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GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

A mob of negroes at Courtland, Ala., lynched a negro last Tuesday.

Fifteen hundred miners at Wilkesbarre, Pa., have been ordered out because of a wage dispute.

A movement has been set on foot by the tobacco men of Richmond to form a National Tobacco Association.

Out of the 1,818 miles of railway tract laid in this country so far this year 1,275 was in the south and southwest.

The Chicago Tribune which keeps tab on such things figures out the casualties on the Fourth at 25 killed and 1,813 injured by explosive patriotism.

There was a violent earthquake shock in the city of Mexico on Saturday night, electric and telegraph poles swaying back and forth as if in a high wind.

Prayers were offered for rain in the churches of Missouri last week and Sunday was set apart by the Governor as a day of special supplication to the Almighty.

A dispatch from Pekin says: It is reported that the Russians are rapidly completing the Manchurian railway, and will employ 50,000 troops for the defense of the line.

According to the Associated Press reports there were during the hot spell 4,478 prostrations from heat, 1,283 of which were fatal. But few of these were in the southern states.

As a result of Secretary Wilson's recent visit to North Carolina, he will recommend to congress the purchase of about 2,000,000 acres of forest land in the Appalachian mountains.

Severe fighting according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Lourenço Marques, has taken place between Machadodorp and Lydenburg, the Boer being defeated with at least fifty killed.

The French colony in the city of Mexico last week brilliantly celebrated the fall of the Bastille. The great key to this famous prison lies, or did lie for many years, in a glass case at Mount Vernon.

The combine of light oilcloth companies of the country, to be known as the Standard Table Oilcloth company, was effected Wednesday under the laws of New Jersey. The capital stock is \$10,000,000.

The Charleston Mining and Manufacturing Company, of Charleston, S. C., a large fertilizer concern, yesterday filed notice with the Secretary of State of the increase of its capital stock from one to three million dollars.

Zanesville, Ohio, was strangely invaded one day last week—swarms of June bugs, worse than a grasshopper plague, putting out city lights, infesting the hotels and other buildings, and covering floors to the depth of several inches.

An explosion in the smelter of the Kansas City Consolidated Smelting company at El Paso, Texas, damaged the property to the extent of \$125,000. An accumulation of gas caused the explosion. Thirteen Mexicans were burned, three of whom will probably die.

A dispatch from London says that more than one hundred persons, including troops and police, were wounded Monday in an encounter at Lemberg, growing out of an attempt by the police to stop street parades held in demonstration on behalf of the unemployed.

Boiling of the remains of Lee Wing, a murdered Chinese, to ascertain if bullets from Lee Look's pistol had entered his body, has been completed. Fourteen large buckshot and one 44-calibre bullet were found when the mass was strained. This bullet is said to fit Loo's revolver.

The Tallest Man.

This Confederate veteran, the tallest man in the Southern army, served continuously with Parson's Brigade of Missouri Cavalry and although 7 feet 7½ inches in height, he was wounded only once in all the campaigns of that hard-fighting command.

His life has been one of adventure. When gold was discovered in California he left his home in Morgan county to become a soldier of fortune. After prospecting a year he returned via Panama, Cuba and New Orleans aboard the steamer Falcon, which ran the gauntlet of Spanish warships near Cuba. The episode resulted in an international discussion, which came near resulting in a war between the United States and Spain.

When the Civil War became imminent he was among the first volunteers to enlist in the Confederate Army. He was with General Marma Luke's division of Parson's Brigade from Elkhorn to the surrender of the Brigade at Shreveport, La., June 9, 1865. His extraordinary height made him a mark for hundreds of sharpshooters, but a happy destiny seemed to guide his movements and the only injury he sustained was a wound received in an active engagement at Poison Springs, Ark.

Mr. Thurston removed to Titus county, Texas, in 1871, where he has since resided. He "wears the belt" as probably the tallest man in the United States, as he is nearly 8 inches higher than Porter, the Kentucky giant, and 5 inches taller than Jack Shields, the Hunt county, Texas, giant, who was for several years with Barnum's Museum in New York.

(The tall man mentioned in the above clipping is the same man who headed the parade at the Memphis reunion of which ex-Sheriff Powell wrote last week.—Ed.)

Christianity and History.

Christianity has dominated all modern history. Its morality, based on the loving kindness of an Eternal Father and the mystic brotherhood with the God-Man, has renovated the face of the earth. It has set firmly the cornerstone for all future civilization, the conviction of a common humanity that has been deeply rooted in us by no stoicism, but by the story of Jesus Christ and by the lives and deaths of countless Christian men and women. It has clarified at once the sense of sin and the reasons for hope. It has touched the deepest springs of efficient conviction; preached successfully, in season and out of season, of mercy and justice and peace; affected intimately every function of domestic life; thrown a sheltering view of sanctity about maid and mother and home; stood out against the fierce ambitions and illicit loves of rulers, and the low passions of the multitude. It has healed and cleansed whole legislations, and "filled out with a vivifying spirit" the noble but inorganic letter of great maxims that a Seneca or an Epictetus might utter, but could not cause to live. It has distinctly raised the social and civil life of all civilized humankind. It bears within itself the antidote of a certain divine presence, whereby it overcomes forever those germs of decay and change that cause the death of all other societies. Its earliest writers and exponents had a subtle sense of its true character when they took over from paganism and applied to the work of Jesus the symbolic myth of the phoenix, emblem of a native, organic, and indestructible vitality.—Cardinal Gibbons in The North American Review.

Charles A. Peabody, a distinguished jurist, died last week at his home in New York from exhaustion, caused by the intense heat. He was 87 years old. For the last six months he had been suffering from the general weakness incident to his advanced age.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

General Outlook Continues Very Unpromising—Scarcely Half Crop.

