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STATE NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

The citizens of Statesville will contribute \$500 per annum to maintain a Carnegie library valued at \$5,000.

The State has chartered the Southern Information Bureau of Asheville, with an authorized capital of \$25,000.

The State health bulletin reports diphtheria in 30 counties, typhoid in 57, malarial in 25, small pox in 13 counties.

A new hotel is to be built at Charlotte, with a capital of \$200,000, and to be conducted by the Gresham Hotel Company.

The Wells-Whitehead Cigarette Co., of Wilson, will have an exhibition at the St. Louis exposition costing them over \$5,000.

It is said that Charlotte speculators cleaned up about \$400,000 Thursday in the rise in cotton following the bullish government report.

The State board of agriculture, which was in session last week, appropriated \$1,000 to aid in pushing the movement for the Appalachian forest reserve.

Page Warren, who was serving a term on the Durham county roads, escaped recently and three days later was found dead in the woods. It is supposed he died from exposure.

Editor Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, has bought the Salisbury Truth Index and will change the name of the paper to the Globe. John B. Spillman will edit the paper.

Work is to begin at once on the new gymnasium for the University of North Carolina, the gift of ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, and which is to be in every way superbly equipped.

The post office at Mt. Olive, Wayne county, was robbed Thursday night of \$200 in cash and a lot of stamps. This is the second time the office has been robbed in six months.

The required number of names on the petition for an election for a dispensary at Wilmington have been obtained and an election will probably be called soon after the holidays.

J. R. Morris Esq., a prominent citizen of Morning Star township, Mecklenburg county, died suddenly Sunday morning while attending services at the Second Presbyterian church in Charlotte. He was 80 years old.

Capt. A. Y. Sigmon, a prominent citizen and business man of Hickory, died Friday night. He was a member of the State Senate in the Legislature of 1895 and was for several years prominently identified with affairs in Hickory.

Rufus Robertson, who stabbed and fatally wounded Hubbard Hasten at Kernersville on the 18th of November, has surrendered to the Forsyth officers and has been placed in jail. Whether he will plead insanity or self defense is not stated.

The Kinston Free Press says: Our Snow Hill correspondent notes that there swings in that town an old bell inscribed "Ceres of London, 1792." The bell has been doing duty for several generations, and is still in a state of perfect preservation and usefulness.

The Economist, published for thirty years at Elizabeth City as a weekly will be issued daily. Messrs. J. H. LeRoy, W. T. Old, W. L. Smith and others are interested in the new daily and have organized a company capitalized at \$10,000. The first issue will appear next week.

The North Carolina Synod, containing the Presbyterian churches in North Carolina, has 8 Presbyteries, 306 churches, 174 ministers and 36,762 members. Their reported contributions for 1902 were \$266,900, or \$7 per member. In Texas the contributions are \$11 per member and in Virginia \$11.—Exchange.

The Corporation Commission has ordered the Southern Railway and the Carolina and North-western R. R. to build a union freight and passenger depot at Hickory, with ample facilities for business.

The largest cotton cargo ever exported from a south Atlantic port was cleared by Alexander Sprunt & Son, at Wilmington Thursday. The cargo consisted of 17,000 bales and goes to Bremen, Germany, on the British steamer Anglo Saxon. The value of the cargo is \$1,020,000.

The Wilksboro Journal says that Mr. Thos. R. Gragg, of Rutherford, Watanga county, "has a boy four years old who weighs 84 pounds, and has 25 fingers and toes. He has seven fingers on the right hand and six on the left and six toes on each foot. He also has a girl seven years old who weighs 103 pounds."

Walter Ingram, who is or was teaching a school at Fair Grove, two miles from Thomasville, was arraigned before a magistrate at Thomasville Friday, charged "unmercifully whipping two small boy pupils." It was alleged that the teacher wore out five large switches on the boys. After hearing the evidence the magistrate reserved judgment until next Saturday.

