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## STATE NEWS.

The Watauga Democrat says the elegant mansion of Mr. Moses H. Cone, at Blowing Rock, is about completed. It cost about \$75,000.

Senator Marion Butler will go to Raleigh March 5, and says he will devote all his time to the practice of law and his newspaper, the Caucasian.

The Danville Bee says: "There was once talk of impeaching Governor Russell, of North Carolina, but he escaped, and went out of office in a blaze of glory."

A movement has been sprung in Albemarle for a dispensary, and an application will probably be made to the present Legislature for its establishment.

The saloons are again open in Greensboro. The bars closed just nine months ago to make room for the dispensary. Since that time there has been no end of agitation of the liquor question.

The Legislature gives the superior courts jurisdiction of the offense of cruelty to animals. Heretofore this has been entirely in the jurisdiction of magistrates, and the enforcement of the law has been very poor.

A pamphlet entitled "Forty Years a Pastor," being "an account of the proceedings of the fortieth anniversary celebration of the pastorate of the Rev. Jethro Ruple, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church of Salisbury, November 18-20, 1900," has been issued.

The postoffice authorities are certainly making things lively for negro postmasters in eastern North Carolina. Quite lately several have been arrested and some have been dropped. It is significant that in no cases have the vacancies been filled by negroes.

The Southern Railway Company has gained a damage suit. The Greensboro Telegram says that it happened Wednesday when the jury brought in a verdict of no damages for Mrs. Anna Fuqua, of Reidsville, who sued for \$2,000. She was hurt while stepping off a train in Salisbury.

One of the most brutal murders that was ever committed in Rowan county occurred near Spencer Saturday night when Dillard Cox, of Winston, was shot and killed by Sam Malone, of Davie county, both colored. Malone not content with shooting his victim twice dragged him out from under a church where he had crawled to die and stamped him.

Some time ago it was announced that Dr. Charles D. McIver, President of the State Normal and Industrial College, would undertake to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000 for the institution by securing 1,000 subscriptions of \$100 each. Already quite a number of subscriptions have been received, and the indications are that the entire amount will be raised during the present year.

As the Southern fast mail train, No. 35, southbound, was passing between Salisbury and Spencer, Saturday night parties standing upon an embankment about on the level with the car windows fired a shot gun at the train and also threw a large piece of scrap iron through a window. The shot shattered a window of the day coach. No one was injured, but a passenger in the day coach had a narrow escape. There is no clue to the miscreants.

Captain W. H. Kitchin died at Scotland Neck last Saturday night at 9 o'clock. He had been ill for about two weeks with pneumonia. Captain Kitchin was well known throughout the state, and his death will be greatly regretted. He was held in high esteem, being elected first to the state legislature and afterwards to congress. He was the father of Hon. W. W. Kitchin, congressman from the fourth district, and of Hon. Claude Kitchin, in congress from the second district of this state.

## Caring for the Veterans.

North Carolina Confederate Veterans' Association in session at Raleigh last week unanimously adopted the reports of committees and memorialized the legislature to appropriate \$20,000 for the maintenance of the soldiers' home here and \$5,000 for new buildings and the preservation and repair of the present ones; that the pension tax be increased from 3 1/3 per cent to 5 cents on property; that all Confederate soldiers with honorable records, who have reached the age of seventy, not able to support themselves and are not worth \$500, and all widows of Confederate soldiers who were married prior to the close of the war have reached the age of sixty-five who, for any cause, are unable to support themselves and are not worth \$500 shall be enrolled on the pension list; that there be no further pension legislation; that the state be asked to publish a new and correct record of North Carolina troops in Confederate service, the present one being incomplete and with many errors.

It is expected that in Stokes county the tobacco acreage will be reduced one-third. Many tobacco growers are leaving the country and going to the cotton mill towns. Another cause of the decline of the tobacco-growing industry is the buying out by the trust of so many of the principal factories at the various markets.

