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## THE LEASE DID IT.

Editor's Paper says Populists Can't go With the Democrats Now.

The Caucasian says in this week's issue.

This railroad lease question is going to be the main issue in the next State campaign. The Peoples Party was the only party that declared opposition to this lease in its platform last year. See if one of the old parties does not try to steal this issue also.

All persons favoring the annulment of the lease are asked to enlist in the populist party.

Ever since the hot fight which arose between the populists and republicans on the senatorial question there have been various suggestions and fugacious hints that the populists and democrats would form a coalition for the next election. If there ever was a possibility of such a thing, it has been knocked into froth and fog by the democrats by their record on the ninety-nine year lease question. The next coalition will probably be between democrats and populists, headed by the magnate of the Southern railway."

## RAIN FRIDAY.

Increasing Clouds and Warmer Weather Predicted.

The weather prediction for Raleigh and vicinity is increasing cloudiness, with rain probably by Friday night becoming warmer.

The temperature this morning was 47. The barometer was 30.20.

The pressure has risen in the east, with a moderate high barometer central off the middle Atlantic coast, with fair, cooler weather. In the west, however, the pressure has fallen, and a moderate storm is central over Kansas, which is causing increasing cloudiness again in the central valley, rain on the east and snow on the north side.

The temperature is higher in the northwest.

The weather is clear over the Lake region, the Ohio valley and Atlantic States and is generally cloudy elsewhere.

The Chattanooga Limited a Fast Flyer.

The finest and fastest and best equipped train that has ever been run over the North Carolina railroad is the Chattanooga limited, the Southern railway's through train from Norfolk to Chattanooga, which passes Raleigh every day. The Chattanooga limited is one of the Southern's fastest trains and it is no unusual thing for it to reel off a pace of fifty and sixty miles an hour on a good stretch between stations.

Yesterday afternoon the Press-Visitor was taking a flying trip on the west bound train and was invited by the clever and efficient road master Mr. Williams to take a seat in the engine and see how the train of seven cars was pulled along at such a curling gait. There we were introduced to Capt. L. A. Atkinson, one of the Southern's fastest and swiftest runners, and his trusty fireman, Mr. C. J. Hardie. Capt. Atkinson was at the throttle and as he pulled out of Durham he remarked to the Press-Visitor man: "This is No. 829" and we are not ashamed for anybody to ride behind her."

From Hillsboro to Mebane there is a good smooth run and Capt. Atkinson pulled out his throttle for a little trial of speed while the Press-Visitor man held his watch in hand. Four miles were spun off in four minutes and the last mile was knoeked out in exactly fifty-five seconds, and the man who held the little lever which regulated the iron horse, with seven cars and scores of lives behind him, controlled the iron monster without the twitch of a muscle in his face or the turn of a hair on his head. Capt. Atkinson has been one of the Southern's most trusted and reliable engineers for seventeen years and knows his business. He has that characteristic nerve and confidence which is necessary to every engineer who pulls a train freighted with human lives and who keeps his hand upon the pulse of the very nostril of the big iron steed as it plunges around curves and over viaducts, submissive to his will and touch.

Capt. J. H. Gilliland, one of the Southern's oldest and most reliable conductors, was in charge of the train and he is proud of his train. There are few trains in the South which make better time and which are more pleasant to travel on.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Kerr Craig, whose home has been in Washington city, will soon return to his old home at Salisbury to live.

## V & N C TO BE COMPLETED

Shortens the Distance to Richmond 30 Miles.

## TAPS THE S. A. L.

At Ridgeway, Will Give Raleigh a Short Quick Route to Petersburg and Richmond—Road has Been Graded for Many Years.

Raleigh is to have a direct short line to Petersburg and Richmond. The Virginia and North Carolina railroad, which has been standing idle for many years is to be completed and Raleigh will be thirty miles nearer Richmond than at present.

The City Council of Petersburg which owns a controlling interest has accepted the proposition of Mr. De Witt Smith, of New York, and his associates for the purchase of the interest of the city of Petersburg in the Virginia and Carolina Railroad. A resolution was adopted accepting the proposition.

Under the terms of the sale Mr. Smith is to put up \$20,000 as a forfeit that the road will be completed in twelve months and as an additional security \$100,000 of mortgage bonds of the road in consideration of the transfer of the property, \$50,000 of which bonds are to be donated as the road progresses until the completion of 50 miles, and \$50,000 of bonds to remain in the hands of the city of Petersburg until the completion of the road from Petersburg to Ridgeway, N. C.

A proposition for the purchase of the road was also received from Peter Arnold, of Copenhagen, Denmark, but this proposition was rejected.

