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HAZING SHOULD BE STOPPED.

The military court of inquiry, which is now in session at West Point investigating the subject of hazing, got through a mass of evidence yesterday and expects to have all of the testimony collected by Saturday evening.

To show the way the hazing is conducted we give the evidence of several of the students.

Cadet Cowles described the having ordeals in the summer of 1898 and said he had attended rat funerals, took cold baths, joined in bowl races, underwent the "wooden Willie" and "hazling" hazing methods, and had taken a couple of drops of hot sauce from a spoon.

Cadet Krumm, of Ohio, said he had to "qualify" in the mess hall by eating 85 prunes at one sitting and swallow a bowl of molasses and six slices of bread.

Cadet Keller, of New York, said the worst thing he had been ordered to do was to shave himself with a bayonet.

Cadet Chas. R. Jennings, of Connecticut, testified that Cadet Caples, of Missouri, made him put out his tongue and Caples dropped five drops of hot sauce on it. It did not hurt or choke him. At another time he had to stand on his head in a tub full of water and say: "We've met the enemy and we are tired."

The Sun has said nothing of this matter before other than giving it as news, but it believes hazing to be a barbarous habit and one that should be stopped wherever it prevails.

Investigating Hazing Case.

West Point, Dec. 19.—The army court, investigating the Booz hazing case, convened this morning, all members being present. The first and second classes will be summoned to testify and the inquiry will probably extend until the end of the week.

Cadet Linton today denied to the Court of Inquiry that Booz was hazed. He admitted, though, that hazing was carried on. Col. Hein testified that there were positive orders against "bracing" or any form of hazing.

Birmingham to Have a Steel Car Factory.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 19.—A contract was signed to-day by President J. M. Elliott, of the Southern Car and Foundry Company, with the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by which the former company is to erect a pressed steel car works here with an annual capacity of 6,000 complete cars. Every portion of the cars are to be constructed from the steel and iron products of the Birmingham district. The car plant is later to be enlarged to make passenger cars as well.

500,000 Brownies a Day.

The one-cent piece is coming to the front. There is such a demand for it that fourteen coining machines in the Philadelphia mint are kept running over time to supply the demand. They turn out 500,000 a day, and efforts are made to run the output up to 800,000. Not satisfied with this some financiers are beginning to cry out for half-cent coins.

It is quite probable that Mr. Bryan will get more experience and fun out of his paper than cold cash.

EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

A bill to give the suffrage to women has been introduced in the Porto Rican legislature.

The first political party under the American regime in Luzon is being formed by Filipinos.

The Seaboard Air Line road is to be ballasted from Richmond, Va., to Tampa, Fla., with stone 24 inches deep.

Holiday shoppers should keep an eye upon the advertising columns of the Sun. New suggestions are appearing every day.

The vote cast in West Virginia at the November election has finally been received. The plural is of McKinley over Bryan is 21,068.

Our next Legislature will be overwhelmingly Democratic, but Tennessee beats us, it is said that will be all Democratic, save one—a Populist.

A movement is on foot, says the Greensboro Telegram, to erect a colonial monument at Guilford Battle Ground to cost \$1,000. Already \$375 has been subscribed.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of the Woman Suffrage Association, predicts that a woman will be President of the United States before the end of the twentieth century.

If it takes sixty thousand soldiers to hold the Filipinos in subjection after the "war is over" in those islands, how many would be required to suppress a genuine rebellion there?

The Mormon conference is now in session at Goldsboro. There are thirty elders in attendance besides the presiding officer, President B. N. Rich, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

There is a good deal of originality in Dr. M. Redith, pastor of a Congregational church in Brooklyn, N. Y. He has requested that his salary of \$10,000 be reduced to \$8,000 because there has been a famine of sinners.

While we are talking of building a dozen or more new battleships, torpedo boats, etc., the statement is officially made that we now have many more vessels than we have crews to man them.

Grover Cleveland says "the great need of the Democratic party is a return to first principles." The Raleigh News and Observer thinks he ought to know. It was under his leadership that we left them in 1894 and got the worst beating the party has ever received before or since.

The census report does not credit any town in North Carolina with as many as 25,000 people, but only one town is shown to have gone backwards. North Carolina has no big cities but more prosperous farms, villages and towns than perhaps any other Southern State.

If this lynching of negroes in Indiana continues, says the Raleigh News and Observer, we will move to re-organize the Red Shirts and send them up to the Republican State to protect the negroes against the fury of white Republicans. The South will not suppose to see such lawlessness rampant.

