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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Items of Interest from Washington City.

Some of the Week's Happenings in and out of the Halls of Congress.

Another squadron of United States cavalry has been ordered home from Cuba.

Ex-Gov. Leslie M. Shaw will begin his duties as Secretary of the Treasury on January 25.

Senator Hanna thinks the chances are encouraging for passing the reconstructed Ship Subsidy bill.

Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley has decided to appeal directly to the President from the decision of the court of inquiry.

The population of the United States, including all outlying possessions in 1900 is placed at 84,233,060 by the Census Bureau.

Both houses of Congress met Monday and adjourned soon after the formal announcement of the death of Senator William J. Sewell, of New Jersey.

The War Department has received a copy of a proclamation signed by nine Americans asking American soldiers to join the Filipinos in their fight.

Tuesday Senator Morgan (Ala.) secured the adoption of a resolution for inquiry by the Inter-oceanic Committee into the relations between the Panama Canal and transcontinental railroad companies.

William P. Hepburn (Iowa) chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, declared in the House Tuesday that the new offer of the Panama Canal Company was part of a scheme for delay.

The House Committee on Census has ordered a favorable report on the bill creating a permanent Census Bureau. Chairman Hopkins will seek to have the bill passed after the Nicaragua Canal bill is disposed of by the House.

The Division of Insular Affairs of the War Department has announced that the total customs revenues for Cuba during the 11 months ended November 30, 1901, were \$14,355,000, as compared with \$14,565,202 for the same period of 1900 and \$13,378,557 for 1899.

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, Tuesday introduced a bill giving the Philippines, to begin January 1st, 1904, with a governor, appointed by the President; a Legislature of two houses, and with two Philippine commissioners to represent the Filipino people at Washington.

The Secretary of the Treasury has rendered a decision on the appeal of John Effinger against the action of the Collector of Customs at Honolulu in assessing merchandise brought into that port from Pago Pago, Tutuila. The Secretary sustained the collector, holding that Tutuila is foreign territory within the revenue laws of the United States.

The Panama Canal Company has offered to sell its properties and concessions to the United States for \$40,000,000. The proposition will be forwarded to Congress by the President. These figures are \$69,141,000 below the commission's estimate, and, if accepted, would make the total cost of the Panama route \$5,630,704 less than the Nicaragua route.

A bill of much interest to ex-Confederate soldiers was favorably acted upon by the House Committee on War Claims this week. It provides for paying ex-Confederate soldiers for horses, bridles, saddles and side-arms taken from them in violation of the terms of surrender made by Generals Lee and Johnston with Generals Grant and Sherman. The bill was introduced by Representative Padgett, of Tennessee.

Since the findings of the court of inquiry were made public Lieut-Gen. Nelson A. Miles has been a frequent visitor to Admiral Schley, and has called three times at the Richmond during the past week. The Admiral has felt sympathy with the General in his public rebuke, while the General believes Admiral Schley has failed to get justice from the hands of the Navy Department.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave the first of their state levees Tuesday night, when the members of the diplomatic corps at the Capital, with their ladies and the members of their staffs, were his guests. This annual reception which is the most brilliant as well as one of the most important of all the social gatherings of official life, derived its principal interest from the fact that it was the first evening reception given to the representatives of old world powers by the new head of the nation and his wife.

Rich Tramp to Wed Her.

Goshen, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Tattered, torn and to all appearances poverty stricken, Thomas MacNamara went yesterday to the home of Mrs. Mary Dailey, his old sweetheart, in Coldenham.

Mrs. Dailey, a widow with several little children, did not at first recognize the rough-looking man, but when he told her who he was she received him cordially and bade him welcome.

After partaking of her humble repast he told her of his wanderings and that he was poor no longer; that he owned a big property out West; that the old love still burned brightly in his heart, and that he wanted to take her back to share his fortune. She accepted the offer, and within a week or two their marriage will take place.

