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GENERAL NEWS.

In two hours Saturday the Senate passed 416 private pension bills.

Six men were killed and twelve severely injured this week by an explosion in a coal mine near Birmingham, Ala.

A fearful snow storm and blizzard swept over Virginia Tuesday, the snow in some places being ten inches deep.

At Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday the Star Shirt factory was burned and 500 girls barely got out with safety, one dying from excitement.

Prince Eitel Frederick, second son of Emperor William, of Germany, was married in Berlin Tuesday to Princess Sophie Charlotte, of Oldenburg.

Because two negroes shot a railroad man at Springfield, Ill., Tuesday a mob of 1,000 men raided the negro quarter and burned a few houses and looted a saloon; the military was called out.

Houston Thomas, a young negro, of Fort Worth, Texas, was given 99 years at hard labor by a jury Tuesday for an attempted assault on Miss Koeltman, a young white girl. The negro pleaded guilty.

Dr. William S. Rainford, after 22 years of service, has resigned the pastorate of his New York church on account of ill health. He began with a little bunch of people, and quits the work with a membership of 7,000.

While on a train Tuesday near Lynchburg, Va., where he was being taken to escape lynching, H. L. Traynham, who murdered his father, was frightened to death, falling dead in the arms of the officer who had him in charge.

"The Struggle," a book written by Sidney C. Tapp, an Atlanta lawyer, and a Wake Forest graduate, has created a great stir. Rockefeller, Duke and Pierpont Morgan are said to be the villains of the story, and Hon. W. W. Kirchin the hero.

Three giant brothers named Phillips are among the new members of the British Parliament, and all are Liberals. Wynford Phillips, six feet three inches tall; Owen Phillips, six feet seven inches, and Ivor Phillips, six feet four inches. They are sons of Rev. Sir Erasmus Phillips.

Seth Nation, father of James, the assistant state auditor of Kansas, has no fear for the number 13. He was born on April 13, enlisted in the war on August 13, was nominated treasurer of Neosho county on September 13 and was inaugurated on October 13, and has had 13 children.

Saturday evening near Shreveport, La., a mob of five hundred men shot to death Wiltz Page, a negro aged thirty years, and afterwards burned the body near the town of Bienville Parish. The negro was captured, suspected of being the one who attempted a criminal assault on Sarah Gant, a 11-year-old school girl.

Record breaking exports of American agricultural machinery will be made to Russia this season. Three complete shiploads are to be forwarded to Black Sea ports within the next few weeks, and consignments will be made in other vessels to the same part of the world, which will bring up the total cargoes to more than 40,000 tons, representing a value of fully \$2,500,000.

Representative Keifer (Ohio), introduced a bill Monday to reduce the number of representatives in the House of southern states, because of the disfranchisement of negro voters. The bill makes the reduction as follows: Alabama, from 9 to 5; Arkansas, from 7 to 5; Florida, from 3 to 2; Georgia, from 11 to 6; Louisiana, from 7 to 3; North Carolina, from 10 to 6; South Carolina, from 7 to 3; Mississippi, from 8 to 3; Tennessee, from 10 to 8; Texas, from 16 to 12; Virginia, from 10 to 8.

Alderman for Roosevelt's Successor.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, native of Wilmington, N. C., has been proposed by the Hartford Courant as a suitable man for the Democrats to nominate for President in 1908. North Carolina hasn't had a President since Johnson and there is no reason why the country should not be blessed with an executive from the most Democratic Commonwealth in the Republic, even if he does now reside in the State that is "the mother of Presidents." Here is the Courant's editorial: "If Col. Harvey's suggestion about trying their luck in 1908 with a scholar find favor in the eyes of the Democratic brethren, they are by no means shut up to Col. Harvey's nominee—Dr. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, Dr. Eliot, of Harvard, is a little too old, perhaps, but there's Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, dean of the Yale Law School, not yet 53 and young for his age. He isn't a university president now, but he was. And there's Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, not yet 45 and one of the nicest Democrats living. Dr. Rogers is a New Yorker by birth; Dr. Alderman is a North Carolinian."