The Asheville Citizen says the opinion is growing in Washington that the administration will either have to change its present policy in the Philippines for a more pacific one or else make up its mind to continue a perpetual war with the inhabitants of those numberless islands, at a cost of \$100,000,000 annually.

The Wilmington Star says it is somewhat remarkable that while some people in this country prefer goods made in Europe, a good many people in Europe prefer goods made in this country. These people are practically better Americans than the Americans who prefer foreign stuff.

Dr. Richard H. Lewis, secretary of the State board of health, says that Gerald McCarthy will go to Lincoln county to investigate the typhoid outbreak. He says in the smallpox outbreaks in Caswell and Granville counties, the type is worse than during the past two years. The smallpox season is now beginning and he looks for many cases.

The Southern Railway has just issued a very attractive wall

map of the Southern System, showing in detail the Southern system and connecting lines. The Richmond Times says a new and most attractive feature of the map is the location of all battle-fields of the South, which are marked and the many margins are filled with much matter of descriptive and historical interest. The map is valuable for ready reference.

An official return of the British forces in South Africa shows that on December 1 the army there consisted of 210,293 officers and men, of whom 142,893 were regulars, 33,000 colonials, 8,000 yeomanry, 7,500 volunteers and 18,900 militia. The killed to date were 3,010, wounded 13,886, dead from disease or wounds 7,786, number in hospitals in South Africa 11,927. While the war is in progress in South Africa troops have had to be found also for a war in Ashanti and another war in China. All which illustrates the burden of imperialism which our thoughtless jingoes are anxious for us to shoulder.

Commenting on the objections of Senator Pritchard to reducing Southern representation, the Boston Transcript says: "Mr. Pritchard's utterances are more candid and emphatic than those of Southern Republicans generally, but they gain most of their importance by being only premature. This is a fact that needs to be borne in mind by Northerners in considering the Southern race problem, for it would take only a very little discretion, very little haste in the North, to bring the secret solidarity of Southern whites into the open and to reduce the white Republican party, now struggling but still a growing organization, to a political nonentity. Think what we of the North may, say what we may at banquets and other such occasions of the solidarity of the Union, the South is solid in opposition to what it deems 'negro rule.'"

Death From Hydrophobia. Durham, Dec. 18.—Eight weeks ago the 5-year-old child of Wm. Craig, colored, in North Durham, was bitten by a mad dog. A mad stone was applied and the wound healed. Five days ago the child became sick at the stomach, would drink no water, foamed at the mouth and finally died in great agony.—Charlotte Observer.

The Hickory Railroad War Over. Hickory, Dec. 19.—No further move was made by the Southern Railway force to lay a side-track to the disputed territory here to-day and all is quite in railroad circles. As soon as the trouble arose last night the Southern officials dispatched an engine to Newton and brought up their attorney, L. L. Witherspoon, Esq., to represent the interest of that road while Director J. A. Martin, of the Carolina & Western, erected a tent on the disputed territory and offered to receive freight for shipment over his line.—Charlotte Observer.

Cashier Found. Denver, Dec. 19.—Wm. Henderson, the missing cashier of the First National Bank of Greeley, was found this morning in a town near El Paso.

Kruger's Reception. Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Kruger's reception to-day was a tremendous ovation. All business is suspended and the city is gayly decorated.

Big Price for Stock Exchange Seat. New York, Dec. 19.—A new record was made on the stock exchange to-day when a seat sold for \$51,000.

They have no curfew law in New York, but the Supreme Court has decided that a woman should be home by midnight. If she makes a habit of staying out later than that she must carry a night key and not expect her husband to sit up to let her in.

Talk about cheek! The Wisconsin man who borrowed money from his father-in-law to pay alimony to his divorced wife and then skipped with it, certainly takes the cake.

NEWS OF WEEK.

THURSDAY.

John D. Rockefeller has made another gift of \$1,500,000 to the University of Chicago.

A dispatch from Vienna reports recent Moslem excesses against the Christian population in the central provinces of Turkey where 300 Christians have been killed.

In a head on collision between two street cars at Ashland, Ky., yesterday three persons were fatally hurt. Five were severely bruised, while half a dozen more sustained severe cuts and bruises.

At Hope, Ind., the Citizen's Bank was burglarized early yesterday by three men, who destroyed the vault with a heavy charge of nitro-glycerin and secured, it is said, \$18,000. No trace of the robbers has yet been found.

Last night Columbia, S. C., was visited by the most disastrous fire in 20 years. The Jerome Hotel and three large mercantile establishments on Main street and four smaller ones on Assembly street were destroyed. The total estimated loss is \$142,000.

