

The Chronicle,

WILKESBORO, N. C.

STATE NEWS.

A white baby, only 17 days old, was found to have smallpox at Greensboro a few days ago. The child is supposed to have caught the disease from its nurse.

Greensboro discovered three more new cases of smallpox in its borders on the 20th. Jamestown, a small town on this side of Greensboro, has quarantined against Greensboro.

The Statesville Mascot announces on the authority of Mr. W. D. Turner that he will be a candidate before the convention for the Democratic nomination for Lieut. Governor.

The Davis Times says it is glad to announce to the friends of Mrs. T. B. Bailey, who have watched with such anxiety for a change for the better, that she is now improving and those in a position to know say that her recovery is assured without some unforeseen trouble.

Mack Fesperman, colored, who killed his wife, Irene, in Charlotte last week was arrested in South Carolina. He confesses the deed and says that he expects to be hung. He says, however, that the woman drove him to kill her by her conduct in keeping company with other men.

The Monroe Journal says stories of of smallpox prevailed till it seemed there must be a hundred cases there when the Journal made enquiry from the most reliable source and found that there are just two cases in the pest house and three negroes from Hamlet in the house of detention.

Superintendent S. M. Newman, of the Union Mining Company at Gold Hill, is quoted as saying that his company is giving employment to 600 in Bowman County, and in a year he expects to work two thousand. The company is capitalized at three million dollars, and stocks sell for three times per value. During the past year the company has expended \$1,250,000. Proposals for successful mining continue on a large scale. A mill to reduce the ore is now being erected.

Author of "In His Steps" Will Try a Unique Experiment.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 21.—Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," is to be given an opportunity to edit a daily newspaper as he thinks a "Christian daily" should be edited.

For the week beginning March 13 he will have absolute control of every department of the Topeka Capital—news, editorial and advertising. At the Detroit convention of the Christian Endeavor Society Mr. Sheldon asked "What philanthropic gentleman in this age of munificent endowments to educational institutions would give \$1,000,000 for the creation of a great Christian daily?"

The philanthropic gentleman has not appeared with the money, but Mr. Dell Keyser, president of the Topeka Capital Company, offered to give the paper to Mr. Sheldon for one week, and the offer has been accepted.

It is understood that able writers are to assist Mr. Sheldon, and that statesmen, prominent divines and the editors of some of the dailies of New York, Chicago and St. Louis will help him by suggestions.

Burned His Infidel Library.

Toledo, O., Dispatch.

Marshall O. Waggoner, the convert from infidelity to Christianity, has at last burned his infidel library, which was one of the finest in the world. He had spent thousands of dollars and traveled far and wide to collect it. His first idea was to have a "public bon-fire," but decided, in view of the fact that many might doubt his sincerity, to burn the books in the furnaces of the Memorial United Brethren church, corner of Lawrence avenue and Hicks street, which was done last night in the presence of the Rev. E. E. Rossett, the pastor, and a few friends.

Along with the books went a number of etchings and engravings of an atheistic nature. He appeared to be the happiest man in Toledo as he saw the flames gradually destroying his collection.

He delayed the burning so long because he had lent many of the books and was desirous of securing them and destroying all at the same time.

Bishop Wilson's Vivid Sermon.

Baltimore Sun, 22nd.

Bishop A. W. Wilson preached this morning at Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, corner of McCulloch and Pressman streets, on "The Demonic of Gadara." His description of the man possessed of a devil was so vivid that the creature with staring, bloodshot eye, disheveled hair, smelling of the tombs where he had spent the night, almost appeared before the congregation. "It was hell," said the Bishop, "when a man preferred such a life to home; when his most congenial abode was the putrid, foul dwelling of dead men. It was a complete reversal of the natural order of life as God had designed it." The results of the healing of the man were finely depicted. "He was soon clothed—a sign of a man's coming back to decency. He was in his right mind; had come to himself. He was at the feet of Jesus—the nearest he could get to Him to whom he owed all he now was."

B. D. Blackmore, who died in London last Saturday, was best known as the author of "Lorna Doone," though he wrote several other good novels. "Lorna Doone" had no success itself until the marriage of the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise in 1871, when the mere coincidence of the similarity of names brought the book into wider public notice and it was soon recognized as an English classic.

TART, TENSE AND TIMELY.

The continued bushwhacking on the island of Luzon and the attempted revolt on the island of Negros are samples of what may be expected all the time in the Philippines, unless the McKinley imperialistic programme is changed.