Thomas MacNamara was born near Newburgh, and when a young man loved Mary Dooley. Mary's parents would not let her wed him. To please them she married Patrick Daily, who died about three years ago. MacNamara five years ago lost his position as a printer and worked his way westward. Three years later he stowed away on the steamship General Arthur, bound for Alaska, and reached Dawson City. He located a rich claim at Skagway, worth, he says, half a million, but he sold it for \$140,000 and came back to the States.

Having read in a home paper of the death of his old sweetheart's husband, he came East to see her, tramping and stealing rides in freight trains out of liking for his old life. He has now discarded his old clothes, and to-day received a large remittance from his bankers by wire.

Bank President Since 1853.

Mount Morris, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Hiram P. Mills, one of the oldest bank presidents in the United States, died suddenly here to-day.

He celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday Thursday last and danced with the company. He chaffed with his son Charles, who is 70 years old, for quitting the dance before he did.

Mr. Mills had been president of the Genesee River National Bank continually since its formation in 1853. He was one of the engineers of the old Genesee Valley canal and helped lay the rails of the first railroad between Albany and Schenectady.

It is reported that there are 300 cases of smallpox under treatment at Knoxville, Tenn., and that the disease is spreading at an alarming rate. The epidemic, it is stated, was started by a jack rabbit. The jack rabbit died Saturday afternoon.

Heads Should Never Ache.

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va., she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

GENERAL NEWS.

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

The old Liberty bell started on its journey from Philadelphia to the Charleston Exposition Monday morning.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has been elected president of Columbia University, New York, to succeed Mayor Seth Low.

It is stated that the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway has been sold to the Pennsylvania for \$17,000,000.

The annual report of the South Carolina dispensary for last year shows a net profit of \$545,248.12 to the state and counties.

Last Monday County Surveyor Homer M. Neff, of West Union, Iowa, killed his sweetheart, wounded his rival and committed suicide.

Hon. William J. Bryan, in a speech at Wooster, Ohio, Monday, said the Democratic party must not abandon principle for patronage.

A south bound passenger train on the Mississippi Valley railroad collided with a switch engine at Vicksburg, Miss., Monday. Engineer Samuel S. Craig was killed.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey left Washington Monday for Palm Beach, Fla. The length of their stay there is indefinite, as the trip is undertaken for the benefit of Mrs. Dewey's health.

The boiler makers at the Chesapeake and Ohio shops in Huntington, West Va., are on strike. The strikers claim that all the boiler makers between Russell and Hinton will go out at once.

Three negro children were recently burned to death in the suburbs of Springfield, near Norfolk, Va. Their mother, a cook, locked them in a room where a fire was burning in the stove and went to her work.

At San Francisco Monday United States Judge Arthur Noyes was fined \$1,000. District Attorney Woods sentenced to four months and Assistant Frost to 1 year for complicity in the Cape Nome (Alaska) conspiracy.

Fire at Logansport, La., Tuesday afternoon burned the business portion of the town, consisting of forty-three buildings. Total loss \$125,000; insurance \$75,000. The fire originated from a defective flue.

Montague Lessler, Republican, was elected to Congress in the Seventh New York district Tuesday, to succeed Nicholas Muller, Democrat, resigned. He beat Perry Belmont, the regular Democratic candidate by 394 votes, the count showing these figures: Lessler 7,677; Belmont 7,283.

According to the naval register for the New Year, Uacle Sam was now afloat and available for service 225 war vessels of all sorts, with no less than sixty in process of construction. Of the latter eight are battleships, six are armored cruisers and nine are first class protected cruisers.

The "Carnegie Institution" has been incorporated at Washington by Secretary Hay and others interested in Carnegie's project of a national university. It is understood that Carnegie has removed the obstacles to the acceptance of his ten million dollar donation to the cause.

The large tobacco factory of Cameron & Cameron, Richmond, Va., was practically destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The flames are supposed to have originated in the drying room. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 on building and stock. It is fully covered by insurance.

Because of a wrong signal at Ninevah Tower Friday night a fast Pennsylvania mail and express train ran into a slow freight engine, five miles from Johnstown, Pa., and a few minutes later a westbound freight crashed into the wreck, causing the death of four persons and the serious injury of at least five others.