Dr. Alderman was born a Democrat in a city where a man's politics and his religion are as unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Whether in Wilmington, in Chapel Hill, in New Orleans, or Charlottesville, he has been a true Democrat "voting the ticket as it was printed," and therefore always voting right, and showing that he was peculiarly qualified to be chosen as the head of the university established by the foremost statesman the world has known. It would be like a fresh baptism of Jeffersonian Democracy to nominate and elect the next Democratic President from Monticello, who carries the keys of the University of Virginia. He would maintain the dignity of the college president, but he wouldn't walk on stilts at the White House and forget the boys in the trenches; he wouldn't carry a Big Stick but would lean on the staff of Jefferson; he would maintain the Monroe Doctrine as Monroe promulgated it; and he would take more interest in educating the children in the United States proper than in putting education into the naked Filipino at the point of a gun.—News and Observer.

Anti Negro Rioting at Springfield.

Springfield, O., Feb. 28.—The riot and race war, begun here last night as a result of the shooting of Mr. M. Davis, a railroad man by Ladd and Dean, colored, was continued tonight, the eight companies of troops called out to assist the local officials in preserving order, not being able to prevent the destruction of two houses and the partial demolition of a dozen or more tonight at the hands of the mob. Up to midnight no casualties had occurred and the riot had consisted mainly of marching mobs which either set fire to, or stoned the homes of negroes. Hundreds of people were in the streets and the excitement continues intense.

Negro Man 112 Years Old.

Goldboro, N. C., Feb. 23rd.—"Uncle" Bob Lane, a well known colored man about town, boasts of the fact that he is one hundred and twelve years old, and has the court records to prove his claim. Uncle Bob was bought by Mr. W. K. Lane from a Mr. Jernigan in 1848, and his age was recorded at that time as fifty-four years. The old darkey is still enjoying very good health, and goes about the streets as he pleases. He is very polite and industrious.

The joy of the home and its protector against the sudden and hence dangerous diseases—Vick's Croup and Pneumonia Cure 25c. Every true home will secure a bottle of Hood Bros.

STATE NEWS.

The Catholics of Wilmington, N. C., are planning to erect a cathedral to cost \$75,000.

Dillsboro, a small place near Asheville, N. C., had a disastrous fire Saturday which came near destroying the place.

The Knights of Pythias in Washington, N. C., will soon erect a large and up-to-date lodge building to cost \$10,000.

The State Mutual Life Insurance Company was organized at Kinston Saturday with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and \$50,000 paid in.

A negro boy, Walter Burdge, aged 15 years, was run over and killed by a local freight train on the Southern Railway near Auburn last week. He boarded the freight to take a ride, slipped and fell under the wheels.

Dave Hall, aged 73 years, who was tried last week at the Federal Court in Asheville for blockading. He pleaded that he was his father's baby boy and wanted to go home and see his parent who was dying. His request was granted.

Two bills of local interest in North Carolina have just been introduced in Congress by Senator Simmons. One of them provides for an additional circuit judge in the fourth judicial district. The other appropriates \$25,000 for the construction of a driveway and approaches from Raleigh to the national cemetery near that city.

John H. Hodges, of West Durham, on Saturday night dragged his wife from her sick bed and shot her to death. The six children of the mother witnessed the murder, and were afraid to speak when the brutal father and husband drew his pistol and fired the fatal shot into the heart of his wife. One son, the oldest, did enter protest and did what he could to prevent the terrible deed.

Capt. Jones Must Serve His Sentence.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 26.—The supreme court of appeals of Virginia, with all the judges concurring, has denied a writ of error in the case of Captain E. W. Jones of the Virginia National Guard, convicted of the murder of Maud Cameron Robinson, formerly of Selma, N. C., and given eighteen years in the penitentiary.

This means that Captain Jones gets no new trial and must accept the sentence of the jury in full, unless after the expiration of half of his sentence he should be allowed a conditional pardon under the Virginia law governing such pardons.

The Robinson girl's head was almost severed with a razor.

Coming Cotton Conference.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, in an interview today said.

"The coming conference between representatives of the various spinners' associations of this country and Europe with representatives of the Southern Cotton Association, to be held at Washington May 1st will discuss thoroughly the present methods of trading in cotton futures in New York, New Orleans and Liverpool. Representatives of these exchanges have been invited to attend the coming conference, as better methods in the exchanges are greatly desired both by the spinners and the producers."

David B. Henderson, formerly speaker of the National House of Representatives died Sunday afternoon at Mercy Hospital, in Dubuque, Iowa, of paresis, which attacked him nine months ago. Col. Henderson began to sink Friday afternoon, rallied Saturday morning, but in the afternoon lapsed into unconsciousness and failed rapidly until the end came.

