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THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

As has been announced, a called meeting of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod will be held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, in this city, on Tuesday, the 19th of this month.

We call special attention to this meeting of Synod. This body of Christian men will assemble to decide a matter of vital importance, namely, the future location of North Carolina College, which is now situated at Mt. Pleasant.

Their decision may mean a great deal to Salisbury and Rowan county. We have a bid in the hands of the committee, asking that the institution be brought to Salisbury.

We are glad that the Synod was invited to hold this called session in our midst, and we should feel honored that President Miller saw fit to select Salisbury as the meeting point. We should at all times

and we generally do—extend a cordial and hearty welcome to those who come to our city; but more especially should we receive this assembly of ministers and delegates with open arms, open doors and open hearts. It may have something to do with our securing the college, for, while the amount of money subscribed will have great weight, there is always some influence behind a capable, hospitable and pleasing disposition on the part of a people composing a community.

In conclusion, let us look forward to this meeting of the North Carolina Synod as a great occasion, and we hope, we confidently believe, that Salisbury will be named as the future home of North Carolina College.

The Man and the Dog.

It seems to be a natural infirmity of man to lie about his dog, to resent any aspersions on the character of his dog, but to look with the eye of dark suspicion on every other man's dog and to whisper doubts of his integrity. It is particularly so with hound dogs. It is an article of faith with every well-regulated boy that his dog is the champion squirrel detective of the world; every negro carries in his soul the conviction that his dog, whatever breed, is a terror to raccoons, and it is hard to shake any white man's belief in his pointer or setter. But the confidence in hounds has a touch of the sublime. We have been out in the woods with nine possum hunters on a dark night and had each of them tell us confidentially that he could identify the voice of his own dog far in the lead, and that all of the others were simply following him or back-tracking, or engaged in the degrading and frivolous vice of rabbit chasing.—Ex.

To Investigate.

After an interesting debate of three hours, the house yesterday by a vote of 302 to 30, adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon Representative-elect from Utah. By the terms of resolution Mr. Roberts is not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the House until the committee reports, and the House passes upon his case, but is denied a seat in the hall.

Some people are never so happy as when they have had news to tell.

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EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

With three wives it is not unlikely that "standing aside" is a customary job for Mr. Roberts.

The sugar trust has a capital of \$200,000,000. This is sweetness long drawn out, with a vengeance.

The Pacific cable from San Francisco to Manila can be laid for \$8,500,000 according to Secretary Root.

With Congress in session the "able constituent" should lose no time in getting his name on the seed-distribution list.

McKinley reports a deficit for the fiscal year of \$89,111,559.67, and but for the great prosperity it might have been larger.

At Richmond, Va., last night the joint Democratic legislative caucus nominated Hon. Thomas S. Martin to succeed himself as United States Senator.

Aguinaldo did not surrender in time for the message. He was probably delayed by the fact that his poor wife had all her clothes captured.

Sixty-five thousand soldiers have been sent by President McKinley to out-run Aguinaldo, while less than 20,000 are required to attend to the military business of our 70,000,000 people at home. Aguinaldo comes high, says the Raleigh Post, but it seems we must have him.

Independence for the Filipinos under a protectorate which will guard them from outside interference while they work out their own destiny is consistent with American tradition, American history and American interests.—W. J. Bryan.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania will protest against the Senate seating Quay. It is claimed that Quay's appointment was illegal and he is charged with all manner of fraud. This puts Quay in about the same boat with Roberts. Roberts may have more wives but Quay is the bigger rascal, says the Wilmington Star.

A stir was made in Arkansas political circles by the announcement yesterday that Governor Daniel W. Jones, who is a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Berry, has come out strongly in favor of expansion. Governor Jones' attitude makes expansion the predominant issue.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic caucus of the Senate, yesterday announced the membership of the caucus committee, to make the committee assignments for the Democratic side of the Senate, as follows: Senators Jones, Cockrell, Martin, Bacon, Rawling, Turley and Money.

