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RALEIGH.

Manufacturers Wanted Tax Imposed On Cotton Meal.

Code Commission Another Pardon by the Governor. Quick Work By Clerks. Crowds Watch Impeachment Proceedings.

RALEIGH, March 16.—Representative Allen says he brought about the defeat of the bill to create a code commission because it was so amended as to be worthless. Instead of 3 commissions at $1500 a year each, he wanted one at $3000 and a secretary at $1500, so as to get high class work.

It turns out that the cotton seed meal manufacturers in this State desired the tax imposed of 20 cents per ton, which representative McLean knocked out. Their reason for desiring the tax was to protect themselves and the buyers also as great quantities of this meal is being shipped into this State from South Carolina and Georgia, short in weight and very different in quality; some being as low as 5 per cent. McLean thought he had done a great thing but it seems he did not know what he was doing.

Gov. Aycock pardons Joshua Kearney an old man of Franklin county, convicted of assault with a gun, knife and club upon aged Martha Bass and her family. The evidence showed that the Bass family had tormented Kearney to the verge of madness, he got drunk and went to their house and there committed the assault. No one was hurt and he paid the old woman.

Chief Clerk Nixon, of the House, in two hours after the adjournment turned over the journal to the Secretary of State. He says this breaks the record. He was allowed five days after adjournment to do the work. Chief Clerk Maxwell, of the Senate, said his journal was up to date and only needed to be verified.

The highest numbered Senate bill was 1676, the highest numbered House bill 2243.

It was learned from the Secretary of State that 1242 acts and resolutions were ratified. He said the captions of the acts would be finished and go to the printer and that they would be printed and ready for distribution early next week. R. N. Hackett, who is indexing and side-noting the acts, is preparing the captions.

Secretary of State Grimes said to me: "I wish you would inform the public that the old corporation law will remain in effect until April. The act says the new one takes effect that day."

The scene in the galleries during the impeachment trial reminds one of a theatre party. It is a great place to see pretty women and fine clothes. Really the audiences are notable. To them it is a passing show.

It is said by a very prominent North Carolinian that the leading figure in the impeachment, among the counsel on the side of the House, would be W. A. Guthrie, while Osborne would make the most impressive speech and showing for the defence.

2,000,000 Fall River Spindles Idle.

FALL RIVER, MASS., March 15.—It is certain today that the curtailment plan put forward by the selling committee of the Manufacturers' Association, will be more extensive than was looked for when the movement was inaugurated. Figures collected today indicate that about 2,000,000 spindles will be idle, showing that the production will be lessened during the shut down period a full million pieces.

Bars Christian Science Fees.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 15.—The Assembly Committee on Public Health reported favorably the bill of Mr. Bell forbidding the practicing of healing by Christian Scientists or other faith curists not regularly licensed physicians.

It has been amended so that it will not prohibit the practice of Christian Science provided no fee or consideration is accepted by the so-called healers.

Exports For Eight Months.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The exports of merchandise from the United States in the eight months ended Feb. 28 were valued at $1,015,185,874, exceeding by $95,711,903 those for the corresponding period of the last fiscal year. The imports were valued at $522,960,880, or less by $32,293,194 than those of the eight months ended Feb. 28, 1900.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States in that period was $492,224,994, against $364,219,897 for the corresponding months last year being an increase of $128,205,097.

For the month of February the exports were valued at $112,947,361, a decrease of $6,479,624, and the imports at $68,927,265, a loss of $4,906,676, compared with the same month last year.

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A TECHNICAL FIGHT.

Guesses on Time Impeachment Trial Will Take

Special to Journal.

Raleigh N. C., March 18, 1901. There is much in trust as to how long the impeachment trial will last.

Chairman Allen of the house board of managers was asked that question today and replied: "I think we can finish it by the end of next week." Graham of the board said: "It will depend upon the number of witnesses put on for the defence." Senator Justice said: "It seems to me it could end by the 28th instant, possibly by the 24th."

It is very evident by the proceedings yesterday and today that it is to be a purely technical fight.

Increase in Cotton Acreage.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh March 16—Ed. H. Lee, leading cotton buyer here, was asked today whether he expected an increase in cotton acreage in this section. He replied: "Yes I believe it will be much increased if the planting conditions are favorable. I can't say how much the increase will be. The weather has been very dry and somehow I look for a rainy spring, unfavorable for planting.

The Gold in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The gross gold in the Treasury yesterday amounted to $483,913,023, compared with $116,218,208 at the same period last year. Yesterday's figures break all records. The increase in the gold holdings of the Department during the year has been $66,694,814. At the Department it is said the prospect is that the gold holdings will continue to increase at the rate of probably $5,000,000 a month until the new revenue law goes into effect.

