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NEWS NOTES State & General

John Jones, of Anson county, was acquitted at Monroe Friday of the charge of participating in the lynching of John V. Johnson.

Albert Tubert, the proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Jameville, Wisconsin, was sentenced to ten days in jail for slapping his wife.

An express package, containing \$10,000 in money has been lost at the Florence, S. C., office of the Southern Express Company.

The Greensboro Building & Loan Association, a new organization, will commence business August 1st with an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000.

A bronze statue will soon be unveiled in Peoria, Ill., to perpetuate the memory of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, the famous agnostic orator, lawyer and politician.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the United States League of local Building and Loan Associations will be held in Chicago beginning tomorrow and continuing two days.

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company will build a branch establishment in Salisbury which will employ about 56 men and will cost upwards of \$30,000.

J. W. Henline, of the Spartan Mill village of Spartanburg, was drowned yesterday at Lawson's Fork. His body was discovered floating face downward. He is supposed to have committed suicide.

Henry Scutcheon, a Michigan farmer 50 years of age, became suddenly insane and murdered his wife and her foster-father. He was shot to death by a neighbor whom he attacked next.

Governor Glenn was elected an honorary member of the State Press Association at its recent meeting at Morehead City. The Governor was also elected a delegate to the National Press Convention which is to meet at Saint Paul.

Twelve young men from Charlotte and vicinity enlisted this week in the United States navy. All were transferred to the receiving ship Franklin at the Norfolk navy yards, and will later be assigned to various ships.

Five lives were lost and half a million dollars' damage done as a result of cloudbursts and heavy rains in West Virginia last week. Three miles of the Baltimore and Ohio railway track was washed away near Kingwood.

Miss Anna Normyle, 20 years old, either fell or jumped from a fifteenth story window of the Masonic Temple in Chicago last Wednesday and was instantly killed. She fell in the midst of a crowd but fortunately struck no one. Her body was mutilated as to have little resemblance to a human form.

Twenty-one painters in the Southern Railway shops at Spencer have gone on a strike as a result of the company's refusal to grant them a raise of 3 cents an hour. They were receiving 25 cents an hour, and demanded 28.

Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks wife of the Vice-President, and a party including her two sons and a wife of one of them, were roughly shaken up and more or less badly bruised in an automobile accident at Fort Plains, N. Y. They had started on a tour from Indianapolis to Boston, but finished their trip by rail.

An unknown white man, apparently about 20 years of age, was found dead by the Southern's track near China Grove Friday morning. The supposition is that he was struck and killed by a passing train during the night. The body bears no means of being identified.

The Grand Lodge of the order of Elks in session at Philadelphia last week passed resolutions calling upon the members of the order to cease wearing the elk's teeth as an emblem, for the reason that the demand for them has caused a wholesale slaughter of the elk which threatens to entirely exterminate the species in this country.

A negro prisoner leaped through a closed car window on a rapidly moving train near Durham Friday and escaped, leaving his coat in the hands of the officer who attempted to hold him back. The officer stopped the train and set out in pursuit but lost track of the fugitive and returned on the next train to Durham.

In the Recorder's court at Winston-Salem Friday Thomas Giddings, aged 67, was arraigned on a charge of attempting to criminally assault his 16-year-old daughter, who is a cripple, and Thomas Milroney, aged 55, was arraigned on a charge of assaulting his wife's 10-year-old sister. Both men were committed to jail to await trial in the Superior Court.

George Frederick Barton, the bogus Lord Barrington, will end a long and remarkable criminal career on the gallows at St. Louis next Thursday if the governor of Missouri does not interfere. He was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of his former friend and patron, James P. McCann.

Ex-Mayor B. F. Lively, of Spencer, was badly injured in an automobile accident at Birmingham, Ala., last Tuesday. The machine was overturned, throwing the occupants out with considerable force. Mr. Lively was able to return to his home, however, on last Friday.

One of the most harrowing railway disasters of the year occurred in Michigan Saturday when an excursion train of eleven crowded coaches collided with a freight train in a cut near Salem, Mich., while running at a high speed down grade. Thirty-one dead and more than seventy injured, many of them fatally, is the record so far. The freight crew forgot their orders and encroached on the excursion train's running time.

REALISTIC ROMANCE

That Began Back East and Ends in Gastonia.

In a remote hamlet back east lived a demure maiden and a bashful man who had for some years been living with but one and the same object before them, a hope of matrimony. Victims of "love microbes" that were doing most effectual work under the direction of Cupid himself, Harry suddenly "woke up" one day and decided that procreation was the chief of time and bliss and immediately set about to bring matters to a focus. Very soon there was a wedding and it wasn't much longer before Uncle Bill Taylor wrote enthusiastically of what he termed "grit" and proposed that if they would locate here he would start them up in life. Very soon they began to bid love's adieu and were soon speeding in this direction.

