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STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

The State has chartered the Milton Chair factory, capital \$25,000.

Gov. Russell has pardoned Redfern, the oldest convict in the penitentiary.

The State board of agriculture increased the commissioner's salary to \$2,000.

A handsome \$2,000 pipe organ has been placed in the Fayetteville Baptist church.

The N. C. Methodist conference has chosen Fayetteville as the next place of meeting.

The police census is being taken of Wilmington, the federal census being regarded as imperfect.

To Dec. 1, 1900, the sales of fertilizers were 30,000 tons more than the previous year in North Carolina.

The Baptist State convention at Raleigh ended Sunday night. The convention meets next year in Winston.

The Baptists of the State are making great gains in membership. In Wake county alone they have 100 churches.

Rev. T. J. Gattis was given an opportunity to address the conference at Newbern but said he had no statement to make.

The State has chartered the Washington knitting mill, at Washington, capital \$8,000, S. T. Nicholson principal stockholder.

Miss Lula Tucker Holden, daughter of the late Gov. W. W. Holden, and Mr. Frank Ward, both of Raleigh, will be married on the 19th.

Plans are in hand for the \$25,000 main building of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. It is the purpose to have it built in 12 months.

The report on cotton mills chartered by the State to date this year shows 26, and 10 knitting mills. The capital invested in these is \$3,567,000.

The State treasurer reports receipts for last year were \$1,545,717, disbursements \$1,600,033; receipts for this year \$1,618,003, disbursements \$1,647,424.

It has been reported that John E. Fowler, the Populist-Republican candidate for Congress in the Third district, will contest the seat of Congressman Thomas.

Capt. Arthur Lassiter, a freight conductor on the Seaboard Air Line, was run over and killed by a switch engine at Henderson Monday. He was only 23 years of age.

The Baptist Female University at Raleigh, a little more than one year old, has 224 students. A larger number would be enrolled if they could be accommodated.

A subscription amounting to \$2,200 was taken up at the Baptist State convention at Raleigh for the purpose of putting in water works at Thomasville Orphanage.

The legislature will be asked to authorize the town of Rocky Mount to issue \$40,000 in bonds to put in sewerage and an electric light plant and to complete its water system.

The Methodist conference at Newbern passed a resolution favoring the establishment of a reformatory and Dr. T. N. Ivey was appointed to present it to the legislature.

Gen. Thomas F. Toon, who will next month take charge of the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, appoints John W. Duckett, a veteran educator, of Lumberton, his chief clerk.

The State has chartered the Heath Hardware Co., of Monroe, capital \$60,000. W. C. Heath and others stockholders. It will manufacture hardware, machinery, electrical and telephone supplies, etc.

The stables and barn of M. J. Battle, near Whitakers, in Edgecombe county, were burned last week. Wm. Garrett, a negro, has been arrested, charged with setting the fire.

The paint shops of the Atlantic Coast Line at Wilmington were burned Saturday morning at 3:30 o'clock, together with three cars. The loss is not more than \$25,000. No insurance.

United States Attorney General John W. Griggs is in Cabarrus county, trying the hunting grounds in the Poplar Tent neighborhood, and enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Shakespeare Harris.

The pastors and ministers of Winston-Salem have drafted and signed a petition to the next Legislature, urging that body to pass a law for the establishment of a State Reformatory for young criminals.

Gen. Julian S. Carr will call a convention of ex-Confederate veterans to be held at Raleigh in February, at which the Legislature will be memorialized to increase the appropriations for the Soldier's Home and for pensions.

Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, the newly-elected Commissioner of Labor and Printing, will be married next Thursday to Miss Florence Comstock, also of Lexington. Mr. Varner is the editor of the Davidson Dispatch.

The complete official returns of the vote at the Senatorial primary in November are at last at hand. They show that F. M. Simmons received 103,908 and Julian S. Carr 47,796 votes, making Simmons' majority 56,112.

