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The number of Confederate veterans present at the North Carolina Home is now 106.

The Washington Post says: "A Nebraska Democrat gets a wife as the result of an election bet."

There is in the United States more than three billion dollars in cash. Don't try to get more than your share.

Determined efforts are being made to induce the Legislature to enact a proper vagrant law, it being said that the present one is full of loopholes.

Arrangements are being made to have a general celebration of the one hundredth birthday of Gen. R. E. Lee on the 22nd of next January.

The North Carolina Children's Home Society has so far handled 178 children and has found homes for all of these except five, who will soon be sent elsewhere to homes.

An inquiry pushed by President has disclosed stealage of \$1,000,000 of funds sent to San Francisco from various States for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers.

Plans for the \$46,300 replica of the Washington monument to be erected by the government on the Jamestown Exposition grounds have been approved and the contract awarded.

Cuba is also complaining of a scarcity of labor, and wants to induce immigration. The next sugar crop will be very large, and the present labor supply is insufficient to handle it.

More than \$11,000,000 has now been given to the relief of San Francisco, together with 2,000 carloads of food, clothing, and other supplies. One of the finest illustrations of practical Christianity in all history.

The number of insane now in the Central Hospital at Raleigh is 463, of whom 63 are in the new wing of the woman's department. There are places for 39 more in this wing, but the applications on file far more than equal this number.

The Washington administration is now going to get busy in beginning prosecutions for violations of the eight hour law. Lawyer O. J. Carlton, of Boston, is a special appointee of Attorney General Moody to take charge of cases, of which there are about 300 in sight.

Mr. W. A. Garrett, the new general manager and first vice president of the Seaboard Air Line, has notified the heads of all departments that he will make no changes, but that he will count upon every man for a hearty support and co-operation necessary to make the Seaboard a great system.

A Georgia man was caught in New York several days ago after having executed a scheme to get money. He had on deposit one bale of cotton in a Georgia warehouse, and he raised the number on his receipt to 201 bales, so that for one bale he got more than \$9,000 cash on the deposit slip. But he let himself get caught.

The North Carolina branch of the southern cotton growers association is in a bad way financially. It has made no effort to collect dues and is far behind in paying the men who labor to perfect the organization. All other states are in good shape. This is one of the difficulties in organizing farmers. The cotton association is worth millions to the south, and ought to be heartily supported by every cotton grower.

J. G. Holloway, a fireman on the Louisville & Nashville road, has proved himself quite a hero. As his train rounded a curve near Sebree, Ky., a three year old child was noticed playing on the track with her doll. The engineer quickly reversed his engine, and the fireman crawled out upon the cowcatcher, and holding on with one hand, scooped up the child with the other. The child was unhurt. Holloway's name will be presented for Carnegie medal.

Up Against a Cold Proposition.

We regret to have in a measure to criticize the acts of one of Granville county's officials, especially after we used what little influence we had in his selection for the position, which he occupies, as her officials as a whole are most trustworthy public servants, but our duty to the people demands that we make this criticism. The new Board of County Commissioners will be called upon to solve a knotty question—whether to move the County Home to Oxford in order that Superintendent Walters may devote his time to the duties of his office, or dispense with his assistant, which is a needless expense on the taxpayers. Mr. Walters is no doubt competent for the duties of his office, but it seems that there is a great magnet that draws him to town almost every day. We do not blame Mr. Walters for liking Oxford as it is a grand old town, and if he intends to make it headquarters it would be well to have phone connection with the Home in order to keep posted on what is going on there during the day.

We should think now he can naturally take it easy as the burdens and responsibilities of the campaign are over, and the only special thing that claims his attention is attending the meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

It seems to us that the man who does the work at the County Home ought to get the credit therefor. It is a needless expense upon the county to employ two men to do the work of superintending that institution, one of whom does the work and the other of whom spends so much of his time in town.

Call For Thanksgiving.

