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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Mention Made of Many Important News Items About the Capital City.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—It is to be deplored that the Colorado legislature should have adjourned after a deadlock of 123 days without electing a senator. The Democrats have an overwhelming majority, but the aspirations of Mayor Speer, of Denver, prevented an election. He had the majority of membership but not enough to elect, and the progressive Democrats wanted ex-Governor Adams, and as Speer would not withdraw there was no compromise candidate. Unless the Governor calls an extra session Colorado will be represented by Simon Guggenheim, a Republican, one senator only, from a Democratic State. Opinion here is that Mr. Speer should have withdrawn and allowed some other Democrat to be elected.

A powerful combination has been formed to prevent further inquiry into Ohio legislative corruption. President Taft ordered William H. Phipps, of Ohio, who was on his way to become Territorial auditor of the Philippines, to return to Columbus, Ohio, to testify in an inquiry into the Cleveland subway bill. All parties honor the President for this action in this case, and for his determination to do all in his power to prevent corruption in high places. Turn the rascals out, and punish them severely.

Senator Works, of California, on Monday introduced a bill providing for free transfers from one street railway company to the other company's lines. Senator Works is a member of the Senate District Committee, and will push his bill. The street railway companies will fight to prevent universal transfers, but as their franchisees cost them nothing there is no good reason why they should not grant them. Give the people a show. Let the good work go on. Down with monopoly.

The District tax assessors' office is going to have a shake-up. Inequality in property taxation here is most glaring. Your correspondent knew of a case in which the property was taxed on a \$15,000 valuation, but the owner was willing and anxious to sell for \$8,000. Another case in which the taxable valuation was \$10,000, and the owner finally sold for \$8,000. There are numerous instances of wrong and unjust valuations.

Speaker Clark and Chairman Underwood of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, wanted a small duty on raw wool, but a majority of the Committee favor free wool. Speaker Clark and Chairman Underwood are in favor of a reduction to 6 cents a pound on raw wool, but a poll of the House shows 90 per cent of the members in favor of free raw wool. Good Democratic doctrine—free raw material.

It has been reported that Secretary of State Knox would resign from the Cabinet owing to dissatisfaction with the Administrator. This rumor was denied at the White House on Monday, and on the contrary stated that Secretary Knox would not resign.

Three bills aimed at trusts were introduced in the Senate Monday afternoon. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, wishes to amend the Sherman anti-trust law, making jail sentences compulsory for individual violators; would compel the forfeiture of patents when the patentee joins with others to return trade; and would make illegal the purchase or ownership of stock in a competing corporation engaged in interstate commerce. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, introduced bills for investigation of the methods of leasing, selling, and controlling patented articles in the United States; also a law that will compel owners of patented machinery to lease it without discrimination.

The Farmers Free List Bill passed the House Monday night, placing over a hundred articles used by farmers on the free list by a vote of 236 to 109. There was ten hours of debate and the Republicans offered various amendments, minority lead-

er Mann alone proposing fifty-nine. The majority of the amendments went out on a point of order and the rest were voted down. Twenty-four Republican insurgents voted for the bill. The same steam-roller tactics that the Republicans used against the Democrats were evoked this time against the Republicans and loud were their howls of dismay because they were not allowed to amend this Democratic measure. Uncle Joe Cannon, former Speaker of the House, became awfully sore and finally lost his temper and exclaimed, "Upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed that he hath grown so great?" They, the Republicans, had received a large dose of the same medicine they formerly were so fond of dishing out to the Democrats and it was not palatable. The bill is now in the Senate for action.

Will the Farmers' Free List Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, pass the Senate? Its fate is in doubt, with the chances that it will be pigeon-holed in committee and a vote not allowed by the Republican majority in the Senate. The Republicans always have professed to have a great regard for the "dear people," and have always fooled them and played into the hands of the trusts and combines, and now that there is a bill before them that will actually help lift some of the burden of taxation off the people will this Republican Senate allow it to pass and become a law?