Capt. E. W. Manning who was chief engineer on the Confederate Warship Virginia, when she destroyed the Cumberland and Congress, died in Wilmington last Sunday. He was a shipmate of Admiral Dewey before the civil war.

Sparger Bros. and Hadley & Smith, the two leading tobacco manufacturing firms at Mount Airy, have agreed to consolidate their plants and business. The two companies have been manufacturing tobacco for a number of years and each did a large business.

After being out seventeen hours, at Albemarle, Friday, the jury in the case of State vs. Will Hinson, for the murder of Frank Swarenge, returned a verdict for murder in second degree. Judge Brown sentenced him to 25 years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

David Steele, a farmer of Iredell county, met death Saturday in an unusual way. He had cut down a tree, a limb of which was broken off and lodged in the top of another tree. While he was cutting up the tree he had felled this limb fell upon him and crushed his skull. His wife found his body in the woods.

The Baptist convention at Raleigh adopted a resolution to erect a monument at the head of the grave of Dr. Columbus Durham in Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh, and J. C. Caddell, Noah Biggs, J. W. Bailey, C. E. Taylor and C. B. Justice were appointed a committee to receive contributions to this object.

Dr. W. B. Crawford's barn and stables, near Goldsboro, were burned early last Saturday morning. Dr. Crawford lost three horses, four mules and thirteen bales of cotton. A fine horse belonging to his son was also burned to death. His buggies, wagons and farm implements were destroyed. His loss is estimated at \$3,000, with only \$500 insurance.

Lieut. August Dupont, late of the French Army, is now at Wilmington as a fencing master at the Y. M. C. A. He is a personal friend of Captain Dreyfus. His espousal of the latter's cause brought about persecution. He has a scheme for forming a colony of French Huguenots in North Carolina. A great many years ago a number of them settled in the Cape Fear section.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Rev. Dr. Stuart has been acquitted of the charge of wife-murder in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

W. J. Bryan and ex-Vice President Stevenson will attend the inauguration of Governor Jennings, a cousin of Bryan, at Tallahassee, Fla., on January 1.

Representatives of nearly every church denomination in Chicago have resolved to unite in a crusade against civil immorality and for the maintenance of law and order in Chicago.

Three hundred and fifty delegates from Indian Territory and Oklahoma, met at South McAlester, I. T., Tuesday, to take action looking to the forming of a State from the two Territories.

Former Commissary General of Subsistence Eagan, who was under suspension for using alleged abusive language toward General Miles, was last week restored to duty and immediately retired.

The Governor of Minnesota has appointed Chas. A. Towne to succeed the late Senator Davis in the United States Senate. Senator Towne was sworn in Monday and took his seat on the Democratic side.

The extensive stores and stock of the Baltimore Bargain House, Baltimore, were totally destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The stock and building of Grotjon, Loeb & Co., which adjoins it, was damaged. The loss is estimated at \$300,000, covered by insurance.

The ceremonies in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the Administration Building of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition were held Tuesday at the Exposition grounds, a tract of some 250 acres, beautifully situated on the Ashley river, within the city limits of Charleston.

A head end collision occurred between two freights on the Atlantic Coast Line, two miles below Richmond, Saturday night, in which one man was killed, three injured and an engine and a dozen freight cars wrecked. Fireman Robert Boyd, whose home was in Weldon, N. C., was fatally crushed under the overturned engine. Boyd had been married but a few months.

John Laurens Manning Irby, who served South Carolina in the United States Senate from 1890 to 1896, died at his home at Laurens Sunday. He was the most remarkable political organizer his State has produced and was but 36 years old when elected Senator. He welded together the dissatisfied elements which elected himself and B. R. Tillman to the Senate. Bright's disease caused his death.

The remains of Col. Emerson H. Liscum, Ninth Infantry, one of the heroes of the fight at Tientsin in July last, arrived in Washington Monday afternoon and were escorted by a troop of the Fifth Cavalry to the parish hall of St. John's Church. They were accompanied from China and San Francisco by Gen. James H. Wilson and by Mrs. Liscum and her brother. Colonel Liscum's remains were buried at Arlington Cemetery Tuesday afternoon with full military honors.

