

WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FARMERS OF ROWAN COUNTY,

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At any rate Russia knows how to kill time.

Mrs. Maybrick has probably dropped the arsenic habit by this time.

If Mr. Roosevelt only grew conveniently sick now and then there might be better business at the stand.

The State Republican executive committee is going through the formality today of calling a State convention.

Charlotte is putting on airs again. A branch of the Salvation Army has been opened in the Queen City.

The Southern is paying several prices for delaying that union depot, to judge from the size of the judgments against it in the courts.

Another one of the craft has been landed. Mr. John A. Noell, of the Roxboro Courier, has just been elected treasurer of Person county.

As a defender of the administration's policy in Panama, Senator Clark, of Arkansas, gives the Republicans trumps and beat them in the game. But for the fact that he is a Democrat one would judge him to be Roosevelt's mouthpiece.

The Democrats of New York showed good sense in naming Barke Cockran to succeed Mayor McClellan in Congress. The Tim Sullivan type of Democracy has grown altogether too popular in the metropolis.

Referring to the fact that Rabbi Phillipson, of Cincinnati, offered prayer in the Senate Tuesday morning the Charlotte Chronicle laconically observes that "Congress needs praying for by both Jew and Gentile." Correct!

The Maryland Democrats have displayed good sense in nominating Isidor Raynor senator. He has all the while been the choice of the party, if the reports from Maryland are to be believed, and the nomination of any other candidate would have meant the defeat of the popular will.

A good number of North Carolina editors have decided to their own satisfaction that North Carolina was swindled by the decision of the Supreme court in the Dakota bond case. And this, too, in face of the fact that the learned jurists who passed upon the question couldn't come to a unanimous finding.

Senator Simmons would do well to let up on the Panama question. His speech did him credit and commanded praise even from those who do not agree to his position. His interview in the morning papers of Wednesday, however, is calculated to call for some explanations.

We will send you the Richmond Times-Dispatch, two monthly magazines, and Stanly Enterprise one year for only \$1.85, and give you free a good two bladed pocket knife. The offer is good only to February 22. Don't miss the chance.—Stanly Enterprise.

Can't you throw in a corner lot, Brother Bivins?

The New York Christian Advocate publishes the statistics of the churches for 1903, the net gains of all denomination being 2,340 ministers, 2,647 churches and 482,459 communicants. The gain of communicants is 72,955 less than in 1902, and this too in face of the fact that our population is increasing at a more rapid rate than at any previous period in the country's history. Too much politics and too little old time religion have unquestionably been factors in making this condition.

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NEWS AND NEWS.

There is no editor in the State for whom this writer entertains a higher regard, whether with reference to personal feeling or from the view-point of admiration as a brother journalist, than Mr. R. R. Clark, of the Statesville Landmark. He is earnest, honest and true and "talks out in meetin'" on any subject. Ordinarily his views on any subject command our endorsement and we are copying now his statement with reference to a point of difference between the Landmark and Sun in which he says:

"A few days ago the Salisbury Sun said that on account of a sensational occurrence in Alamance a patient was undergoing treatment in a hospital at Salisbury. Referring to the Sun's statement The Landmark observed that intimations of this sort only excited curiosity; that the whole story should have been published or the incident should not have been referred to at all. Thereupon the Sun editor very cheerfully offers to furnish details of the affair for publication in The Landmark if desired. The offer is declined with thanks. We take it the story is unprintable or the Sun would have used it. But The Landmark's point stands—and that is when a story is unprintable no reference should be made to it. Suggestions and intimations sometimes do harm by giving a wrong impression. In making this point, however, we disclaim any intention of suggesting to the bright young editor of the Sun, or to any editor, how to conduct his newspaper. We were simply expressing an opinion of our own."

