

This Argus o'er the people's rights
Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maf's son
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Boiled Down To Brevity For Busy Readers.

Topics of Interest, National, International, Personal and Otherwise,
Radiating From the National Capital.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The two houses of Congress convened today for the first regular session of the Sixty-first Congress, but the day's proceedings were in a great part of a social nature and practically no business was transacted.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The opening day's session of the Southern Commercial Congress ended this evening with two illustrated lectures. The first was on "the good roads movement of the South," given by J. E. Pennypacker, chief of the office of public roads, while the other was delivered by Claude N. Bennett, of Washington, on "opportunity latent in the Panama canal." Brinton N. Davis, president of the Commercial Club, of Louisville, Ky., was chairman of the meeting. The convention will end tomorrow evening with the election of officers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, today introduced a resolution directing the President of the United States to use the army and navy of the country to restore order, maintain peace and protect life and property in Nicaragua.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—All of the North Carolina delegation was present today at the opening of Congress with the exception of Representative Morehead.

The insurgents did not dethrone Speaker Cannon, and otherwise the opening ceremonies were without special interest.

The Senate Democrats caucused, but did nothing about selecting a minority leader to succeed Senator Culberson. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, is regarded as the most likely senator for the position.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The presence of nine warships in Hampton Roads and the hurry orders given to several others in Northern navy yards to join the fleet under Admiral Schroeder is explained at the Navy Department by the statement that this activity has nothing whatever to do with developments in Nicaragua. The ships are simply preparing for their heavy annual winter work. As soon as the fleet is assembled in Hampton Roads it will proceed to the Southern drill grounds off the Chesapeake capes for manoeuvres and target practice, but by December 18 the ships will be at the New York navy yard in order to let the steamers have their Christmas dinners ashore. Early in January the fleet will sail for Culebra, off the coast of Porto Rico, for the regular winter work in the West Indies.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The Supreme Court of the United States today denied the petition of Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, for a writ of certiorari. The result of the decision is to leave in effect against Morse the sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York Futures.	Open.	Close.
December	14.48	14.54
January	14.63	14.68
March	15.02	15.09

Local spots, 14 1/4.

INDIGESTION?
SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR
DYSPEPSIA?

Those who attend the land sale Dec. 8, will buy lots at their own price.

AL. G. FIELD'S MINSTRELS.

The Biggest Minstrel Attraction Goldsboro Has Ever Had.

In the coming of the Al. G. Field's Greater Minstrels to the Messenger Opera House tomorrow night more than passing theatrical comment should be made upon it.

By far more than ordinary attention should be given it by the amusement loving public of Goldsboro. And all this for several reasons, but primarily because Goldsboro is the smallest city in North Carolina ever played by the Field show. This big minstrel organization has never attempted to play a city as small as Goldsboro before. So importance attaches itself to the event for this reason, if for no other.

Local theatre-goers should take enough pride in this distinction to pack the Opera House tomorrow night. The engagement is a sort of venture on the part of both Mr. Field, of the noted burnt cork aggregation, and Mr. S. A. Schloss, lessee of the Goldsboro theatre, and upon the showing made, as to the size of the audience, not only depends whether the Field company will visit this city again next season, but whether many other of the big shows will come this way. So the engagement of the Field show is a vital one for the future welfare of Goldsboro, but it also means a mammoth minstrel production regardless of the size of the audience.

Again, Goldsboro is the only city in North Carolina to be visited by Al. G. Field's Greater Minstrels, upon this jump through the State, except Wilmington.

To show the importance and the great magnitude of the event, it is well to state that the Field show, which is so gigantic that it travels like a circus, jumped from Athens, Ga., after its performance there Monday night and came by special train to Wilmington, where a performance will be given tonight. Tomorrow the show comes to Goldsboro and goes direct from here to Danville, Va.

In order to get Mr. Field to play Goldsboro and to make the big jump to Wilmington, Mr. S. A. Schloss made him some big monetary concessions. However, as he and Mr. Field are personal friends, the guarantee was not as large as Mr. Field would have demanded to play a new town to the show, like Goldsboro. So both he and Mr. Schloss have something at stake in the coming engagement, while the city of Goldsboro, from a theatrical standpoint, has also much in the balance.