The movement to advance wages in cotton mill centres has become general throughout the New England States. Thus far nearly 100,000 operatives have been notified of a 10 per cent. advance and the outlook indicates that most of the mills which have not made any announcement will soon do so.

Treasurer Worth in Distress.

State Treasurer Worth is calling on the county Sheriffs for funds. The Treasurer has figured it out that he will be called on to pay \$435,000 during the remainder of this month, and in the month of January. There is nothing like one-fourth of this sum in the Treasury, and the Treasurer has given the signal of distress to the various county Sheriffs.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I was expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave relief. I continued to use it and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise. This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at Theo. F. Kluttz & Co's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THURSDAY.

Revolutions and the plague are seriously injuring trade and industry in South America.

A Boer force at last accounts was occupying a strong position at Modder river, Cape Colony.

A seat in the New York stock exchange was yesterday sold for \$40,000, the highest price ever paid.

It is reported from Hongkong that Aguinaldo is willing to surrender if Consul Wildman will receive him at Manila.

The British steamer Forestbrook, which arrived at Bremen on December 2, from Savannah, reported that her captain was lost overboard while on the voyage.

Mack Taylor, a negro, was hanged at Augusta, Ga., yesterday for the murder of Alfred A. Sege, a young business man, on August 11th last. Taylor confessed on the gallows.

The announcement was made at Boston, yesterday afternoon that the Anoskeag corporation, of Manchester, the largest cotton manufacturing concern in the country, will advance the wages of 8,000 operatives 10 per cent on December 15th.

Richard Coleman, a negro fiend, the confessed murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of his employer, was burned at the stake near Maysville, Ky., yesterday, by a mob consisting of thousands of citizens.

The negro, a trusted servant, had assaulted and brutally murdered Mrs. Lashbrook. Later he made a complete confession of the crime. The dreadful spectacle of burning at the stake took place yesterday in broad day light on the outskirts of Maysville. The murdered woman's husband struck the first match, and the brother of the victim struck the second. During the process, while his voice could be heard, he begged for a drink of water. At the end of three hours the body was practically cremated. During all that time members of the family of Mrs. Lashbrook had remained to keep up the fire. Rifle hunters took away teeth and bones and flesh and every fragment of the body they could lay their hands on. All the afternoon children, some of them not more than 6 years old, kept up the fires on the blackened body by throwing grass, kindling wood, brush, bits of boards and everything combustible that they could gather. The coroner held an inquest on the charred remains and rendered the simple verdict: "Death at the hands of a mob."

FRIDAYS.

Gen. Wood will be made Governor of Cuba.

A rice mill combine or trust is being organized in New Orleans.

John S. Bolt, an ex-Confederate soldier, was frozen to death near Laurens, S. C., Tuesday night.

Capt. Kaerneff, of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line, arrived in New York Tuesday on his 100th trip across the Atlantic as commander of ships of that line.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, re-introduced in the House yesterday his bill of the last Congress to appropriate \$140,000,000 for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

Rev. Geo. Peterson, of Rome, Ga., was killed yesterday at Pencader, near Wilmington, Del. He was crossing the railroad at that place and was struck by a swiftly moving train. He died in a few minutes.

Gen. Young, of whom nothing had been heard lately, has turned up at Vigan. He encountered the Filipinos at Marbacar and drove them back. American casualties were, one killed and twelve slightly wounded.

Constable J. B. Cromwell, who was shot by George Howard, a moonshiner at Greenville, S. C., Tuesday, died yesterday morning. Howard, who was shot by Cromwell, died yesterday evening.

Orders were sent yesterday to Captain Sigbee, of the battleship Texas, to proceed to Havana and take on board the bodies of the Main victims. The bodies will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c. at Theo. F. Kluttz & Co's drug store.

Edward Burnz 19 years old, is under arrest in New York city for the murder of Herbert B. Fellows, station agent and postmaster at Searsdale, N. B., on Monday night last. McCluskey announces that Burnz has confessed.