The famous steamer Alpha, whose unauthorized trip to Cape Nome last May brought her into trouble with the Treasury Department at Washington, has been wrecked on a reef and not a vestige of the vessel remains. Her managing owner, captain, purser, two engineers, two able seamen and a stowaway were drowned.

The State Department at Washington has received a cablegram from United States Charge D'Affaires Deaupre, at Bogota, stating that a great battle has been fought at Girardot Point, Magdalena River, Colombia, which lasted two days and resulted in a decisive victory for the government. It is reported that 600 were killed and many hundreds wounded.

At Hopewell, Pa., yesterday Arthur Spear Metzgar, a stained glass manufacturer of Newark, N. J., shot and almost instantly killed Elsie Dinsmore Metzgar, an actress, and then shot himself, dying in a few minutes. Metzgar was about 38 years of age and a German. The woman was 29 years years old. The day before the tragedy the couple had their pictures taken together by a photographer in Badford. Metzgar leaves a family at Newark, N. J.

It is reported that Gen. Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General Dewet owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river. It is said that 3,000 Republicans have entered Cape Colony and a similar number have reached Philippstown. The report adds that Dewet, with about 4,500 men, is northeast of Ladysbrand and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected. A pitched battle is imminent between the British under General Clements, who has been re-enforced, and the Boers under General Delarey. The British losses at Nootgedacht, according to the official accounts, were 82 killed and wounded, with 44 missing and still unaccounted for.

FRIDAY.

Peter Sells, the circus man, was granted a divorce from his wife. The amount of alimony is understood to be \$30,000.

Advices received from Canamato, on the Gulf of Caracao, says the Colombian revolution has been crushed.

William Zolter, who married a colored woman at Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday, was guarded by police nearly all day from crowds that wished to tar and feather him. The police are still guarding the home of the couple.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 20.—Lewis, the young negro who last night shot and killed Marshal W. E. Richardson, was captured this afternoon, 8 miles from town. A mob which had followed the bloodhounds used to track the murderer, immediately took Lewis from the officers, dragged him back to town and hanged him to a tree near the scene of his crime. Lewis' father was also captured, but probably will not be lynched. Early last evening Marshal Richardson was expostulating with a negro who was de-

manding the arrest of a white boy for some trivial affair. A crowd gathered and Lewis was in the midst. Suddenly he drew a pistol and fired at the marshal, killing him instantly. He escaped from town, but bloodhounds brought from the county seat soon ran him down. The posse is still pursuing the two Lewis boys and their cousin. The trio were in the vicinity of Wolfe river, to-day, and the capture is regarded as certain. Intense excitement prevails at Gulfport and some headhunts are talking of moving on Mississippi City to take out and lynch old man Alvin Lewis. As a result of the tragedy the negro church at Gulfport was burned last night.

RAILROAD WAR AT HICKORY.

Capt. Dewet, of the Southern, Arrived by the Mayor.

Hickory, Dec. 18.—The sensation here to night was the arrival, at 10 o'clock, of a Southern material train, equipped with all necessary material for laying a sidetrack between the Carolina & Northwestern and Southern Railway, in the station yard. A large force of hands was at once put to work, but Director J. A. Martin, of the C. & N. W. road, was soon on the ground, whereupon he ordered two Narrow Gauge freight trains sidetracked, one of which is now off the track. At this hour it seems that the Southern will fail to accomplish its object.

Later.—Mayor A. A. Whitener has just had Capt. W. T. Dobyms, who is in full charge of the Southern force, arrested for blocking the streets. Capt. Dobyms has given bond for his appearance before his honor at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. The work has all been declared off for the night and everything is quiet.—Charlotte Observer.

Price of Hose Advanced. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 20.—The Southern Hose Yarn Spinners Association met here and advanced the price of yarns half a cent per pound. All mills represented are in a flourishing condition.

Brokers Assign. New York, Dec. 20.—Lewis A. May & Co., brokers, suspended and afterwards assigned.

Steamer Disabled.

Ponta Del Gada, Azores, Dec. 19.—The North German-Lloyd steamer, Trier, from Bremen for New York put in here. Her machinery is disordered. She has 620 passengers.

DeWet a Good Ope.

Gen. DeWet is the problem that puzzles the Britishers. They don't understand how he can jump on their crack regiments and wallop them so, nor where he gets his food, ammunition and information.—Wilmington Star.

No Extra Cotton Report.

New York, Dec. 20.—Special advices received by Supt. King, of the cotton exchange, from Washington state that the statistician of the Agricultural Department will issue no extra cotton reports. His next statement for the season will be the final report.