Quite a number of fine attractions have been greeted by small houses here this season, but Mr. Schloss has always maintained that this was due to force of circumstances, and, feeling that Goldsboro does possess the theatrical germ, has continued to put forth strong efforts to induce the best attractions to visit this city, but, of course, as the "proof of the pudding is in the eating," why the theatrical booking agents in New York will not always turn a willing ear to his plans and Goldsboro, unless better audiences are given, will go lacking for good shows, and what Mr. Schloss, who is one of the leading theatre managers not only in the South, but in the country, and who has the ear of the booking agents, cannot do, others certainly will stand no chance of accomplishing.

Al. G. Field's Greater Minstrels is the greatest, most expensive and most important organization of its kind in the world. It is truly mammoth and furnishes each year to the larger cities their most brilliant minstrel event.

Reserve seats are now on sale at Hill's drug store.

CONFEDERATE DEAD.

Marking of Graves Will Occupy All of Next Year.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The marking of the graves of the Confederate dead who died in Northern prisons probably will occupy all of next year and Secretary of War Dickinson today asked for an extension of time for performing this work after February 26, when the legislative authority will expire. Gen. William C. Oates is the commissioner charged with the duty of marking these graves and Secretary Dickinson says that while General Oates has been diligent at work the task is still incomplete. He thinks, however, that it can be finished within the next calendar year.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Goldsboro and Vicinity.

Rain tonight; Wednesday fair; decidedly colder.

PURSE LOST — Between Arlington and The Kennon Hotel, on the street, a purse containing about \$10. Finder will please leave at Argus office and get suitable reward.

DEMOCRATS HOLD CAUCUS.

Action on Leadership Postponed Until Definite Action by Culberson.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—With great seriousness the Democratic members of the Senate met in caucus today to elect a successor to Senator Culberson, who has determined to resign as chairman of the caucus because of ill health.

A tentative program had been arranged by which Mr. Money, vice-chairman, was to be elevated to the leadership and was to decline because of disinclination to take upon himself such duties because of ill health. Senator Bacon was then to be elected as chairman. With this program agreed upon Senator Culberson's letter was read to the assemblage and then it was discovered that he had not resigned, but had merely stated his purpose of so doing.

Immediately all the well-laid plans of the Statesmen were upset and further action was postponed until definite action is taken by the Texas senator.

The caucus elected Thomas W. Keller, of West Virginia, assistant door-keeper, which position is equivalent to a Democratic representative of the sergeant-at-arms on the floor of the Senate. Mr. Keller has been in the employ of the Senate for thirty years.

"CONTRARY MARY."

Miss Adelaide Thurston Will Be Seen in This Delightful Play Monday.

A theatrical event of importance is the announcement of Miss Adelaide Thurston in "Contrary Mary," a new play from the pen of Miss Edith Ellis, who has been responsible for many successes of the past few years.

Miss Thurston is, without a question of a doubt, one of the most popular players that appear in this city, and her engagement each year is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. Her rare beauty, her petite form and her charming personality are all thoroughly well known.

Her gifts as an actress have placed her in the estimation of the public on a high plane of esteem. Her name is associated with an earnest endeavor to present plays of clean moral tone easily suited to the taste and entertainment of the better class of theatre-goers and presented with scrupulous regard to the selection of her supporting cast.

The production is a sumptuous one. Mr. Francis X. Hope, having produced the play without regard to expense, lays particular stress on the fact that exact duplicates of the splendid homes in which the action takes place will be reproduced with photographic exactness.

Next Monday night, December 13, is the date of Miss Thurston's appearance in this city, and it is hoped that Goldsboro will give her the large and cultured audience she merits. Before, when Miss Thurston was here, she had a small audience, owing to the State convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy, in whose honor a reception was being held that night, and which Miss Thurston, late in the evening attended, she being a member of the U. D. C. Next Monday night she should be given a cordial patronage by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

STOMACH TROUBLE.

Had It for Years Until He Heard of Mi-o-na—J. H. Hill & Son Sell It.