For Formula on Bottle.

Washington, Feb. 27th.—Representative Webb occupied the attention of the inter-state commerce committee of the house for a time to-day in advocating a favorable report upon his bill providing that every manufacturer of medicine for inter-state shipment shall have printed on each bottle in the English language, the name of the ingredients contained in each bottle or package. At the conclusion of the address Chairman Hepburn said that he felt that the North Carolina member had thrown much light upon the subject of decided importance, and there appeared to be only a single member of the committee, Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, who has any objections to the bill. He fears that the proposed measure might come in conflict, in some way, with the state's rights doctrine. Mr. Webb was asked if he had any objection to the incorporation of his bill in the pure food law and replied that this course was satisfactory to him, as his first desire was to correct evils complained of without reference to the question of whose name the bill should bear. Editor Hapgood, of Collier's Weekly, will be here to-day to confer with Mr. Webb about his subject, it being a matter to which the publication mentioned has of late devoted much space. The bill does not require the proportion of ingredients to be printed on the bottle unless the bottle contains opium, cocaine, morphine, chloral or alcohol.

A Weighty Sermon.

The clergyman preached a rather exhaustive sermon the other Sabbath from the text, "Thou are weighed in the balance and found wanting."

After the congregation had listened about an hour some began to get weary and went out; others followed; greatly to the annoyance of the minister. Soon another person started, whereupon the preacher said: "That's right, gentlemen; as fast as you are weighed, pass out."

He continued his sermon some time after that, but no one disturbed him by leaving.—Ex.

Trial of Mr. Matthews.

Greensboro, N. C., February, 28.—Dr. J. B. Matthews was placed on trial this afternoon, accused of having caused his wife's death last December by injecting strychnine into her veins while feigning prayer at her bedside. Three physicians were in the room at the time the act is said to have been committed, one of them, the county coroner, who swore out the warrant. Dr. Turner made an analysis of the contents of the syringe, and declared it to be strychnine, and on this basis the indictment was returned. Today it transpired that a chemist at the University of North Carolina made a test of the fatal syringe at Dr. Turner's request and declared it to be morphine. A jury was selected today and the examination of witnesses will begin tomorrow.

Was the Mother of 25 Children.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 26.—Heart disease caused the death yesterday of Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, mother of 25 children and a great-grand mother. She married when 14 years old, was the youngest child in a family of 27 children, and her father was the youngest member of a family of 30 children.

Mrs. Conway was 59 years old. Her mother died at the age of 99 years. Mr. Conway's mother lived to be 100 years old and his father was 102 when he died. The dead woman was the mother of nineteen sons and six daughters.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 25c.

WOULD CHECK FREE SEEDS.

Unless the House reverses the action of the Committee on Agriculture there will be no free seeds to distribute among the farming constituents in the next fiscal year.

The subcommittee of the Committee on Agriculture, when this item was reached, found some disagreement among the members, but the appropriation was kept in the bill in accordance with the usual custom of many years.

When the matter came before the full committee, however, there was much discussion of the subject, culminating in the motion of Mr. Cocks, of the Long Island district, in which the President lives, that the item be stricken out.

This action was taken by a vote of 8 to 7. It is likely to precipitate the liveliest sort of a row in the House, where both sides of the question are warmly championed.—Washington Post.

German in City Hall.

The dancing school that has been conducted here for the past several weeks by Miss Nellie Matthews, came to a successful close last Friday evening when the young men of the Neuse German Club tendered a most enjoyable German, complimentary to the visiting young ladies of the town, in the new City Hall, which was then opened to the public for the first time.

The music was furnished by the Italian Orchestra of Wilson, the German being skilfully lead by Miss Matthews and Mr. Peacock, who introduced many new, beautiful and intricate figures. Among those dancing were the following:

C. S. Peacock and Miss Nell Matthews; R. R. Holt, Miss Estelle O'Berry; Raymond Wilson, Miss Bessie Poe Law; James Crawford, Miss Carrie Woodard; J. H. Abell, Miss Dixie Moore; Paul Davis, Miss Evie Wilson; J. A. Campbell, Miss Annie McGuire; S. W. Myatt, Miss Lena Hicks; Walter Grantham, Miss Ruth Young; Charlie Sanders, Miss Mary Hill; R. M. Myatt, Miss Mildred Young; J. W. Moore, Miss May Moore; E. F. Boyett, Miss Rosa Peacock; H. P. Stevens, Miss Marie Abell; Owen Meadows, Miss Annie Ibrie Pou; Ransom Sanders, Miss Annie Peacock; Mr. H. L. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner; Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Broadhurst and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fuller.