The bill for direct election of Senators by the people has passed the House, but its fate in the Senate is uncertain. It would pass the Senate if no amendments are offered, but if an amendment providing for Federal supervisors of elections is tacked on to the bill its defeat is certain. The people of the South do not want, and will not have, Federal interference in elections, and the politicians of the North do not want direct election of Senators by the people, so there you are, and between them it is thought there will be no legislation. One more evidence that the Republicans are afraid to trust the "dear people."

A bill was introduced in the Senate to give \$5,000 each to Frances F. Cleveland and Mary Lord Harrison, widows of former Presidents, by Senator Root, of New York.

Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, has introduced a bill to grant ultimate independence to the Philippine Islands. The bill says: "Cease exercising sovereignty," and grant a stable and independent form of government to the islanders.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, made a speech Tuesday on conditions along the Mexican border, and asked that his resolution empowering the President to order troops across the border to protect the lives of our citizens (several have been killed by stray bullets) be considered further. He said, "The fear of war seems to be the deterrent that holds these Senators in check. They say they are not willing to take the chance of war, even though American citizens are in dire need of protection, and even if American women and children are being killed on the border. Are we to-day made of such soft material that we are afraid to lift hands to protect the lives of American people for fear of war? If that be true, then we are the degenerate sons of noble sires."

John Strange, formerly Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, who is also a manufacturer of wrapping paper, on Wednesday, while before the Senate Finance Committee, openly accused the President of the United States of cowardice. He was speaking in opposition to the Canadian reciprocity bill. He said that the President had yielded to the demand of the publishers of the country and negotiated the Canadian treaty because he was so cowardly he stood in fear of his re-election. He added that the time had come for the President to resign. "This bill was conceived in cowardice and bears no semblance of American patriotism," he said.

Congressman Small, of the First District has secured an \$1,800 position in the document room at the Capitol for Mr. George B. King, of Greenville. Mr. King received a \$1,400 Clerkship in the Agricultural Department. In the allotment of positions there is only one for each Congressman (Democratic), yet they are deluged with letters from their constituents asking for positions. They haven't them to give.

Girls are fond of compliments—mixed with ice cream soda.

False profits often lead to bankruptcy.

STATE PRIZES AWARDED.

Six Prizes of Five Dollars Each Given For Essays on Health Subjects.

Six North Carolina school children will have glad hearts this week when they receive one of the five dollar prizes for the best essay on one of the following subjects: General Sanitation, Hookworm Disease, and Tuberculosis. Two prizes were offered for the best essay by a child under fifteen years of age, the other for the best essay by a child over fourteen years of age. The committee awarded the prizes as follows:

General Sanitation.—Under fifteen years of age, August Travis, Weldon, N. C., age twelve. Over fourteen years of age, Rozena Penman. (Postoffice address not known.)

Hookworm Disease.—Under fifteen years of age, Sarah Richardson. (Postoffice address not known.) Age fourteen. Over fourteen years of age, Oliver Rand, Smithfield, N. C., age fifteen.

Tuberculosis.—Under fifteen years of age, Edith Farmer, Raleigh, N. C., age eleven. Over fourteen years of age, Inez Grace Wilkes, Chadbourne, N. C., age sixteen.

These prizes were offered by the Health Department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs through the activity of Mrs. W. N. Hutt, chairman of the Health Department, Raleigh, N. C. It is hoped to have another set of prizes offered for similar work next school term, so that the school children will do well to acquaint themselves with health matters. The State Board of Health sends out free literature on request.

Mrs. Hutt will appreciate knowing the address of Sarah Richardson or Rozena Penman.

Girl and Pone-Cake.

Some time ago Georgia reported, with justifiable pride, that it had a boy, 15 years old, who has succeeded in raising 125 bushels of corn to the acre. But now the same enterprising state comes to the front with the record of a girl, 14, who has placed on exhibition at the State Normal School 52 varieties of corn-fed dishes! Every one of these dishes is described by the experts as not only palatable but absolutely delicious. Of course, the boy's success depended in no small degree on weather and soil conditions. But that girl! Fifty-two varieties of corn-fed dishes! And all delicious!