Years ago the Virginia and North Carolina railroad was incorporated and active work began on the construction of the railway. The promoters of the V. & N. C. contemplated building a direct road from Petersburg to Ridgeway, tapping the Seaboard at Ridgeway, but finance gave out and the undertaking never completed. Nothing remains to complete the road, except the laying of the track.

The road was graded nearly all the way from Petersburg to Ridgeway and great stone piers placed in the Roanoke river near Gaston. Travellers on the Seaboard have probably noticed the grading leading out from Ridgeway.

The road will doubtless be operated in conjunction with the Seaboard Air Line, as it gives the latter a through line to Richmond, thirty miles nearer than by Weldon and the A. C. L. The distance from here to Ridgeway is 56 miles.

## DIRECT TAX FUND

Has Reverted to the Treasury—A Claimant Turned Down Today.

The first request for a warrant upon the direct tax fund, since the limit expired for its disbursement was turned down by Auditor Ayer this morning.

It will be remembered that the government in 1891 refunded a large amount of direct taxes to the different states. Subsequently the legislature passed an act providing that the fund should revert to the state treasury unless claimants put in their application within six years after the money was turned over to the state. The legislative limit expired March 2nd, when the remaining amount of the fund, which two years ago was appropriated to the school fund reverted to the Treasury.

A Spanish General Killed at Last.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. MADRID, March 11.—A dispatch received here from Manila confirms the report of the capture of the town of Silibran, in the Philippine Islands, by the government troops.

General Zabala, of the Spanish forces, was killed while leading the attack on the insurgents' position. The Spanish lost 40 killed and 30 wounded, and the insurgents had 76 killed.

A Verdict for Fifty Thousand.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, March 11.—In the case of Mrs Margaret P. Buchanan in the suit against Kate M. Foster to recover fifty thousand dollars damages for alienating her husband, the jury returned a verdict of fifty thousand damages.

## WOULD BE PAID TWICE

Hileman Asks if he Can Draw Per Diem as Speaker and Representative.

Speaker Hileman, of the house of representatives, has sufficiently recovered to be able to be out. This morning the speaker was at the auditor's office and raised the point as to whether he was entitled to \$4 per diem as representative and \$6 per diem as speaker.

The constitution says members of the general assembly shall receive \$4 per diem and the presiding officers of the two houses \$6 per diem. Auditor Ayer did not feel justified in rendering a decision upon the matter until he could consult the attorney-general.

Presiding officers in the past have drawn only \$6 per diem.

The omnibus pension bill, which passed all its readings in both branches of the assembly, is not a law. In the haste and hurry Tuesday, when the bills were being ratified with great rapidity, the Lieutenant Governor failed to attach his signature to the act and, of course, it is not effective.

Now the question arises can Lieut Gov. Reynolds sign the bill while the legislature is not in session.

About two hundred old soldiers are deprived of pensions.

Later Justice Faircloth and Douglass gave it as their opinion that the Lieut-Governor had no right to sign the act.

Getting Quiet at Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Affairs at the White House are fast assuming their normal aspect. There was a marked falling off today in the crowds of public men and general visitors. It was comparatively quiet today in Secretary Proctor's office. In the ante room congressional callers dropped in from time to time, but at no period was there a rush.

McKinley today proclaimed a new patent convention with Japan. It is now operative.

Secretary Sherman will promulgate at the cabinet meeting tomorrow an agreement with Spain, whereby Americans in Cuba will be given fair treatment, or be expelled if they are discovered in the rebellion against Spain.

Mr. Spencer Blackburn.

The election of Mr. Spencer Blackburn, the able representative from Ashe, as speaker pro tem was a high and merited compliment to one of the youngest republicans on the floor of the house. Mr. Blackburn has been an aggressive leader in the lower branch of the assembly, and though not always victorious, he has reflected credit upon himself. The presentation of a gold headed cane to the gentleman from Ashe by the members of the house shows the high esteem in which he was held by all the members. The cane was an exceedingly handsome one.

Postoffices at Mr. McKinley's Disposal.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—President McKinley will have the disposal of one hundred and six presidential postoffices which Mr. Cleveland had figured on for the outgoing administration and for which his selection of postmasters had been announced. These represent the postoffice nominations made by Mr. Cleveland during the short session of congress and which the senate failed to confirm. In addition to these there are eight postoffices in Pennsylvania, nominations for which were confirmed, but too late for the official notification to reach the post-office department.

A Correction.

In reference to the special edition of the "Industrial South" which is being published by Messrs Rawlet and Foote, it has been erroneously stated by several papers that the "Industrial South" was being published under the control and direction of the Seaboard Air Line.