At the big Boer demonstration in Washington, where a number of Congressmen were speakers, Congressman Lentz declared that the Boers had a better right to fight England than we had in 1776.

Champ Clark says the Senate may scorn the Mason resolution of sympathy for the Boers, but the toiling millions of America will send their sympathy and their hearty goodspeed to them.

Now that the House has fired Roberts for being a polygamist, the Sultan of Sulu will have to abandon hope of ever becoming a Congressman and be satisfied to remain a pensioner.

The California preacher who retired from the ministry because he wanted more liberty, should have gone to a New York city church. The preachers in that town have liberty and license without limit.

St. John Wanamaker claimed to be too good to advertise his business in Sunday papers, for years, and now it is said his Philadelphia paper is to have a Sunday edition.

It takes a long time for an idea, even a bad one, to die. The conference of the African M. E. church endorsed the Blair educational bill, which had not been heard of since "Granny" Blair retired from the Senate, some years ago, at New Orleans, the other day. The colored brethren must have got hold of some old newspapers.

Senators Hopeful That \$11,000,000 Will Be Returned to Cotton Owners.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Southern Senators express themselves as hopeful over the prospects of securing legislation during the present session of Congress looking to the refunding of the money paid into the treasury of the United States soon after the civil war as the result of the sale of the cotton captured by the federal forces. There was originally about \$30,000,000 of this money, but a portion of it was paid to the owners of the cotton soon after the close of the war.

The remainder was left in the treasury and has remained there ever since. Senator Money, who is giving special attention looking to the reopening of the subject, says that the sum left amounts to about \$11,000,000. A bill introduced by Senator Davis gives one year additional time for proof of such claims before the court of claims. It has been favorably reported by the senate committee on claims and Senator Money thinks the outlook very good for favorable action.

Most of the claims are held in the southern States.

The Bubonic Plague.

An interesting and valuable brochure, giving a complete history of the bubonic plague, together with means which have adopted for its prevention, has been prepared and made public by Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service.

It is shown that the plague under various names is a disease which has ravaged the several countries of Africa, Asia and Europe, almost from time immemorial. Pestilence supposed to have been the plague prevailed in Athens 432-439 B. C. One historian calculates that one-fourth the population of Europe, or 35,000,000 persons, died in all the epidemics in the fourteenth century. A very interesting account is given of the present epidemic of the plague, the first recorded instance of its occurrence in the Western Hemisphere being at Santos, Brazil, in October last. The opinion is expressed that in the light of experience in other parts of the world it seems reasonable to believe that even were the disease introduced here its spread would be very limited in cities where the sanitary conditions are good and where the precautions as to the isolation of the patients and the segregations of those exposed to infection could and would be practiced. The death rate varies in different epidemics and is estimated at from 50 to 90 per cent.

Value of Manufactures.

Baltimore Sun.

The town of Randleman, in Randolph county, N. C., affords a striking illustration of the value of manufacturing industries to a community. Only a few years ago it was a straggling village of a couple of hundred people, with no industries and very little business of any kind. Now Randleman is the most flourishing town in Randolph county. It has several prosperous cotton mills and other industries, its population has grown to about 3,000, and about 90 per cent. of the families depend upon the wages from the spinning, weaving and knitting factories for bread and meat, etc. There is said to be not an idle man, woman or child in the town who is willing to work.

The following story, for which the Detroit Journal vouches, illustrates a woman's quick tact in an emergency. It is about a college president, who is a great gardener, and wears a glass eye. One day this college president—it being summer, and he on his vacation—rushed in from the garden all soiled and spattered, and without his glass eye. His wife was seated with caller of importance. She perceived the special unfitness of her husband's condition, and frigidly said to him, "John, go at once, to the library, and tell your master Mrs. — wishes to see him." He went and soon reappeared, clothed, eyed, and in his right mind.

This college president, it is plain, is himself a man of presence of mind. There are plenty of men of genius as this, would have stared and faltered out, "But, my dear— and spoiled it all.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Publication has been made of the alleged fact that when the Legislature meets in adjourned session in June not a Republican member will be present, all of them absenting themselves. There is nothing alarming in this statement and nothing calamitous will ensue if it should be verified. It would be a great deal better for the State if at every session of the Legislature the Republicans elected to it would absent themselves.—Charlotte Observer.

