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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

MORE TROUBLE AHEAD.

The Seminole Receivers Enter Suit Against the Southern Life for \$325,000.

Alleging that the transaction was conceived any consummated in fraud of rights and interests of the stockholders in the Seminole Securities Company and that the officers of the Southern Life Insurance Company and its agents in the transaction had knowledge of fraud and participated and benefited by it, conspiring and colluding with the officers and agents of the Seminole Securities Company, and do damage to the irreparable hurt and injury of the Seminole Securities Company, F. G. Thompkins and others as receivers of the Seminole Company have instituted suit in the United States Court here asking that the whole transaction between the Seminole Company and the Southern Life Insurance Company be annulled and the Seminole Company reimbursed the \$325,000 paid to the Southern Life by the Seminole officers in the deal that has stirred sensation after sensation in North and South Carolina, the home of the Seminole corporation for the past few months.

For Increase of School Term.

Representative Garris in the Legislature received a good bit of consideration on Wednesday.

Mr. Garris explained that his bill provided that if any school with a term of 20 weeks or less could through its friends, patrons or trustees, raise an amount equal to one month's salary paid the teacher, a like amount would be given by the State. The sum of \$25,000 was asked for.

The bill reads as follows: "Section 1. That any public school in this State which has not money enough from the regular school funds to continue the session longer than five months may have the term extended in the following manner: Whenever the patrons raise sufficient funds by private subscription or local taxation to extend the term one month, said school shall receive sufficient aid to extend the term for another additional month: Provided, That no one school shall receive more than \$80 under the provisions of this act in any one year.

"Sec. 2. No application shall be considered unless approved by the district trustees of such school and the county superintendent of education of the county in which said district is located; and no funds shall be paid out by the State superintendent of education until the amount raised in the said school district shall have been deposited with the county treasurer of such county to the credit of the said school in the said school district; Provided, That no school shall receive more than \$80 under the term of this act.

"Sec. 3. That the sum of \$25,000 if so much be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of this act."

Killed by Accident.

Charleston, Special.—Mr. D. B. Penrifo of Walterboro met his death Tuesday afternoon while hunting birds. Alarmed at his failure to appear for supper, his sons, J. B. Penrifo and D. B. Penrifo, Jr., went in search of him and found him at the steps of the target gallery with the top of his head blown off. The left barrel of his gun was empty. It is supposed that he was resting and had moved the gun accidentally discharging it.

Want Uniform Weight Corn.

Columbia, Special.—At the meeting of the Richland delegation Tuesday representatives from the upper part of the county asked that a law be passed requiring a uniform weight in corn. At present, it is stated, the weight and the measures do not agree and it is desired to change this for the benefit of the farmer. The delegation has it under consideration.

Three Men Instantly Killed.

Abbeville, Special.—Three men were instantly killed when Seaboard Air Line freight trains Nos. 20 and 29 collided head on six miles north of here early Wednesday morning. The dead: Engineer Clyde Moore, Fireman L. H. Nickles and a colored brakeman.

The trains were running at high speed when they met on a long trestle at 1:30 Wednesday morning and both locomotives and ten cars were totally demolished.

FOR SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAY.

Mr. Ellerbe's Request Meets With Favor.

All of the projects for surveys of rivers and harbors in South Carolina asked for by the various members and advocated in the committee by Representative Ellerbe have passed the rivers and harbors committee. The bill as made up Tuesday contains the items for survey mentioned a few days ago and one important one besides an authorization of a survey of an inland water route from Beaufort, N. C., on down to Georgetown through the Waccamaw river. Vessels which would come down the coast by the inland water route from Boston as far as Georgetown would be able to take to the ocean again after having passed the dangerous Hatters coast. The South Carolina end of the general project has been particularly championed by Mr. Ellerbe. There is a provision in the bill also for Mingo creek and for the Cooper river, Charleston. In a former dispatch Cooper should have been mentioned instead of "Coosaw" for which there is no appropriation.

Charged With Killing His Wife.

Union, Special.—The celebrated case of W. T. Jones, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Marion Jones, has been begun.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the calling of witnesses in the Jones case began, and at 10:40 Jones, in the custody of Deputy Sheriff J. G. Long, Jr., and accompanied by his son, Harry Jones, was brought into court. He appeared to be quite at ease and in the best of health and at intervals while his counsel were conferring read the daily papers.

