

Scraps and Facts.

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The Yorkville Enquirer.



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THE funny bill of the present session so far, is one by Senator All, of Barnwell, to compensate victims of thieves and miscreants for their losses.

OF the West Point cadets recently dropped for failure to pass examinations, says the Atlanta Daily News, a large portion were from Southern states.

It is said in diplomatic circles at Washington, if the correspondent of the New York Herald may be believed, that Minister Conger's blunder in misinterpreting his cipher instructions about signing the joint note to the powers to China, has caused embarrassment to the powers, due to the bad impression made on the Chinese by Mr. Conger's hesitation to act with the representatives of other nations.

ALTHOUGH there are exceptions to all rules, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, the business man who is a liberal advertiser is also a man who has something to offer that is of especial advantage to the public.

Philadelphia Record: Two financial bills have been introduced in the house of representatives—by Representative Overstreet, intended to perfect present legislation establishing the gold standard by providing for the redemption of silver dollars in gold on demand, and the other by Representative Loveng, providing for emergency issues of banking currency properly secured, in order to give necessary elasticity to the currency corresponding to varying business demands.

Secretary Root has acknowledged that the deportation of Filipino leaders and agitators to Guam by General McArthur at Manila, was by authority of the war department. This plan of disposing of the Filipino leaders did not originate with the war department, but was recommended by General McArthur and approved by Secretary Root.

SENATOR Sheppard, of Edgfield, has prepared for introduction in the senate an important bill relating to dower. It provides that married women should be entitled to dower only in real property of which their husbands are possessed.

IN his annual message to the legislature, Governor Sayers, of Texas, recommends the passage of an act to protect newspapers against civil libel for printing the truth without malice.

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THE Colonial Life Insurance company of America, with headquarters in New York, has in the belief that it is the victim of graveyard insurance swindlers, caused the arrest of Thomas Martin, a newspaper editor of Union Hill, N. J., Wm. Necker, an undertaker; Thomas J. Kelly, a pugilist, who has been acting as an insurance agent; and Dr. Richard Jahr, a physician, who was formerly medical examiner for the company.

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Lord Kitchener: "Three agents of the peace committee were taken as prisoners to DeWet's laager near Lindley, January 10. One, who was a British subject, was flogged and then shot. The other two, burghers, were flogged by DeWet's orders." The incident, of course, has created intense indignation throughout England, and it may be made the excuse for horrors, the like of which have not yet been general.

ALTHOUGH there is still good reason to believe that the price of cotton will again reach the best figures that have been realized on any portion of the present crop, it is not reasonable to assume now that any such prices will be obtained for the next crop.

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Hon. Hoke Smith delivered a speech in Chicago last Friday, in which he discussed the wonderful resources of the South and the probability of their early development. He recited the history of the South during the hundred years previous to the civil war, and pointed out that though immense wealth had been created, it was principally through agricultural pursuits.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Synopsis of the Daily Proceedings of the House and Senate.

Condensed from Daily papers. IN THE HOUSE. Friday, January 11.—Representative Ashley's resolution to extend the tax paying time to March 1, was adopted without discussion.

There was a discussion of Mr. Rainford's resolution looking to the appointment of a special committee which is to look into the whole matter of the state farms, examine witnesses and books, and which was to report back to the committee.

Mr. Henry B. Richardson suggested that it should hold over until the report and it was his opinion, if it were feasible, it would be a most excellent thing for the members of the assembly to visit the state farm and look into the conditions there in person.

Mr. deLoach said he favored the sale of the state farms and moved to strike out the resolving words of the resolution.

Mr. Moses suggested that the resolution might remain on the calendar without action. It was too early to take any action and it would be well to let the resolution remain over until the annual reports of the officers of the penitentiary were in hand.

Mr. Prince was opposed to the resolution because, he said, if it were adopted and any decisive legislation were proposed, it would be at once said that it should hold over until the report of the special committee was received.

Mr. deLoach thought the reports of the boards of directors and of the superintendent ought to give all the desired information on which the property ought to be sold. If it did not contain this information it could be obtained without waiting.

Mr. Wingo thought the resolution useless, and there was no possible need for the members to tie their hands for a full session by referring the matter. The resolution was killed on a viva voce vote.

Messages were received from the governor with reference to the Georgetown race trouble, the reception of some Mexican war relics and the cessation to the government of land on Sullivan's island for military purposes.

IN THE SENATE. Friday, January 11.—No business of general importance was transacted. Senator Appelt offered a resolution, which was adopted, appointing a committee to notify the governor and lieutenant governor of their election and asking them to state what time would be suitable for the inaugural exercises.

