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## STATE NEWS NOTES.

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

Mecklenburg now has 132 miles of macadamized road, valued at \$3,000 per mile.

Six of the employes of the penitentiary at Raleigh weigh an aggregate of 1,480 pounds.

The Christian Scientists are building a church at New Bern. The corner stone has been laid.

The school fund apportionment in Durham county is \$3 per capita—the largest in the State.

Natural gas has been discovered in Rowan county in quantities, and of a highly combustible nature.

Durham, which is now a prohibition town, has placed a tax of \$50 per annum on druggists who sell whiskey.

The steam laundry at Washington burned Friday night. The plant was owned by Messrs. Rodman and Grimes.

Marshall Broadway, colored, who was fearfully gored by a hog in Charlotte several weeks ago, died Saturday of blood poisoning.

Ezekiel Blizard, said to be 101 years old, died last week at his home in Bladen county. He was a veteran of three wars—Mexican, Indian and civil.

Representative Gudger, of the Asheville district, has introduced in the House a bill appropriating \$60,000 to enlarge the public building at Asheville.

Those in charge have at last secured a site in Charlotte for the Crittenton Home for Fallen Women and the work will begin at once on the building.

The Academy of Music, at Raleigh, has been ordered closed by Chief of the Fire Department Woolcott, on account of inadequate fire escape arrangements.

Mrs. Melvina White, who died at Winston Thursday, left the bulk of her estate to the Oxford Orphanage. Relatives are talking about contesting the will.

The Gazette says Gaston county leads the State in the assessed valuation of land, the average per acre being \$13.43. The average in the State is only \$4.35.

Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, of Wilmington, voted down a resolution of condolence at the death of General Longstreet, Friday night in their regular meeting.

The graded school building at Boomer, Wilkes county, was burned last week. The building and contents, including piano, furniture, books, etc., are a complete loss, estimated at \$6,000.

Miss Julia Howell, who for three years has been executive clerk to Governor Aycock, has resigned, and is succeeded by Miss Lillian Thompson, the daughter of Mr. John W. Thompson, of Raleigh.

The report of the State Board of Health says there is smallpox in twenty counties. The total cases reported are 263, with nine deaths. Davidson county reports 115 cases and 8 deaths; Davie 85 cases, Forsyth 11, Perquimans 14.

The first issue of the Salisbury Globe, successor to the Truth Index, was issued last week. It is an 8 page paper, six columns to the page, and is issued weekly. The paper is owned and edited by Messrs. H. B. Varner and J. B. Spillman and is well gotten up.

The Governor has named February 24 as the date for the execution of Jabel Register, white, and Wm. Boggan, colored. Both were convicted of murder, their cases appealed and the Supreme Court has affirmed the lower court. Register was convicted of murder in Columbus county and will be hanged at Whiteville. Boggan killed a white man at Wadesboro and will be hanged there.

Mrs. W. M. Pegram, wife of Prof. Pegram, of Trinity College, died Sunday, aged 58. Deceased was a daughter of Rev. Braxton Craven, founder of Trinity, and her remains were taken to her old home in Randolph for interment. Her husband and five children survive.

The Durham depot matter—the building of a new union depot by the several roads entering Durham—which has been agitated so long and threatened to become a State issue, is apparently settled. The site for the depot has been bought and all hands are now agreed that it will be built sometime.

Petitions are now being circulated asking for an election to be held in Charlotte at which a vote will be taken on the question of prohibition and saloons, or dispensary and saloons. Which ever of the three candidates—saloons, prohibition or dispensary—gets the most votes will be elected. Both the last named are candidates against the first.

The commissioners of Wilson county have refused to issue license to sell liquor at any place in the county. At Wilson and Elm City saloons were voted out and a dispensary substituted, but at one or two small hamlets the liquor men won in elections held under the Watts law. They now threaten proceedings to compel the county commissioners to issue them license to sell liquor at such places.