Stags: Meadows, C. A. Price, of Wilmington; Messrs. Mercer and Bryant, of Wilson.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt, Mrs. Edward W. Pou, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Sanders.

The pleasure of the occasion was enhanced greatly by the presence of many spectators, among whom your reporter noted the following: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, Mrs. W. L. Woodall and Miss Pool, Mrs. Ed. S. Abell, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Holt, Mrs. Boyett, Miss Glasgow, Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Mrs. W. T. Adams, Mrs. D. L. Godwin.

REPORTER.

There were fewer marriages in Indiana during 1905 than during 1904, and more divorces. The present divorce rate is one to every seven marriages; in 1904 it was one to every eight marriages. The present Massachusetts ratio is one divorce to every fifteen marriages, which is only about one-half the Indiana rate, but we are moving fast toward the latter level, for the Massachusetts divorce rate has been doubled in about two years.—Springfield Republican.

Albert Douglas, of Chillicothe, O., who defeated Grosvenor, the veteran congressman from the Eleventh Ohio district, is 53 years old, a lawyer and a good orator. He was a candidate for the republican nomination as governor of Ohio in 1898. He is a graduate of Kenyon College and of the Harvard Law School.

Cinderella Party at Kenly.

Kenly, N. C., Feb. 28th.—The Cinderella party given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church South, last night was a complete success. The color scheme of the entire home was red. Hearts pierced by Cupid's arrow were shown in profusion amid decorations. Music was rendered by Miss Lillian Ayres, our music teacher, and Miss Lula Sauls, of Norfolk, and sounded like the music on High Olympus. The prize was won by one of Wilson's most popular maidens, Miss Clara Paschall as Cinderella for wearing the smallest slipper. Those present from out of town were: Miss Paschall, of Wilson; Miss Sauls, of Norfolk; Miss Stevens, of Smithfield; Miss Moore, of Raleigh; and Miss Lillian Sanders, of Calypso. All present expressed themselves as having the time of their lives and the charming host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton, treated all exceptionally royally. The sum of \$35 was raised.

Two More Stills Raldded.

Revenue officers made a successful raid in Johnston County last evening and captured and destroyed two illicit distilleries less than a mile apart, operated within a short distance of a church. There was every indication that these stills have been running at this place for a year or more. One of the stills was not 250 yards from the public highway and within a mile of Oak Forest Church.

The raid was made about eight miles south of Four Oaks in Johnston County. In the posse were Deputies K. W. Merritt, J. H. P. Adams and D. C. Downing. The first still was a big one with fifty gallons capacity. It was near the road and had been operated within the past two or three days. The second still had sixty-five gallons capacity and had apparently been running that day. The moonshiners, however, at both places left before the officers arrived. The stills were cut up and burned. Not a little surprise is expressed that the illicit stills could have been successfully run in the locality and so near the church without being detected by the local officers in Johnston County.—Raleigh Times, Feb. 28th.

School Close in Pleasant Grove.

The school taught by Miss Sarah Stancil in District No. 5, Pleasant Grove Township, came to a close last Saturday with appropriate exercises.

Every feature of the entertainment was a success from start to finish. The large audience expressed themselves as being greatly surprised to find the recitations, declamations dialogues, etc., so well rendered.

A prize was offered for the best recitation, and also declamation. It was hard for the judges to determine to whom they were due. After deliberate consultation it was decided that Miss Lidie Parrish and Mr. M. V. Hardee were the successful competitors, with Masters Willie Cobb and Eddie Parrish second best.

The school was a success from the beginning, and Miss Stancil is one of the best teachers it has been our privilege to have in our midst.

SPECTATOR.

Benson, R. F. D. No. 3 Feb. 27.

Torture by Savages.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys," says W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., "Nothing helped me until I tried Electric Bitters, three bottles of which completely cured me." Cures Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Blood disorders and Malaria; and restores the weak and nervous to robust health. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists. Price 50c.