This edition is not published under the control or direction of the Seaboard Air Line, and no one is authorized to use the name of this company in the solicitation of advertisements for said edition. Further than the write-up therein contained regarding land, towns and cities located along its line, which is paid for on the same basis as any other advertisement, the Seaboard Air Line has no connection with this publication.

T. J. ANDERSON, Gen. Pass. Agent Seaboard Air Line.

Rich Lilly is to get permanent relief. He will secure a janitorship in one of the State buildings.

## A HIGH REWARD.

Appreciation of the Applied Skill of an Expert.

Winston Sentinel. Appreciation is a high measure of reward to the earnest, conscientious and skillful laborer in any department of life, and measured by this standard, Dr. L. H. Matthez, the eminent oculo-optician, is a very rich man, without any reference to the size of his bank account, for it has been his happy privilege to bring relief to hundreds and hundreds of sufferers from defective vision, in the treatment of which he has been so wonderfully successful, and from these beneficiaries of his knowledge and skill there naturally flows to the Doctor a stream of praise and gratitude, whose value is not to be measured by dollars and cents.

As it has been elsewhere, so it has been in Winston-Salem, where many have availed themselves of the rare privilege afforded by Dr. Matthez's visit and are now congratulating themselves that they did so and will daily be reminded of their good fortune by the sense of relief and improvement which they experienced in the most important matter of eye sight.

Dr. Matthez, who has been here for three months or more, closed his engagement on Monday last and will probably leave this afternoon for Raleigh, where he will remain for a short period.

We have found Dr. Matthez a very social and clever gentleman personally, and a learned practitioner of the science of optics, professionally, and it affords us pleasure to commend him to the kind consideration of the good people of our sister town of Raleigh and of other points he may visit in our state.

Dr. Matthez is now in Raleigh, office at the Yarbors, room 41. None should fail to take advantage of his presence in having their eyes examined and glasses properly adjusted.

## A & M HOSPITAL

Contract For Its Erection Likely to be Given Out on the 15th.

The board of directors of the A & M college, which met in this city Tuesday will hold an adjourned meeting here on the 25th.

An appropriation of \$5,000 was made by the general assembly for the erection of a hospital and the purchase of a boiler. This matter has been left to the Executive Committee of the Board, which is composed of J. C. L. Harris, President of the Board and chairman ex-officio, W. G. Pool, E. V. Cox, E. G. Butler and J. Z. Waller. The Executive Committee meets here on the 25th and contracts will probably be given out then for the erection of the hospital and purchase of a boiler.

There is great need of a hospital at the college. Last year one student was taken with the measles and 78 cases developed.

The commissioners of the department of agriculture are: W. C. Sprinkle of Madison; Howard Brown of Warren; J. Row Mautsby of Columbus; J. L. Damsy of Wake; J. William Bailey of Wake; John Brady of Gates; Ben F. Aycock of Wayne; Hill E. King of Onslow; R. B. Lineberry of Chatham; R. J. Joyce of Rockingham; Geo. E. Flow of Union; S. F. Shore of Yadkin; J. C. Ray of Watauga; Jas. M. Allen of Rutherford.

The trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic arts are Col L. C. Edwards, of Granville, J. C. L. Harris, of Wake, D. G. Butler, of Vance, W. G. Pool, of Pasquotank, J. W. Hardin, Jr., of Wake, E. V. Cox, of Pitt; Henry G. Connor, of Wilson; Dr. Matt Moore, of Duplin; B. R. Lacy, of Wake; J. Z. Waller, of Alamance; Henry E. Bonitz, of New Hanover; Dr. M. D. Kimbrough, of Davis; Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Cleveland; James J. Britt, of Mitchell.

Ellijay Seminary Burned.

ATLANTA, March 9.—A special from Ellijay, Ga., to the Constitution says that the Ellijay seminary was burned last night. The loss is \$10,000. There was no insurance. The origin of the fire was probably accidental. The seminary had 200 pupils.

Georgia Railroad Bonds.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. AUGUSTA, Ga., March 11.—The Mutual Life Insurance company of New York today secured \$1,000,000 issue of redemption bonds of the Georgia railroad. The bonds run 25 years at 5 per cent and were sold at par.

It is said that J. L. and H. L. Casper will sue the Salisbury Sun for libel.

## ARBORVITÆ AGAIN

Swinson Demands Salary from Enrolling Clerk—Gets the Cold Shoulder.