The number of vacant Presbyterian pastorates in this section of the State at the present time is quite noticeable. There are two or three Presbyterian churches in Iredell which have no pastor. The church of that denomination at Concord is without a pastor, and since the death of Dr. Ramsay at Hickory last week there is not a regular Presbyterian pastor in any of the towns on the Western road between Statesville and Asheville—Statesville Landmark.

In a local article under the felicitous headline of, "Scrapping on the Riallo," The Tarboro Southerner says: "Late yesterday afternoon at the corner of Maine and Granville streets, C. H. King was almost knocked senseless by a coconut, which J. E. Harris sent crashing against his nose and forehead. The coconut was broken into several pieces." The man of whom it can be said that he lives after a coconut had been broken to pieces over his countenance has no kick coming to him, but is to be felicitated upon the resistance which his aforesaid countenance is capable of offering. The average man would much rather be hit in the face with a brick-bat than a coconut. Indeed, it is about a stand-off between it and a paving-stone.—Charlotte Observer.

The Jefferson Davis Monument.

At the last meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Richmond, at the request of the United Veterans, the Daughters agreed to raise the necessary funds to complete the monument. The veterans turned over to the Daughters \$20,465.81. In accordance with this action, the president of the North Carolina division has issued the following circular letter:

Mrs. John P. Allison, of Concord, N. C., having been appointed chairman of the Jefferson Davis Monument Committee, of the N. C. Div. U. D. C., will receive notices of the amounts raised for this purpose, or of sums of money held in bank by chapters or individuals for said purpose, that she may report the same at the next annual meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 1900. All chapters and individuals will be properly accredited with the amounts raised, but it is deemed more desirable to concentrate all in one fund from the North Carolina U. D. C., this being the plan suggested by the other States. Mrs. John W. Hinsdale, Treasurer of the North Carolina Division, will receive these sums, retaining them in bank as North Carolina fund for the Jefferson Davis Monument.

It is earnestly hoped that the Daughters of the Confederacy will, with loving zeal, raise a sum sufficient to show forth the respect and honor felt for the first and only President of the Confederate States of America.

LIDA FUNSTALL RODMAN, Pres. N. C. Div. U. D. C. Mrs. JOHN F. ALLISON, Chairman Davis Monument Com.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

New York Press.

It isn't a man's fault that he was once a baby, but it always makes him ashamed to think of it.

When a woman wants to get another woman mad she gives her some fancy thing that the second woman gave her last Christmas.

Every woman spends a lot of money every Christmas buying presents for people that she would be a lot happier if she didn't know.

Nowadays a man has got to give the girl he used to give a 70-cent diary to a \$7-dollar lamp shade, or all the women will call him "old-fashioned."

Probably every girl you meet over 18 has a book down in the bottom of her top bureau drawer that she is afraid to leave out on the table for fear her mother won't let her read it.

Killed Himself to Escape Cigarettes.

New York Dispatch.

Because his life was made miserable by the cigarette habit, Harry Howell, a steam driller, of No. 213 West Sixty-sixth street, drank carbolic acid last night and died. Howell was married and had four children. But for cigarettes his life would have been happy, for he had no other vices. A week ago he spoke moodily of suicide as a refuge from the habit which enslaved him. Last night at midnight his wife awoke to find him standing by her bed. "Sadie," he said, "I have taken poison. In ten minutes I will be dead." He fell heavily and lay upon the floor, moaning and writhing in agony. Help was called and the man was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital, where before sunrise he died.

In our Raleigh correspondence yesterday was published a circular letter which State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane has sent to the private school men and friends who are interested in the educational history of the State, asking them to take space for their institutions in the forthcoming report of his department. A number of them did so in his 1898 report, which was the most elaborate and creditable showing of the educational interests of the State that has ever been made. It is not doubted that the next will be as good, if not better, and as it will be widely distributed, the opportunity offered the schools of the State to their institutions before the outside public would seem to be an excellent one.—Charlotte Observer

GENERAL NEWS.

John Ruskin, the great English man of letters, died on the 20th at London of influenza, aged 81 years.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee is accompanying Governor-General Wood in the official inspection trip through Cuba.

Two Americans were killed, five wounded and nine are missing as a result of an ambush by Filipinos near Lips, Luzon.

Dispatches from Manila report that the recent uprising in the island of Negros was not merely a revolt of police, as has been indicated, but an attempt by native officials to overthrow American authority.

A process is gaining vogue in England by which printing is done without ink, by means of electricity—which acts from the face of the types upon damp paper containing a certain chemical which the electricity decomposes.