## BILL ARP ON IGNORANCE.

The Bartow Philosopher Writes of the Schools and Paper.

Sixty years ago there was some excuse for ignorance; we had but few schools in this southern land and not a dozen newspapers in the state. There were not half as many reading books in all our town as I have now in my small library of 400 volumes. In our schools we had a blue back spelling book, Smiley's arithmetic, Murray's grammar, Smith's geography and the English reader. To master these was considered a good old field education. I have on my shelf a copy of that same old English reader. A good lady sent it to me not long ago, and I almost wept over its delightful pages for there is no school book now published that has so choice a selection of varied reading both in prose and poetry. I have a letter from an old gentleman in Florida asking where he will find a little poem that his mother taught him and some of which he has forgotten. "It begins," he said, "Pity the sorrows of a poor man." I do not know where he will find it, except in the old English reader. It was written in 1709 by Thomas Moss, and was quoted by Dr. Johnson and Goldsmith. Both loved the pathetic, and nothing more pathetic was ever written.

Pity the sorrows of a poor old man  
Whose trembling limbs have born him to  
your door,  
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest  
span;  
Ah! give relief and Heaven will bless your  
store.

Those tattered clothes my poverty bespeak;  
Those hoary locks proclaim my lengthened  
years,  
And many a furrow in my grief-worn cheek  
Has been the channel to a flood of tears.  
Oh, take me to your hospitable home.  
Keen blows the wind and piercing is the  
cold;  
Short is my passage to the friendly tomb.  
For I am poor and miserably old.

These are some of the verses, and in another occurs the line often quoted:

"A pampered menial drove me from the door."

This copy of Murray's English reader was printed in London two years before Queen Victoria was born. It was the text book in most of the schools when I was a boy, and from it we got our speeches and learned how to bow and gesture and give accent and emphasis. This book, with the teacher's aid, gave us an idea of elocution and how to read impressively, and I wish it was in all our schools today. We have good scholars, but very few good readers. It is rare to find a preacher who can emphasize his text on a chapter or a hymn. Every college, and especially every theological seminary, should have a professorship of reading and speaking. I remember hearing an eloquent divine preach a sermon from the text, "My sin is ever before me," and such was his utterance of that lamentation of David and such his profound and solemn rendering of the enduring consequences of sin, that all his hearers were deeply impressed. "My sin is ever before me" still rings in our memories.

I said that sixty years ago there was some excuse for ignorance, but nevertheless, that age and these schools produced many very notable men. The young people were eager for knowledge. A new book was a treasure in the house, and there was more time, more leisure, and Solomon says that "in leisure there is wisdom."

But now the books are almost in the way. They crowd us and surround us, and "the cry is still they come." Young people read an average of two or three a week, and forget the contents in a month. There are magazines in every household, and they contain our best literature—interesting and entertaining; newspapers flood the country by the millions. The New York World boasts that it published 240 million copies last year. Every county in our state has a county newspaper, and the editor of the Carrollton paper says the children read a great deal more than their fathers did and keep up with wars and politics and murders and suicides.

Then what is the matter. Bishop Candler wrote an excellent and instructive article recently on "The passing of great men." He never writes anything that does not give us food for thought, and I am thankful that he has not passed. Yet the day of great men has passed, not only in Georgia, but in all the south. Eloquence in the pulpit, the forum and the counties of the nation forty and fifty years ago was our pride and our boast, when we had among our preachers such noble and true men as George Pierce, Dr. Means, Longstreet, Jesse Mercer, Nathan Crawford, Dr. Tucker, Bishop Elliott and Beckwith, Joseph Stiles, Dr. Nixon, Dr. Goulding, and such lawyers and statesmen as Forsyth, Troup, the two Cobbs, Jenkins, Toombs, Stephens, Johnson, Walter Colquhoun and Ben Hill. There are twenty names given, and many more might be added, and it is a lamentable truth that their equals do not exist in Georgia today. This decay of great men is apparent in every southern state, and as for the north, there is nothing there now but plutocracy who buy their way into public office and defy trial or