If you suffer from indigestion, belching of gas, lump of lead on stomach, biliousness, dizziness, foul breath, nervousness, constipation, or headache, give J. H. Hill & Son 50 cents today for a box of Mi-o-na, the celebrated stomach prescription, and if it doesn't cure you, they will give you your money back. It relieves painful stomach distress in five minutes. Read the following:

"I had stomach trouble for years. After eating I would be troubled for an hour or so with indigestion. I bought one box of Mi-o-na tablets from Gaffney Drug Co., which completely cured me. That was 12 months ago and to this day I have not been troubled again." J. B. Haskey, Gaffney, S. C., April 20, 1909.

Mi-o-na is the best prescription for stomach trouble ever written; not only does it give quick relief, but it cures permanently because it thoroughly cleanses, renovates, builds up and puts elasticity into the stomach and bowels. Mi-o-na is put up in tablet form and is small and easy to swallow. Sold in Goldsboro by J. H. Hill & Son, who rigidly guarantee them. Test sample free. Address Booth's Mi-o-na, Buffalo, N. Y.

HYOMEI
(Purified Boric Acid)

Cures catarrh or money back. Just breathe it in. Complete outfit, including inhaler \$1. Extra bottles 50c. Druggists.

THE BEST YEAR OF ALL

The Baptists of North Carolina Now Number 217,967.

Over Twelve Thousand Baptisms This Year—Splendid Contributions Made by the Churches to All Objects.

Prof. E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary of the Baptist State Convention, yesterday gave out the following interview:

"The convention year closed November 30. There are 61 associations in the convention, 55 of which made their reports for 1909, which are larger than those of any previous year. For those associations that have not made their reports, the reports of 1908 will be used at the convention.

"There has been an advance at every point. There are now 1,899 Baptist churches in North Carolina, with 1,681 Sunday Schools. The total membership in these churches is 217,967; the total Sunday School membership, 153,464. Besides these figures there are a number of churches that have not reported membership. These would add nearly 3,000 each to the total church and Sunday School membership.

"During the past year there have been 12,752 baptisms. Financially there has been an advance at every point. There are seven objects to which our people contribute—State missions, home missions, foreign missions, orphanage, ministerial education, aged ministers and Sunday School missions. To these objects has been contributed during the past year, \$136,855.33. This is a net gain over last year of \$13,300. There has been a marked gain in the contributions to State and foreign missions. We have given to State missions, \$39,327.95, and to Sunday School missions, which is a part of the funds of the same board, \$2,018.18, an aggregate of \$41,346.13, used in State mission work this year. To foreign missions our people have contributed over \$37,000. All objects show splendid gains.

"In the Sunday School work there have been gains along all lines—membership of schools, number of schools, number of officers and teachers, penitential or evergreen schools and ratio of Sunday School members to church members.

"In our denomination, as I call others, there are individuals and churches that are doing nothing.

"There has been during the past year, one baptism for every seventeen members in the State. One thousand three hundred and forty-six churches report baptisms, 1,632 have made contributions to one or more of the objects of the convention, 1,394 have given to State missions, 1,209 to home missions, 450 to Sunday School missions, 1,422 to the orphanage, 683 to ministerial education and 773 to aged ministers."

The Baptist State Convention opens today at Wadesboro and a large number will go from Raleigh to attend. It is expected to be one of the most interesting sessions ever held in the State and the delegates will go rejoicing over the great gains made by their denomination during the year.

N. & S. RAILWAY SOLD.

Bid Off to the Reorganization Company for Eight and a Half Millions.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7.—The sale of the Norfolk & Southern Railway, which passed into the hands of receivers July, 1908, took place at public auction here today at noon.

The sale was for the foreclosure of the mortgage of the Trust Company of America, and bidders were present in opposition to the interests of the former operators of the road. The latter were represented in the person of Marsden J. Perry, of Providence, Thos. L. Chadbourne, and Oakleigh Thorne, of New York, to whom the road was bid off in today's sale for eight million five hundred thousand dollars.

GRAND AUCTION SALE.

One Hundred Choice Lots in Greater Goldsboro Wednesday, December 8, 1909, at 11 A. M.

This property is only a short distance from the centre of the town, on one of the main avenues of the town and those who purchase lots on this day will make a large profit. Don't fail to be on hand and see "Penny Bros." twin auctioneers, sell lots at the rate of one a minute.

