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The last Legislature abolished the positions of Enrolling Clerk of the House and Senate. The work therefore performed by those officers now devolves upon the office of Secretary of State.

The one and a half million which North Carolina has invested this year in the education of her sons and daughters, will be paying compound interest for the next fifty years. A million figures on which this would amount to.—Winston Sentinel.

The Durham Sun says: Mr. H. V. Paul, the veteran printer, editor and historian, having retired from the business house of B. Davis, will soon issue an eight-page newspaper in Durham, devoted to the moral, educational and industrial interests of Durham.

There are more than two hundred children at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, is authorized by the statement that the amount expended for maintenance was about \$12,000, or to be exact, \$4 75 per month per capita.

Estimating the cost to the United States of the war of 1871-1875 at a million dollars a day, and this is a wide estimate, the sum total would be about \$1,500,000,000. In pensions alone, however, we have paid out since the war the sum of \$2,728,878,276, or nearly twice the cost of the war.

A special from Raleigh to the Richmond Dispatch says: "It is said by observant Democrats that as the arrests two years ago greatly aided the Democrats, just so will the cases against election officers which District Attorney Holton is pressing in the Western district here aid and make very plain sailing in 1904."

Nine presiding elders at the Methodist Conference in Wilmington made reports which were very favorable, that of Rev. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, of the Raleigh district, leading. He stated that all the presiding salaries were paid in full and on more than half the charges all collections were paid, and something like forty thousand dollars had been raised during the past four years for building and repairing churches.

Rumors are current in Richmond to the effect that the American headquarters of the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland, which are located there, will be established after the season of the big British trust will either resume its old method of securing tobacco through commission men, or will effect some arrangement with the American Tobacco Company, whereby the two can work in conjunction in the purchase of the raw weed.

The Apex News urges the selection of Gen. Julian S. Carr for U. S. Senator. It says: "He is not gifted with a noble man—a great friend to the enterprise, the Democratic party and the people and would, no doubt, come nearer to filling the place, as did the immortal Vance, acceptable to the whole people, than any other man living in North Carolina today. His friends are legion and without bitterness, will push his candidacy to the very end."

Why should people look for free newspapers any more than they look for free cigars, free umbrellas, free walking sticks, free collars, free cuffs or free bedsteads? Every copy of a newspaper is a product which costs money. The tailor, the tobacconist, the gent's furnisher or the grocer is not called upon to supply free copies of the products which they handle. The people who are aggrieved if they cannot get free copy of a newspaper would not think of struggling for a place on the free list of a grocery store, a dry goods store or butcher's shop. It is the principle more than the cost of the free newspaper idea which is repugnant to all sound business notions.

NO SYMPATHY.

The speedy disposition of the suit to invalidate the constitution of Virginia, by Chief Justice Fuller and Judge Waddell in the United States Circuit Court at Richmond, was a severe rap at John S. Wise and those who were associated with him. The court said it had no jurisdiction. An appeal will be taken. The questions and remarks of Chief Justice Fuller indicated that he had little sympathy with the movement, and that he thought any possible question of the rights of negroes to registration should be brought before the Virginia Supreme Court. It is a pleasure to note that John G. Carlisle was not associated with Mr. Wise in the case, as was reported he would be. It would be desirable to find Mr. Carlisle endeavoring for a few to prevent a State from founding its government upon intelligence and enlightenment.—Savannah News.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

The President depletes the country as in a condition of unbounded and unprecedented prosperity. Periods of depression will come, he doubts not, but he expects us to continue to thrive. As for the trusts, he thinks of them as Coroner Taylor does of the microbes—that some are good and some are bad. The bad trusts the President would curb by publicity and restrictions in the issue of stock. For this purpose he would use the Federal interstate commerce act, as far as it is available, and then, if necessary, amend the United States Constitution so as to give the Congress great power over corporations. By the way, the President is particular to say, always, "The Congress." And that is the correct usage, though more honored in the breach than in the observance.