On account of the large array of witnesses, but few spectators have been allowed in court, as the judge had given orders that the aisles must be kept cleared, which order was well enforced by Sheriff J. G. Long. At about 11:20 the calling of the witnesses for the defense was concluded by Mr. V. E. DePass, who is now associated with the counsel for the defense, which as at present is Mr. James Munro, Townsend & Townsend and Col. George Johnstone of Newberry. Five minutes later counsel for both sides held a joint consultation. In a few minutes the State counsel came out and then Jones had a conference with his attorneys, while the other side had a conference with the family connections of the deceased woman.

It was shortly after 1 o'clock when Col. Geo. Johnstone made the motion to quash the indictment because it did not specify the kind of poison administered or the nature of the bruises alleged to have been on Mrs. Jones' person. This motion, which was perhaps the feature of the morning session, and the preliminary skirmish in this great legal battle, was overruled by Judge Memminger.

Dr. Jeter was the principal witness. He testified that Mrs. Jones came by her death from strychnine poison.

Locating Post Office.

Darlington, Special.—Maj. Fred Brackett, superintendent of the site division of the treasury department, spent Monday in Darlington looking at the proposed sites for the new post office building, which the town is to have, and gathering the necessary information on which to base his recommendations. There are several of these lots in different localities and private interests in and around them have been putting forth strenuous efforts in their favor, and await with interest the results.

New Government of Aiken.

Aiken, Special.—Tuesday the new board of county commissioners took their office and the new county government went into effect. Instead of being governed by a supervisor and two commissioners as heretofore, the affairs of the county will be in charge of a chief commissioner and four district commissioners.

Forest Fire Near Aiken.

Aiken, Special.—A forest fire of large extent has been raging north of Aiken. It is stated, several thousand acres of valuable timber lands have been burned over. The damage is not known, but will probably reach many thousand dollars. The fire originated on Saturday, when the wind was blowing a fierce gale, and soon got beyond all control. It is still burning, but not with such fury as Saturday and Sunday. The fire is said to have originated through the carelessness of some unknown hunters. Four small houses have been burned.

DOINGS OF THE LAWMAKERS

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

In the House Mr. Cox, of Anson, introduced by consent of order a bill to establish the Morven High School.

The following bills passed third reading: Resolution to pay the expenses of the committee on Deaf and Dumb in visiting Morgantou.

Amend charter of the Western Carolina Power and Transportation Company.

Incorporate Carolina-Tennessee Power Company.

Incorporate Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad, 60-mile branch of the C. C. & O. from Muntdale, in Yancey county, to Asheville.

The bill to amend Revisal 2634 so penalties for unreasonably delayed freight might be sued for by any party damaged as well as the consignee was, on motion of Mr. Cox, of Wake, re-referred to the judicial committee No. 1, as several parties had notified the committee that they desired to be heard. Mr. Gavin explained that the present law allowed only the consignee to sue for the penalty.

The usual routine of business involved acts of merely local interests.

In the Senate Wednesday not without a long debate the Senate passed finally the Empe game bill, prohibiting the sale of quail and mountain pheasants in North Carolina for two years, with an amendment by Senator Peele limiting the killing by a hunter to fifteen birds on a single day.

The Senate passed the State drainage bill for reclaiming swamp and overflowed lands. No opposition was manifested.

There was some discussion of Senator Gay's bill to punish public drunkenness in the State, but it was not deemed necessary in view of the prohibition law and was voted down.

Senator Pharr and Representative Cox, of Wake, both introduced bills looking to an adequate forestry bureau for the State, with several assistant foresters to travel over the State and look out for necessary things to be done to preserve and perpetuate the forests. An appropriation of five thousand dollars is asked.

A new bill by Mr. Dowd in the House restores to heads of State institutions the nominating power in selecting employes taken from them two years ago and prevents the employment of relatives of superintendents or directors.

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Provide for compensation of judges holding special terms of court, at rate of \$100 a week.

Amend slot machine act of 1907 so as to exempt from tax those dispensing drinking water only.

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At the request of Chairman Doughton, of the committee of agriculture, the bill to regulate the registration of stock and poultry feed was re-referred to that committee in order that there may be a further hearing as to its provisions February 15th.

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Sabbath. Corrects apparent error in present law and makes violation as misdemeanor instead of punishable by a fine of \$1.