A dispatch from New Bern says that W. B. Blades has been appointed trustee of the Farmers and Merchants' bank, wrecked by Cashier Dewey. The directors and stockholders agree to pay off all uncontested claims in 30 days from date, and all contested claims 30 days after their legality is proved. Cashier Dewey's stealings amounted to \$110,690. The liabilities exceeded the assets by \$20,000. Stockholders and directors will have to pay out considerable of their own money.

The Boone Democrat says that Caldwell county now has a female tax collector. After the death of Sheriff Estes, ex-Clerk McCall was appointed by the county commissioners to fill out his unexpired official term. But the tax books, of course, fell into the hands of the deceased's bondsmen, who appointed Miss Mary Estes, daughter of the late sheriff, tax collector. We are told that the young lady has fine business qualifications and is very attentive to business.

Sermon on Gambling.

Last night at the First Presbyterian church Dr. J. R. Howerton preached a strong sermon from 1 Timothy, 6:9-10, which was occasioned by the recent active speculations in the local stock exchange.

The discourse was opened with a statement of the economic conception of money, which teaches clearly that it is only a medium of exchange and is used to represent a labor value of hand or brain. From this fact he deduced the basic principle that any value received without a corresponding value in return is only theft or robbery; and that any man who, in his inordinate desire to become suddenly rich, employs such a method, must be regarded only as a thief and robber.

Taking a deep moral consideration of the matter, he deplored the fact that the spirit of the age is the spirit of a practical materialism, which in its iron grasp draws men further and further away from the spiritual life, until, by holding continually before them a glittering idol of gold, it brings the loss of their own souls. Especially did he lament its fascinating attractions for the young men of the country and the proneness with which they fall into its fatal snare.

The sermon was a clear diagnosis of the disease, a strong exposition of its swift progress and deadly character, and an eloquent appeal for its arrest and extermination at the hands of Christian people, and it will meet with the hearty approval those everywhere who love the cause of right.—Charlotte News, December 7th.

N. C. EDITORS IN WASHINGTON.

Many Courtesies Shown Them at the Nation's Capital.

It was our pleasure to attend the Mid-Winter Convention of the North Carolina Press Association, held in Washington City last week. The Convention was held in a hall of the National Hotel, the sign over the door being "The Improved Gas Co."

The meeting was called to order Wednesday morning by President H. B. Varner, editor of the Lexington Dispatch, and State Labor Commissioner, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, editor of The Christian Sun, offered prayer. Commissioner McFarland, of Washington, welcomed the editors to the Capital City in a short and felicitous speech, referring to the eminent men North Carolina had contributed to public life in Washington. Editor Henry London, of the Pittsboro Record, responded in his usual happy manner.



H. B. VARNER, President N. C. Press Association.

President Varner then read his annual address, a very thoughtful one, filled with much interest to the newspaper fraternity. Excellent papers were read by H. E. C. Bryant and J. J. Farris.

One of the features of the meeting was the splendid address on advertising by Mr. Joe Mitchell Chapple, editor of The National Magazine of Boston. Mr. Chapple is a young man of pleasing personality, who in a few short years, has risen from the position of editor of a local newspaper in a small North Dakota town to editor of a great magazine with more than 160,000 subscribers.

Thursday morning session of the Convention was enlivened by the injection of the Bassett affair in the form of a resolution condemning Bassett and the trustees of Trinity College for sustaining him.

After a warm discussion a committee consisting of Rev. P. R. Law, H. A. London, R. C. Beasley, J. A. Hartness and J. A. Thomas was appointed to prepare a suitable resolution condemning the act of the boys at Trinity College who hanged Joseph Daniels, a member of the Association, in effigy.

At the afternoon session this committee presented the following resolution: "Whereas the papers of to-day inform us that a brother member of this association has been hanged in effigy by students of Trinity College, one of the leading educational institutions of our State, for the apparent reason that he exercised the right of freedom of speech in his paper.

"Resolved, That this association regret the said action as an attempt to abridge the freedom of the press, and condemn it in the strongest language as contrary to the true spirit of the people."

