive Senator Brice of his seat. His talks for publication are entirely moderate and conservative.

He says he is a candidate for Senator, but as the election is to be by the Ohio legislature, and not by the newspapers, he has nothing to say of his prospects. About the Brice matter he pleads ignorance, and says that it is a question that belongs to the U. S. Senate. Could any body be more discreet? He called on President Harrison and also on Secretary Blaine, but as the administration is understood to favor the re-election of Sherman, it could not have been to ask aid in his Senatorial campaign.

The latest news from Brazil is a cablegram to their minister here, which says that the republic is not nor has it been in any danger, and that tranquility has been entirely restored.

Secretary Foster, will, in his annual report, upon which he is now at work recommend several amendments to the National banking laws and an increase in the number of bank examiners. He will also try to show that the public clamor against the government officials on account of fraudulent failures of national banks in Boston, Philadelphia and other towns is unjust. He has undertaken no light task.

President Harrison's Thanksgiving proclamation was a little late in being issued this year, but the date has become so thoroughly a fixture in the public mind that the proclamation has come to be looked upon as an almost useless formality. The fourth Thursday in November would probably be just as generally observed, even if something occurred to prevent the issuing of the Presidential proclamation.

Senor Montt's credentials having arrived Secretary Blaine on Saturday formally presented him to the President as the Chilean minister to this government, and the usual speeches of courtesy were exchanged. Senor Montt has never wavered in his belief that everything would be settled in a satisfactory manner, and now that his brother has become acting president of Chile and will soon be regularly elected president, his influence is likely to be all powerful with that government.

All of the prominent National Farmers, Alliance officials have gone to Indianapolis, where the annual convention of that organization is to meet this week. Although the final determination as to what, if any, action the Alliance is to take in the formation of a national third party will not be known until the national conference, provided for at the Cincinnati convention which launched the people's party, to be held at Washington on the 22nd of next February, shall be held, there are many who believe that the action of this week's convention will really settle the question. Col. Polk makes no attempt to conceal his sentiments, which it is natural to suppose will be influential with the convention. He favors the formation of the third party.

It is denied by those in authority that there is any foundation for the statement made in Italy and cabled over here, that this government had

accepted the responsibility for the killing of the Italians in New Orleans, and would pay indemnity to the families of the men. It has from the first been believed that President Harrison would call the attention of Congress to the matter and perhaps recommend the payment of a small sum of money to the families of such of the victims as were Italian citizens, but there has been no official action of any kind taken concerning this matter since last Spring. It is probable that the Italian government may have authorized some such statement for the purpose of explaining to its own people it contemplated action of sending its minister back to Washington.

The professional wire pullers are here in force engaged in working up the claims of the various candidates for Speaker, in fact there are more wire pullers than Congressmen.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

A Steady Progress of the Work in the Various Departments.

A Londoner wants to exhibit specimen copies of all the newspapers of the last two hundred years.

The U. S. Potters' Association, now in session in Chicago, will arrange while here, for an exhibit at the exposition.

The Governor of New Jersey, accompanied by the State Commissioners is in Chicago, to select the site for New Jersey's building.

England, France, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany will be conspicuously represented in the Electrical Department of the exposition.

A Portuguese artist in wax figures proposes an exhibit at the exposition. The suggested display will be somewhat similar to Madame Tussaud's in London.

The Schwabische Merkur of Stuttgart, says that the Central Association of German woolen manufacturers has nominated a commission for the World's Fair.

A lady missionary to Siam has been in consultation with the board of lady managers this week, touching the interests of Siamese women at the World's Fair.

The Foreign Affairs Committee passed a resolution on Friday recommending the appointment of a commission, to be nominated by the Director-General, to visit southern Europe.

The Woman's building no longer monopolize the roof-line on the World's Fair site. The Mines and Mining building reached it several days ago, and the great roof trusses are rapidly going up.

A set of china presented to John C. Calhoun by the Emperor of China will probably be exhibited at the exposition. Several interesting Columbus relics are also in the possession of the Calhoun family.

Sir Henry Wood, recent royal envoy from England, has made a report of his work in the interests of Great Britain at the World's Fair. The report recommends the appointment of women on England's commission, to work with the board of lady managers.

Signor Bodie, one of the leading statisticians of Europe, has expressed a desire to attend the exposition for the purpose of study. As Italy has not accepted the invitation to participate, it is probable that an official invitation will be given Signor Bodie.