In a decision handed down by Judge Hook, of the Federal District Court of Kansas, and concurred in by United States Circuit Judge Amos Thayer Monday, Oberlin M. Carter, former captain United States Army, under sentence of five years imprisonment for misappropriation of Government funds while in charge of the harbor work of Savannah, has since been remanded to the custody of Robert W. McLaughry, warden of the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, where Carter has been confined.

Governor Beckham was inaugurated Tuesday at Frankfort, Ky., for a term of three years. The inaugural parade was made up of all of the military companies of the State, three regiments, the Duckworth Club of Cincinnati, political clubs from Frankfort, Louisville and other towns of the State, civic societies and distinguished citizens in carriages and on horseback.

The Standard Oil Company has acquired all of the interests of the Pacific Coast Oil Company. The purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The Pacific Coast Oil Company has been doing business in California for a quarter of a century. Its interests include valuable oil properties in various sections. It owns a steamer which is used in transporting oil from the southern coast to its refinery at Alameda, which has a monthly capacity of 25,000 barrels. The company's entire holdings are embraced in the transfer.

The transport Hancock arrived at San Francisco, Monday, from Manila by way of Nagasaki with a gruesome cargo. It consisted of the bodies of about 1,500 sailors and soldiers who either died in battle or succumbed to the ravages of disease in the Philippines, China, Guam and Honolulu. This is the largest number of bodies brought home since the outbreak of the Spanish War. The Hancock brought 52 cabin passengers, 500 in the steerage, and there were 11 deaths on the voyage to add to the cargo of dead carried from the Philippines.

FOREIGN NEWS.

An anti-trust bill has been introduced in the Reichstag at Berlin.

Liberal leaders attacked the British Government's South African policy in Parliament last week.

President Kruger arrived at The Hague last week and was received with popular acclamations.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, with his wife and daughters, sailed for England from Cape Town Tuesday.

General Delary attacked a British convoy in the Transvaal last Thursday, killing 15 men and wounding 23.

The Dutch government has finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

A detachment of the Fifth Cavalry had a fight with 100 Filipinos south of Santa Cruz Sunday. The natives were chased four miles. Fourteen of them were found dead. There were no American casualties.

An extra session of the San Domingo Congress was opened Thursday of last week. President Jimenez's message recommends a treaty with the United States and concessions for railroads in Barahona and Monte Cristi.

The late Robert Arlington, an eccentric gentleman of Leeds, England, who lived in a miserly manner in order to devote his wealth to foreign missions, has left the London Missionary Society over £125,000 (\$1,250,000.)

Porto Rico's first House of Delegates is now holding its first session. The body convened December 3. The first two days were devoted to organization. Everything has passed off smoothly and harmoniously. Within an hour after the roll was called the legislative body had got down to business, elected Manuel Rossy as Speaker, Salvador Ross as Secretary and Felix Dadial as Sergeant-at-Arms.

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WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

Last Thursday the House the Army Reorganization passed bill by a vote of 166 to 133. Three Democrats voted for the bill and one Republican voted against it. Otherwise it was strictly party vote. This bill increases the regular army to 100,000 men.

The House on Monday passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, carrying \$24,496,308. The bill comprises 131 pages and required three hours for the clerk to read it. The House passed it after 10 minutes' debate.

The bill for the reduction of the war revenue taxes prepared by the Ways and Means Committee, provides for a reduction of \$40,000,000. The Democratic members of the committee have prepared a minority report in which they propose a reduction of \$70,000,000. The bill will pass as prepared by the majority.

On Monday the Senate spent five hours in executive session, discussing the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Several Senators made speeches.