AMERICAN REALTY AND AUCTION CO., Greensboro, N. C.
SUBURBAN REALTY AND AUCTION CO., Raleigh, N. C.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

Wednesday and Thursday of Next Week, December 15 and 16.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold a bazaar at the Commercial Hotel on the above dates, to which the public is cordially invited.

The hour of opening on Wednesday, December 15, will be announced in a few days, so watch the columns of The Argus for this information. There will be attractive Christmas novelties both useful and ornamental of every description for old and young, and delicious refreshments will be served.

Doll Booth.

In the doll booth will be all kinds and sizes of dressed dolls, doll furniture and doll tea sets.

Book Booth.

The book booth will contain desirable books, Christmas calendars, Christmas cards, fancy willow baskets, Vantpe's China, and water color pictures.

Fancy Work.

In the fancy work booth will be found hand-embroidered novelties and hand-made articles of all kinds.

Aprons.

The apron booth will contain aprons for every need, such as chafing dish aprons, nurses' maids' and cooks' aprons; also maids' caps.

Miscellaneous.

The miscellaneous booth will have articles to suit everyone's taste, and in this booth will be beautiful work-bags and fancy bags of many varieties and many attractive sofa pillows.

The booth containing articles appropriate for babies will contain daintily embroidered caps, cap strings, embroidered baby shoes, willow baskets and many useful adjuncts of the baby's toilet.

Candy Booth.

At the candy booth delicious homemade candies will be provided.

The fish pond will furnish amusement for both old and young.

Whole Christmas cakes will be on sale, both plain and layer cakes.

Everyone will be made cordially welcome.

Civil Service Examination for Clerk-Carrier.

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the postoffice in this city on December 18, 1909. Age limit, 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk. Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 5 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately

H. G. MAXWELL,
Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Postoffice, Goldsboro, N. C.

FOR RENT OR SALE — Six-room house, four plastered, three of them papered, good pump in kitchen, dining room, kitchen, back passage, and piazza floors painted, also house and roof newly painted. Shade brackets, polehooks at 11 or 12 windows. Large celled store room in yard; grape trellis, vines on it; few fruit trees, many flowers, and an everlasting flower pit in the yard; also place for a horse and a cow. One block from stores, one-half from school, two and a half from Friends' Church, four from Baptist and two Methodist Churches. Good neighbors. \$13 per month; possession given Jan. 1, 1910. For sale, price \$2,500 cash. Apply at Argus office.

Attend the big land auction sale; valuable lots to be sold Dec. 8, near the Governor Brogden old home.

MINISTER TO CHINA.

William J. Calhoun, of Chicago, Appointed to This Post.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—An announcement was made at the State Department today of the appointment of William J. Calhoun, of Chicago, as minister to China. Mr. Calhoun has accepted the appointment and the Chinese government has indicated its pleasure in receiving him.

In appointing Mr. Calhoun to the Chinese mission, President Taft has selected a man of wide experience and one well qualified to fill that very important post, which requires a statesman combining both business and diplomatic qualifications. Mr. Calhoun is a well-known corporation lawyer of Chicago. He has done some important diplomatic work during his career, notably when, at the request of President McKinley, he investigated conditions in Cuba prior to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and later, when he investigated the difficulties between the asphalt companies and President Castro, of Venezuela, for President Roosevelt. For two years he was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Calhoun is sixty-one years of age, and a native of Pittsburg, Pa.

JUDGE LURTON ON JUDGESHIP.

Says That He Has Not Sought the Position.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 6.—Judge Horace H. Lurton, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, who arrived here today from his home in Nashville, Tenn., said he had heard from high private sources that President Taft will name him to the United States Supreme Court bench, but that there was nothing official.

"No correspondence has passed between the President and myself," he said. "I have not sought the position and if I do not get it I shall cheerfully continue to serve in the Appellate Court."

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Remaining in the Postoffice, Goldsboro, Wayne County, N. C.

December 6, 1909.

Men's List.