In days "befo' de war" Virginia darkies had a "pone-cake song," the refrain of which was:

"Ole Virginia tire—
Put de cake upon de foot and hole it
to de fire."

It is a familiar saying that great changes have come upon the South since the days of that song. Few, however, in the line of gastronomy have equaled the advancement in the art of pone-cake making. What a joy would have been added to the gastronomic experiences of Brilliant-Savarin could he have lived to know that Georgia girl.—Chicago Journal.

Facts About the Convicts in the State Prisons.

Tables presented with the report of the superintendent of the State penitentiary show 706 convicts under the control of the prison, as compared with 670 a year ago, made up of 187 white men, eight white women, 476 negro men and 35 negro women. There are 134 native North Carolinians, six from Virginia, and one each from Illinois, New Hampshire and Tennessee, and seven from South Carolina. As to education, 51 can neither read nor write, and three can read but not write. There are 60 convicts serving for murder and 25 for larceny.

It is an interesting statement that of the convicts now in custody ten are farmers, two electricians, three blacksmiths, one each bankers, butchers, clerks, barbers, engineers, express agent, fireman, jeweler, painter, photographer, merchant, mail carrier and shoemaker. There are 114 classed as laborers.

Wake county leads in the number of convicts and Mecklenburg follows with eight.—Exchange.

Work Brought Exhaustion.

Adel, Ga.—"For three years," writes Mrs. C. J. Rentz, "I suffered with female troubles. When I would lie down I could hardly breathe. I could not do any work without being exhausted. I took Cardui according to directions, and now I can do all my work, and do not suffer at all." Cardui has brought health and happiness to thousands of weak women. It acts on the cause of women's backaches, headaches, nervousness, dragging sensations, weakness and misery. It relieves. It cures. Try it.

A PLEASANT GYPSY TEA.

Opening of The Season's Gallees at Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Albertson's.

Reported to The Commonwealth.

The big gun opening the seasons pleasure campaign was fired by the Gypsy Tea given Thursday evening. The date was selected so as to get the advantages of the full moon, and the weather man could not have been nicer as the evening was an ideal one. Gotten up under the direction of Mrs. E. T. Whitehead and Mrs. C. W. Albertson, who as entertainers may sometimes be equaled but never surpassed, the affair proved, what all previous ones of its kind had given every one a right to anticipate, a most enjoyable occasion. The crowd left town, just two at a time, all around and between the hours of four and five thirty o'clock and drove down to the Albertson's home at Edwards Ferry on the Roanoke. At this time of the year when all nature is fully clothed in its spring attire this place presents a scene that one would have to go far to duplicate. The lawn with its undulating slope which rivals some of the finest terraced yards, the river with the banks of green trees for a background, all help to make it truly the place beautiful. For those who cared to go there was the river and the boats, for others the pretty paths for a stroll, while the natural beauty of the place is so impressive that one could be content to just sit still and drink it in and talk. These diversions made the time pass so pleasantly that it seemed only a few minutes between the time of arrival and the announcement that tea was ready. And the lunch, it was the "meat of the best" things imaginable, and every one showed plainly that they were enjoying fully this feature. The first item on the program after lunch was to watch a swarm of bees be smoked from a gum tree and the honey taken, but owing to the dimidity of the crowd they failed to see this through. However, it served its purpose as the stroll in the moonlight was a pleasure. During the evening many games such as Fruit Basket, Earth-Air-Water-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10, etc, good ones for a crowd ever young, were indulged in. Near the close of the entertainment delicious grape juice was served. It was just one of those occasions that makes you want to go again and every one of the crowd would be glad to see it repeated. Here's hoping.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lawrence, Mr. R. C. Josey, Jr., and Miss Hattie Leggett, Mr. L. L. Cherry and Miss Katherine Futrell, Mr. S. A. Dunn and Miss Kathalen Tillery, Mr. John B. Gray and Miss Emily Blythe, Mr. G. H. Johnson and Miss Anna Kitchin, Mr. Henry T. Clark and Miss Gertrude Whitehead, Mr. Ray Boyette and Miss Helen Hilliard.

