

Scraps and Facts.

The Cuban constitutional convention placed itself upon record last Friday against the Platt amendment...

defeated troops clear across Central Arabia, seizing the city Nejd and depositing Ibu Raschid.

The Yorkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1901.

A FELLOW named Gomez, (not the general who did the fighting), said in the Cuban constitutional convention...

A CHINESE merchant named Ho Tung suggests that the powers agree upon the aggregate indemnity they should demand from China...

ACCORDING to a Washington dispatch, certain Democratic politicians are trying to launch a presidential boom for General Nelson A. Miles.

ACCORDING to Agoncillo, agent of Aguinaldo in Paris, the Filipinos have elected General Sandico to succeed the recently captured commander-in-chief.

A recent statement to the effect that the British government has determined to supply the South African army with beef raised in England...

THE effort of Boer representatives to stop the shipment of mules from New Orleans for the use of the British government, has failed.

It is said in local mill circles in Charlotte that President Compers, of the Federation of Labor, spent several days there last week for the purpose of organizing the mill operatives for co-operation in the general mill strike...

THE appointment of Captain John G. Capers to be district attorney is the political sensation of the day.

There was a touching scene at Mount Vernon last Thursday, when M. Cambon, the French ambassador, accompanied by the officers and cadets of the French training ship Duquesne...

THE Charleston News and Courier of last Saturday, contains an interesting interview that the Washington correspondent of that paper has had with Rear Admiral Endicott, who had just returned to Washington from Charleston and Port Royal...

—New York Herald: A recent arrival from China is Ralph James, who for nearly 15 years has been extensively engaged in mining near Kalman, near Pekin, and in Siberia.

leton is assured of liberal and just treatment for the next six years at least.

The Hebrews of the world, and especially of the United States, have a well organized movement looking to the eventual purchase of Palestine from the Turks and the re-establishment of themselves as a nation in that country.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

The action of General Wood in temporarily suppressing the Havana newspaper, "Discussion," by way of punishment for the publication of an incendiary cartoon, has come in for a great deal of harsh criticism in that portion of the United States press that would not have its readers believe that America is capable of doing anything right in Cuba.

We know nothing about the facts in the case, further than can be learned from the meagre dispatches from Cuba; and although by education, interest, and environment, we are naturally zealous upholders of the freedom of the press, not only here but elsewhere, we frankly confess that we have never been impressed with any sense of outrage on account of the action of General Wood.

Freedom of the press does not mean license of the press as many contemporaries would have their readers believe. The term has no such meaning in the United States, and it should not have such meaning in Cuba.

In the same section of the constitution of the United States (the first amendment) in which we are guaranteed freedom of the press, we are also guaranteed freedom of speech and freedom of religion. There are those who would take this section to mean that an American citizen has a right to print what he pleases, speak what he pleases, and practice any religion that he pleases.

It should be remembered that as yet Cuba is still without a constitution. The country is under martial law. General Wood is responsible for peace and order in the land.

Pursuant to the adjournment on April 6, quite a number of farmers from different parts of the county met in the court house Monday during the recess of court, for the purpose of completing the organization of the Cotton Growers' association.

MERE-MENTION.

In testimony delivered before the industrial commission at Washington last Friday, John Norris, business manager of the New York Times, said that the print paper trust is making publishers pay an increase of \$4,000,000 per annum in the cost of newspaper.

Reports from representatives from the various townships indicated that while there have been larger purchases of guano than usual this year, more than half of it has been put under corn, wheat, oats, etc.

On account of the work of the court, which had a prior claim on the use of the court room, it was not practicable to complete the details of organization, and it was decided to adjourn the meeting until salesday in May.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDowell returned home last Friday.

Mr. W. W. Boyce spent Sunday with his family in Yorkville.

Miss Mary Ashe returned Saturday after a visit to Camden.

Rev. W. G. Neville is attending the meeting of Bethel presbytery at Lancaster.

Mrs. Julia Corkill, of Chester, is visiting friends in Yorkville, the guest of Mrs. L. M. Grist.

Mr. Robert Latta, engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, is spending a few days with friends in Yorkville.

Mr. James A. Watson is attending the spring meeting of Bethel presbytery, which convened in Lancaster last night (Tuesday).

Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, and Miss Mattie Caldwell, of Clover, are visiting the family of Dr. A. Y. Cartwright.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Europe—Wants to book a party of ten before May 1st, for a tour of the European continent, leaving Philadelphia in July.

I. W. Gordon, Trustee in Bankruptcy—Advertises for sale the stock of drugs, merchandise and store fixtures of J. W. Carr, bankrupt.

John B. Williams—Announces that he will open a fancy grocery store in the room formerly occupied by Grist Cousins, in the Bratton building, and invites his friends to come and see him for family and fancy groceries.

J. Q. Wray—Advertises a sensational cut price sale to commence on Saturday and end on Tuesday night.

H. C. Strauss & Co.—Tell of their millinery, dress goods and clothing sales during their most sanguine expectations, and assure all comers that it is there that the best of everything is to be had at their proverbially low prices.

York Implement Co.—Tells of the superiority of the Buckeye binder and asks you to ask them for a statement from York county farmers who use the same.

C. P. Lowrance & Co.—Have something of interest to say in regard to molasses, and want you to see them before you buy.

Riddle & Carroll—Say that the McCormick harvesting machinery stands out as the best to be had, and say that it received the highest honors at the Paris exposition.

The Enquirer—Has something to say in regard to its commercial printing facilities, and wants you to come to The Enquirer to get the best work.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

—Just for curiosity, the reporter has been trying to ascertain whether or not the cocaine habit has its votaries in Yorkville; but he has been unable to learn of anything definite along that line.

The Easter election at the Church of the Good Shepherd resulted as follows: Senior warden, Geo. W. S. Hart; junior warden, M. C. Willis. Vestrymen: G. T. Radcliffe, W. E. Moore, R. A. Bratton, C. M. Kuykendal, Jas. L. Hanahan. Delegates to council: Geo. W. S. Hart, M. C. Willis, R. A. Bratton, Jas. L. Hanahan. Alternates: Robt. C. Johnson, C. M. Kuykendal, W. B. Moore, J. O. Walker.

—President F. C. Woodward, of the South Carolina college, who had an engagement to deliver a lecture in Yorkville on the 19th instant, writes to Superintendent Jones, of the Graded School, that he finds that he will be unable to come, because of illness.

THE COTTON GROWERS.

Much against his will Mr. D. M. Hall was unanimously chosen as president of the association. Mr. Hall explained that he was in full sympathy with the objects as outlined by Mr. Wilborn, and said he was glad to give his cooperation; but he felt sure that the executive management could be put in better hands.

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Just a few minutes before the polls closed a well-dressed lady came up, wall without assistance, and asked if there was a graveyard scene. The graves had been dug, the fiend was being buried. A woman with a spade in her hand stood at one end of the grave and a man at the other.

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is attending court as a petit juror. His arm is not entirely well yet; but he is able now to get along without the sling in which he has been carrying it. He says he did some plowing last week. By way of recreation, to keep his hand in, and for what he believes he can make out of it, Mr. J. Q. Wray, is working the Hobbs' farm on the outskirts of Yorkville. Mr. Wray, it will be remembered, was formerly a farmer, and a good one. It was not until some seven or eight years ago that he began merchandising.

Mr. John B. Williams, late of the firm of Lowrance, Williams & Co., is unable to keep out of the fancy grocery business it seems, and his many friends are glad that such is the case. He expects soon to put a new stock of merchandise in one of the rooms of the Bratton building, formerly occupied by Grist Cousins. It is his purpose to give his attention more especially to fancy groceries.

SWEET POTATOES.

Although there are many people who confess their inability to keep sweet potatoes through the winter after having raised them, there are dozens of ways to accomplish this end.

The plan of Mr. J. B. Adkins was outlined recently, and on Monday the reporter had a short talk with Mr. J. E. Thomas, of Carp, another farmer who not only knows how to raise sweet potatoes; but who understands their value.

Mr. Thomas recently advertised a lot of potatoes at 80 cents a bushel. In answer to a question as to how he was getting along with his sales, he said: "Why, I sold them all out at once, and could have sold twice as many more if I had had them. But I'll be fixed next year. See if I don't."

"Going to plant more largely than usual?"

"That is what I am going to do. I am going to plant if not to supply the demand, and if I don't sell them I'll feed them to stock. They'll sell, though."