Only one judge is to be elected next August, and that to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Greene, in the tenth district. In 1902 we will get a chance to elect a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and several judges of the Superior Court.

Dr. James H. Carlisle, for many years president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., has announced it as his intention to tender his resignation to take effect in June. He will resign because of the increasing duties; but will continue to occupy an important chair.

Clergy half-rate permits that are now being issued are in the form of a book containing 100 coupons. Each of these coupons is good for a one-way ticket a half-rate when signed by the party to whom the book was issued. The signature on the coupon must correspond with the signature on the cover of the book; or the ticket agent will not sell the holder of the book a half-rate ticket. Formerly the clergy were supplied with a card or certificate of identification which entitled them to a ticket at half-rate, but some of these certificates were loaned to friends who were also enjoying the half-rate privilege, hence the placing of further restrictions and safeguards by the railroads.

California Minister Quits the Pulpit to Secure Personal Liberty.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 21.—Rev. James MacInnis, pastor of the Oak Leaf Congregational chapel, announced his retirement from the ministry today. Said he: "I believe in dancing and a long list of other things that are tabooed by church-goers when indulged in by ministers. If a man needs a drink, he has a right to take it. When I meet a man on the street I like to slap him on the back and say, 'Hello there, Bill,' in a good hearty voice. I believe in God and Christianity, but the church is burdened with false ideas, and full of sinful hypocrites, and some of my friends who might be called 'lushers' are infinitely better than these fringes of piety. The ministry is no place for a young man who wants his personal liberty. He must use too much hypocrisy himself and overlook too much hypocrisy in others."

Had a Prosperous Year.

GREENSBORO, N. C., January 20.—The stockholders of Greensboro's two fire insurance companies—the Southern Stock Mutual and the Underwriters of Greensboro—met yesterday and reviewed the business of the past year and laid plans for the future. During the past year the premium receipts had increased 13 per cent and the assets had been increased to more than \$250,000. The two companies, which are practically under the same management, have been in existence only a few years, but have had a most successful career. Their policy holders in North Carolina number more than 10,000 property owners. The stockholders comprise many of the wealthiest and most progressive men of the State.

Tribute to Robert E. Lee by Ben Hill.

He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without oppression, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was Caesar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness and Washington without his reward. He was obedient to authority as a servant and royal in authority as a true king. He was gentle as a woman in life, modest and pure as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles.

Two Ways.

"Come, come, George, don't swear so over the bottle. You'll never get the corkscrew to do its duty by swearing at it."

"That's all right, but it takes a little profanity this time. This bottle is the toughest thing I ever saw opened."

"The toughest thing I ever saw opened was the Kentucky Legislature and they opened that with prayer."

The red-nosed vagrant stopped the preoccupied citizen at the street corner. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but may I ask?"

"You may ask if you want to," interrupted the preoccupied citizen, "but I can't tell you. I don't know when the blamed century begins."

And he hurried on.

"Of course, you never advertise, doctor?"

"Sir! Certainly not. By the way, be sure to spell my name correctly in your account of this remarkable operation."

The New Orleans Pleasure on the Coast Situation.

New Orleans Pleasure. The cotton market presents some interesting as well as novel features. Although stocks in Liverpool are very light and the amount of cotton at sea in transit to Great Britain is uncommonly small, still British spinners hesitate to buy, still hoping against hope that the crop movement is not a fair indication of the size of the crop, and that a good portion of it has been held back on plantations, thus preventing deliveries from showing fully the extent of cotton production.

With strange obstinacy British consumers have held aloof from the market all the season in the hope that eventually the large yield to which they had planned their faith would develop. When the period of the season arrived when usually the volume of the receipts is considered a decisive indication of the yield, these British consumers were induced to believe that the shortage in movement was due largely to the holding back of cotton in the interior. They still cling to this illusion.

While it is possible enough that some cotton may be held back in hope of higher prices, it is against all reason and precedent to believe that any amount large enough to be considered unusual is so held back. Recent prices would have certainly brought out a portion of the cotton had it been held back as alleged. The fact of the matter is that there is no actual knowledge that cotton is being held back to any very great extent. All predictions as to the extent of such holdings are mere conjectures. Whatever else there may be in the statistical position to warrant easier prices, certainly the rumors as to the cotton held back in the interior do not deserve serious attention.

Conundrums.

What is an extra dry subject? A mummy.

What part of speech is kissing? A conjunction.

What is a lawyer's favorite dish? Suet pudding.

What is the oldest tree in America? The elder tree.

