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## BRIEF CULLINGS OF NORTH STATE NEWS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

### Made Him Stop.

Special.—Parties from Rocky Mount report a shooting in that town just before the school opened as follows: Mr. Matt ... had just left his residence ... the North Rocky ... passenger depot, for his place ... leaving no one at home ... his wife and son Frank. The ... had not more than left the ... before a white man, besotted ... stepped on the front ... and attempted to enter the ... Mr. Young Frank asked him what ... but received no reply. He ... ordered the fellow to leave the ... but instead he drew a knife ... again tried to enter the door ... the fellow was ordered ... on the premises, but paid no heed ... and continued to advance ... Then the young man, to save ... and himself from harm, ... a gun and sent a load of ... into the intruder's shoulder. ... heard from the fellow was ...

### Salisbury's Fair a Great Success.

Salisbury, Special.—Thursday was the closing day of the Yadkin Valley Fair, which opened here Tuesday. On account of rain no races were called at the grounds of the fair association here Thursday afternoon. There were, however, two thousand to three thousand people on the grounds, notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions. The day was spent in viewing the various exhibits and visiting the midway. A number of the fakirs pulled stakes and left the city when the rain began. The stake races will, according to the rules of the National Trotting Association, be made as soon as the track can be used even if the horsemen are compelled to remain here for a week.

### Serious Affair in Caldwell County.

Hickory, Special.—As a result of booze and an old feud, John Hafer, living just across Catawba river in Caldwell county, was cut to the heart with a knife and left for dead, by an unknown would-be assassin supposed to be either Earl Brinkley or Frank Propst. The deed was committed Sunday, but full details unobtainable, except that Dr. H. C. Menzies was called and gave attention. Hafer's life, the physician stated, was hanging by a mere thread as it were, but after putting in an entire night with him, Dr. Menzies expressed a belief that he might be able to pull him through.

### Site For Wilmington's New Custom House.

Wilmington, Special.—Mr. G. D. Ellsworth, an agent of the United States Treasury Department at Washington, arrived in the city Tuesday evening and spent the day in company with Collector of Customs B. F. Keith inspecting the number of available sites in the city for the new and handsome Custom House recently authorized by Congress for this port. It is understood that the sites considered most available are those at the southeast corner of Water and Princess streets and at northeast corner of Water and Market streets.

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### Wadesboro, Special.—Carrier Allen on Route 2, of Polkton, was much surprised one day last week when he opened a mail box, looking for letters, and found a big 'possum grinning at him. Mr. Allen is not quite sure whether the owner of the box was using it for a 'possum cage or that this is a new idea among patrons for showing favors to their carriers. Be that as it may, the 'possum was quickly dumped into a mail sack and experienced not a little mental anguish for several hours, fearing that he might be starting on a long and rough trip by way of postal routes. Mr. Allen was grinning next day.

### Gastonia, Special.—Gastonia will soon be well supplied with hospitals and they will be up to date. The city hospital will likely be occupied first. The painters are finishing up one of the T. L. Craig residences and the furnishings are being put in by Rankin Bros. The building is being renovated and an operating room built on the third floor in the rear of the building, with good skylight. Everything is being put in first-class shape. The rooms are large and airy and neatly painted. The building is practically a new one.

### Elizabeth City, Special.—A report received here Friday that a negro, Will Gregory, was Thursday killed in the Cowell cotton gin at Polk. The negro, who was an old hand, got mixed up in the machinery in some way and was literally torn to pieces.

### High Point, Special.—The State Sabbath Observance Association had its opening session here last Thursday in Washington Street M. E. church. The address of welcome was delivered by W. T. Parker, of High Point, and response by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, of Greensboro. Dr. Wm. Dunbar, of Charlotte Reformed church, made an address on "Modern Conditions Change Our Obligations to Observe Sabbath." After the address an enrollment of delegates followed. A very enthusiastic meeting was held.

## WORLD'S OLDEST EDITOR DEAD

At the Ripe Age of Ninety-Four Years Col. Richard Benburg Creecy a Distinguished Journalist Passes Away—His Influence as a Writer Was Great and He Was a Terror to the State's Enemies During Reconstruction Days.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Special.—Deepest gloom is cast over the city in the death Thursday morning at 9 o'clock of her oldest, most honored and most revered citizen, Col. Richard Benburg Creecy. Colonel Creecy, while always bright, had been gradually falling away for months and his death was not unexpected. He was entering into his 95 year and would have celebrated the occasion on the 19th of December. Colonel Creecy was one of the State's most learned and beloved sons and had the distinction of being the oldest living editor in the world. He was also the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina.

Colonel Creecy was born at Greenfield Chowan county, and was reared in Edenton. He moved to Elizabeth City in 1843 and began the practice of law. The year following he married Miss Perkins, daughter of one of the largest planters and slave owners in this county. Colonel Creecy won reputation as a writer by correspondence to different leading newspapers and during reconstruction days need for a strong newspaper was most apparent. Colonel Creecy, of this city; Edward Wood, of Edenton, and T. J. Jarvis, then of Tyrrell county, established The Weekly Economist and elected Colonel Creecy as editor-in-chief.