A special dispatch from Modder river says "everything points to the fact that a great engagement will be fought at Spynfontein. The Boers are massing on the hills there, are vigorously building stone defenses and are digging rifle pits in every direction.

The expectation of catching Aguinaldo in the north has been practically abandoned and the probability now is that he will turn southward, if he is not already there, with his destination Cavite province, his home, where the insurrection began, and where it has had the greatest strength.

Bartow Warren, a respectable white man, whose father was a sheriff in North Carolina, was lodged in jail yesterday. He was arranged for having held up two Southern Express messengers on the Southern Railway at Branchville last week and stealing \$1,470.

Peter A. B. Widener, the millionaire traction magnate of Philadelphia, yesterday announced that he had purchased 36 acres of land at Logan, a suburb of Philadelphia, on which he intends to erect and endow a home, hospital and school for crippled children, at a cost of \$3,000,000.

Miller's powder plant at Sumnerstown, Pa., was completely wrecked by an explosion yesterday afternoon. Three men were blown to atoms and six fatally injured. The explosion first occurred in the glazing mill, and later the other mills blew up. Men were hurled great distances and the concussion was felt for miles around.

Cold in Chatham.

Last Saturday was a cold day. Two gentlemen from the country, who were here Saturday, said they saw a man plowing that day who had his little boy following him in the field with a pan of fire by which he would warm his hands. When first seen, they said, he was warming his hands by the fire. He then started to plow, the little boy following with the pan of fire and a little fire was following also with an armful of lightwood splinters.—Chatham Citizen.

A Monstrous Egg.

The biggest egg in the world has recently been taken to London for sale. It is the finest known specimen of the egg of the Aepyornis maximus, and is over a foot long and a yard in circumference. In cubical capacity it equals six ostrich or one hundred and fifty hen's eggs. Its value is about \$250. It was found buried in the sand in Madagascar by natives. H. G. Wells recently wrote an amusing story of the harrowing experiences of a naturalist who hatched one of these monstrous birds and was nearly pecked to death.

Tarantula War Balloons.

A new Australian industry is in the air, or soon will be. It is the breeding of tarantulas. Scientists have found that spined threads properly treated can be made into a material lighter than silk, tougher than canvas, and admirably adapted for war balloons. The ordinary insect gives from 20 to 40 yards of line, which twisted with seven similar ones, forms a filament ready for weaving with others into the required fabric.—Sydney Mail.

Stirring events may be happening behind the veil which the censors have drawn between South Africa and the outer world. So strict is the embargo on news from that quarter that as little can be surmised of what is going on there as if the seat of war had been removed to the farther side of the moon.—Philadelphia Record.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c. at Theo. F. Kluttz & Co's drug store.

STATE NEWS.

Charlotte has an automobile.

High Point is to have a laundry.

Charlotte policeman arrested seventeen gamblers in three days.

Mr. Geo. S. Hall, a prominent citizen of Charlotte, died yesterday.

Mr. Chas. J. Harris and Miss Lalloh Hill, of Concord, were married last night.

A blind negro who fell into a hole in Winston, sued the town and was given \$225.

Mr. George Vanderbilt will have a 14-room house built on his Victoria estate, near Asheville, for rent.

Raleigh bootblacks are taxed \$5 per year. They threaten to form a trust and raise the price of shins from 5 to 10 cents.

Four members of Love's church at Walkertown, destroyed by fire, have subscribed \$2,000 toward the erection of a new brick church.

Mrs. Blalock, of the Central hotel, lost several hundred dollars in cash in the fire that destroyed the hotel Monday night at Albemarle.

Congressman Thomas has secured from the weather bureau at Washington the establishment of a storm warning service at New Bern.

The Forsyth county commissioners have tendered the Federal government the free use of the court house for holding the Federal Court.

Eighty-six barrels of whiskey were seized by revenue officers at the Southern freight depot in Winston Monday night for investigation as to some irregularities.

During the month of November 29 convicts were received at the penitentiary. It cost \$403.45 to take them to Raleigh, or an average of \$17.01.