Robbers Fail to Rob.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—Safe blowers encountered early this morning to rob the treasury in the capitol building. Their plan was to kill the watchman but the latter opened fire and a battle with revolvers followed. The robbers were put to flight and bloodhounds are now tracing them.

It is said that a few newspapers spread between the covers on a bed will be equivalent to a blanket or two and that a newspaper around the body under the coat is as good as an overcoat, and yet there are some people who do not think much of newspapers.—Wilmington Star.

A woman in Syracuse, N. Y., has increased the population of that town with four sets of twins, in succession.

It is folly to draw a bill on a blind man payable at sight.

BIG COAL MINE FIRE.

Three Collieries Badly Damaged by Raging Flames.

Wilkesbarre, Dec. 19.—Fire in the Laurel Run, Pine Ridge and Delaware coal collieries at Mill Creek, gained steadily during the night and drove the fighters back some distance. It now threatens to be the most serious fire the district has known for years.

Starting at the junction of the three mines it spread in all directions and is eating its way along the workings despite the efforts of two hundred men to stop it.

It may prove necessary to shut down the mines and flood them—a process which would cost many thousand dollars.

THE WAR TAX REDUCTION BILL.

Will be Changed so Bank Check Stamps Remain.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Thirty millions is the limit in the reduction to be made in the war taxes. That is the fiat of the Senators in charge of the revenue bill passed last week in the house. Senators Aldrich and Allison after a conference with Secretary Gage are convinced that a greater reduction would be unwise. The plan which it is expected to be adopted in the Senate is to accept the house bill as it stands with the exception of restoring the tax on bank checks.

Administration and Philippine Policy.

It is to be hoped that the Washington correspondent of the New York Post is correct in believing the administration will change its Philippine policy. The Post says: "The country may well congratulate itself if a change of attitude toward the Filipinos is forced upon the president and his cabinet by Republican dissatisfaction with the prospect of indefinite hostilities in the archipelago, as was foreshadowed by our Washington correspondent yesterday. After having complacently swallowed for nearly two years the fictions of General Otis as to the approaching end of hostilities (officially announced in 1896 on March 17, April 3, May 8, May 18, August 12, etc.) it appears that the administration is at last awakening to the fact that the military outlook is 'very serious.' Coming as this does at the very moment when congress is upsetting the whole army reorganization, it can hardly be pleasant. It may even be that the Hongkong correspondent of the London Daily Mail was not without some foundation for his recent sensational dispatches as to the American inability to make headway in the islands and to prevent the traffic in arms and ammunition. Be this as it may, it will be a cause for widespread rejoicing if it appears that the administration has really been able to grasp the size of the problem before it. With an understanding of the situation arrived at, it may be well that other remedies than extermination will suggest themselves to the cabinet and to the Republican leaders."

The Editor's Christmas.

Our Thanksgiving dinner was fine, two jay birds and a yallerhammer; but we expect to beat that on Christmas. We have our gustatory and masticatory organs and functions fully attuned and in exhilarating expectancy of having a big fat crow, two meadow larks and a predatory kildee. Now this menu would make good king Arthur pause—and reflect—that he couldn't beat it.—Lumpkin, Ga., Independent.

The Kinston Free Press says.

We learn that there was a terrific explosion at Hookerton Wednesday. The colored Odd Fellows' hall was blown up. It seems that a room below the hall was used for storage and in this room was a keg of powder. The building caught fire some way, and before the powder could be removed the fire reached it and the explosion occurred. Every building in Hookerton was shaken, and people for a distance of ten miles felt the shock.

When a man sues for \$10,000 and gets a 6 cents verdict he concludes that he had a sort of pious-yune jury to deal with.—Wilmington Star.

THE BOERS' MISTAKE.

Caused Many Burglars to Die—Terrible Explosion.

Pretoria, December 19.—Many Burglars have been killed owing to a blunder made by fighting Boers. They set fire to a lot of stores abandoned by the British at Nootgedacht included a lot of ammunition, which the Boers supposed to be quartermasters' supplies. A terrific explosion occurred and many were killed.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Authorized by Teachers Assembly Named by President Thompson.

President D. Matt. Thompson, of the N. C. Teachers' Assembly, has announced the names of the Educational Committee authorized by the Assembly at its meeting last June. The committee is composed of Prof. J. Y. Joyner, of Greensboro; Supt. C. L. Coon, of Salisbury; Prof. J. C. Horner, of Oxford; Supt. J. I. Foust, of Goldsboro; Pres. L. L. Hobbs, of Guilford College; Prof. W. H. Ragsdale, of Greenville; Principal Butler, of Statesville; and Mr. Josephus Daniel, of Raleigh.