Governor Glenn issued his proclamation designating Thursday, November 29, as Thanksgiving day, when the people are called upon to give thanks for past mercies and request future guidance. In the course of the proclamation the governor declared that while excessive rains have damaged crops and twice during the year the public peace has been marred by acts of lawlessness, yet our manifold blessings have so far surpassed temporary ills that they call to us for thanksgivings and prayer. He declares that the percentage of increase in the state along agricultural, industrial, educational and moral lines has far exceeded his fondest hopes. He declares also that educational progress in the state is a source of congratulation as longer terms, more efficient teachers, better school houses and equipment mark a new progressive period in the school life of the state, while the growing temperance and religious spirit denote a moral condition never before witnessed.

Roosevelt And The Negro.

In our opinion it would be best for the negroes of the country to let Mr. Roosevelt alone about that order commanding the dismissal from the army of a battalion of negro troops because of the outrageous conduct of some of its members at Brownsville, Texas. President Roosevelt is just about the best friend the negroes have in the republican party. He has stood by them at all times when he thought their rights were being invaded. His attitude toward the negro has been the most unpopular phase of his character with the southern white people since he has been president says Wil Messenger. They have felt that time and again he has taken their part against the white people when justice was on the side of the latter, and now when he, after full investigation of the case, comes to the conclusion that it is his duty to disband the three companies of negro troops because of great insubordination on their part the country may rest assured that he knows he has good reason for his action, and if the negroes of the country know where their best interests lie they will acquiesce in such action and make no protest against it. They ought to know the president well enough to understand that they cannot change his views or make him take back the order he has issued. Those negro agitators who have decided to appeal to congress in behalf of the dismissed troops if they cannot induce the president to countermand the order will find themselves and their backers without the moral and political support of the President if they persist in their course.

Death of Dr. C. L. Clay.

Dr. C. L. Clay was born Sept. 24th, 1848, near Oxford, N. C. Died at Moody, Texas, Sept. 24th, 1906. He was educated at Wake Forest College, near Raleigh. He graduated in medicine at the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville Ky. He came to Texas in the fall of 1871, locating in Gatesville where he practiced medicine. He was married to Miss Nannie Peobles, February 4, 1874. In the summer of 1875 he moved to Old Berry where he lived until Moody was founded, then he moved there and lived until his death, having been a citizen of this locality 31 years practicing his profession all this time as one of the leading physicians of the county. Surviving him are his wife and four sons. Two of his sons live in Moody, one in Quanah and one in Tyler. He was converted and joined the Baptist church when 17 years old, and ever afterward lived a devout and consistent christian life.

Such are the simple annals, briefly given, of a good man, who quietly and unassumingly did a man's work in the world, earnestly, faithfully and well; who raised himself to higher honor in his every sphere of activity, whether in the practice of medicine, in business life, benevolence or religion.

He was active in upbuilding of church, school and society. Moody has never had a more constant and valued friend along these lines. Many are the achievements of Moody and community that stand as monuments to his usefulness as a citizen.

He was guarded in word and deed and in his wisdom was founded his success. His counsel was sought by young and old, and his advice always proved to be wise.

He was a friend to the worthy, and many are those whom he has helped to get started off in life, in education, business and profession.

Unselfish and noble acts are the most radiant epochs in the biography of souls, and with Dr. Clay they lie in memory's page like the coral islands, green and sunny amidst the melancholy waste of ocean.

The influence of such a life as lived by Dr. Clay will never cease but will extend in a continually widening, though perhaps unseen, circle, until multitudes are blessed by it.

What a memorable epoch in the history of a home is that which death finds his first entrance within its sacred enclosure, and with ruthless hand breaks the first link of a golden chain that creates its identity!

Human hands may go hand in hand to the very brink of the cold river that rolls between this and the unseen and. They may do much to soothe and sustain each other as the last hour draws near but there is a point beyond which human help cannot go. Every one of us must advance to meet the great and final foe with no human hand upon which to lean. We must turn away our faces from our earthly friends, and pass in under the deep shadow of eternity without their company.