Congressman Kitchen introduced into the House Tuesday a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the Government building in Greensboro.

Judge John Paul, U. S. District Judge for the Western district of Virginia, has been designated by Circuit Judge Simonton to hold the January term of United States court at Asheville, beginning Tuesday, January 9.

Congressman Kitchen Monday introduced in congress a bill appropriating \$15,000 for improvements to the public building in Greensboro. He also introduced a bill to erect a public building at Durham. It calls for an appropriation of \$125,000.

Mr. Sam Wall, Jr., who brought suit against the Twin-City Construction Company, for injuries sustained by an electric light pole falling with him, a few years ago, has made a compromise, the company agreeing to pay him \$1,200.

President Bryan, of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway, has been north a fortnight, buying equipment for his road, under direction of the directors, who unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing him to borrow \$50,000 for that purpose, to put the road in proper shape.

Lafayette Snipes, a well-known farmer living a few miles south of Morganton, was found dead by the roadside Friday morning a quarter of a mile from his home. There were no indications of violence and the coroner's jury found that death was due to apoplexy.

A shoal of seventy-five bottled-shoulder whales was driven on the Shetland shoals one day last week, and the last one of them was bottled, so to speak. As it was the first time in forty-four years that whales were seen in those waters, the presumption is that these were strangers that didn't know how to steer.—Wilmington Star.

Rev. Levi Branson has published a little folder giving the names of fifty-eight North Carolina authors and their books. These he divides as follows: (1) Educational, (2) Fiction, (3) History, (4) Law, (5) Medical, (6) Poetry, (7) Theology. He calls the publication "Branson's Handbook of North Carolina Authors."

One of the queer sights at the Federal Court at Greensboro is a man dressed in woman's clothing. He wears a big black hat, has a moustache, wears a dress made all in one piece like that a child wears; has white stockings and heavy brogans. A kodak fiend would go into raptures over the spectacle the fellow presents. He is a witness in court.

Mrs. J. Bryan Grimes died at Grimesland, Pitt county, December 2nd, 1899, aged 26 years. The interment took place in the family burying ground at Grimesland, and was attended by a concourse of friends. She was a graduate of Notre Dame and was an ardent member of the Daughters of Confederacy.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that we already have a seed farm on a small scale located about five miles from Rich Square, in Bertie county, conducted by Mr. George Hampton Barnes, of Roxobel. Mr. Barnes has built up a good trade and reputation for his garden and flower seed and bulbs.—Roanoke Albemarle Times.

Mississippi For Bryan.

A dispatch from Jackson, Miss., says: "In speaking of the Democratic State Convention which will meet here in the spring to select delegates to the National Democratic Convention, Governor McLaurin said that, in his opinion, there was no possible doubt that Mississippi would send up an overwhelming Bryan delegation. He does not think that there is a possibility for a Gorman boom, or any other Presidential boom, for that matter, to wear the people of the State from the conviction that Bryan is the logical and necessary nominee of the party for President. Governor McLaurin is of the opinion that the coming national convention will practically reaffirm the Chicago platform, with the addition of new planks to meet later issues, such as for instance, a declaration against expansion. The State Convention will probably meet earlier than it did four years ago to select delegates."

A Cowardly Fellow.

Wilmington, S. C. Mrs. Brown, wife of Judge Brown, was very severely, if not seriously injured by being thrown from a buggy yesterday, and is now confined to her bed. She and Mrs. Chas. Gallagher were on their way to the bedside of the wife of J. Bryan Grimes, who is extremely ill. Mrs. Brown, who is an expert driver, was driving. A quarter of a mile beyond Chocowilly cross roads where the road is double tracked and very wide, Mrs. Brown was about to drive by a young man who had a lady in the buggy with him and was driving very slowly. A man in a buggy just behind the man and lady deliberately drove across the road in front of Mrs. Brown, and when she attempted to cross over and get by on the other side he headed her off again and deliberately ran into her buggy and ran it up against a telephone pole. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Gallagher were both thrown out with violence and the buggy broken up and Mrs. Brown seriously injured. Judge Brown will be grateful for any evidence tending to identify the young man. When this cowardly fellow saw the buggy smashed up ladies thrown out he never came to their relief, but put whip to his horse as hard as he could.