When the train pulled in generous Uncle Bill was at the depot to greet and welcome the much elated couple, and after hearty congratulations, conducted them straightway to the Falls House, having previously arranged for a suite of rooms with Col. Fry, the affable host. It was in the inviting dining room at breakfast next morning, while partaking of a tempting meal that was being politely served that Uncle Bill first unfolded his plans to the appreciative newcomers, obligating himself, first of all, to build and furnish for them an ideal home. "But, in the meantime," said he, "you will find this a pleasant and well managed hotelery and a most agreeable place to live. 'Come,' said the generous uncle, rising from the breakfast table, 'the pleasure is now mine to introduce you to our town, your future home. Then, too, I want to arrange to build the new house right away. And, of course, it is important that we select a pleasant and healthful location, where we may have agreeable environments about us.' Uncle Bill was soon astir and the young couple were enger and beaming with expectancy. 'First, we will go in and confer with The Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co., our well-informed and wide awake real estate agents here, where is always listed the best residence and business properties in town or in the county about. We want to get a lot in South Gastonia, in 'Rankin's' new addition on the water and sewer line—which means much from a sanitary point of view. The trio were courteously received at the office and it wasn't long before the suave W. C. Rankin had a check for \$1000.00 in his hand on which Uncle Bill had just erected a handsome

"Now, I am Bill. It beats all how they build houses nowadays, considering the way they built them forty years ago. Why, the modern houses of today have conveniences and comforts that one of my time never dreamed of. But I know who can help us out of this dilemma," said he, suddenly remembering Charles L. Grigg as being abreast of the times in modern architecture and building, and also as being actively associated with building interests.

Very soon the plans were ready for a pretentious \$6,000 residence for the bride.

It is a renaissance of colonial effects, symmetrical in appearance and continuous in its interior arrangement. Uncle Bill then and there also tendered Charles L. Grigg the contract to build it, remarking that nobody ever questioned his integrity in building a house to the letter and on time, too.

"It is the task of the painter and decorator that count most in obtaining artistic and harmonious results," chipped in the bride. "For," said she, "it is the painting and decorating, when executed by capable artisans, that augments the attractiveness of both the exterior and interior of the home, rendering it pleasing and inviting."

"Then," interrupted Uncle Bill, "I'll take no chances on botchery, but I'll see J. Dorie Smith, employing artists with the brush, competent men who wield the brush with dexterity, and if we give the painting, paperhanging and decorating to J. Dorie Smith we can rest assured of getting wall-paper and moulding exquisite in taste, good workmanship and well finished and presentable houses, painted and decorated in ship shape."

"In my earlier days," remarked Uncle Bill, "the use of electricity was unknown; it did not enter into the construction of buildings at all. To-day it is a first consideration in modern building. The conveniences it affords are manifold. Now about the electrical equipment for our new house. I am going to see The Gastonia Water & Light Co., who will wire the house, install the fixtures, put on the door bells and give us chandeliers exquisite in taste and appropriateness, and do everything right. I expect Hettie will want electrical curling irons and fat-irons, too. The Gastonia Water & Light Co., does everything electrical, and is equipped for subscribing the best interest of the public. They will also supply the light at reasonable rates," concluded Uncle Bill.

"Well, it is up to me now to furnish your new residence," remarked Uncle Bill, "and it shall be furnished from bottom to top in just as good taste and as completely as your good judgment and tact will permit or dictate."

"How grand!" she exclaimed, beaming with joy and expectancy. Uncle Bill then had the young couple to come with him to Williams Furniture Company, our live exponents of furniture and well informed house-furnishers, where is handled everything that is smart, useful and dainty, needed to fit out the cottage or mansion on whatever scale desired. The trio was politely received at the store, where after conferring with the conversant and assiduous management, Hettie soon selected her living room and bedroom suits, as well as every item needed for the dining room, her purchase also including carpets, rugs, matings and sundry inc-

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ROYAL BLUE GRASS.

Late Senator Ingalls' Magnificent Description of the World's Most Valuable Vegetable.

By John J. Ingalls.

Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light and air, those three great physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned the universal beneficence of grass. Exaggerated by tropical heat and vapors to the gigantic cane congested with its saccharine secretion, or dwarfed by polar rigors to the fibrous hair of Northern solitudes embracing between these extremes the maize with its resolute panons, the rice plant of Southern swamps, the wheat, rye, barley, oats and other cereals, no less than the humble verdure of hillside pasture and prairie in the temperate zone, grass is the most widely distributed of all vegetable beings, and at once a type of our life and the emblem of our mortality. Lying in the sunshine among the buttercups and the dandelions in May, scarcely higher in intelligence than the minute tenants of that mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass; and when the fitful fever is ended, and the foolish wrangle of the market and forum is closed, grass heals over the scars which our descent into the bosom of the earth has made, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead.