Arborvitæ L. Swinson, of enrolling clerk fame, came above the surface again this morning. He rendered a bill to Auditor Ayer for services by his son as laborer in the office of enrolling clerk. All that Arborvitæ got of the auditor was an acknowledgment that the certificate of services had been served upon him.

Swinson served the following letter upon Auditor Ayer: "Herewith I hand you a certificate of the appointment of Carl L. Swinson, my son, as laborer on duty in my office from January 10th, 1897, duly certified by myself to Mr. H. E. King chief clerk of the senate, which certificate speaker A. F. Hileman of the house refused to sign in approval, except upon conditions that I would accept \$10 in settlement of my claim for thirty-three days at \$2.50 per day, which I promptly rejected when made to me by said Speaker-Hileman on Feb. 19, 1897. Upon this certificate and statement of facts herein, I ask payment of this bill.

Swinson has a claim of \$125 against the state, which he says he is entitled to. His son's claim amounts to \$32.50.

## TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

NEW YORK, March 11. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Outhbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire.

The following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations of the New York cotton market today:

MONTHS.	OPENING.	HIGH EST.	LOW EST.	CLOSING.
January,	.....	.....	.....	.....
February,	.....	.....	.....	.....
March,	.....	6.98	6.94	6.92
April,	.....	7.05	6.95	6.96
May,	.....	7.05	7.08	7.00
June,	.....	7.10	7.12	7.04
July,	.....	7.14	7.15	7.08
August,	.....	7.14	7.14	7.09
Sept'mbr,	.....	6.88	6.85	6.84
October,	.....	6.78	6.77	6.72
November,	.....	6.80	6.80	6.73
December,	.....	6.83	6.84	6.76

Closed firm; sales 103,100 bales.

Cotton Movement.

The following shows the semi-weekly movement of cotton at 13 leading interior towns this week compared with that of last week, last year and 1895:

REC'DTS.	SHIPMENTS.	STOCKS.
Last week, 20,903	31,331	316,116
This week, 27,364	37,963	378,008
Last year, 16,482	30,151	330,378
In 1895, 41,975	44,585	337,063

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Sugar .....	1164
American Tobacco .....	78
Burlington and Quincy .....	774
Chicago Gas .....	774
American Spirits .....	132
General Electric .....	35
Louisville and Nashville .....	461
Manhattan .....	814
Rock Island .....	68
Southern Preferred .....	274
St. Paul .....	774
Tennessee Coal and Iron .....	274
Western Union .....	834

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—May, 72; July 69.
Corn—May, 24; July 25.
Oats—May, 17; July 18.
Pork—May, 8.35; July 8.47
Lard—May, 4.12; July 4.22
Clear Rib Sides—May 4.46; July 4.52.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

March .....	3.57-58
March-April .....	3.57-58
April-May .....	3.57-58
May-June .....	3.58
June-July .....	3.58-b
July-August .....	3.58-b
August-September .....	3.55-56
September-October .....	3.50-51
October-November .....	3.46
November-December .....	3.44-45
January-December .....	3.44-55

Five Children Poisoned.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. INDIANAPOLIS, March 11.—Five children in the family of William Sturman, of Laporte county, were poisoned by eating patent pills which they found during the absence of parents. Two died and the other three are critically ill. The pills were found to contain a poisonous drug.

## SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

## AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

The Louisville dispensary act has been ratified.

About all the members of the legislature have left.

The prohibition question is being resurrected for the May campaign.

Something over 1900 bills were introduced in the House. There were 776 acts ratified and 66 resolutions.

The macadamization of the streets around the capitol will begin at an early date. No streets in the city are more in need of repair.

Chief Clerks Mastern and King of the general assembly, together with the other clerical force are still in the city, straightening up records.

All Odd Fellows is requested to be present at Seaton Gales Lodge tonight. The first degree will be conferred.

W. V. Hall, of Cleveland county, a young man employed in the legislature, becomes chief clerk in the bureau of labor statistics, succeeding W. E. Faison.

The secretary of state grants a charter to the J. D. Armstrong Live Stock and Dressed Meat company, of Nash county. B. H. Bunn is one of the incorporators.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the Mission Rooms Friday the 12th at 4 p. m. All members who have not attended for some time will please be present.

Senator George Butler returned to his home in Sampson county today. Senator Butler has been one of the foremost members of the senate, and he has the distinction of being the author of the educational bill.

A half-length oil portrait of Governor Jonathan M. Worth has been placed on the wall at the Executive Mansion. It is the gift of the Worth family. The painting is by W. G. Randall, and is perhaps his finest piece of work.