Weaver: Authorize appointment of women as notaries public. Mr. Weaver suggested, in order that his bill might be sure of a favorable report, that it be referred to a special committee composed of the gentlemen from Caldwell, Mr. Harshaw; the gentleman from Caswell, Mr. Henderson, and the gentleman from Sperry, Mr. Haymore.

Linney: Except brandy from the operation of the prohibition law. Allows citizens of Alexander county to sell brandy made from fruit grown on their own land.

The following bills were among those passed on third reading: Incorporate Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad Company.

For relief of Mrs. Emma Alice Howard, widow of ex-Sheriff Eugene K. Howard, of Granville, allowing her to collect back taxes.

In the Senate on Friday certain bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

Manning: Petition from certain Confederate soldiers for increased pensions.

Long, of Person: Amend Chap. 224, Public Laws of 1907, relative to working prisoners on the roads at their own request.

West: Petition from citizens of Macon county with request for Confederate monument.

New bills introduced out of order were as follows:

Barringer: Allow cleaning establishments a lien on articles cleaned until the bill for the work is paid.

Dawes: Return to the State penitentiary \$68,356.70 from the State Treasury, this being desired for use in maintenance of the prison. The bill had been prepared by the joint committee on penal institution and Senator Dawes asked its immediate passage. This was done and the bill was sent to the House for action there.

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In the House Mr. Harshaw offered a resolution in memory of Thomas N. Hayes, member from Wilkes, news of whose death had reached the House. The resolution expressed the grief and sympathy of the House of Representatives, a provision that it be spread upon the journal, and that the House adjourn at 12 o'clock in his memory. Adopted at once unanimously.

On motion the Speaker appointed Mr. Caudill, the colleague of the deceased member, and Messrs. Crumpler, Carter, Buck and Toplin a special committee to represent the House at the funeral at Purlair, in Wilkes county, the home of the Representative whose vacant seat is now draped in mourning and garlanded with a wreath. A joint resolution offered by Mr. Morton was adopted unanimously to the effect that the State pay the funeral expenses.

The following new bills offered: Taylor: Amend Revisal 370, relative to bringing new actions after non-suit.

Foy: Joint resolution to pay expenses of sub-committee visiting insane asylums.

Connor: Repeal Revisal 4792 and require assessment insurance companies doing business in North Carolina to make deposit with the State Treasurer.

Perry: For greater protection and comfort of the traveling public. (Substitute for similar bill which was mislaid). Provides for screens to windows of hotels and boarding houses and railroad cars.

Livingston: Require attendance on school schools in Tryon white graded school district, Polk county.

Gordon: Amend Revisal relating to public health. (Enlarges powers of State board of health and increases appropriation from \$2,000 to \$10,000, putting secretary in the field, providing for assistants and active work).

The Rice Supply Estimated.

Houston, Tex., Special.—A. E. Groves, secretary of the Texas-Louisiana Farmers' Association, has given out an estimate of the rice now held by farmers and by mills. According to his figures there are 800,000 sacks of clean and rough rice in Louisiana and 917,000 in Texas, of which latter 510,000 is rough. Mr. Groves estimates that 300,000 sacks will be needed for seed, leaving a total available supply of 1,417,500 sacks.

Haskell Memorial Home Burned; Three Missing.

Battle Creek, Mich., Special.—The Haskell Memorial Home was destroyed by fire Friday morning. Three of the thirty-seven members of the orphanage are missing. Seven little girls jumped from a third story window, but it is not thought any of them are fatally hurt. James Armstrong, 12 years old, standing on a shed under the window from which the girls had to jump, directed them how to make their fall as easy as possible and caught two of the smaller girls in his arms.

Dies Protesting Innocence.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Will Foster, colored, who was twice convicted on the charge of murdering John Young, a well-known white man of the country, in November, 1907, was hanged in the county jail Friday morning. Foster went to his death declaring his innocence. After the black cap had been adjusted he was asked if he desired to make any statement, and he replied that all he had to say was that he was innocent.

General Items Condensed.

The very latest says a man has been dug out of the ruins of Messina conscious and with chances of life after being shut up there 33 days.

The town of Yohama (says a Chicago dispatch of the 4th) is 15 feet deep in water.

Pittsburg, Pa., has been the victim of many negro deceptions and to suppress it many of them have been arrested. This has brought that historic city almost face to face with a race war.