In this contention the Landmark is not alone. It is not always easy to discriminate in the matter of selecting news. We have in mind many cases of this office where we have doubted the wisdom of the admission of certain matters but the exigencies and peculiar conditions attendant demanded the pursuance of a course contrary to our judgment. The now celebrated Haywood-Skinner case fairly illustrates this point. Both the Raleigh papers were in possession of all the facts connected with this case yet neither referred to certain features of it. The Charlotte Observer sent a man to Raleigh, secured all the details and printed the complete story. We feel safe in saying that the Observer had no satisfaction in unbaring all the ugly features of the case but published them from honest, clean motives. Yet it was criticised by many for its action. On the other hand we do not believe that our Raleigh contemporaries merited criticism for resting content with a mere intimation that there was more behind the shooting of Ludlow Skinner than a mere business disagreement with Ernest Haywood.

The matter referred to in the Sun and for which the Landmark takes us to task was town talk, although many doubted the accuracy of the rumor. This paper merely published what it did by way of confirmation. That is the sole and only reason for the publication and a similar course would be pursued again under similar circumstances.

There are many things about Ben Tillman to command admiration, despite the fact that many folks denominate him a fool, knave at others, but we profess a liking for him on account of his habit of saying what other folks think and do not say. We hardly think the senator made any new admissions, however, when he stated Wednesday in the Senate that he had endorsed a "steal" by which the Charleston Exposition managers secured an appropriation. Mr. Tillman's explanation did not condone his confession and in all candor it must be admitted that Wednesday, February 3rd 1904, was a bad day for the Honorable Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina.

RUSSIAN SHIPS SAIL

Chinese to Give Aid to Japan.

JAPAN TO DECLARE WAR

First Engagement Will Be Along the Yalu River. Japan Will Negotiate No Further for Peace. Russian War Vessels Receive Orders. Japanese Residents Advised to Vacate a City. London Expects An Engagement This Week.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The war situation is admittedly critical. The troops of Russia and Japan are facing each other on the Yalu River, awaiting the signal for the opening of hostilities. It is believed the first battle ground will be there, the Russians being determined to prevent the Japanese from entering Manchuria. The Chinese at Ying Chow are preparing for the fight. They will not remain neutral but will assist Japan.

Tokio, Feb. 4.—The Japanese commercial agent at Hadivostok has warned the Japanese residents that a state of seige may be declared by Russia any moment and advised them to leave. Those who remain will be sent to Habarevsk. The government has received information that the Russian war ships at Port Arthur, excepting the one undergoing repairs, has sailed for an unknown destination under war orders.

London, Feb. 4.—There is a rumor that the note of Japan containing the answer to Russia will reach Tokio tomorrow. There is no longer any hope of peace. It is fully expected that hostilities in the Far East will begin before the end of the week. Official circles do not believe Japan will attempt any more diplomatic negotiations but will declare war without further delay. Everything is ready on both sides for the conflict.

London, Feb. 4.—It is reported from Tokio that a special meeting of the war council was held this morning and that the emperor will be present at a meeting this afternoon. The Japanese government has been officially informed of the character of Russia's reply, which is unsatisfactory. It is also understood that Russia considers the answer as final and no longer makes any effort to disguise the critical situation. War is imminent and is a question of hours only.

Minister Who Preached Lynching Sermon in Trouble With Church.

New Castle, Del., Feb. 2.—Fifty-seven members of the New Castle Presbytery convened in the First Presbyterian church here today to hear the charges preferred against Rev. Robert A. Elwood, of the Olivet Presbyterian church of Wilmington. The proceedings were behind closed doors.

The trial of Elwood is the result of a sermon preached by him on the topic "Should the murderer of Miss Bishop be lynched?" On the following night George White, the negro assailant and murderer of Miss Helen Bishop, was taken from his cell in the New Castle county work house and brined at the stake. Indications point to a protracted session of the presbytery. Moderator J. B. North and former Attorney General Robt. C. White counsel for Elwood, will examine 200 witnesses.

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HANNA SEES NO VISITORS.

Dr. Rixey Still Insists, However, That He Will Get Out Shortly.

Washington, Feb. 4.—It was announced this morning that Senator Hanna passed a fairly comfortable night. It is said he had no return of the congestive chill of yesterday and the condition of the patient is not considered alarming. Dr. Rixey still insists that the Senator will be well in a week or ten days although a consultation was held this morning with Dr. Brewer. No visitors are permitted in the sick room.