criticism. The struggle for money is the curse of the age. It has smothered the nobler aspirations of our nature. "Get money; get money honestly if thou canst, but at all events get money" is now the motto. The common people want some, and the plutocrats want more. The masses of the people are on a strain. I am one of them, and I know how it is, for I have been on a strain ever since the war. It is buckle and tongue to keep in hailing distance of society. So many of our class have a rich man's ways and a poor man's purse that we have to hang on to the ragged edge of gentility. There are so many things nowadays that we are just obliged to have—things that did not exist in our antebellum days. Our boys must go to college to get smattering of books and a full text of athletics. Our girls must go to get polished and make college friends and receive visits and return visits after they graduate, and it takes money for clothes and money for railroad fare, and every now and then a girl gets married and chooses her college mates for her attendants, and that takes more clothes and a wedding present, and so forth, and so, fifth and sixth, and so on.

Oh, my country! When will this strain stop? There ought to be a miser in every family, or a rich old bachelor uncle who carried a big life insurance, and would die just at the right time and leave a fortune to his impecunious sisters or his nieces! Why, if I had a good bank account to draw on, I could write a more cheerful letter and take a hopeful view of things and keep calm and serene; but as it is, I find myself lamponing those West Point cadets, and I want those ringleaders—Barry, and Dockery, and Dual—handed down to posterity as the champion hazers, and their names put in a catalogue alongside of the duke of Alva to illustrate human brutality. But I didn't mean to say anything hard about the Tech boys who have been suspended. I have great hope for that institution, and admiration for the manner in which the boys received their discipline. Nobody thinks any less of them, for there was nothing mean or cruel in their thoughtless conduct, and every outside father sustains Mr. Lyman Hall and the faculty. Of course their mothers are deeply aggrieved. They always are when their sons are punished; that is a natural and beautiful trait in a mother's character. She clings to her boys, regardless of whether they are right or wrong. She is like a tigress when robbed of her whelps. I have received several letters from the mothers of those boys, and they defend them with earnest indignation. One of them concludes with, "Now, I am the mother of one of those boys you wrote about, and if you wish to play Diogenes, bring on your cane." But we have made friends, for she is a lady and a mother, and the poet says:

"A mother is a mother still,  
The noblest thing alive."

But I am not Diogenes, and it was not the mother, but the father that he caned, and I have not received a line from any of them.

BILL ARP.

P. S.—We see that General Charles King, of the United States army, is not only apologizing for the West Point hazing, but is defending them, and says it doesn't matter much, for boy will be boys. He writes in the Saturday Evening Post, and it is the poorest effort to excuse brutality I ever read. I reckon he was well paid for it.

N. B.—Judge Fite requests me to let everybody know that Bartow county is on the up grade and is going to build a thirty thousand dollar courthouse this year. We are out of debt, and have a good pile of money in the bank.

## Mrs. Nation Victorious.

TOPEKA, KAN., Feb. 7.—City Attorney Gregg to-day dismissed the charge held against Mrs. Nation for smashing the Senate saloon, on Tuesday. "The city has no ordinance covering the destruction of personal property," he said, "but under the laws of Kansas the State can prosecute Mrs. Nation, if what she destroyed can be proved personal property."

Mrs. Nation thanked him and then faced the women who had crowded the court room. She began to sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The court room was temporarily turned into a praise meeting.

## Hospital for Negroes.

Messrs. Washington Duke and B. N. Duke have given \$5,000 to the colored race at Durham with which to establish a hospital. For some time the leaders of the race in Durham have been agitating the matter with the result that the Messrs. Duke have become interested and given the amount named. Work will begin in the near future and a first class hospital will be erected in the southern part of the city. The amount given by the Messrs. Duke will be supplemented by other private donations. The cost of erecting the building and equipping the same will be from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The Southern Railroad Company has secured control of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.