Dr. Green Re-Elected.

At a meeting of the Halifax County Board of Health, held at Halifax Monday, Dr. I. E. Green was re-elected superintendent of health and quarantine officer by a unanimous vote of the board. The Board was called to order by Chairman W. R. Harvey, of Littleton, all members of the board being present as follows: W. R. Harvey, chairman; Dr. A. S. Harrison, county superintendent of public instruction; Mayor J. H. Fenner, of Halifax; Dr. J. A. Collins, of Enfield; and Dr. H. I. Clark, of Scotland Neck.

Dr. I. E. Green, of Weldon, was placed in nomination as superintendent of health and quarantine officer and there being no opposition, his election was by acclamation. Dr. Green has been superintendent of health for quite a number of years, and during his several terms of office we can say that no man has ever been more faithful and zealous in the discharge of every duty. In everything that has been for the betterment of the health conditions of the county, he has labored earnestly in sunshine and in rain. Wherever duty called he quickly responded, and in this way he has often prevented the spread of contagious diseases. Particularly in the handling of the smallpox situation, which has been alarming more than once in Halifax county during his term of office, he has taken the disease by its horns, as it were, and stamped it out. His re-election gives general satisfaction throughout the county.—Roanoke News, 11th.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know its excellent." For sale by all dealers.

Death of Mrs. O. C. Stallings.

Death is always sad, and especially when it comes and takes away the very pillar of our home—mother. Such was the sad case when on the afternoon of Saturday, May 6, 1911, Mrs. O. C. Stallings passed from this earth into life eternal.

It was just before the golden sun was lowering in the distant west and when all nature seemed so peaceful, so calm, that the soul of this saintly woman took its flight back to God, who gave it, without a moment's warning.

Mrs. Stallings was fifty-four years, three weeks and two days old. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Jesse and Emmaline Powell. In 1872 she was married to Dr. O. C. Stallings, of Franklin county, and unto this happy union were born eight children, three of which died in their infancy.

When quite a young woman she gave her heart and service to her Maker and united with Dawson Baptist church, and from then until her death never was there a more faithful, obeying Christian than she. Her devotion as a wife and her thoughtful and affectionate interest as a mother was beautiful to behold. She will not only be missed in her home but sadly missed in her church and community. We fear the sun will never shine with the same brightness and the birds never sing as cheerful to her loved ones, especially her life-long companion, henceforth as they have in the past, but they should console themselves with the thought:

"Somewhere the sun is shining,
Somewhere the song birds dwell;
Tosh then thy sad repining,
God lives and all is well."

She was one of the most energetic women this community ever knew, yet never was she too busy, never too weary with the anxious cares of her household duties to neglect the reading of the precious Book and her usual morning prayer. She was ever willing to forgive and look over the faults of her neighbors and speak a hopeful word in their behalf. One could not be in her presence even for a short while without being impressed with her forgiving, Christian character. She seemed never to forget "it is more blessed to give than to receive," for this she did in administering to the wants of the poor and needy, sick and afflicted. Yet the fairest flowers must fade, and like a rose she has faded, but yet to bloom again in some fairer world.

Dear ones, we know it is hard to be torn asunder for life from the one you love best, but comfort yourself with the thought that she was so fitted for the harvest; when she was awake in the presence of her Saviour she heard his gentle voice saying, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." May the one who doeth all things well comfort the ones she has loved and left and prepare them to meet her in the "sweet by and by."

She leaves a husband and five children to mourn their loss: Messrs. O. P. Stallings, E. E. Stallings and C. C. Stallings, Mrs. Frank Branch, of Enfield, and Miss Ella Stallings, of Dawson.