The great power and influence wielded by the brilliant writer's pen is now a matter of history. No man in the State did more for the South's cause and no man was hated and feared more by the carpet-baggers and sealawags than that day than he. Colonel Creecy's wife died years ago but he is survived by five daughters: Miss Nannie and Henrietta; Mrs. E. F. Lamb, of Texas; Mrs. W. M. Lawton, of New York; and Mrs. D. C. Winston, of Edenton; and three sons: Joshua and E. P., of St. Louis, the latter chief of police of that city, and R. B. Creecy, Jr., of this city.

### Norfolk, Special.—Incendiaries are still working in this city, three fires in the business district having been reported between midnight and 6 a. m. The first, at the wholesale notion establishment of I. S. Fine & Co., caused \$5,000. The second, at the office of the United States Express Company, and the third, at the City Hay and Grain Company's establishment, were extinguished in their incipency. The chiefs of the fire and police departments conferred with the Board of Control on the situation and heroic steps are to be taken to apprehend the incendiaries.

### Union City, Special.—Governor Patterson, surrounded by a personal guard of twenty-five, is in charge of the encampment of State troops at Samburg and will personally lead the hunt for the night riders, who hanged Captain Rankin. Detachments of troops are scouring three counties for the murderers. Fearing a possible raid by the night riders, the State troops are maintaining two lines of sentinels following the posting of notices that if the Governor did not discontinue the hunt he himself would be kidnapped.

### Lynchburg, Special.—Hooprolling cost Walter Davis, a 7-year-old colored boy, his life in Amherst county Sunday. The hoop rolled into the river and the boy followed it, being unable to check himself. He has not been seen since.

### President Roosevelt in a letter to Senator Knox demands that Mr. Bryan state whether he is committed to Gompers' labor legislation program, and points to the Pearre bill as a dangerous invasion of property rights. Explorer Evelyn Baldwin plans to float on an ice pack across the Polar sea from Alaska to Greenland. The Pacific fleet is expected to reach Panama from its South American cruise the same day the Atlantic fleet reaches Hampton Roads—February 22.

### Pensacola, Fla., Special.—News reached here of the destruction by fire Thursday of the lumber mill plant of the Salye-Davis Company, at Southport. The fire, of unknown origin, was fanned by a high wind and destroyed the entire plant, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

## WAR FLEET LEAVES TOKIO

After Splendid Reception By the Japanese People

## VESSELS HOMEWARD BOUND

The Departure of the Big Ships the Prettiest Feature of the Week—Tokio Resumes Normal Condition After a Week of Delirium.

Tokio, By Cable.—After a week's suspension of almost every kind of business, because of the presence of the American fleet in Japanese waters and so that fitting welcome might be given to the American officers and sailors, Tokio is resuming its normal conditions. Already many of the decorations have been taken down, although every one is yet discussing the remarkable features of the past few days.

President Roosevelt's messages to the Emperor was presented to him through Count Komura, the foreign minister, and the Emperor probably will make a reply soon, but there is no reason to expect that the Emperor's message will contain other than a graceful acknowledgement and an expression of gratification at the President's warm words of appreciation. Nothing could possibly exceed in the public mind in Japan the significance of the Emperor's previous message.

The departure of the fleet Sunday morning was one of the prettiest features of the week. The flagship Connecticut slipped her cables at exactly 8 o'clock. She steamed past the Louisiana and saluted and was followed by the remainder of the first squadron. When the eight ships had passed, the Louisiana led the second line, and the entire fleet then formed in single column.

As each of the American battle-ships passed the head of the Japanese column the crews of the ships of both nations cheered enthusiastically, and the band of both the American ships played the Japanese national hymn. When the last of the sixteen ships was saluting, the Connecticut was invisible on the horizon. Within exactly fifty minutes the entire manœuvre had been completed.

### Seven New Cases of Cholera.

Manila, By Cable.—Seven new cases of cholera were reported in this city for the day ending Sunday night. The slight increase in the spread of the disease is ascribed by the authorities to the many gatherings of the people on Saturday night and Sunday and the feasts that accompanied the assemblies. The situation is not considered to be grave and the health department feels as though it has the epidemic well under control, expressing no alarm over the increase. It is probable that the government will further restrict the gatherings of the natives and also the sale of dangerous foods. It is believed that cock pits located in the suburbs of the city where it is difficult to maintain a strict watch over the sale of foodstuffs are responsible for the slight increase in the number of cholera cases noted at each week end.