In all that is done, whether to curb the trusts, or to revive the tariff, the President recommends action so coordinated and well-timed as not to disturb business, or to imperil the prosperity of the Nation, which he writes with a big N. But he insists that "the question of regulation of the trusts stands apart from the question of tariff revision."—Richmond Dispatch.

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For The Women.

Fashion's and Other Items of Interest.

On a Days Absence From Her Baby.

Daisy Sanial Gill.
I've been away so long, Sweet, My little tender one, Away from thee the whole long day, But now I'm hurrying home!
I'm wondering is all well, Dear, As if I'd been with thee, And watching, guarding, hour by hour, With love's anxiety.
I long to clasp thee, Tender Face, To greet thee, Wonder Eyes! To take a kiss from thy wee mouth, And feast on thy glad surprise!

A SENSATIONAL ELOPEMENT.

Beautiful Young Lady Speeding Through Darkness With Hounds on her Track.

The Henrietta correspondence gives a moving and graphic account of the most sensational elopement, attendant with more danger than has ever before been recorded in North Carolina, in which the girl stole away with the pulses beat faster. Here it is in full:
"But the most exciting thing in the whole category was caused by Mr. William Kilpatrick and Miss Ella Robert, who concluded to wed but the parents of both parties objected. As there had been several successful runaway matches at this place very recently, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts decided that their girl would not get off quite so easily, but Bill said with streaming eyes that he loved Ella and he'd have her or die so he came by in Mr. Butler's buggy, Miss Ella saw him and without her hat or cloak ran down jumped into the buggy and they started out in a high run to South Carolina to get married but the vigilant Mrs. Roberts happened to see them and she gave the alarm by screaming at the top of her voice. On my word of honor, if you don't believe me, don't let him take her, I bet you see her and Charlie. My uncle John and Charlie ran out, and Charlie being not only very excited, but stout and determined will the swiftness of a fawn ran down upon the couple, seized the buggy and instantly stopped the team, and while Uncle John was engaged in pulling the girl out of the buggy, Aunt Kittie was soundly thrashing Bill with sticks and calling him a runaway. The girl was taken back and Bill went on with a tattered hat and a few bruises. But the determined couple was not dismayed, but more determined than ever. Ella pretended to go back to her home, but secretly sent Bill word that she was going if she had to slip out at midnight. It so happened that some lady friends who were very anxious to know how things were going on decided to pay the girl a visit in the night. After some time had elapsed the girls all sauntered out in the yard and a little beyond when Ella started off in a tremendous run and again the town was alarmed by frightful screams. And this time a pack of hounds was brought into requisition and put on her trail. Now just think of it, a beautiful young lady speeding through the darkness with a pack of dogs on her trail, she fought brush and water, she fled. The old man Roberts was in hot pursuit swearing by black and white that he'd kill Bill if he ever laid eyes on him again. But Bill in ambush laid, till his bride was quietly made. Friends were gathering thick and fast on both sides and one quick witted young man, taking in the situation, succeeded in throwing the dogs off the trail of the girl by getting into his own track, so to speak, a long story short, after a great deal of dodging, they succeeded in escaping their pursuers and in one of Mr. Butler's best gigs they fled to South Carolina, and were married in the form and are now back in Hatteras with the girl's parents at their feet imploring their forgiveness."—Charlotte Observer.

Sold The Baby for \$500.

Having sold her youngest baby for \$500, Mrs. Sarah Goldberg, with bowed head and in tears, returned to her home in Hatteras and clasped her remaining three children frantically to her bosom. She did it because her husband had left her, and she must have food for her pinched and ragged family.
In another household there was joy as wild as the grief in the Goldberg home. At 242 Monroe street, New York, Abraham Weisbord and his wife, Esther, were fairly beside themselves with delight over their purchased baby.
For nine years they had hoped and waited for a child of their own. Six babies had come, but all had died within an hour of their birth. The last one was lost in a Hospital on Sunday, and after the funeral the Weisbords decided they would adopt a child.
Rather then go to the public asylum to see what they thought best to do, Mrs. Goldberg turned to the papers of the east side for a baby that they could know had been born of their race and faith.
Mrs. Goldberg heard about the offer of \$500. It was a long struggle, and then she took little Morris, aged 7 weeks, in her arms, and dressed him as best as she could and took him to Monroe street.
The transaction was quickly concluded. In the sale of Mr. Satter, who is a notary, a formal bill of sale was drawn up and signed. Today Mrs. Goldberg bought food and clothing and paid her overdue rent.