Z. W. Whitehead offered a substitute condemning Bassett and the trustees of Trinity College. This received only three votes: Z. W. Whitehead, H. T. King and I. G. Cobb. It was the sense of the Convention that the Association as a body had nothing to do with Prof. Bassett or Trinity College, and that every editor had the right to express his individual opinion through the columns of his paper.

During the editors' stay in Washington they had many

kindnesses shown them by The Southern Printer's Supply Co., The R. P. Andrews' Paper Company, The Maurice Joyce Engraving Co., the North Carolina Delegation in Congress and the North Carolina Press Correspondents in Washington.

The first three named firms gave us a pleasant trip down the Potomac on the steamer Mac Calester to Mount Vernon, Washington's home, a theatre party at Chase's and a trolley ride over the city.

The North Carolina delegation in Congress gave us a carriage drive Friday morning, taking in the Treasury Department, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the National Museum and the Capitol.

We were given seats in the gallery for members' families, and saw the opening and adjournment of Congress. The session lasted only five minutes.

Immediately after the adjournment we were presented to Speaker Cannon, who expressed his gratification at meeting so many Carolina newspaper folks. The meeting was arranged by Congressman Klutz who introduced President Varner to the Speaker. Mr. Varner then presented the members of the Association to Mr. Cannon.

Quite a number of us were presented to Congressman William Randolph Hearst, editor of the New York Journal. Mr. Hearst pleased the ladies of our party by presenting each with a box of beautiful American Beauty roses.

Congressman E. W. Pou, of the Fourth District, gave all the members of the party from his district, together with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. C. Bryant, of Charlotte, a box party at the Columbia Theatre Thursday night, which was much appreciated.

Congressmen Page, Will Kitchen, Pou, Gudger, Klutz and Webb did all in their power to make the editors' stay in Washington pleasant. The other members of the North Carolina delegation could not be in Washington at the time.

Mr. Hubert Martin, private secretary to Congressman Pou, and Mr. Hale, private secretary to Congressman Patterson, did much for the pleasure of the party.

County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met here Monday in regular session, all the members being present.

The reports of the different county officers were read, approved and ordered recorded.

The petition for the new road leading from the Smithfield and Louisburg road to the Wilson's Mills and Selma road was rejected as there was objection to it.

Lonnie Evans, David Evans, N. G. Wiggs, R. V. Oliver, Thomas Bizzell and S. L. Talton were appointed jurors to lay out and establish a new road leading from the Massey school house in Boon Hill township to the Pine Level township line.

The resignation of Mr. B. M. Robertson as supervisor of roads in Clayton township was accepted. On petition of a large number of the citizens of Clayton township, Mr. M. G. Gulley was appointed in his stead at a salary of \$400 per year.

Tuesday the Board met in special session to pass upon the bonds of the various county officers and constables.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its scorching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists.

Needs of Government for the Next Year.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day transmitted to Congress the estimates of appropriation required by the government for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1905. The appropriations asked for, aggregate \$624,502,146, as against \$589,189,112 asked for the year 1904, and \$605,286,990, the amount of the appropriations for that year. The appropriations in detail follows:

Legislative, \$11,687,255.
Executive, \$320,000.
State Department, \$3,133,960.
Treasury Department, \$168,659,064.
War Department, \$131,350,033.
Navy Department, \$105,825,410.
Interior Department, \$163,093,386.
Postoffice Department, \$10,825,759.
Department of Agriculture, \$6,729,880.
Department of Commerce and Labor, \$14,933,955.
Department of Justice, \$8,035,440.
Grand total, \$624,502,146.

Following are the principal items in the several departments, in which there are important increases or decreases as compared with the appropriations for 1904.

Legislative—Salaries and expenses, increase \$145,000; public printing, etc., decrease \$155,000.

Executive proper—Salaries and expenses, increase \$8,400.

State Department—Foreign intercourse, increase \$319,000; permanent annual appropriations, decrease \$627,000.

Treasury Department—Public works, increase \$4,700,000; miscellaneous, increase \$1,000,000. District of Columbia, increase \$1,148,000.

War Department—Military establishment, increase \$2,596,000; public works, increase \$15,000,000; miscellaneous, decrease \$1,000,000.