The rumor that Emperor William will mediate between Great Britain and the Boers is renewed.

Seven thousand men are reported to have been killed or wounded in a battle with rebels in Abyssinia.

Gastonia has five well developed cases of smallpox, pronounced so to be by the city physicians.

Temperance workers in Charleston are trying to get Mrs. Nation to come here to smash the blind tigers.

It is very probable that an extra session of Congress will be called to convene immediately after March 4, when the present session ends.

A special from London says King Edward is doomed to die with cancer of the throat. Most distinguished specialists declare his days are numbered.

Ex-Congressman George D. Tillman died after a long illness, at his home at Clark's Hill, in Edgefield county, S. C., on the 2nd in the 76th year of his age. He was a brother of Senator Tillman and was a member of Congress from 1876 to 1893, when he was succeeded by the incumbent, Hon. J. W. Talbert.

The body of the dead Queen of England was carried from Cowes to Windsor through London the latter part of last week and laid to rest Saturday. Three million people lined the course of the procession, and an army was required to maintain order. Seldom, if ever, has there been such a funeral.

The announcement comes from Memphis, Tenn., that Robert R. Church, believed to be one of the wealthiest colored men in the South, has contributed \$1,000 for the entertainment of the Confederate Veterans at their annual reunion in that city in May next. Church was born a slave in Mississippi and spent his early days on a Mississippi steambot, of which his master was the owner and captain.

The House of Congress Saturday passed an omnibus bill carrying 191 claims for stores and supplies taken by the Union army during the civil war. The claims were passed on by the Court of Claims, aggregating \$344,480, and practically all the beneficiaries reside in the South. The bill to amend the Chinese exclusion act with a view to preventing the fraudulent entry of Chinese into the United States was passed, as were several other bills of minor importance.

Since the death of Queen Victoria, it has come to light that many London tradesmen and other speculators throughout the United Kingdom have been gambling on their sovereign's chances of life. Millions of dollars have been carried on Her Majesty's life in British insurance companies, these companies eagerly writing the insurance without, it is of course needless to say, requiring any examination of the Queen's physical condition and for the benefit of persons wholly unknown to her. The New York Commercial rightly calls this "a gruesome business," and notes with much satisfaction that the American companies doing business in London, "even under the temptation of big premiums and the acceptance of these by their British competitors," steadfastly refused to gamble on the chances of the Queen's life.

## Father Creedy on the Legislature.

Elizabeth City Economist.  
Our old friend London's capacious English whiskers have not unduly taxed the fertility of his editorial libel bill until we can see his head sticking out of the legislative rubbish heap, and snapping its eyes with joy. London is old and has given the brotherhood the privilege of saying cuss words with impunity.

Mecklenburg is a great county. It was first to shake off the British lion, and now it takes the lead in the North Carolina House in declaring its independence of dogs. Kipling, or some other wild poet, says:

"He who kicks my dog  
Has got me to kick."

We've got no dog. Our dog "kicked the bucket" last year. So Sid Alexander may kick my dog in North Carolina with no fear of a counter kick from us. Kick on Sid A. We'll never say "hold, enough," for we won't be in this fight against a "down dog."

A bill has been introduced in the House to prevent hunting on the lands of another without a written permission, and Senator Morton, who surely never went "coon hunting," wants to amend the bill by making it apply only to "coon and possum" hunters. Now, we protest. We protest as one who once wore the presidential honor of a "Coon and Possum Club." We appeal to Tom Riddick and all the other Xs of the venerable club to stand around Morton with clinched fists, and when Morton kicks our coon let him know he's got us all to kick. And we guess he'll sneak off with his tail twixt his legs, like a coon dog that got bit by a coon in a death grapple.

The wrongs of other people are continually getting mixed up with our rights.

## RECOMMENDS IMPEACHMENT.

The Committee Against the Judges—Vote on the Resolution 22 to 10.