Governor Russell has pardoned J. C. Daniels, of Forsythe, out of the penitentiary. Daniels was placed in the pen six years ago on the charge of secret assault with deadly weapon. He has a large family at home, and having nearly served his sentence the pardon was granted.

Mr. L. W. Crawford, senior editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, purchased the interest of Rev. W. L. Grissom in that paper and assumed the business management of the office. Mr. Grissom will continue to make his home in Greensboro.

The governor's council had a meeting yesterday, but the public printing matter was not taken up. One of the members of the council said that the printing would cost much less this year than heretofore. Nash Bros., of Goldsboro, have filed the only bid so far.

The Rev. Milnor Jones of Valle Cruces, Watauga county, arrived in New York city on February 27 to solicit subscriptions for the Protestant Episcopal Mission to the North Carolina mountaineers. He brought a letter from the Right Rev. J. B. Obeshire, jr., bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, commending him to generous and benevolent churchmen wherever he might meet them. This letter the Rev. Jones allowed himself to be wheeled out by a New York confidence man, and now Mr. Jones advertises for it.

Col. F. A. Olds says in his correspondence: "The movement in favor of the use of state convicts on public roads was a powerful one in the legislature. It did not develop in all its force until Monday night, when the bill passed to effect this purpose. The republicans realize that they have a white elephant on their hands in the shape of the penitentiary. But there will be a great development of the public roads if the counties show a proper snap and enterprise in catching on to the grand opportunities now afforded them."

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

MINISTER RANSOM. A dispatch from Weldon, N. C., says: "Minister Ransom was here Friday, looking ten years younger since his retirement to private life. A great load has been lifted from his shoulders, and he says he feels much better than in years before. He is the very picture of splendid manhood."

## WILL IT BE PURNELL?

Hi Gudgey Wants the Brazilian Mission—Russell Out of It.

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch says in today's paper:

Among the prominent North Carolina republicans who arrived here today are H. A. Gudgey, applicant for the Brazilian mission; Mr. Thos. R. Purnell, of Raleigh, applicant for the judgeship of the Eastern district and State Senator Bailey, applicant for the marshalship of the Western district. The term of the incumbent expires March 30th, and the appointment of his successor, it is said, will be made in a few days. The leading candidate is Mr. Bailey, and the other three candidates, it is believed, will combine to defeat his appointment.

Gossip among North Carolina Republicans about the judgeship indicates the appointment of Mr. Purnell, but he has a formidable rival in Judge Robinson. Governor Russell, it is understood, is entirely out of the race. He wants the appointment, and wants it badly but his coalition with the Populists has alienated the Republicans, and they protest against his appointment. The matter has been submitted to the President, and there is no longer a probability of his appointment. Leading Republicans here say that the Governor is thoroughly discredited by the great majority of Republicans in the state, and out of the present conditions they expect there will grow new party alignments, which will identify the Governor with the Butler faction of the Populist party.

Midnight Wreck.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 11.—A special train bearing a French opera troupe of 150 people, bound for San Francisco, was wrecked about midnight near Casa Grand. The train consisted of three Pullmans, two tourist sleepers and three baggage cars. The accident was caused by a bolt breaking in front of the tender, allowing the fixtures of the truck to drop down and spread the rails.

The following car remained upright, but the wheels were buried in the ground, cutting entirely through the ties. The second baggage car was thrown on its side. The third baggage car remained upright—Under the second baggage car a 15-year-old boy was found dead with one of his hands protruding from the wreck. There were about ten tramps on the train and several were badly injured. One of the opera troupe was slightly injured.

The Situation in the Philippines Very Unsatisfactory to Spain.

MADRID, March 10.—A dispatch from Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands, to the Imparcial says the situation there is very unsatisfactory, and that it will be necessary for the Spanish troops to occupy the entire island in order to completely crush the rebellion. Rebels are becoming bolder and more vigorous in action, and the approaching rainy season will still further hamper the operations of the troops.

General Palavia, Governor of the Philippine islands, will shortly return to Spain, his health having become impaired and his ailments greatly aggravated by the care and the worry of his being hampered in his operations by the government. It is feared at Manila that the war in the Philippines is worse than that in Cuba.

Burglars Get \$800 in Gold.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 10.—About 3 o'clock this morning two burglars forced an entrance to the general store of Joseph Rainey, at Lilly. They pushed the large safe into the wareroom and burst the door open with dynamite. The explosion shattered the wareroom and threw the safe door through a window into the street.

The explosion aroused Mr. Rainey who came downstairs with a gun in his hands, but the burglars had secured \$800 in gold, which was in the safe, and fled, leaving no clue.

Ransom Looking Better.