Navy Department—Salaries and expenses, increase \$3,000. Naval establishment, increase \$16,000,000; public works, increase \$4,000,000.

Interior Department—Pensions, decrease \$1,695,000; public works, decrease \$284,000; permanent annual appropriation, increase \$2,000,000.

Agricultural Department—Salaries and expenses, increase \$751,000.

Department of Commerce and Labor—Labor, Salaries and expenses, increase \$1,125,000; public works, increase \$3,675,000; miscellaneous, increase \$1,295,000.

Department of Justice—Public works, increase \$175,000.

Superior Court Proceedings.

The December term of Johnston Superior Court convened here Monday with Judge R. B. Peebles presiding. The State was represented by Solicitor Armistead Jones.

The following grand jury was drawn and sworn in:

M. M. Gulley, Foreman, W. H. Earp, W. J. C. Richardson, Alex. Byrd, N. W. Bunn, J. E. Stanley, W. T. Stallings, A. J. Southard, J. B. Harrison, J. A. (Tobe) Lee, W. Thompson Kirby, J. S. Sullivan, J. G. Coats, S. T. Creech, R. D. Thomas, J. H. Yelvington, W. M. Edwards and J. R. Sullivan. Dock Stephenson was appointed officer of grand jury.

After the Judges charge to the Grand Jury the following cases were disposed of:

D. L. Flowers and A. Henry Barbour were tried for an assault with deadly weapon; both plead guilty and Flowers was sentenced to 6 months on the Smithfield roads. Barbour was sentenced to 60 days on the Smithfield roads and to pay the cost.

Z. B. Jones plead guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced to 4 months on the Smithfield roads and to pay the cost of the action. He was also found guilty of carrying

concealed weapon and was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, his term to begin April 5, 1904. He was also charged with the cost of this action.

Freeman Ennis was tried for assault and battery and was fined \$20 and cost.

Stanton Davis, Charlie Blackman, J. I. Blackman, Thomas Rose, and Bynum Davis were tried for an affray. Stanton Davis and Bynum Davis not guilty. Charlie Blackman, J. I. Blackman and Thomas Rose guilty. The Blackmans were fined \$40 each and one third the cost. Rose was fined \$20 and one third of the cost.

William McLean was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to four months on the Clayton roads.

Andrew Smith was found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and sentenced to two months on Clayton roads. He was also found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to four months on Clayton roads, the term to begin at the expiration of the first term.

R. R. Jones was tried for forgery, found guilty and sentenced to twelve months on the Smithfield roads.

Quite a number of other cases of a minor nature have been disposed of, judgment generally suspended on payment of cost.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Daniel J. Sulley & Company, Cotton brokers, of New York, estimate this year's cotton crop at 9,986,000 bales.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy has declined the gift of the new building, costing \$1,189,000, from the Christian Scientists of New York city.

Clayton Flowers, wife and three children were Tuesday burned to death at their home at Clarksburg, N. J. The only one of the family saved was the youngest child, thrown by the frantic, half suffocated mother from the window.

Frau Eischer, a woman lion-tamer at Dresden, while in a cage with four lions, struck one of them with a whip. The beast killed her with one stroke of his paw, and the other three joined in, the four maddened brutes fighting among themselves for fragments of her flesh.

In the district court of Cherokee county, Texas, Tuesday, as under the law he could not be hanged, Allen Brown, negro, convicted of attempted criminal assault, was sentenced to 1,000 years imprisonment in the penitentiary. This is probably the longest sentence on record.

According to the Government cotton report 407,199 bales of cotton had been ginned in North Carolina up to November 14th. The ginneries reporting were 2,652. The number of bales ginned in the United States up to same time amounted to 7,070,437, and the number of ginneries, 29,506.

A negro employed in the census office in Washington was suspended last week for writing a note to a white woman clerk in the same office in which he expressed his admiration for her and craved permission to make her a present of some jewelry. The note caused a good deal of indignation, but the negro was only following some of the examples set before him by men in high places.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.