The work of this committee is to present the recommendations of the last Assembly to Legislature and urge their enactment into law. In fact, the work of this committee covers the whole field of educational reform in North Carolina.

INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

By the Boers is Spreading—Heavy Cannonading Reported.

Capetown, Dec. 20.—The invasion of Cape Colony is spreading. It is reported that the Boers have occupied Colesburg, near Orange River Colony. People here are much disturbed. A mixed force of a thousand was sent north last evening.

London, Dec. 20.—A Johannesburg dispatch, dated yesterday, says: "Heavy cannonading is heard this morning north of Krugersdorp, where a battle is expected to take place between the forces of Clements and Delarey."

Another Plot to Kill McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Chief of police Sylvester is informed of an alleged plot to kill McKinley, Roosevelt, Hanna and Dewey. Hanna laughs at it. The police, however, are watching the reputed conspirators. Two men informed the authorities but as one had joined the conspirators, to protect him, their names are withheld.

Natural Gas Explosion.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—An explosion of natural gas at Beaver Falls to-day wrecked a number of houses and seriously injured several persons. It was caused by a leak in a gas main.

The Chicago Record says: "Five hundred Chicago ministers will usher in the twentieth century with a grand Christian rally. Clergymen of all denominations will assemble in the Methodist block, Clark and Washington streets, on the morning of January 7th and will devote the entire day to the discussion of religious progress during the nineteenth century."

The bar room, located just outside the corporate limits of Kernersville, was broken open and robbed Monday night by unknown parties. The owner stated that the thieves carried off about fifty dollars' worth of fine liquors, most of it being in bottles.

A woman uses up the best part of her life trying to get into society and the rest of it trying to keep other people out.

Events in the Philippines, South Africa and China make it appear that Peace has to be coaxed a long time before she consents to spread her wings over the land.

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MINE CAVED IN.

Letting a Portion of Pittston Settle Down—Much Property Damaged.

Pittston, Dec. 20.—The Pennsylvania mines in this city were the scene of the most serious cave-in in the history of the anthracite regions early to-day.

A loud report, followed by settling of the surface, startled the people in the upper portion of the city. People ran out in alarm, several buildings falling to ruins. Great crevices a foot wide mark the streets.

A number of prominent business houses are wrecked. The mines are filled with water which rushed in from the Susquehanna river. The mines were almost destroyed by the accident. Several pump runners had a narrow escape. The loss to property is very heavy.

THE HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

To be Voted on This Afternoon—Amendments Proposed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—This afternoon is the time set for the senate to vote in executive session on the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Three o'clock is the hour for the balloting to begin. A canvass warrants the assertion of the treaty's friends that the necessary two thirds has been secured for the ratification of the treaty. The only amendments assured of adoption are two agreed to by the foreign relations committee known as the Foraker amendment, striking out Article 3, which invites adherence to other powers and declaring this convention supercedes the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Then will come the fight to the amendment to fortify the canal. The foreign relations committee say they have enough votes pledged to defeat the amendment. Fifty-eight votes constitute two thirds of the Senate necessary for a ratification. A majority vote only is necessary for the adoption of the amendment.

An Exception to the Rule.

"But, of course, a rich man can take nothing with him when he leaves the earth," said the tall passenger.

"Well, I don't know about that," remarked the little man at the end of the seat. "A Columbus capitalist who died suddenly last week left his safe locked and they had to get a convict from the penitentiary to open it. It looks very much as if the dead man took the combination with him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Practically all the legislation to be enacted at this term of congress has for its object the spending of money.

Every circular printed in Magdeburg, Germany, must be approved by the police before distribution.

For the first time since 1814, when the British burned the Capitol, the British flag was draped inside the House of Representatives and hung on the front of the Capitol on Wednesday last at the Centennial celebration of the founding of Washington.

The looting of China by the allies demonstrates that all Boxers are not Chinese. It is a disgrace to a so called Christian people.—Winston Journal.

The negroes in Georgia pay four per cent. of the taxes and have forty-eight per cent of the school population.

A western man, speaking of a cyclone, said it would have blown his house away had there not been such a mortgage on it.

A big fortune awaits the inventor of a sewing machine that will collect rents, repair family breaches and mend bad manners.

Woman's revenge on man for being created a woman is the afternoon tea.

WANTED—ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD character to deliver and collect in North Carolina for old established manufacturing wholesale house. \$500 a year, sure pay. Honestly more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.