A German horticulturist offers a complete collection of South American orchids to the exposition for \$600. He is now in South America making a collection for the German Emperor, and makes the offer through the World's Fair Commissioner.

Mrs. Lucas, lady manager for Pennsylvania, has appointed Miss Florence Lewis, a talented, highly cultivated young colored girl, a member of her auxiliary committee. Miss Lewis is also one of the press representatives of the Board of Lady managers in Philadelphia.

A somewhat novel item, alleged to be cabled from Chicago, is reproduced in the Pflanzlicher Presse to the effect that newspaper correspondents and reporters, regularly accredited and desirous of visiting the exposition can obtain free transportation on all the railroads.

The Berliner Lokalanzeiger alluding to the interest in the fair, manifested in Berlin says that it is understood that the entire organization of the imperial opera of Berlin is to come to Chicago in 1893 to give operatic performances, in the music hall to be erected on the exposition grounds.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

A CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS ON RALEIGH AFFAIRS.

A Murder by Moonshiners. Gov. Holt and the Farmers' Alliance. Important Railway Movements. The Inter State Exposition.

RALEIGH, N. C., November 17.—The negro now is fully up with the worst class of white men. He is rather numerous as a moonshiner and when neighbors who do not fancy the demoralization caused by the illicit distillation of whiskey show the location of his still he adds murder to his other offences. A terrible instance of this train of crimes has just occurred right here in Wake county; negro moonshiners having waylaid and assassinated Simeon Utley, an inoffensive negro, and shot him dead as he rode in his cart along a public highway.

Governor Fowle marked deep and clear the new feeling toward the moonshiner; once a sort of hero, now a scoundrel who violates the law and debauches the morals of the community. Where there is a moonshine distillery low people and bad habits will always be found, and people who might desire to clear away the law-breakers fear the torch and the bullet.

Gov. Holt has the best of good feeling for the Farmers' Alliance, and endorses all its views save as to the sub-treasury plan; that plank upon which so many alliance men are divided in sentiment. A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun came here last week and with rare carelessness imputed to the Governor language which the latter never uttered nor thought of uttering. The Governor is always frank and direct and whenever he says anything he means something. The correspondent made him attack the Alliance and Col. Polk. Newspaper people ought always to be careful as to what they say about public men. In this case the correspondent never even interviewed Gov. Holt.

Important railway movements are now on foot, which mark some events of importance to the entire State. The new coast line, for such may be termed the Norfolk, Wilmington & Charleston road; the linking together of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley and the Norfolk & Western and the fast approaching finish of the Seaboard Air-Line; the rapid extension of the Atlantic Coast Line into new territory all mark a new era in railway plans and contests. For the building of a little line will sometimes cause the greatest effects. In proof of this there is the construction of the Oxford & Henderson road, and its acquisition by the Richmond & Danville system. This little line has caused the construction of hundreds of miles of road and no end of hostility between the Richmond & Danville and the Seaboard Air-Line system. The State profits by all these conflicts, of course.

The Inter-State exposition has only two weeks more of existence. If the unfavorable season is taken into account, it is readily seen that it has been a decided success. The average daily number of visitors to the city has been 1200. These have been of a good class; above the average of those usually attending fairs, &c. All this has resulted despite a very unfavorable season. Had the year been like 1890 twice as many people would have been here. But the exposition has done good. It has brought many people, and useful people too, to the State.

To-day the State Auditor began to send out the 4682 pension warrants. As has been stated, the amounts are less than they were last year, owing to an increase of 400 pensions.

The reports made by the railways to the railway commission are wonderfully complete. The office system is a thorough one and the commissioners report will be something well worthy careful reading. The 59 railways and branch lines make a good showing. The richest of all is of course the powerful and admirably managed Wilmington & Weldon road. It has \$1,800,000 surplus. The commission in this State has a great deal to do, far more than in other States. It has to assess the property of all the lines; to regulate the railway, express and telegraph charges and to look after the general interests of the public in connection with all these. It must act as a sort of buffer between the railways and the people. It is certainly of mutual advantage.

The supreme court has pushed quite rapidly along its business this term, aided by a light docket. It has given very close attention to the most important case before it at the present term, the legality of the merchant's purchase tax.