George Bright, J. S. Carr, John Carr, W. C. Daniel, R. O. Everitt, W. M. Grantham, J. H. Hespangs, Geo. Herring, Clarence Kennedy, G. B. Leitner, H. B. McNair, Joe Morren, William Mallory, Jim Sugg, J. F. Smith, N. Taylor, Geo. C. Underhill, Robert Williams, Bro. Jurden Wood, et al.

Ladies' List.

Miss Annie W. Arson, Mrs. Mary Allen, Miss Ader Coolman, Lizzie Cotton, Mrs. Nettie Dunston, Miss Sarah Floro, Mrs. Marinda Fulcher, Mrs. Rosena Gaston, Miss Sue Gooding, Harretta Hamm, Marzella Kenzy, Mrs. Matt Kusell, Miss Addie May Merritt, Mrs. Edith Melvin, Miss McLauchlin, Mrs. John McPhaul, Miss Bettie Mitchell, Miss Guretry Petfoot, Bell Perry, Miss Fannie Raney, Mrs. Sarah Rouse, Miss Phoebe Rouse, Mrs. Bettie Robberts, Miss Bettie Speight, Miss Anna Suttler, Mrs. Michice Stricklein, Mrs. Lillian Wade, Mrs. Lue C. Weakes, Annie Williams.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. Rules and regulations require that one cent be paid on advertised letters.

J. F. DOBSON,
Postmaster.

LOST—Child's gold bracelet on the street or at the white graded school. Finder will please leave at this office and receive reward. 11-271f

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

City Attorney J. L. Barham Tendered His Resignation Last Night

Ordinance Protecting Sidewalks in Course of Paving Enacted. Roller Skating Prohibited On the Sidewalks.

The board of city aldermen met in regular monthly session last night with all nine members present, Mayor Higgins presiding and Clerk Broadhurst at his desk.

Mr. D. H. Graves was before the board and asked to be released from paying tax on bank stock for himself and wife, claiming that he had paid the tax on said stock in Selma, N. C., as a resident of that town, and the board accordingly released him.

Mr. J. L. Barham tendered his resignation as city attorney, and upon motion of Alderman Gibson, action upon said resignation, together with the claim of Mr. Barham for services was deferred to the next regular meeting of the board.

J. P. Lewis, on motion, on account of physical infirmities, being a one-legged man, was granted permission to sell fresh meat without paying license.

P. C. Price was released from paying poll tax for this year, on account of injury that temporarily incapacitates him for labor.

The finance committee was instructed to renew notes due banks and was authorized to provide funds to carry on permanent improvements pending the sale of improvement bonds.

The finance committee was instructed also to cause the city treasurer to be reimbursed from the bond fund for amounts paid out on permanent improvements.

On motion of Alderman Gibson, any one using sidewalks that are being paved before ropes are removed, or damaging sidewalks by driving over them or in any other way, or interfering with ropes or other obstructions placed for the protection of sidewalks, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for each and every such offense shall pay a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.

All roller skating was prohibited on the sidewalks of the city under a fine of from \$1 to \$5 in the discretion of the mayor, and no abutting property holder has any right to give permits to skate upon their fronting sidewalks.

The painting of the market house was left to the building committee with power to act.

The several committee reports and the monthly reports of officers were read. The monthly bills were approved.

The board then adjourned.

Even a man with the gout can convince himself it was just his bad luck.

BEST SETS OF TEETH REDUCED TO \$8.00



Absolutely Without Pain

is the way we extract teeth. Don't throw your money away. You have been paying big dental bills long enough. We challenge any dentist in the State to surpass our work and guarantee satisfaction. We use the Philadelphia system of extracting, filing and inserting artificial teeth. Second grade sets of teeth, \$6.00. "Gold crown and bridge work, \$5.00 per tooth." All work guaranteed.

PHILADELPHIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION
In Borden Building, Over Imperial Pharmacy
DR. P. V. KING, Mgr.

"The Climax" Is Coming

Joseph M. Weber has included your city in the tour of "The Climax." We would advise you to keep posted on the date of its coming, as it is without doubt one of the greatest dramatic and musical treats of the season. Don't miss it. If you do, you will be sorry. Tell your local manager to be sure and save seats for you for "The Climax," and don't be one of the few to say "I'm so sorry I missed it."