RAILROAD DISASTER IN NEW YORK

Trains Collide in Tunnel and Fifteen Persons are Killed.

New York, Jan. 8.—In the New York Central Tunnel that burrows under Park Avenue, this city, two local trains collided today. Fifteen passengers were killed and twice that number were injured. A dozen of the latter were seriously hurt, and the roster of the dead may be extended.

It was a rear end collision between a south Norwalk local that ran in over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and was halted by block signals at the southern entrance of the tunnel, and a White Plains local that came by the Harlem branch of the New York Central. The wreck occurred at 8:17 a. m. at which hour the trains were crowded by suburbanites.

Most of the death, injury and damage was wrought by the engine of the White Plains train which plunged into the rear car of the motionless train and was driven through to the middle of the car, smashing the seats and furnishings and splitting the sides as it moved forward. The victims either were mangled in the mass of wreckage carried at the pilot, crushed in the space between boiler and car sides, or scalded by steam which came hissing from broken pipes and cylinders.

SELMA NEWS.

Misses Hattie and Mable Brinkley have returned to Scotland Neck.

The graded school opened Tuesday morning with a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Edgerton spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh.

Dr. Robert Millard Nowell and Dr. J. W. Hatcher spent Sunday in the country.

Mr. Blake Baker, who has been with R. B. Whitley & Co., left Wednesday for Wendell.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Misses Stella Passmore and Malie Preston and Mr. C. N. Peeler, teachers in the graded school, have returned after spending Xmas holidays with friends.

The town authorities have at last opened Anderson street from W. H. Etheredge's to the street running north from the coal chute. It should have been opened long ago; it was a necessity besides being a convenience.

The Selma Manufacturing Co. is doing a good business, so good that our people will during the summer start a first-class dry goods and millinery store. We are all together now and are going to make things lively. We need a furniture dealer here. Some days ago one was here prospecting; we do not know of a better place for one. That is for one who can hustle.

Mr. R. B. Whitley called the stockholders of the proposed bank together Wednesday morning at his store, where it was organized as the "Bank of Selma." Ten thousand dollars was represented in person or by proxy, M. C. Winston was elected president and R. B. Whitley vice-president. R. B. Carrington, C. W. Richardson, N. E. Edgerton and R. B. Whitley were elected directors. The president and board of directors were ordered to get incorporated and make arrangements to build a brick building 24 x 60 feet for the bank at once. Land to build on was secured adjoining the store of W. H. Etheredge. The bank will be open for business by April 1st, 1902.

SENEX.

The Best Prescription for Malaria, Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

The county physician reports twenty or more cases of smallpox in Forsyth county, brought there from Virginia by a negro.

James Hold and Miss Jennie Thompson, of Holt's mountain, eloped Monday and were married. The groom is 88 and the bride 82.

A disastrous fire swept the little town of Grimesland in Pitt county Wednesday morning. The damage is estimated at \$30,000.

Attorney General Gilmer, who was critically ill in Raleigh for several months, has recovered sufficiently to go to his home at Waynesville.

Mrs. Simmons, wife of Senator Simmons, who has been ill for several months, has been taken to a sanatorium at Harrisburg, Pa., for treatment.

R. O. King who was seriously injured in a railroad wreck near Cameron last September has sued the Seaboard Air Line for forty thousand dollars damage.

The report of the farmers of this State to the State labor commissioner shows that it costs 5½ cents a pound to produce cotton. That is the average cost.

The December bulletin of the State board of health, issued Saturday, says there is smallpox in twelve counties, and that in Cabarrus county there are 46 cases, 20 in Iredell and 25 in Wayne.

P. P. Claxton, Professor of Pedagogy at the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, has resigned to accept the Secretaryship of the Southern Educational Bureau recently established at Nashville, Tenn.

The Roanoke Island celebration committee will recommend to the general committee that the celebration last a month, probably in July; and that a company with \$250,000 capital, in shares of \$5 and \$10, be formed, and that congress be asked to appropriate \$250,000.