RALEIGH, Feb. 7.—At 12:30 this morning (Friday), after a long session, the House judiciary committee, 37 members present, adopted a resolution in favor of impeaching Judges Furches and Douglas, by a vote of 22 to 10, some not voting. The resolution will be reported favorably to-morrow. Speeches against impeachment were made by Connor, Whitaker, of Guilford, and Ebbs, the latter a Republican, and in favor of impeachment by Rountree, Spainhour and others.

It is learned that the committee has been all the while fully two to one in favor of impeachment. Some who had not previously expressed themselves did so to-night.

The resolution of impeachment will be made the special order for next Thursday at 11 o'clock. All who voted in favor of the resolution based their action entirely on the report of the subcommittee, which was unanimous and which was signed by the five members of the subcommittee—Allen, Connor, Craig, Spainhour, and Graham. Among those voting for impeachment were Allen, Rountree, Craig, Winston, Hoey, Spainhour, Graham, Robinson, Carlton, Shannonhouse, Duls, Wilson, Stewart, Hayes, Guttis, Harris, Lawrence, Blount, Nicholson, McKethan. The latter and Carlton spoke in favor of impeachment.

An interesting fact in connection with any impeachment of this character is that if the Senate finds the accused guilty, there are two punishments—one, removal from office and the other forfeiture of citizenship and deprivation of the right to hold office, either of which, or both, may be inflicted.

The resolution adopted to-night is simply to report the Craig resolution of impeachment favorably. The Republicans were given until next Thursday to file a minority report. The Democrats will not sign this minority report, but reserve the right to oppose the Craig resolution and offer a substitute therefor if they see fit, when the matter comes up in the House. If the House adopts the resolution and presents it to the Senate, Judges Furches and Douglas will cease to perform the functions until the termination of the trial.

Judge Connor to-night read the resolution of condemnation of the judges' conduct which he had prepared, but did not ask its consideration or insist upon its adoption, as there was no disposition to support it, lines being clearly drawn either for impeachment or against it.

Gentlemen who came in from various parts of the State speak of the impeachment matter. Your correspondent asks questions right and left and can say frankly no one person has as yet been found who favored it. A Democrat from the west: "I am against it. I oppose jumping on the under dog in the fight. That's what the Supreme Court is. Already sympathy is being expressed for the judges." A veteran ex-chairman said he considered it ill-advised and had heard no one commend it. A newspaper man said it had been a hasty affair; that the impeachment of Holden was considered in caucus a fortnight and many of the ablest lawyers were asked to attend the caucus and give their views.

## Four Expelled for Hazing.

John Hicks, a cadet from Rockdale, Tex., at the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington Va., and a member of the third class, has been expelled from the institute, primarily for hazing. He was in the act of striking a fourth classman plebe after the manner of "bucking," a sport in vogue here many years, when an inspector ordered him to his room, under close confinement. Soon after, Hicks broke his arrest, and his expulsion followed for this act, but the hazing caused his misfortune and his expulsion from the "West Point of the South."

His application for reinstatement was refused by Gen. Shipp, the superintendent, and he has gone to his home. Hicks is the fourth student expelled from the Virginia Military Institute for hazing during the present session, three being sent away at one time during the past fall.

## Indorses Mrs. Nation.

Speaking of the saloon-smashing work of Mrs. Carrie Nation, Mrs. Martha J. Skinner, president of the W. C. T. U. of Cincinnati, said last week: "My heart is with Mrs. Nation. She is in the right, and doing a grand thing for Kansas. A few years ago the temperance union started a praying crusade. That failed, and now it is time to take up the sword. Understand, I do not sanction lawlessness. Mrs. Nation's method could not be employed in Cincinnati, for our saloons are licensed; but in Kansas she has the law with her. If the Governor and officers of that great State refuse to execute its laws it is the duty of its citizens to demand and see to their enforcement."