"What about your plan for hacking potatoes? How do you save them?" "I never have any trouble under my plan. It is a very simple matter. I begin by throwing up some dirt and packing it hard. On this I spread some straw, and then pile on the potatoes. At each end of the pile I put up a stake and on top of these stakes, I lay a pole. Then I put planks along from the ground to the pole on either side, breaking the cracks so as to keep the air and water out. After that I finish up by piling dirt on the bank—about two feet in thickness at the bottom and lighter toward the top, which I leave open for ventilation until the cool weather sets in. Sometimes, when the weather is very severe, I put lanterns in the cracks to break the chill. Let the potatoes get thoroughly chilled once and they are gone."

Mr. Thomas says the whole secret of saving potatoes lies in keeping them cool and dry and not allowing them to freeze. It is his purpose to erect, between now and the time for digging the next crop, a potato house, especially adapted to the saving of potatoes through the winter, and which house he expects to serve as an economical and convenient substitute for hacks.

DOWNED THE DISPENSARY.

By a vote of 170 to 56, the people of Rock Hill, on last Friday, said they would take no dispensary in their—not yet awhile.

The agitation had been on for some weeks. The movement originated with the dispensary people very quietly, but so realized that the prohibitions of the city council that the fight was really on, they came down on the situation with old time unanimity. The local ministers entered heartily into the struggle, and they were backed by the ladies of the city and the leading citizens to a man.

The anti-dispensary people were not ashamed of their principles, and to show the fact they had their tickets printed on red paper. In hopes of catching the weak-backed falterers who would hesitate between their appetites and co-operation with the principles upheld by the majority, the dispensary undertook to use red also. But the liquor ticket was a little off in color and failed to serve its purpose. Anyhow, a great many of them did not get into the box.

Since the election the anti-dispensary people have inaugurated a war against the tigers. It is understood that funds will be raised and every effort will be made to curb the tiger business as far as possible.

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Mitch Lewis, charged with violation of the dispensary law, was acquitted.

Lindsay Miller, charged with house-breaking and larceny, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine months on the chain-gang.

When court adjourned Monday evening, there were only nine cases left on the sessions docket, although it was expected that the grand jury would probably return additional bills during Tuesday morning.

The grand jury will probably make its final presentment and secure its discharge this (Wednesday), morning.

In the case of A. C. Hogue, charged with breach of trust with fraudulent intent, the grand jury returned "no bill."

Cammie Ellis pleaded guilty of house-breaking and larceny and was sentenced to ten months imprisonment.

Cardoza Hampton pleaded guilty of violating the dispensary law and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or go to the chain-gang for three months. He paid the fine.

The greater part of Tuesday morning was taken up with the trial of Sam Harris, indicted for using abusive language to an officer. The testimony of the prosecution was to the effect that Officers Thomason and Wingate went to Harris's house, near Catawba river, to search it for whiskey. They met Harris in the road, and when they told him of their business he began using abusive language toward them.

Harris and other witnesses for the defense testified that Harris had applied his abusive language to whoever may have reported him as being engaged in the liquor business. Officer Thomason testified to finding a number of beer bottles and eight or ten jugs in a house on Harris's premises. The jugs, he said, had contained whiskey. Harris's wife testified that there were only two jugs on the place used for kerosene and that the beer bottles had been gathered up on a neighboring picnic ground to be used as a border to flower beds.

Captain Iredell Jones and Mr. A. E. Smith testified to the general good character of Harris and to the effect that picnic parties frequently went from Rock Hill to a place near the defendant's house, and that it was customary for members of these parties to carry beer, etc., with them. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

There were additional indictments against Cardoza Hampton, but they were withdrawn on condition that he leave the county and not return.

The case of the State again W. R. Bradford, charged with the murder of John McCord, in Port Mill, in February last, was taken up a few minutes after noon yesterday and concluded in about an hour.

E. L. Laney, colored, testified that he, with others, was in a house with John McCord. McCord shot at Laney and ran him away. Laney went for the police to arrest McCord. He returned with Messrs. W. R. Warren and H. C. Culp, following the former, with the latter bringing up the rear. As they neared the house, Laney saw Mr. Bradford and McCord, standing within ten steps of each other. He heard McCord say, "Stand back," and heard him snap his pistol at Mr. Bradford. Mr. Bradford immediately commenced firing. McCord fell. Two shots took effect—one in the right side and the other in the back of his head.