The Durham and Southern Railway Company, of Durham, with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000, all paid in, was chartered Wednesday. The object of this company is to build and operate a railroad from Durham to Apex, a distance of about twenty miles. The incorporators are: B. N. Duke, New York; J. C. Angier, J. E. Stagg, C. W. Toms, F. L. Fuller and George W. Watts, all of Durham.

Prohibition went into effect in Durham on the 1st. Two beer dealers had license for the sale of beer beyond that time and they continued business. The city offered them the rebate due on their license and notified them that they must close or suffer the penalty. One accepted the rebate and closed. The other says he will continue to wholesale beer until his license expires and his right to do will be tested in the courts.

### Women Played Poker on the Train.

A man who came into Greensboro on one of yesterday's passenger trains said he saw a sight which caused him to open his eyes. It was two young women engaged in a game of poker with money as the stakes. These young women occupied two seats, one of which was turned so as to face the other. They played the game with great animation and seemed quite unconscious of the attention which they were drawing on themselves. They dealt in dollars, not pennies or dimes. It was a hot game from start to finish. The passengers witnessed it with eyes wide open with astonishment.—Greensboro Telegram, 5th.

### Points in Favor of Poker.

Playing the markets may not be gambling, yet poker is a fairer game and you can see where your money goes.—Durham Herald.

### Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Burzeton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## BRYAN IS HOME AGAIN.

### Tells of the Famous Men He Met While Abroad—Will Write of His Journey.

New York, Jan. 9.—The White Star steamer Celtic, on which William J. Bryan is a passenger, arrived today. The steamer was met at Quarantine by a committee of prominent Democrats, who had planned a reception to Mr. Bryan tonight at the Victoria Hotel. The committee was headed by former United States Senator Charles A. Towne, Melvin G. Pallister, Justice Samuel Seabury, and Henry George, Jr.

Mr. Bryan said he never felt better. Asked what sort of a trip he had, he said he believed it was a trip unique in winter trans-Atlantic travel. There were two and a half days of storm after starting and five days of glorious weather, almost dead calm, and then the last couple of days very rough and very high seas.

Coming up the bay, Mr. Bryan held a general reception. He declined to talk specifically for publication on the ground that he intended to write of his experiences and did not desire all the impressions he had gained to be old before his own writings had achieved print.

Mr. Bryan said he visited ten capitals and a part of Sweden. He spent fourteen hours with Count Colstou. He also saw Max Nordau, and Mr. Croker. He and Mr. Croker visited each other, he said.

"What did you say to each other?" was asked.

"I don't think he said anything of public interest. You must remember that I know less of what has been going on in this country during the last two months of my life." Mr. Bryan heard of the Chicago fire just as he was leaving Liverpool, but got none of the particulars. He expressed himself as greatly shocked when informed of the great loss of life.

Asked about the great men he visited, Mr. Bryan said that he thought Mr. Balfour, England's premier, one of the most scholarly he had ever met. He spoke in terms of high praise and gratitude of the manner in which he had been received and helped by Ambassador Choate and all the other American representatives to whom he had applied.

"I met President Loubet, of France," Mr. Bryan said, "and found him very pleasant. President Deucher, of Switzerland is a very genial man, with German characteristics strongly marked. The Czar of Russia also appeared to me to be very charming. The crown prince of Denmark is affable and friendly to a degree. With the exception of President Loubet all of them spoke English well. I enjoyed the visit to the Vatican and was presented to the Pope by Father Kennedy, the head of the American college in Rome. The Pope did not speak English. I was greatly impressed with the friendly feeling everywhere exhibited to the American people. I don't think it was the friendship of awe. They seemed to like us."

"Do you agree with other travelers that the people are really more the rulers in England than in this country?" he was asked.