IN THE HOUSE. Saturday, January 12.—The house was in session but a short time, and spent most of that time discussing the hour at which it should assemble on Monday. The time was finally fixed at 12 m. Mr. deLoach introduced, by request, a bill to repeal the law relating to barbed wire fences.

YORK'S NEW DELEGATION—The Child Labor Bill Receiving Consideration—York Members Have Nothing New to Offer Except That Mr. Beaumgard May Introduce Marriage License Bill—Prospective Appropriations for Common Schools.

COLUMBIA, January 12.—The session of the general assembly has opened up without any extraordinary incident. The indications are that there will be nothing startling or radical at this time of the legislature. Every one seems to be in a good humor and disposed to get through with the work with as little friction as possible.

THE members of the York county delegation have not yet proposed any legislation, and an inquiry among the members develops the fact that there will be nothing of special importance proposed; at least nothing has yet been decided on.

THE tax levy of York county will be slightly increased upon the recommendation of the county commissioners of that county.

THE inauguration of governor and lieutenant governor is likely to occur next Thursday. It was proposed to have the inauguration on the 18th of January, which has been the date generally, in fact since Governor Elber's first term.

There is no likelihood of any important legislation relative to the dispensary. The general disposition is that the dispensary is getting along as well as could be expected.

THE proposition to make a direct appropriation of \$200,000 for the public schools of the state will meet with opposition. It is not likely that more than \$100,000 will be appropriated to that purpose—if anything.

There does not appear to be any indication of an increase of the state levy, even if the appropriation for the Charleston exposition be made.

THE York delegation is scattered. Mr. Halle is at Mrs. McCants'; Mr. Beaumgard is at Mrs. Thompson's; Mr. de Loach is at the Pollock house; Mr. Elder is at Mrs. Stevenson's; Mr. Brice, is for the present, with his sister, Mrs. Knox.

Mr. Beaumgard is thinking of offering a bill looking to marriage licenses. On the matter of tax extension the York delegation was divided. Messrs. Beaumgard and Elder voted against the extension. Mr. Halle voted for the extension; deLoach not voting.

THE RE-DISTRICTING QUESTION. Passage of the Burleigh Bill Makes the Matter Imperative.

THE rearrangement of congressional districts may occasion a big fight at this session. When the late Mr. H. C. Patton pushed his bill, urging that the present "shoe string" districts were unnecessary and inconvenient, it was urged by the opposition that it were best to wait until after the census had been taken.

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THE people of Chesterfield, for instance, have not much in common with the people of Cherokee. The people of the sandhills of Richland know little of the people of Glassy Mountain in Greenville.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

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Jas. M. Starr & Co.—Tell you that they are in position to furnish you with all kinds of fertilizers that are as good as the best.

Sam M. Grist, Special Agent—Tells you that the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of New York is the best and why it is so.

Whitman, Castles & Co., Hickory Grove—Say that a little cash goes a long way at their store, and say they are offering especially low prices on winter goods.

Keene Dobson—Gives notice that he will call for your laundry on Monday hereafter, so as to ship it in time to return it Saturday.

Lowrance, Williams & Co.—Tell you that they are now in position to sell all kinds of groceries at wholesale prices, and say that they have just received a carload of groceries.

THE Teachers' Association. If there is not a full attendance at the next meeting of the York County Teachers' association, to be held in the court house next Saturday, January 19, it will not be the fault of Superintendent of Education Carroll.

Fellow Teacher: The next meeting of our association will be held in the court house at Yorkville, on Saturday, January 19, beginning at 10 a. m.

ABOUT PEOPLE. Mr. T. G. Culp was over from Fort Mill last Saturday on business.

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North Carolina seem to have an abundant supply of spirits; so that jug after jug comes here. There is no denial of this fact; but the further fact also exists that the sight of a man under the influence of whisky, at least in the streets is a rare one.

WITHIN THE TOWN. The South Carolina and George Extension railroad depot is still in process of construction. It will be a neat building when finished, but quite small.

THE town's rock crushing outfit has been recently painted to protect it from the weather. There being no immediate prospect of wearing it out, the council has very properly determined that it shall not be allowed to rust out.

THE electric lights have been very satisfactory during the past two weeks. The manufacturers of the dynamo sent an expert here recently to see what was the matter with the machine.

Cardoza Hampton, a local Negro, who has a considerable local reputation as a blind tiger and gambler, was arrested by Constable Scoggins on Monday, and on being taken before Magistrate Sandifer was released on a \$200 bond.

Prof. Meehan's school of trained dogs will be the attraction at the opera house tomorrow, (Thursday) night. The professor has a class of 20 canines that have been taught to do all manner of remarkable and funny tricks, and his show has been well received wherever he has been.

As the result of a widespread agitation in 1891, quite a number of people in this locality became much interested in pecan culture, and many trees were set out in and around Yorkville.

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