3 GALES AND 1 CYCLONE

A Fast Steamer Has Trouble on a Trip Across.

New York, Feb. 4.—After the roughest trip it ever had the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, of the German Lloyd, five days overdue, arrived here this morning. During the passage the steamer encountered three gales and one cyclone, which damaged the ventilators. The passengers and crew are completely worn out.

Irish Patriot Sails for United States.

London, Feb. 4.—Michael Davis, the Irish patriot and former member of Parliament will sail with his family from Queenstown to New York tomorrow. He expects to live in Colorado for some time on account of ill health.

Took it the Wrong Way.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 3.—Lizzie Pleil, a resident of Baltimore, employed in an oyster cannery near here, is dead from the results of using medicine in the wrong way. Physicians prescribed a wash for a sore limb and the woman took it internally. She lived two hours.

Box Car Broken Open.

Last night a box car near West Seventh street crossing was broken open and a quantity of goods, including 12 boxes of plug tobacco, was carried away. Six boxes of the tobacco were found in a gully nearby today. The police are working on the case.—Charlotte News.

CHOATE IS SICK.

The Ambassador is Now Confined to His Bed.

London, Feb. 4.—Ambassador Choate is ill and is confined to his bed. His promised lecture at the Working Men's College Saturday has been postponed.

NEW YORK HOUSES CLOSED.

New York, Feb. 4.—Mayor McClellan sent a communication to the Health Commissioner this morning stating that the Grand Opera House, Hurlig and Stomons, Hubers, Madison Square, Princess and Vaudeville theatres are unsafe for public use, instructing the commissioner to close the houses until they are made safe.

WHITNEY'S DEATH DEPLORED.

Messages of Condolence From all Sections Being Received

New York, Feb. 3.—The death of Wm. C. Whitney is generally regretted. The doctors are very reticent concerning the immediate cause of his death and decline to make a statement. Messages of sympathy to the family of the deceased are coming from everywhere in large numbers.

SAYS HE WAS DOPED.

Allentown District Attorney Drugged by a Man He Knows.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 2.—District Attorney Lichtenwalner stated today that he would soon prove that he had been drugged by a man in the American House cafe on the day of Eckstern's acquittal. He says he knows who did it and will prosecute the party.

Will Visit the Pope.

New York, Feb. 4.—Archbishop Farley, of New York sailed this morning on Prince Adalbert for Naples. He will go to Rome to visit the Pope.

If it were not for the fools dead-beats and sharpers would have to go to work.

A FAMILY OVERCOME.

LOW PRESSURE OF GAS THE CAUSE Seven Were Overcome and the Mother May Die.

New York, Feb. 4.—A whole family of seven was overcome by gas early this morning and the mother, Mrs. Rosa Matthews, is expected to die. Owing to low pressure the gas in the stove went out during the night and when the pressure became stronger this morning it filled the house.

CANT AVERT A FIGHT.

RUSSIA WILL NOT GIVE IN.

In the Meantime She is Making Every Preparation.

Peking, Feb. 3.—It is believed here in official and diplomatic circles that war between Russia and Japan will soon begin. There is no prospect that answer from Russia will prevent war by making the concessions demanded by Japan. It is expected that the answer will reach Alexieff Thursday, and it is not considered probable that Russia will withdraw her troops from Manchuria which would be necessary in case of the acceptance of Japan's demand. The fact that Russia is pushing preparations in great haste indicates that war is fully expected. Japan has been waiting patiently but does not expect to wait much longer. News has reached here that the Russian fleet at Vladivostok is ready to go south at a moments notice.

AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT UP.

Photographed Japanese Fortifications and is Now in the Toils.

Tokio, Japan, February 4.—The arrest of Jack Lodon, the American war correspondent for the serious offense of photographing the Japanese fortification at Shamoneseki, an important strategic point opposite Cores, is causing regret among Americans here and efforts will be made to induce the authorities to deal leniently with the inconsiderate correspondent. It is claimed that he had no evil intentions.