The most important case on the civil docket at Iredell court this week is B. F. Long against the Southern Railway for \$50,000 damages for killing his son at University Station in 1899.

When a man can't do anything else he can develop into a chronic kicker.

## TEN DEMOCRATIC DISTRICTS.

Speaker Moore's Bill for a Redistricting of the State.

Another bill redistricting the State for the election of Congressmen was introduced in the House last week. Its author is Speaker Moore, and the text of the bill is as follows:

"An act to apportion the several Congressional districts:  
"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
"Section 1. That for the purpose of selecting Representatives of the Congress of the United States the State of North Carolina shall be divided into ten districts as follows:

First—Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

Second—Bertie, Edgecombe, Granville, Halifax, Northampton, Vance, Warren and Wilson.

Third—Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pender, Sampson and Wayne.

Fourth—Chatham, Franklin, Johnston, Nash, Randolph and Wake.

Fifth—Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Rockingham and Stokes.

Sixth—Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnet, Moore, New Hanover and Robeson.

Seventh—Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Surry and Yadkin.

Eighth—Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Iredell, Union, Watauga and Wilkes.

Ninth—Burke, Catawba, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey.

Tenth—Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain and Transylvania.

Section 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.  
This bill, Mr. Moore says, makes all the ten districts Democratic as the following statistics, based on the recent census and vote for Aycock, show:

| Districts | Population | Dem. Maj. |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| First     | 181,063    | 7,633     |
| Second    | 181,766    | 16,056    |
| Third     | 180,336    | 8,050     |
| Fourth    | 189,614    | 5,914     |
| Fifth     | 180,404    | 2,473     |
| Sixth     | 186,623    | 8,942     |
| Seventh   | 199,253    | 4,238     |
| Eighth    | 194,829    | 2,557     |
| Ninth     | 193,830    | 2,114     |
| Tenth     | 201,077    | 2,589     |

## No Cigarettes in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 31.—To-bacco dealers in this city have received notice of the final passage of the anti-cigarette bill and its signature by the governor.

They will discontinue sale and return their stock on hand to the manufacturers.

It is stated that the sale of cigarettes is practically stopped all over the state. Intimations are given that the constitutionality of the law will be tested.

## Cleveland's Hope.

Grover Cleveland has sent a letter to the Jackson County Democratic Club, of Kansas City, regretting his inability to attend its meeting and speak on the subject: "Democracy—Its Past and Future." He says:

"May I join you in the expression of a hope that the address your club contemplates along the line suggested will bear good fruit in shaping the policy of the party in the next campaign? May I beg to go farther, and add the hope that the policy will be such as to lead to a restoration of Democratic sympathy?"

## Born With a Set of Teeth.

George Russell, of Kentucky, is the father of a midget daughter that weighs less than two pounds. The remarkable thing about the child is that it was born with a full set of teeth.

The child is well formed, has dark brown eyes and hair, and well developed and pretty features. In spite of its small size the child gives no evidence of unusual weakness, and the several physicians who have been called in declare that it will live.

## All Roads Lead to Highpoint.

Highpoint, N. C., will be the scene of much activity and great interest on Feb. 20-22. Our State Sunday School Convention will be held there on these dates, and the entire International party of five workers, every person a specialist, including a Primary worker, will be present. There is a great interest throughout the State in this meeting, and there will no doubt be many hundreds of earnest Sunday School workers who will make the pilgrimage to the Convention at this time. It is certainly an opportunity of a life time to hear five Sunday School specialists at one meeting. Programs may be had of J. W. Bryan, Goldsboro, N. C.

## Dewey Compelled to Eat Much Dough.

A special to The World from Washington says: Admiral Dewey was asked if he had been hazed while at Annapolis. "Well," said he, "if eating dough chewing the end of a hawser, going around with a shingle down my back, drinking vinegar without putting my nose in the glass and such other trifles is being hazed, I shouldn't wonder if was."