The amendments to this law will reduce Treasury receipts, it is thought, about $40,000,000 a year, but Treasurer Roberts thinks that this will only serve to check the growth of the gold holdings. He does not believe that the decrease in the receipts will diminish the amount of gross gold.

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EVACUATION OF CHINA.

General Chaffee Under Orders to Leave Last of April With All Troops Except a Legation Guard of 150 Men.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—An order was sent to General Chaffee, today, for the evacuation of China by American troops, leaving only a legation guard of 150 men. The troops will be removed from China the last of April. The dispatch to General Chaffee is as follows:

"Adjutant General's Office,
"March 15, 1901.

"Chaffee, Pekin.

"In reply to your telegram, the Secretary of War directs you complete arrangements to sail for Manila with your command and staff officers by the end of April, leaving as legation guard and infantry company composed of 150 men having at least one year to serve—those intending re-enlist, with full complement of officers, medical officer, sufficient hospital corps men, and, if you think best, field officer especially qualified to command guard. Retain and instruct officer of the quartermaster's department to proceed to erect the necessary buildings for the guard according to plan and estimates you approve. Colonel Charles F. Humphrey, on arrival, will make an inspection of the quartermaster's department, Philippine Islands, until July 1, when he will be assigned to duty as chief quartermaster at Manila and Miller ordered to the United States. All stores and supplies not required for the legation guard to be disposed of in your best judgment. Of course the serviceable supplies needed in the Philippine Islands, be sent to Manila. The division of the Philippines will furnish supplies for legation guard. MacArthur notified.

"CORBIN."

It was stated at the War Department that this clears up the Chinese situation so far as the War Department is concerned, as the guard of the legation can in no sense be taken as occupation of Chinese territory and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The transports Sumner and Indiana will be sent to Taku to take the troops in China to Manila. These troops consist of the Ninth Infantry, four troops of the Sixth Cavalry and the Light Battery, formerly commanded by Captain Reilly. Two transports will bring away the 1,100 animals which have been used by the army in China.

General Chaffee has advised the Department that the best place for embarkation is Taku, which will no doubt be clear of ice on the date fixed for departure.

Illiterates Disfranchised.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 15.—By a vote of fourteen Democrats, which is a majority in the Maryland State Senate, the bill to disfranchise illiterates was passed in that body today. The Republican votes number eleven. By this action of the Senate, Senator Gorman has won a victory, as the House of Delegates has heretofore acted favorably on the measure.

DEFENSE OPENS.

Ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., Speaks Three Hours.

Arguments Presented Chief Justice Furches on Stand in Afternoon Gives History of Case. Under Examination at Adjournment.

Special to Journal.

RALEIGH, March 18.—In the Impeachment case, at the morning session, ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, jr., opened for the defense, speaking three hours. Strict attention was paid to his careful argument.

Mr. Bynum said the case resolved itself, first, have the Justices violated the constitution of North Carolina, second, if they have, was such violation with wilful intent.

The White case was reviewed from the beginning, and Mr. Bynum said that the doctrine that office was property had stood for sixty years, and that White's salary was not a claim against the State, in the reputed meaning of the claim.

At the three o'clock session, Chief Justice Furches took the witness stand, and under questions of his counsel, gave a history of the case, containing some interesting details concerning Chief Justice Clark. He denied that any decisions had been made for political reasons.

While Mr. Furches was under examination by the prosecution, the court adjourned until tomorrow.

While many of the Senators express their belief that the trial will end with this week, yet there is quite an idea that it will go over into next week.

WILL HARDLY MEET.

Speaker Moore Thinks Legislature Will Not Return to Raleigh.

Special to Journal.

RALEIGH, March 18.—Speaker Moore of the House left for home today. He was asked whether he thought the legislature would meet again April 3, the date to which it has adjourned, and replied that he had no idea it would meet; that for his part he did not expect to come back. He said the adjournment to that date was merely to guard against any contingency. He said the session had been very trying and that he was glad to get away, as during the past 15 days he had lost weight at the rate of something like a pound a day.

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THE IMPEACHMENT.

Are the Judges Amenable for a Strictly Technical Infraction of Constitution.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, March 18.—The significance of the tremendous legal battle is the impeachment trial. Saturday can only be realized when it is considered that the real issue was shall the Judges be held amenable to trial for a strictly technical infraction of the constitution, or can other facts and circumstances before and after, the issue of the writ of mandamus in the White case be passed upon by the Senate in making up its verdict?