### Clarence H. Poe.

The most important newspaper event at the close of 1903 was the purchase of the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh by a company headed by Mr. Clarence H. Poe. Mr. Poe is one of the youngest editors in the State, although he has been on the Farmer several years; but notwithstanding his youth he is one of the ablest editors in the State, ranking second to none. We congratulate the farmers of North Carolina that their paper is in the hands of such a young man. Mr. Poe has associated with himself the two ablest agricultural specialists in the South, Mr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and Mr. C. W. Burkett, Professor of Agriculture in the North Carolina

A. & M. College. These three men will make the Progressive Farmer the ablest farmer's paper in the South; and we predict for it a circulation of 50,000 copies weekly.

Mr. Poe came direct from the farm to the editor's chair. He has risen from the bottom to the top, without the aid of education or of special friends. Without the advantages of academy or college he has acquired an education more genuine and more useful than that possessed by many a college graduate or college professor. His rise is, therefore, an inspiration to every young man in North Carolina, assuring especially to those who are denied the advantages of school and college that there is a way, if not better at least not worse.—Biblical Recorder.

### Royal-Johnson.

In the presence of a few relatives and invited guests, there was solemnized in Benson today at 3:30 p. m., a marriage that binds Benson and Dunn closer together. It was the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Wade H. Royal, of the Royal Grocery, of this place, and Miss Lula Johnson, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, of Benson.

The home of the bride was beautifully and tastily arranged for the occasion and Rev. E. M. Snipes said the ceremony that bound the young people for life.

A reception was tendered at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the ceremony and the young couple then drove to Dunn and are happily situated in their new home just completed.

They have a number of friends in Benson and Dunn and the Banner joins them in congratulations and best wishes.—Dunn Banner, 6th.

### Langley-Allen.

On Wednesday afternoon January 6th, at 7:30 o'clock quite a party of relatives and near friends of the contracting parties gathered at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. T. B. Allen to witness the nuptial ceremonies of Mr. John W. Langley and Miss Genevieve Allen.

The marriage rites were performed in an impressive manner by Rev. N. B. Strickland of the Holiness Church.

After the popularity of the bride and groom was attested by the presentation of presents and congratulations, a call was heard from the dining-room. A most delightful supper was served and enjoyed by the assembled friends. The attendants were as follows:—Mr. C. L. Guy, of Dunn, with Miss Emma Strickland, Mr. J. Wilkins, of Dunn, with Miss Louie Allen, Mr. Tom Allen with Miss Mattie Beasley, Mr. N. G. Rand with Miss Martha Massengill, Mr. Ransom Allen Jr., with Miss Lilly Upchurch, Mr. Robert Massengill with Miss Lizzie Sanders, Mr. Leamon Britt with Miss Callie Massengill.

Mr. and Mrs. Langley left the 7th inst. for Dunn and Raleigh. They will make Dunn their future home. Wishing for them a long and happy life. May their pathway be clouded enough to make the sunshine brighter.

Jan. 13. ANONYMOUS.

### The Gamblers in a Bad Way in Charlotte.

It is now apparent here that gambling in a small way is out of the question. If you play poker the recorder will get you, if you play cotton you will be devoured by the terrible bears.—Charlotte Observer.

### Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but this can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## FIFTY-TWO PERISH.

### Steamer Clallam Sunk in the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 9.—The steamer Clallam, of the Seattle-Victoria fleet, went down early this morning midway between Smith Island and Dungeness, in the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Fifty-two persons were drowned.

Every woman and child aboard the Clallam perished. Within three miles of shore, and at a time when it appeared certain the Clallam had been saved, a desperate effort was made to save the women and children in the life boats. They were placed in the first boat to leave the ship which Captain Lawrence, a Yukon pilot, volunteered to command and which was manned by deckhands.

The frail craft went down within sight of the Clallam, and a second life boat, filled with male passengers and in command of Second Officer Curran was probably lost a few minutes later. Aboard the Clallam watchers saw waves sweep passengers from their hold on the seats and hurl them into the waters. Though the life boat was righted later, diligent search has failed to find a trace of her. More passengers and members of the crew were lost when a third life boat was swamped in an attempt to launch it.