In Winston the other day a young man applied for license to marry a girl 12 years old. The register refused the license and the would be bridegroom went out and returned with the girl's mother, who said her daughter was 14 and insisted on the license being issued. When asked the year of her daughter's birth she said 1890, and the register again refused to issue the license, whereat the prospective mother-in-law got very wrath.

Ambitious Wife—You can't keep us down forever. Some day we women will have a vote in the management of all the public affairs of this country. Brutal Husband—For heaven's sake, Belle, don't say that! Be satisfied if you get the right to vote.—Chicago Tribune.

A spirit of the world she seemed, Wrapt softly in a golden trance; A being, such as poets dreamed, Of old romance.

Queer Law Case.



Not long ago a trial was reported where a man sued a medicine concern which had offered \$100 for a case their remedy could not cure. The man had taken the remedy but had not been cured. The defense was that he had not taken the medicine long enough. He did not get the \$100.

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How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way a danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. All Druggists.

Twelve men are missing and a score or more were seriously injured as a result of an explosion on the steamer Progresso at San Francisco.

A Kentuckian has gone into court to recover \$5,000 damage for the loss of two fingers. They probably include the trigger finger.
That Derby, Conn., youth who disappeared some time ago will probably come back when he learns that there are two \$10,000 legacies waiting for him.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Senator Simmons Says its Manufacture Should be Under State Control.

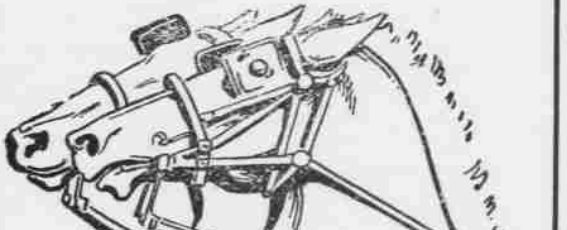
Washington correspondence of the News & Observer of Dec. 2nd says: Senator Simmons, speaking about the work of the Legislature soon to assemble, said he was greatly to be hoped that the Legislature would take some action looking to the regulation and adequate taxation by the State of the manufacture of liquor. He said there was a strong sentiment in the State in favor of confining both the sale and manufacture of liquor to incorporated towns. But whatever might be done with regard to this, it was manifest that the manufacture of liquor should be brought under State control and police regulation, as far as that could be done without conflict with the laws of the United States. He said if the manufacture of liquor is to be allowed at all in the State, it should become a source of larger revenue to the State than under existing laws.
"There is," he continued, "no greater evil in the State than these little copper distilleries scattered about through the country where police regulation is impossible. Generally speaking, they exert a demoralizing influence upon the community in which they are located, debauching the morals and the politics within the radius of their influence. Besides, many of them have become recruiting stations for the Republican party. In a large measure, they are undoing the work of the schools and the churches in these communities."
"If liquor is permitted to be manufactured only in incorporated towns the distilleries can be subjected to rigid police regulations and the evil of the business would be largely diminished. At any rate they ought to be adequately taxed by the State and no retail establishment ought to be allowed in connection with a distillery for a large part of the evil of these concerns grows out of the retail house which is almost universal in connection with them."
"If the Legislature shall determine to confine the sale and manufacture of whiskey to incorporated towns, each town should, by a general law, be given an opportunity to vote upon the question of prohibition or dispensary, so that the community of towns where prohibition or dispensary already exists."

Senator Simmons expressed the hope and opinion that the Legislature would give these questions earnest and mature consideration, and he added if the manufacture of liquor was confined to the incorporated towns and the usual bar-room accompaniment, it would greatly diminish the work of the Federal Courts and might in the near future make it possible to dispense with one of the Federal Court districts in the State as well as a large part of the revenue force now necessary, and relieve the State of the odious political activity of so many revenue officials when the Republican party is in power.

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