No Fair Would be a Calamity.

Raleigh Post 17th

The Post is gratified to see that what threatened to be a calamity to New Bern will be averted. For some time the indications were that the annual fair would have to be abandoned, but through the persistent and patriotic efforts of the Journal and a few other enterprising citizens the community has come to appreciate the situation and have subscribed to a fund necessary to make it a success.

As we say, we cannot but think that the failure to have this fair annually would be a calamity, not only to New Bern, but to that entire section of the State. The exhibits which are made on such occasions are not only representative of the productive energies of the people, but are unique for their comprehensiveness, embracing agricultural and mechanical, forest and field, the birds of the air as well as the fish of the sea in profuse variety and superior quality.

Each fair was an object lesson which was worth many, many thousands of dollars to the section.

We are gratified therefore, as a North Carolinian, that so useful an institution will be maintained.

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Senator Simmons' Denial.

Special to Journal.

RALEIGH, March 18.—Senator F. M. Simmons in a published statement denies that he was the "mainspring" of the impeachment proceedings, or that he has frequented the trial more than other attorneys.

Walnut Taffy at McRorley's today.

A SUMMARY

Of Important Laws Enacted by the Legislature.

RALEIGH, March 18.—The [illegible] is now [illegible] the chief [illegible] enacted by this legislature. [illegible] the [illegible] commission [illegible] tax [illegible] and to [illegible] bonds [illegible] house [illegible] the [illegible] payment of [illegible] bridge [illegible] counties, to increase the [illegible] chief of fire department [illegible] waste [illegible] in the incorporation of savings bank, to allow curators of insane to prosecute in certain cases such as giving bond, to allow sheriffs to collect back taxes; the election law, the revenue act, the school law, to regulate employment of counsel by State institutions, to prevent State institutions from incurring any debt save by express authority of the legislature, to protect owners of boilers, engines and other machinery, to require electric cars to have vestibules and fenders, to provide for town and city elections and special elections in counties and townships, to regulate primary elections (applying to 26 counties), to appoint members of county boards of education, to punish disorderly conduct in the presence of religious congregations, to put the dangerous or criminal insane under the charge of the penitentiary authorities, to provide for sale of property for taxes, to provide for a State banking system, to place the agricultural college under the agricultural department, the road law, the school law, to prevent cutting of timber trees pending action to try title thereto, to encourage libraries in the public schools, to provide for reasonable commutation of convicts time; the oyster law, to give the governor authority to appoint directors of all rural and charitable institutions, to revise the corporation law, to regulate quo warranto proceedings, to prevent kidnapping; to allow children neglected or abandoned by their parents or guardians to be apprenticed or bound, to regulate settlement of partnerships by surviving partners; to make September 1 labor day; to allow the chartering of corporations with over $1,000,000 capital; to create a state board of embalmers; to give the board of education control of negro normal schools; the anti-trust bill; to create a text-book commission; to provide for a "North Carolina Day" in the public schools; to revoke license of insurance companies which apply removal of cases from State to Federal courts; to allow the Governor to pay counsel to defend election officers indicted in connection with the last August election; to allow persons restored to sanity to sell and manage their property, to make 10 congressional districts and 16 judicial districts; to require all executions of criminals to be private; to give $10,000 annually to the public schools, to provide for the soldiers' home; the new pension law (expected to raise some $200,000); the insurance law; to create a board of examiners for all public institutions; to protect the interest of married women and children in corporations.

MACARTHUR RECALLED.

Ordered to Yield Philippine Command to Chaffee in May.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Secretary Root announced this afternoon that the steady progress of pacification in the Philippines would warrant the establishment of civil government there by the middle of May, and certainly not later than the first of June.

Plans for the succession of the present military government of the Islands by civil government have been under consideration for some time, and they will now be pushed to completion with the greatest rapidity possible. Instructions to this end have been sent to Judge Taft, President of the Philippine Commission.

Judge Taft has been directed to forward to Washington as soon as possible the scheme of civil government which he and his associates have been engaged in formulating. When it comes it will be carefully considered by the President who will make such changes in it as may seem necessary, and authority to put it into effect will then be cabled to Manila.

Judge Taft himself will assume control as the first civil Governor of the Philippines, and will be aided in the administration by his present associates on the Commission. It is calculated that by the time the civil government is put in control the military command of the American forces in the islands will have passed from General MacArthur to General Chaffee, who is now in China making final preparations to sail with the men under his command for Manila, where he is expected to arrive about the middle of May.