What grows bigger the more you contract it. A debt.

Who is the oldest lunatic on record? Time out of mind.

Why is a crow like a lawyer? He likes to have his caws heard.

How can guns kick?—they have no legs. With their breeches.

Why is love like a canal boat? Because it's an internal transport.

Why is a dog's tail like the pith of a tree? It is further from the bark.

Why is Canada like a courtesan? Because it borders on the United States.

Why is a solar eclipse like a mother beating her son? Because it is a hiding of the son.

It is easy to eat the wedding breakfast, but not so easy to eat the weekday dinners that come after.

Encouraging Ambition.

"Yes, we get into county jails occasionally," said the tramp, "but the trouble is they don't keep us long enough. A jail is a home-like place, with plenty to eat, no work and good treatment. We are generally sentenced for three months, but after about four weeks the sheriff picks out three or four of us and says:

"Now boys, them iron bars on that winder is loose and it's goin' to be a dark night. Hev some ambition about you."

"An old tramps knows what that means, and he is ten miles away before daylight. A tenderfoot figgers to stay on, and next morning the sheriff comes in and finds him there and says:

"What, hain't you got no ambition! Then I'll give you some! and he boots him out into the yard and sets him to promenadin' around with a log fastened to his leg."

The Passing of the Negro in Politics.

The white people of North Carolina will never again submit to negro domination, nor that the negro shall rule the white man in any part of this State. This was the irrevocable decree of November 8, 1898. For this reason the Republican party can never hope to regain control in North Carolina, so long as it continues under present influences, for it is manifest that so long as it so continues negro domination in certain parts of the State will inevitably follow its success, and the influence of the negro in politics will of necessity be exerted and felt in every part of the State. It is futile for Republicans to longer deny that their party in North Carolina is controlled by the negro and that government by it is necessarily government under negro influence.—F. M. Simmons.

South Carolina's Big Liquor Business.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 25.—Statement of the State Dispensary for the year 1899 was completed today. During the year the amount of profits going to the counties, towns and cities was \$220,492.85.

The net profits to the State, which go to the credit of the school fund, are \$193,689.40. The total net profits therefore are \$414,182.25. The total gross profits for the year were \$485,520.79. The total receipts for the year were \$1,638,939.26, including the \$46,073.24 surplus brought over from last year.

The total disbursements were \$1,495,818.28 leaving a balance of \$143,121 in the State treasury on December 31. The aggregate purchases made during the year were \$1,158,081.89.

A burglar who had entered a ministers house at midnight was disturbed by the awakening of the occupant of the room in which he was in. Drawing a knife he said: "If you stir, you are a dead man. I'm hunting for money."

"Let me get up and strike a light," said the minister, "and I'll hunt with you."

Mrs. Catherine Smith has filed suit against the city of Columbus, Kan., for \$15,000 for damages sustained by her habitual drunkenness of her husband, which she alleges is due to the fact that the city permitted saloons to be run in violation of the law. The proprietors of all the drinking places in the town and the owners of the buildings in which they are located are made party defendants. Naturally the affair attracts great attention. One opinion is that Mrs. Smith cannot possibly win her suit, but others contend that if the city is not responsible for the condition of Mr. Smith the many laws restricting the sale of liquor are meaningless.

"Chicago's population," began the enthusiastic resident of the windy city, "has increased at the rate of 100 per cent. for each of several decades, while the population of the United States has increased at the rate of only 25 per cent. But one conclusion can be drawn from such gratifying conditions." "And what is that?" inquired a no less enthusiastic though less logical Chicagoan. "Why, that before many years the population of Chicago will exceed that of the United States."

Death from a Persimmon Seed.

High Point Enterprise.

Parties from near Kerronsville, who were here this week, inform the Enterprise that the son of Mr. Geo. Snyder, in that neighborhood, died last week from the effects of a persimmon seed in the windpipe. He was out with some other boys eating persimmons and while running with a persimmon in his mouth sucked it into his lungs. He lived five days in much pain.

A school teacher received the following note of caution from the anxious mother of one of her pupils: "Johny, please do not push Johnny too hard for so much of his brains is intellect that he ought to be held back a good deal or he will run to intellect entirely and I do not desire this. So please hold him back so as to keep his intellect from getting bigger than his bobby an injoining him for life."

The total value of all the property in the State, real and personal, including railroads, telegraphs, etc., is found by the State Auditor to be \$269,000,000, this being an increase of \$4,000,000 over last year.

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