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come on," and snapped his pistol in his face. Realizing that his life was in danger, he drew his pistol and commenced firing as rapidly as he could. He did not know how many shots he fired. It may have been three and it may have been five. McCord had his right side turned to defendant, who thought the first shot must have struck him there, and the second in the head as he was falling. The testimony of Jack Springs was unqualified and absolutely false. "I did not see him at all, and I do not believe he was there."

Mr. Bradford said he had no grievance against McCord; had known him for a year; but had spoken to him rarely. He knew that the Negro had a reputation as a most dangerous character. Defendant fired because he believed his life to be in imminent danger.

Mr. Bradford was not cross examined by the solicitor.

The defence was proceeding to put up other witnesses to show the dangerous character of the deceased, when Solicitor Henry announced that the state did not care to go further into the matter. In view of the exoneration of the defendant by the coroner's jury, he was willing to submit the case on the testimony without argument. Mr. Wilson, for the defense, agreed, and the papers were turned over to the jury without instructions from the court. After remaining out but a few minutes, the jury returned with a verdict of "not guilty."

LOCAL LANCERS.

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Rotting In The Ground. It has been an unfavorable spring on Irish potatoes. The weather has been too cool. Mr. Bolivar Carson, of the Delphos neighborhood, reports the planting of about two barrels some weeks ago, and the indications are that most of his seeds have rotted in the ground.

A Good Season. The rain of last Saturday is generally considered to have been one of the most beneficial that has fallen this year. Coming as it did in a gentle, even, prolonged shower, instead of washing plowed lands away, it sank into the soil, loosened up the earth and gave recently planted crops something to start on.

Death of an Infant. Willie May, the eight months' old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Cade, of Bordeaux, S. C., died at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. W. T. Slaughter, at Hickory Grove, last Monday night at 12 o'clock, after a short illness. Mrs. Cade was formerly Miss May Slaughter, of Hickory Grove, and is now there on a visit to her parents.

Smallpox In London. A case of smallpox developed at London, just across the Cherokee line, a mile from Smyrna, last Friday. A family of Negroes are the victims. The Smyrna people are doing the best they can to protect themselves from a spread of the disease. They have notified the supervisor of Cherokee of the situation, and it is probable that he will look after the comfort and welfare of the stricken family.

Snow In April. "Fifty-two years ago today—the 15th of April, 1849—I measured five inches of snow on a dry goods box in front of where Strauss's store now stands," said an old citizen of Yorkville to the reporter on Monday. "It was an unusually forward spring," the speaker went on to say, "and the leaves on the trees were more than half grown. Corn was knee high in places and cotton was growing right along. Many people were looking for their first mess of green peas within the next few days; but the snow paralyzed everything, and there was much replanting to be done."

Sad Death at Winthrop. Miss Florence Loryea, one of the Winthrop students, while sitting watching the Saturday evening play of her companions, suddenly collapsed, and before any aid could be given her she had breathed her last. She was a special music pupil in the college and this was her first year here. At the time of her sudden death she was in the college dormitory where she roomed. A fortnight ago she had measles and had apparently about recovered. President Johnson at once notified her parents, who reside in St. Matthews, and they arrived Sunday evening.

Will Make Other Arrangements. The use of the supervisor's office by the grand jury is embarrassing to the supervisor and county board of commissioners. The supervisor is pretty busy with his office work at all times that he is in town, and this is especially the case while court is in session. It has been the custom for quite a while to turn the office over to the grand jury during the attendance of that body on the sessions court, and the arrangement does not suit at all. "We'll have to change that," said Supervisor Gordon on Monday. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the board and we will see if we cannot make her arrangements for the grand jury."

New District Attorney. President McKinley has appointed Captain John G. Capers to be United States district attorney for South Carolina, vice Abel Lathrop, whose term of office has not expired. The new appointee is the second son of Bishop Capers, and served as assistant United States district attorney during the administration of President Cleveland. He held over during the administration of President McKinley.

The Yorkville Cotton Market. Corrected Semi-Weekly by Messrs. Latta Bros. YORKVILLE, April 16, 2 p. m.—The local market stands: Midding ..... 7 1/2 Fully Midding ..... 7 1/2 Fully Good Midding ..... 8 Latta Bros.

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