It is reported that the epidemic among the horses in Swan Quarter continues and as nearly as bad as when the mosquito was doing his work. State Veterinarian, Dr. Tait Butler, says the trouble is located in the brain. It attacks horses very suddenly and unless a remedy is found Hyde county will lose all its horses.

A State official says that State Treasurer Lacy need have no alarm about the State's finances this year; that since the State treasurer came into office, in the middle of last January, he has raised \$1,703,000 and yet much of the taxes for last year are unpaid. The tax on property valuation of \$320,000,000 will yield \$847,000.

Governor Aycock has commuted the death sentence of Drew Vaughan to life imprisonment. Vaughan was to have been hanged at Winton Wednesday. The Governor had granted Vaughan three respites. The negro was convicted on circumstantial evidence and doubt as to his guilt caused the Governor to commute his sentence.

The Jug Business.

The A. C. E. train which comes in from the north every afternoon, is now known as the "jug train."

Speaking of jugs, we find the following in the Lumberton Robesoman:

Fifty-seven jugs were put off at Lumberton in one day—many at Maxton, Red Springs and other places, but little drunkenness is reported. Fifteen hundred jugs left Hamlet on one shipment, much of which came to this county. It is a sad sight to see such a sinful waste of money.—Fayetteville Observer.

FINE LEVEL ITEMS.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. J. H. Worley is very sick.

There seems to be a lot of moving in our little town.

Mr. D. U. Oliver is the happy man. It's a great big girl.

Mr. J. F. Davis, of Durham, is spending a few weeks here.

Mr. Luther Barnes, of Wilson county, spent a few days in town.

Mr. B. L. Strickland and family, of Selma, spent Old Xmas in town.

The postoffice is moved once more. It is now in the Creech and Braswell house.

Mr. J. W. Green and family have left our burg for a home somewhere near Shiloh.

Mrs. C. Price is now living in Rev. J. H. Worley's house, recently vacated by W. J. Green.

Mrs. Ida Woodard and little Blanche, recently spent a few days visiting relatives and friends in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Lula Cotton, of Goldsboro, recently spent a few days here, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gerold.

Mr. P. C. Worley, of Plymouth, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday with his parents, Rev. J. H. Worley and wife.

Bob.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mr. Joseph Strickland, of Durham, spent a few days in our neighborhood recently.

Mr. Thos. J. Holt left for Chapel Hill Tuesday, where he will finish his course in medicine in May.

Messrs. J. F. and C. H. Sanders left for the Charleston Exposition Monday, to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley, of Princeton, spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith who have been quite sick at the home of Mr. W. A. Smith, are still very feeble.

Mr. Chas. S. Powell, Jr., left for Macon, Ga., Monday, to take a course in the Macon Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Austin and Miss Lena Rose, were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. J. F. Sanders and Miss Lillian Holt, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Bettie Lee Sanders in the Preston section.

Mr. C. T. Hill and Miss Lizzie Whitley were married at Smith's Chapel last Sunday. We bespeak for them a happy and prosperous future.

We welcome to our neighborhood Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lynch, of Wayne. Mr. Lynch has recently purchased Mr. C. Godwin's place on the river.

Misses Nellie Barbour, Mattie Hudson, Bertha Stevens, Annie Martin, Leon Stevens, Albert Barbour and Kenneth Ellington, attended Sunday School at Sanders Chapel last Sunday.

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AROUND GLENMORE.

Sheriff J. T. Ellington was here Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Martha Sanders is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Wellons at Smithfield.

Miss Helen Pearce, of Keno, who is teaching school at four Oaks, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Messrs. H. H. Brown, Percy and Henry Smith, of the Four Oaks section and Mr. — Hollowell, of Goldsboro, were in our section Thursday night.

The Sunday school at Sanders School House was reorganized Sunday. Mr. W. N. Lee is superintendent. It will meet every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.

Miss Alma Sanders, who was one of the committee appointed to solicit contributions to pay off the indebtedness of Antioch M. E. church, having raised the largest sum was awarded a lovely two dollar album.

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