The Grout Oleomargarine bill, which has already passed the House has been referred by the Senate to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of W. D. Bynum, of Indiana, to be commissioner to revise and codify the criminal and penal laws of the United States. Bynum was a Gold Democrat in 1896.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, who is a member of the Committee on Commerce, made a speech against the Ship Subsidy bill Tuesday. He is a vigorous speaker and was listened to attentively, and especially by Senator Hanna, who expects to reply to him. Mr. Clay contended that the promotion of commerce and the increase of foreign trade would not follow the enactment of the bill into law. He claimed that it would take \$9,000,000 a year, for a period of twenty years, out of the treasury and donate that vast sum to ship owners carrying the foreign trade. The bill will increase the profits of the few already wealthy at the expense of the many.

Library of Congress.

The annual report of Librarian of Congress Putnam shows that during the year there were 38,110 books and pamphlets added to the library, making a total of 995,166. Of the new books 19,599 came through the operation of the copyright law. There were other accessions of 16,605 pieces of music; prints, 14,048; maps and charts, 3,536, and manuscripts, 778. The Librarian during a visit to Europe made various purchases of importance, and he says he was able to take advantage of a favorable opportunity to secure representation in the library of Dutch history and literature. Among the manuscripts secured during the year were 400 letters and other papers written by Harman Blennerhassett, the friend of Aaron Burr. The total number of visitors to the library during the year was 655,439; of readers, 123,844; of books issued, 364,396. There were 94,978 copyright entries. Mr. Putnam renews his recommendation for a reference library for the use of Congress.

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THAT SHIP SUBSIDIES BILL.

In the light of Mr. McKinley's expressed approval of the ship subsidies and the enthusiastic advocacy of them by Senator Hanna and other party leaders, a shipping law may be forced upon the country, but in its passage the present administration will incur a grave responsibility. The theory of paying subsidies to encourage the growth of commercial enterprises which do not thrive in natural conditions is bad enough in itself. If money is not now invested in American shipping it is because more profitable uses for that money are found elsewhere. Admitting that it is desirable that American ships carrying American products and manned by American seamen should ply upon the high seas, the government would be abundantly justified in removing restrictions upon shipping; but it has no more justification for going out of its way to pay bounties for ships than it would have to pay bounties to inaugurate or encourage any other line of profit-making industry. The shipbuilding industry already enjoys certain legislative advantages; building materials are admitted duty free; the coastwise carrying trade is exclusively limited to American built vessels; the postal subsidies, moreover, are immensely greater than those paid by Great Britain. Were these privileges to be supplemented by legislation looking to a change in the system of registry and other reforms, the shipping business would have all the encouragement it needs or is entitled to.

Bad as is the principal of subsidies, however, the proposed measure is still worse in the methods by which it would make the payments. The bill provides for the disbursement of \$9,000,000 in subsidies each year for thirty years. Theoretically this is for the purpose of increasing our foreign trade. Practically it would be a strong incentive to the companies now in business to unite and discourage competition. In fact, the bill, with remarkable perspicacity as to the requirements of the wealthy men who now control the leading lines, specifies that "a foreign-built vessel hereafter admitted to American registry" shall not receive compensation, thus restricting the subsidy payments to those who already have acquired their vessels by purchase.

There is an abundance of testimony of great weight to prove that the whole subsidy project as applied to shipping lines is a fallacy. As Mr. Benjamin Taylor points out in the current issue of the Forum, England's great commerce has grown steadily to its present enormous dimensions although the British mail subsidies are in no sense subsidies as now proposed. Less than 3 per cent of England's tonnage receives this artificial support. France, on the other hand, with liberal bounties is making no progress in shipping.

Notwithstanding these facts of record, the people of the United States are now asked to burden themselves with the payment of \$9,000,000 a year for subsidies which will, primarily to enrich a certain few wealthy vessel lines. As things now stand, Congress might as well vote a direct donation of several millions a year annually to the operators of those lines.

Before the Republican members of Congress vote to commit their party to this measure let them consider well the consequences which must ensue if this piece of dubious legislation proves to be nothing more nor less than a scandalous game of grab.—Chicago Record.

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