### Orville Wright Improving Nicely.

Washington, Special.—Orville Wright, the aeronaut who narrowly escaped death in the accident to his aeroplane during a flight at Fort Myer, Va., five weeks ago, will soon be able to leave for his home at Dayton, O. His most serious injury was a broken thigh and the splint was removed from this Sunday. It was found upon measuring the left leg, the one injured, that it is but a quarter of an inch shorter than the other. An X-ray examination of the fracture showed that the knitting of the broken bones has been perfect.

### Chapel Hill Man Elected President of Peat Producers' Society.

Toledo, O., Special.—The second annual convention of the American Peat Producers' Society has adjourned to meet in Boston next year. Joseph H. Pratt, Chapel Hill, N. C., was elected president. Robert Ransom, Jacksonville, Fla., was elected vice president for the Southern States.

### To Have Lobbyist at Capital.

Baltimore, Special.—William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Maryland anti-saloon league, has been chosen by the national headquarters committee to represent the national league at Washington as acting superintendent during the coming session of Congress. Supt. S. E. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, who has been serving in that capacity, owing to the fact that the Pennsylvania legislature will be in session this winter, will be compelled to give his entire time to looking after legislation in that State.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

### A great exodus of American tourists from London has started.

### The opening of the historical congress in Saragossa, Spain, was delayed by floods.

### The report of the Kansas City Southern railway showed a surplus of more than three millions.

### Roman Catholic notables were present at the cornerstone ceremony of a new \$2,000,000 cathedral in St. Louis.

### Castulo Joseph T. Brown, of Birney, Mont., Democratic candidate for Presidential elector, died in a St. Louis hospital.

### Herren Hackstetter and Schreider were rescued from the balloon Plauen, which fell into the North Sea, and were landed at Hull, England.

### The forty-ninth annual report of the State Insurance Department, made public at Albany, N. Y., showed a decrease in the life insurance business.

### Colin and Ballot, with fifty-eight other thoroughbreds belonging to Keene, Belmont, Whitney and Hitchcock, sailed for England on the Minnehaha.

### Martial law was declared in the Turkish provinces of Asia Minor owing to reactionary agitation, and a massacre of Jews has occurred at Baedra.

### A New York syndicate is forming to take \$10,000,000 of a \$75,000,000 loan sought by Brazil to meet the cost of a vain effort to corner the coffee market.

### It was brought out at the Morse-Curtis trial in New York City that the National Bank of North America lent hundreds of thousands of dollars to two clerks.

### Effort at Suicide Successful.

Spartanburg, Special.—Will Burnett, a well-known young white man who shot himself in the head with a pistol last Sunday, died at his home as a result of the wound. Burnett was one of ten men who were arrested a short time ago for taking part in the mob that sought to lynch John Irby, the negro charged with attempting a criminal assault upon a young white woman.

### Prince of Prussia Weds.

Berlin, By Cable.—Duchess Alexandra Victoria, of Schleswig-Holstein, daughter of Prince Frederick Duke of Schleswig-Holstein, was married in the chapel of the imperial palace at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon to Prince August William, of Prussia, fourth son of Emperor William. The ceremony was witnessed by the members of the imperial family and fifty princes and princesses of the minor German royal houses.

### Korean Insurrection Over.

Tokio, By Cable.—The so-called insurrection in Korea is practically ended. The troops are still on active duty, but the insurgents have dwindled to merely a disorderly element. It is stated that Prince Ito, former resident general, a Seoul will probably return to Korea early in November. Two thirds of the Japanese troops in north China will be withdrawn in a few days.

## FEMININE NEWS.

### The detachable shirt collar was invented by Mrs. Montague, of Troy, N. Y., about 1825.

### Mrs. Luther G. Tilton, of New York City, bequeathed about \$150,000 to charitable and educational institutions.

### Miss Laura Gordon Root, niece of the Secretary of State, was married to Stanley Gilbert, of New York City, at Clinton, N. Y.

### Miss Tiffany, prominent in the American colony in Paris, scored Mrs. Cornwallis West for her attack on American society.

### Among the acting church wardens of the Anglican Church in England are the Viscountess of South and the Marchioness of Egmont.

### A men's league for woman suffrage has been formed in Holland and the Lutheran church in that country has given women a vote in all church affairs.

### Dr. Phoebe Deane, the only woman who was graduated this year from Cornell University Medical School, has received an appointment on the staff of Flushing hospital.

### The Finus evidently have not found woman suffrage a failure. Nineteen women were elected to their first Parliament. Now twenty-five have just been elected to the second.

### Miss Miller, the woman lawyer of Chicago who is attracting attention because of her success in winning a \$30,000 fee, is the daughter of a Michigan farmer. She is also a woman suffragist.

### For the first time in the history of the British Pharmaceutical Society, the Percival medal for the highest prize in pharmacy was won by a woman. The successful candidate is Gertrude H. Weston.

### A BIG DOSE.


"You must let the baby have one-cow's milk to drink every day," said the doctor.

"Very well, if you say so, doctor," said the perplexed young mother; "but I really don't see how he is going to hold it all!"—Life.

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