Grass is the forgiveness of Nature, her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass-grown like rural lanes and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Bequeathed by the sunless hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impenetrable forests of its subt-

dering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outlines of the world. Its tenacious fibers hold the earth in its place, and prevent its soluble components from washing into the wasting sea. It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and forbidding pinnacles of mountains, modifies climates and determines the history, characters and destiny of nations. Unobstructive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfare and the field, it bides its time to return and when vigilance is relaxed or the dynasty has perished it silently resumes the throne from which it has been expelled, but which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, and yet, should its harvest fail for a single year famine would depopulate the world.

One grass differs from another in glory. One is vulgar and another patrician. There are grades in its vegetable nobility. Some varieties are useful. Some are beautiful. Others combine utility and ornament. The sour, reedy herbage of the swamp is baseborn. Timothy is a valuable servant. Redtop and clover are a degree higher in the social scale. But the king of them all, with the genuine blood royal, is bluegrass. Why is it called blue, save that it is most vividly and intensely green, is inexplicable, but had its unknown priest baptized it with all the hues of prism, he would not have changed its hereditary title to imperial superiority over all its humble kin.

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The Korean emperor has abdicated his throne and the Crown Prince will assume the royal power. This change has caused great disorder among the people and only the presence of Japanese soldiers has prevented serious riots in the palace grounds.

JORDAN'S TOUR.

President of Southern Cotton Association and Delegates to be Royally Entertained in Atlanta—Mr. Jordan's Crop Views.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—Governor Hoke Smith today told Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, that he would give a reception at the governor's mansion on the night of October 7 to the delegates to the convention of foreign spinners, growers of cotton and representatives of various cotton interest, who will gather in this city at that time. Governor Smith's reception will be followed the following evening by a banquet to the delegates given by the chamber of commerce and other business bodies of Atlanta. It is probable that the city and state officials of the other cotton States, through which the delegates will be taken on a special train, will extend similar entertainment. The delegates, on their arrival from New York in Washington, will meet the President and other government officials.

The Southern Cotton Association, the Farmers' union, foreign and domestic spinners and representatives of the various cotton exchanges, will attend the convention, and it promises to be the most important of its kind ever held in this country.

President Jordan opened his tour of the cotton belt to-day at Garner, N. C., and he will speak at Raleigh on the 20th. Speaking of crop conditions, he said: "Cotton has begun to grow, but its condition is not nearly so good as in former years. It got a late start that it hasn't been able to recover, and it is now 30 or 40 days late. The fact that it is growing is receptive, and to realize how bad conditions are, the crop must be compared with past July conditions.

"The stand is universally bad, and in many sections it is being pulled out. The boll weevil has done the most damage in the south-west part of the belt have made it impossible to make a full crop."

In his speeches Mr. Jordan is urging the farmers to make their arrangements for a slow movement of the crop—as slow as one is consistent with the highest possible price. Mr. Jordan will begin his tour of Texas early in August.

SURGEONS AT JAMESTOWN.

Association of Surgeons of Atlantic Coast Line Railway Begin Annual Session To-day.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

Jamestown Exposition, Va., July 20.—The Association of Surgeons of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway will meet in convention at the Jamestown Exposition on July 23, remaining in session three days. July 23 has been designated by the Exposition management as their day, and a special program is now being arranged for that date in honor of the Association.

The association will have its headquarters at the Inside Inn. The meetings will be held in hall number 4.—The convention will be formally opened by prayer by Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell. Hon. Harry S. Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition, will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by some member of the Association not yet selected.

This Association numbers among its members many of the leading practicing physicians of the South. Its officers are Dr. D. W. Bullock, of Wilmington, N. C., president; Dr. W. P. Adamson, of Tampa, Fla., Dr. P. J. Thomas, of Wilmington, N. C., and Dr. W. W. Bacon, of Albany, Ga., vice-presidents; Dr. M. Monroe Moran, of Pinners Point, Va., Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. Southgate Leigh, of Norfolk, Va., is a member of the Executive Committee.

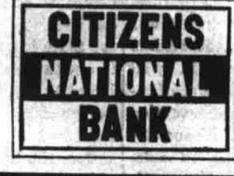
Routine business will come before the body, after which a number of papers will be presented dealing with the subject of railroad surgery and other matters of interest to the body. These papers will be discussed by the members of the Association and by their specially invited guests, men prominent as railroad surgeons throughout the country.

In a statement issued Saturday William J. Bryan says that the people are not yet ready to act upon government ownership of railway lines and hence it should not be an issue in 1908. He says that the issue now before the people is Federal and State regulation, and this will be the real issue. He still believes, however, that public ownership is the only ultimate solution of the problem.

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