Her remains were interred in the family burying ground Sunday afternoon, at Dawson, amongst a large host of sorrowing friends and relatives, her pastor, Rev. W. L. Britt, of Enfield, conducting the funeral services. The grave was beautifully banked with flowers, being completely covered.

Oh, why is it, mother, you have left us
And gone to that heavenly shore
Where angels are singing and calling,
Where sickness and death are no more?

Alone in this world we are traveling,
Each day early thinking of you;
How long will it be till we follow,
Our sweet loving friendship renew?
Yes, on the dark billows we are waiting
For a glimpse of the beautiful land,
When we shall be piloted over
By our dear loving Saviour's hand.
We miss you, dear mother, we miss you,
We are lonely away from your side;
But in that fair land we'll join you,
And there ever more abide.
NAOMI HARRIS DEBBARY.

No Slavery to Work.

Deskins, Va.—Mrs. Mary A. Vandye, in a letter from Deskins, says: "I had serious female troubles, lasting 40 days at a time. I was so weak I could hardly walk, so I tried Cardui. Soon I was better. Now I am well." If you suffer from any womanly pain or weakness, take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui will lift you out of the misery and weariness, caused by womanly weakness, and help you to see the bright side of life. Try it. Your druggist sells it.

Sometimes the biggest bluff is made by the smallest man.

A Burglar's Awful Deed

May not paralyze a home so completely as a mother's long illness. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a splendid remedy for women. They gave me wonderful benefit in constipation and female trouble," wrote Mrs. M. C. Dunlap, of Leadell, Tenn. If ailing, try them. 25c at E. T. Whitehead Company.

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The only baking powder
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Claude Kitchin.

While some North Carolina papers placed a low estimate on Claude Kitchin's opening speech on the Canadian reciprocity bill, papers outside of North Carolina have reviewed Mr. Kitchin's speech and have pronounced it one of the greatest speeches delivered in Congress in a quarter of a century. Certainly, it is unjust to this brilliant young Tar Heel Congressman that because in the heat of debate he criticized some members of North Carolina delegation in Congress, that this, in the eye of some partisans should be set against Mr. Kitchin's great effort in behalf of his party. And anyone taking this view exhibits more partisanship than he can credit to the utterances of Mr. Kitchin.

The Literary Digest of this month places Mr. Kitchin the foremost orator and statesman in Congress.—High Point Enterprise.

Katman Lewis Electrocuted.

Raleigh, N. C., May 13.—Norman Lewis, the slayer of Chief of Police Stallings, of Spring Hope, Nash county, died in the electric chair at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the State's prison here. He died without making any statement whatever, as to the crime for which he paid the death penalty. With him as a spiritual advisor was Rev. J. E. King, rector of the negro Episcopal church here. Lewis seemed remarkably composed when he walked into the death chamber and strapped into the death chair. The first voltage of 1,800 was turned on by Warden Sales at 10:27 and a second voltage was given, the body being pronounced lifeless within 11 minutes. The body was turned over to the State Board of Anatomy and will be assigned to one of the medical colleges for dissection.

Training School Commencement.

The Commencement of the East Carolina Teachers Training School will be held May 21 to 23. The Commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. Charles E. Madry of Statesville, on Sunday at eleven o'clock.

The annual address by Hon. Joseph Daniels of Raleigh, Tuesday at ten thirty, a. m. Monday afternoon class day exercises will be held in the park. A music recital will be given Monday evening. Tuesday will be commencement day with the graduating exercises, awarding certificates and announcements.

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday. This will be the first class to graduate from this school.

The Seniors are having their final examinations this week.

Itching piles provoke profanity, but profanity won't cure them. Doan's Ointment cures itching, protruding or bleeding piles after years of suffering. At any drug store.

Most girls like to have red hair if they haven't.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment wonderfully effective. One application will convince you of its merits. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

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