MARRIED ABROAD.

An Ex-Postmaster General Wins an English Bride.

London, Feb. 3.—General Thos. I. James, ex Postmaster General of the United States, was married today in Shakepeare church Stratford on Avon, to Edith, daughter of Alderman Colbroune. Many relatives and friends were present.

SEVEN KILLED IN WRECK

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 3.—The Canadian Pacific express was wrecked on the Inter-Colonial Railway this morning. Seven persons are said to have been killed.

Brained His Wife and Hanged Himself.

Hanceville, Ala., Feb. 3.—J. W. Hodges, a farmer in the southern part of Culman county, was found dead in his barn yesterday, hanging from a raft, while in the house was discovered the dead body of his wife. The woman had been brained with a blunt instrument. Hodges was deeply in debt, it is said, and was being pressed by his creditors. His mind is supposed to have been unbalanced.

\$4,600,000 Loan to the Exposition.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Senate committee on appropriations authorized today a favorable report on the urgent deficiency bill. The amendment was adopted appropriating four million, six hundred thousand dollars as a loan to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Mr. Cherry Appointed.

Mr. T. H. Cherry has been appointed to succeed Mr. H. P. Dorch resigned in the office of commissioner of agriculture.

KILLED BY INDIANS.

SIX PASSENGERS ARE MURDERED A Stage Coach Held up and Passengers Killed.

Guyamas, Mex., Feb. 4.—Passengers on the Senora railroad from Ortiz report that a stage was held up by Indians on its way to Las Cruces. All six of the passengers were killed. Mounted troops are pursuing the Indians.

MANY LIVES LOST.

A Tidal Wave Sweeps the Coast of Penmarth.

Brest, Feb. 3.—A tidal wave has swept the coast of Penmarth, department of Finisterre, and enormous damage was done to shipping. Many lives were lost.

WILL REORGANIZE

United States Realty and Construction Company May Reorganize.

New York, Feb. 3.—It is stated that an effort will be made to reorganize the United States Realty and Construction Company upon basis of an issue of \$20,000,000 four per cent bonds and \$16,200,000 new stock. The preferred stockholders are to get seventy per cent of their holdings in the first mortgage bonds and thirty per cent in new stock. Common stockholders will get twenty per cent of the old holdings in new stock. All old stockholdings will be wiped out.

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A Paying Business.

Every once and a while we are told, particularly after a big fire that the fire insurance companies do not make any money. The figures given in our Greensboro letter today shows that fire insurance is a paying business. The North Carolina companies at Greensboro, of which Mr. A. W. McAllister is manager, have been doing business nine years. In that time they have taken in as premiums \$714,672 and have paid out in losses \$225,972, leaving a profit, less expenses, of \$388,685. That is a very fine showing, speaks volumes for the conservative management of these North Carolina companies, and shows that there is money in fire insurance.—Raleigh News and Observer

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TERRY TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Charged With the Murder of His Son-in-Law, Cuts His Own Throat.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 3.—S. Hill Terry, charged with the murder of his son-in-law, George Tate Brad, at the latter's home in this city, last September put an abrupt ending to his trial in the Superior Court here this afternoon, shortly after 1 o'clock, by committing suicide in his cell, in the county jail.

The weapon used was an old case knife which had been sent him with his breakfast from home this morning. The blade was dull and gapped and the physicians who reached him soon after the tragedy say that he must have hacked his throat at least a dozen times. Death ensued in fifteen minutes after the deed and five minutes after the surgeons reached him.

The attention of the jailer was called to the suicide by two white prisoners confined in an adjoining cell. They heard a gasping sound from Terry's cell and peeping in through the bars, saw the man lying on his cot in the throes of death. An alarm was given and Jailer Gapps rushing to the scene, had a struggle to wrest the knife from the dying grasp of the prisoner.

Terry was about 58 years of age and owned considerable property. He was door-keeper of the State Senate in 1901.

He leaves a wife and several grown children, one the wife of his victim, and another W. R. Terry, an employe of the Seaboard Air Line at Raleigh.

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