Woman Brutally Murdered.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Charles Ferrell, a negro about 34 years old, brutally murdered his wife, Christie, Friday afternoon as she sat in her home on Highland avenue. He fired four shots from a revolver, killing her instantly. An eye-witness says Ferrell began firing after his wife told him she was afraid to live with him longer, she having left him after a fight Christmas week.

TALLOW IS FATTENING.

It is said that beef or mutton tallow is most excellent fattening food for poultry and may be fed at the rate of one ounce to each bird per day with profit, provided it does not cost in excess of six cents per pound. —Farmers' Home Journal.

Korea's average annual rice crop is placed at 2,560,000,000 pounds.

HOW TO CURE RHEUMATISM.

It Is An Internal Disease and Requires An Internal Remedy.

The cause of Rheumatism and kindred diseases is an excess of uric acid in the blood. To cure this terrible disease this acid must be expelled and the system so regulated that no more acid will be formed in excessive quantities. Rheumatism is an internal disease and requires an internal remedy. Rubbing with Oils and Liniments will not cure, affords only temporary relief at best, causes you to delay the proper treatment, and allows the maldy to get a firmer hold on you. Liniments may ease the pain, but they will not cure Rheumatism than pain will change the fibre of rotten wood.

Science has at last discovered a perfect and complete cure, which is called "Rheumicide." Tested in hundreds of cases, it has effected the most marvelous cures; we believe it will cure you. Rheumicide "gets at the joints from the inside," sweeps the poisons out of the system, tones up the stomach, regulates the liver and kidneys and makes you well all over. Rheumicide "strikes the roots of the disease and removes its cause." This splendid remedy is sold by druggists and dealers generally at 50c. and \$1 a bottle. In Tablet form at 25c. and 50c. a package. Get a bottle to-day. Booklet free if you write to Robbitt Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

Inhuman Revenge.

At Amite City, La., as a result of an ambushcade growing out of a ram-ily feud, two women and a man were killed, one of the alleged assassins is being held under a heavy guard and the country for miles around is being searched for another man alleged to be implicated in the murders, which occurred recently. It is alleged that as Benjamin Breland, his wife and Mrs. Joseph Everitt, the latter carrying an infant in her arms, were making their way homeward along one of the parish roads, Avery Blount and Garfield Kinchen fired on them from the side of the road with shotguns. Mrs. Averitt fell with her baby into the road, her head blown almost off. Mrs. Breland's breast was torn off by one of the volleys and Breland himself fell at the first fire. Young people driving home from a party found the baby crawling about among the bodies. Breland was still living and was able to murmur the name of Kinchen before he died. Avery Blunt was captured after an all-night search and says the Kinchen killed Breland, but will not say who killed the woman. Mrs. Everitt's husband was killed by Ben Kinchen, a brother of Garfield, several days ago, and the widow and her baby were making their home with the Brelands. Bad feeling has existed among the families for a number of years.

A YARN.

Chicago News.

"Two can live as cheap as one," Yes, they can! They can, like fun! You ask any one who's tried it; See just what he'll say.

Most of them are satisfied it Goes the other way. Toughest yarn was ever spun. "Two can live as cheap as one."

No one ever saw it done. No one in his sober senses Has this slightest doubt If he figures on expenses How that's coming out.

When uphill the water run "Two can live as cheap as one." Fifteen hundred make a ton. Woman never's money spending Does not care for dress? So if marriage you're intending Living might cost less.

No, don't swallow that, my son. Two can't live as cheap as one.

NO MEDICINE

But a Change of Food Gave Relief.

Many persons are learning that drugs are not the thing to rebuild worn out nerves, but proper food is required.

There is a certain element in the cereals, wheat, barley, etc., which is grown there by nature for food to brain and nerve tissue. This is the phosphate of potash, of which Grape-Nuts food contains a large proportion.

In making this food all the food elements in the two cereals, wheat and barley, are retained. That is why so many heretofore nervous and run down people find in Grape-Nuts a true nerve and brain food.

"I can say that Grape-Nuts food has done much for me as a nerve re-builder," writes a Wis. bride.

"A few years ago, before my marriage, I was a bookkeeper in a large firm. I became so nervous toward the end of each week that it seemed I must give up my position, which I could not afford to do.

"Mother purchased some Grape-Nuts, and we found it not only delicious, but I noticed from day to day that I was improving until I finally realized I was not nervous any more.

"I have recommended it to friends as a brain and nerve food, never having found its equal. I owe much to Grape-Nuts, as it saved me from a nervous collapse, and enabled me to retain my position."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.