But all who accept the great truths of Christianity and have made the good and faithful fight that Dr. Clay has made, know there is One who walks with them into the valley of the shadow, whose rod and whose staff shall comfort them. A FRIEND. In Moody, Texas, News.

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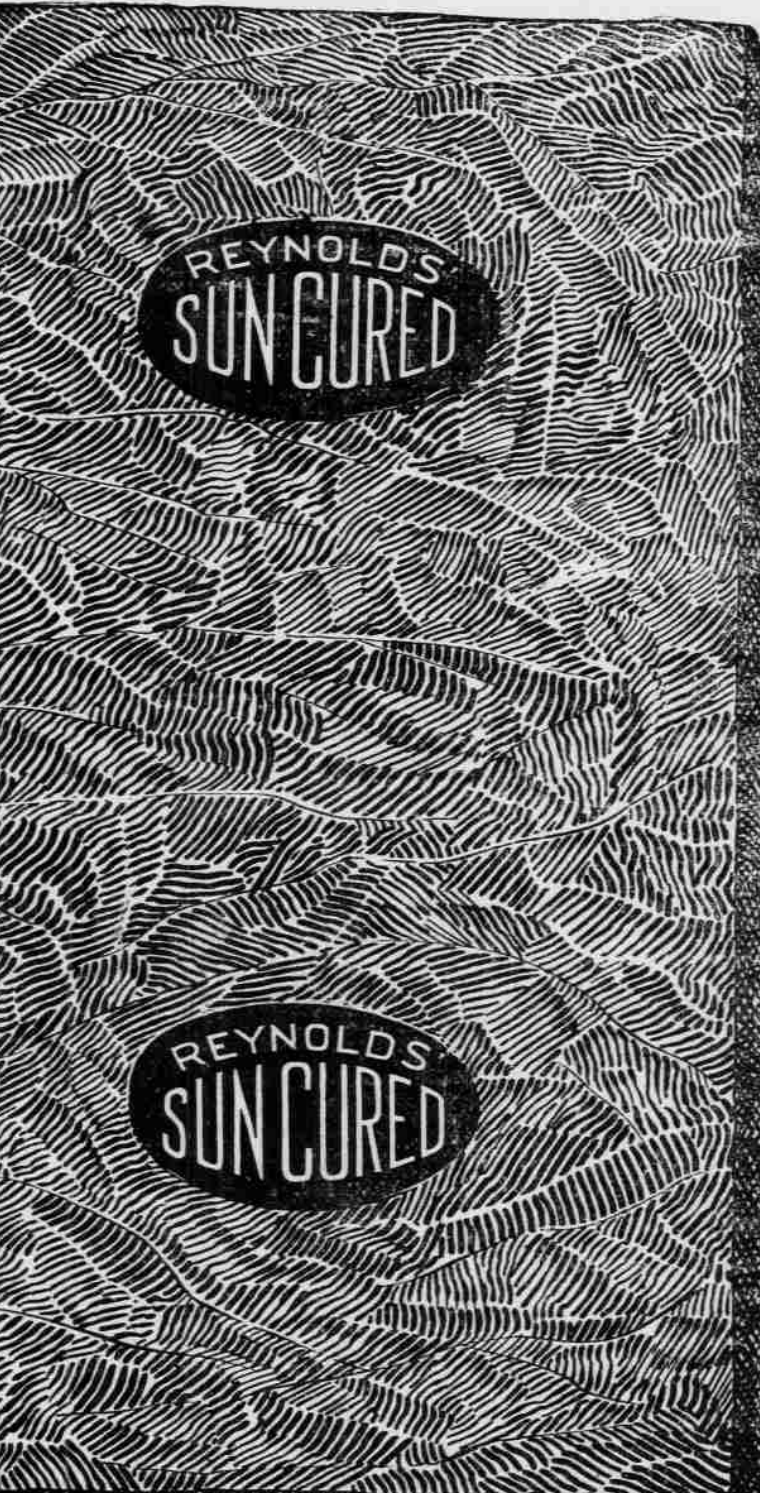


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