General MacArthur will then turn over to General Chaffee the command of the army in the Philippines and return to the United States in accordance with orders which were issued from the War Department today. The authority of the new civil government when established will be amply supported by the force of 50,000 or more regular troops, which will constitute General Chaffee's army.

Confidence is felt here that placing civil officials in control in the Philippines will have an excellent effect on the natives and that as the latter become accustomed to the new conditions and note the beneficial effects of the change they will take a more active part in the work of restoring order and render the necessity of military interference less and less frequent.

RALEIGH.

Simmons Said to be the Mainspring of Prosecution

Large Preparation of Land for Crops. Clerk Martin Stealings. Legislature Had Too Many Employes For Work Needed.

RALEIGH, March 18.—The extent of the preparation of lands for crops in this section is astonishing. It is said that never before was so much ploughing and clearing of lands done by March 18.

The Legislature has enacted a law for free libraries for the public schools. The school at Pineville, Mecklenburg county, has the honor of being the first to make formal application to the State Superintendent, under this law.

It is found to be true that Guy Martin the defaulting ex-clerk of the State Treasury, stole all the penitentiary vouchers for 1900. The State Treasurer has gone back as far as June 27, 1899, in Martin's accounts. He found $508 stolen in November, 1900. Martin said he had made later stealings to cover up former ones. When ex-treasurer Worth asked him if he had begun stealing as soon as he went into the office, four years ago, he said he couldn't remember.

It is said by one of the most prominent men in the State that Chairman Simmons, who is always like an electric force, was the "mainspring of the prosecution," that the plan and inception of it were his, and that he had "vitalized" it. This was a very high compliment to his ability as a nerving force, whatever may be said as to the good or bad judgment in instituting such a proceeding. The chairman is on the ground daily.

The Legislature had too many employes. It was a source of amusement at the session just ended to see what a lot of drones there were as employes. Some were active, but some did not earn their salt. The dirty halls and rotunds and passageways told the story of their idleness. These were "party" workers. This was their reward. It has been the story ever since 1879, when the writer began reporting the legislative proceedings. The regular people in the capital therefore rejoice at the end of the session so that they may get things clean.

The lingering cough following grippe calls for One Minute Cough Cure. For all throat and lung troubles this is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Prevents consumption. F. S. Duffy & Co.

Knee Breeches For Apollo.

Ada, O., March 16.—The Literary society of the college has recently purchased an Apollo Belvidere in New York to adorn the hall. When the statue was unpacked its startling nudity caused the young ladies on the committee to scream and run from the room. It was decided the statue must be returned or draped. The men clothed the statue in red velvet knee breeches and thus attired, Apollo now receives callers.

Nothing That Way.

Robbins—Did you every try to stop a dangerous dog by catching his eye?

No, I can't run backwards.

Garden Seeds.

Fresh Garden and Flower Seeds at Davis Prescription Pharmacy.

Buy your shoes and get the best wears that are guaranteed, in the Douglas, W. P. Taylor's foot glove, American girl, E. P. Reeds at J. J. Baxter's.

Death Under Suspicious Conditions.

George Lindsay a colored man died here last Saturday night, under suspicious conditions which demanded Coroner J. W. Dugald to impanel a jury yesterday, and take testimony on the case.

Lindsay had been to James City and was brought home to this city Saturday night in a transfer, and was found dead in bed next morning.

His watch and money were reported missing, which added to the suspicion.

After taking a good deal of testimony last night before the coroner and jury the following verdict was rendered:

The jury find that the said George Lindsay was robbed, that there were appearances of pneumonia, which were sufficient to cause death, that the robbery might have occurred while Lindsay was in such condition as not to be able to protect himself, and that there are circumstances that indicate foul play.

Signed,
TOM G. DANIELS, Foreman.

H. B. Marks, W. T. Brinson, F. H. Whitty, C. B. Warters, J. P. Gamewell.

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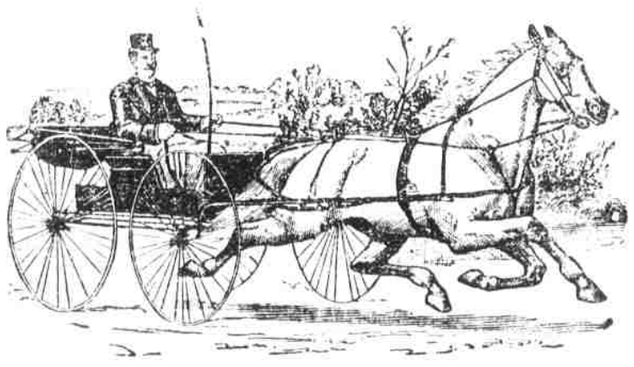

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