Two women were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Nolde & Horst Company's stocking at Reading, Pa., yesterday.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. James Plummer.

Mrs. R. Churchhill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. James Plummer.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after effects.—James Plummer.

Better Roads.

No agricultural people will ever prosper as they should under the existing system of county roads. The cost of bad roads is too heavy a tax upon them. Yet we go on from year to year making little or no effort to improve upon the old methods. Many counties in this state are grading and improving their roads by macadamizing them or by some other method. Good roads can be made in this section the same as anywhere else, and we long to see the day when all our people will wake up to their interests and have every public road in the county put in perfect condition. Those counties that do not move up in this matter, will get lost in the shuffle.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

War's Great Cost.

Though the Spanish war was but a skirmish as compared with the Civil war, it has been thought necessary to raise almost as much revenue, and the expenditures for our military operations exceeded those of the early years of the civil war, threatening to last for years. There is no probable relief from war taxes, and if greater economy is not enforced either a new issue of bonds or higher taxation will be necessary before the end of the McKinley administration. The economic waste of war is one of its most marked features. Commercial prosperity may lead the people to submit for a time without protest, but in the end the cost of imperialism and militarism will impress itself upon the masses of the people who are the chief sufferers, since most of the rich corporations escape the payment of the war taxes by shifting the burden to their patrons, who can only protest and pay.—Buffalo Courier.

Mac and Mark.

It is scarcely possible that Mr. McKinley does not realize that Mark Hanna is an offense to all persons who hate a bully of high or low degree and who resent a public and boastful exhibition of political immorality. But even if the President shared this sentiment himself he would not be in a position to call down a man who was responsible for his nomination for the presidency and who is pulling all the strings he can lay his hands on to make McKinley his own successor.—Kansas City Star.

French Papers Oppose Fight. Paris, Dec. 5.—The Journal des Debats protests against the projected prizefight between Jeffries and Corbett, said to be fixed to take place in Paris next year, and advises them to practice their brutal trade at home. The exposition, it says, will probably attract enough vile spectacles without the most abominable of all—the prizefight. Echo de Paris makes a similar outcry.

It has been noted that some of the stones thrown at Mr. Roberts, of Utah, came from the vicinity of glass houses.

Emperor William asks \$226,000 for the navy and war departments, and only \$19,000,000 for river and harbor improvements and public buildings. Home affairs are secondary. Big appropriations for a colonial policy and a neglect of domestic expansion go together.—Raleigh News-Observer.

The machinery has been bought and the Winston Salem Gas and Lighting Company expects to have its \$50,000 plant in operation by May 1st next.

No Right to Ugliness

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who will be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down individual. Only 50 cents at Theo. F. Kluttz & Co's drug store.

Volcanic Eruptions. Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old, Running Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felties, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chillsblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Theo. F. Kluttz & Co., druggists.

Little Robert's Lesson. Robert is being told by his mamma how to conduct himself in company.

"If you are asked to have a cake a second time," says mamma, "answer, 'No, thank you, I've had plenty.' And don't you forget it!"

What mother could do more for her child? But when the time comes, and Robert is asked to have cake a second time, he answers merely: "No, thank you, I've had plenty, and don't you forget it!"

Not Exclusive. Nellie (aged 5)—Our family is awfully exclusive. Is yours?

Bessie (aged 4)—No, indeed! We haven't anything to be ashamed of.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Hides are higher now than ever before, and packers are in a position to demand almost any price. Why? Because domestic hides are scarce, and nobody can import any without paying 15 per cent. tariff duty on raw hides and 20 per cent. on the dressed or tanned hides from abroad. Who profits by this tariff, the Government, the people, or the packers?—Brooklyn Citizen.