Three passengers were picked up by the steamer Babata, who had fastened life preservers around their bodies. They had died from exposure, and their bodies were brought to Seattle today.

### The Way It Goes.

The Landmark printed a few weeks ago the story of the Charlotte people who had won thousands and thousands speculating in cotton. There was an intimation, as everybody conversant with the business knows, that there would be another story to tell ere long; and the other story has arrived. When cotton was going up by leaps and bounds it is estimated that speculators in Charlotte alone won from \$175,000 to \$300,000. Last week the market went down and those who were still holding on—as doubtless practically all of them were, in the hope of winning more—lost all they had won and more. Here is a sample: One man, of small means, invested \$200 and won \$4,000. This was a fortune to him. But he didn't stop. He held on, the greed of gain calling for more. When the drop came he lost the \$4,000 and several hundred dollars additional—all the money he had. This same thing was repeated in greater or less degree in cities, towns and hamlets all over the South. The mania for gambling in cotton became infectious. Men who had never risked a cent on a game of chance before risked their all. They won heavily until the reaction came. Few quit in time—and those who didn't lost all and more. It was ever thus. But those who came after refuse to heed the warnings of those who foresee the evil, or to profit by the example of those who have gone before.—Statesville Landmark.

### Wonderful Nerve

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c, at Hood Bros.

### A Good Business.

What is it? Answer, farming. For years farmers have been abandoning their farms and moving to town, saying that farming does not pay. Many men brought their children to town to labor in cotton factories. Then farm products were low. But now they are almost double what they were then especially

food products and cotton. When did you ever see a better time for farming than now?

If our young men would stick to farming and labor themselves, not relying so much on poor labor of men that have no interest in crops only to get their pay, and would improve their lands they would soon have nice houses and a competency.

How much better is that than laboring on a salary, and spending it all, and at the year's end have nothing to show for it. How much better if parents would remain on their farms and bring up their children to labor and their health would be so much better on the farm in open air than in the stifled rooms of factories.

We need vigorous people enjoying the manliness of farm progress, and the comforts of home life, homes made attractive by improving them, and farms made valuable by wise cultivation.—P. D. Gold in Wilson Times.

## RED RUIN AT DUNN.

### Fifty Thousand Dollar Fire Lays South Dunn Mfg. Co. in Ashes.

Dunn, N. C., Jan. 13.—The mammoth furniture plant of the South Dunn Manufacturing Company, one of the largest in the State, went up in a cyclone of flame at an early hour this morning, entailing a loss of \$75,000 on which there was insurance at \$34,750. The destruction of the plant was complete with the exception of the boiler, boiler room and dry house.

Mr. M. T. Young is president of the company, which, it is said expects to rebuild at once.

How the blaze originated is unknown. It is stated that there was no fire in the finishing department where the flames first burst out. When the alarm was given they had made such headway, however, that it was seen that any effort to check them would be futile. Efficient work by the fire department, however, prevented the extension of the conflagration to three other manufacturing plants in the immediate vicinity. Some valuable timber was saved from the flames.

The Atlantic Coast Line lost one box car in the blaze.

This is the third or fourth fire that has destroyed the labors of this enterprising company during its life of six or seven years.

A large stock of goods was on hand and the disaster, though powerless to crush the spirits of those upon whom it falls, will nevertheless be keenly felt.—News and Observer.

## About Answers to Invitations.

Many persons are ignorant on the points of etiquette that relate to the answering of invitations. Frequently, on account of uncertainty as to the proper time or wording of a reply one is made to appear rude, when such was far from the intention. Like all the prescribed forms of good manners, these are based on the principles of courtesy and consideration toward others. The rules are simple, but in certain details invariable, and anyone who wishes to move in good circles must thoroughly understand them. In The Delineator for February there is an article on the subject that can be consulted with entire confidence as to its reliability.

## A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros. Price 50 cents.