Gloomy reports as to crop conditions continue to be received here, and there seems almost no end of the tidings of damage done by the heavy rains of the past few days.

The weekly crop bulletin for North Carolina, issued by the United States climate and crop service, gives a general summary, which presents in a comprehensive way the crop conditions throughout the State. It is as follows:

The weather during the past week was favorable for crops throughout a large portion of the western district, and along the northern border of the State until Saturday. The most important feature was the development of two storms on the North Carolina coast. The first was confined to the immediate coast, and caused heavy rains in the east on the 8th, and some damage to crops by high northeast winds. A local very heavy and damaging rain also occurred on that date over several western counties, chiefly Davie, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Catawba and Iredell. The second storm started near Wilmington, Friday, the 12th, and the rain area gradually spread over the entire State, bringing on the average about three inches of precipitation and causing freshets in the rivers. The temperature during the week was about normal, and no extremely high maxima were reported. The amount of sunshine was deficient.

In many western and northern counties crops made favorable progress, but in the east and south too much rain interfered again with farm work, and has started grass to growing rapidly in most all crops. Bottom lands are in very bad condition, and hardly any results are expected from them. The weather has been a little cool for cotton, and the rainy, damp conditions since the 12th is causing it to develop too much weed. Corn on uplands is doing well, and in all sections where it was suffering from drought the crop was improved by rain. Chinch bugs are doing some damage in a few counties. Tobacco is growing fast, and there is some fear of its taking on a second growth. Cutting and curing are proceeding slowly in the east, and topping is general in the central portion. Peanuts and sweet potatoes are good. Treshing wheat continues. A little wheat left in the shock was damaged by excessive moisture. Field peas are growing nicely. Some hay was saved during the week, and meadows are in fine condition, but the work now awaits drier weather. Grapes appear to be rotting badly, and the rainfall has been too much for melons. Melons are ripening and some are coming into market. The general outlook for crops continues unpromising.

Russia and Japan Ready to Engage in War at Once.

London, July 15.—Explanation of the great military activity in Russia is given in a brief telegram from Russo-Scandinavian press agency in St. Petersburg.

The message stated that the Russian government has ordered railways to hold themselves in readiness to transport troops on four hours' notice and that war with Japan was imminent. The relations between Russia and Japan have been strained to the breaking point for some time.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health and my life. I was treated in vain by doctors for lung trouble following la grippe. I took One Minute Cough Cure and recovered my health."—r. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga. J. R. Ledbetter, Hare & Son, Hood Bros.

Gussie—"Did she weally call you a puppy?" Cholly—"Well—er—no; not exactly. She merely asked me if I liked dog-biscuit." Ex.

Corporations Assessed.

Raleigh, N. C., July 16.—The Corporation Commission today completed assessments of railway and other property of corporations. The assessments are as follows: Atlantic Coast Line, \$13,932,426; Southern, \$15,479,002; Seaboard Air Line, \$8,683,861; miscellaneous roads, \$4,270,230. The only increase over last year is on miscellaneous roads, aggregating \$75,000. Street railways, \$839,850; this is an entirely new subject of assessment. Southern Express Company, \$186,593, increase \$72,000; Pullman cars, \$181,729, increase \$31,000; telegraph companies, \$904,000, same as last year; telephone companies, \$355,000, increase \$275,000; steamboats \$267,000, same as last year; waterworks, \$75,271, this being over and above capital stock; street railways, \$83,985, this being an entirely new subject of assessment; electric light and gas companies, \$128,838, this being also a new subject.

The commission orders that all street cars in operation in North Carolina be vested. It defers action as to requiring fenders on cars.

The Hot Spell Broken.

Jackson, Miss., July 16.—At the close of another day the rain is coming down steadily and apparently over a wide scope of country. The hot wave is broken and there is general rejoicing. The rain is too late to save any late corn, but means much for cotton, potatoes, cane and gardens.

Omaha, Neb., July 16.—Eastern Nebraska and western Iowa received today an inch or more of rain, which relieved the drought.

Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—Rain fell over an area of eighty miles around Kansas City today. At Lawrence, Kas., it was the first moisture in twenty-six days. Ottawa, Wellsville and Tornado, Kansas, and Camden Point, Mo., also reported rains.

She's a "Bird."

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge; her first husband was named Robin, her second Sparrow, and the present one's name is Quayle. There are now two young Robins, one sparrow and three little Quayles. One grandfather is a Swann and another was a Jay, but he's dead and now a bird of paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Eagleville, Canary Island, and the fellow who wrote the above is a lyre bird, an interested relative of the family.—Ex.

Mrs. F. H. Briggs, of Auburn, Me., a daughter of Senator Frye, is the owner of the box which was used to carry the electoral votes for President McKinley and Vice-President Roosevelt from the Senate to the House. The box is of mahogany, two feet long and eight inches deep, and is bound with brass.

William Rollins, of Dague, King George county, Va., whose death was noted in The Baltimore Sun recently, was widely known as the ferryman who carried John Wilkes Booth across the Rappahannock when the latter was making his escape from his pursuers after the assassination of President Lincoln.

According to the censuses returns giving the area of the various States, Florida has the largest amount of land under water in proportion to her area, and Wyoming the least.

A Poor Millionaire

Lately starved in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by Hood Bros., druggists.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

Laurinburg Exchange: The amount of cotton land in this county ploughed under and planted in corn or peas will form no inconsiderable acreage.

C. C. Wilbon, of West Durham, was killed on the track of the Southern railway between Morrisville and Cary Monday morning about 9 o'clock. A flask containing whiskey was found on his person.

High Point Enterprise: It is rumored that the capital stock of the High Point Trunk and Excelsior Co., will be increased several thousand dollars and the company will build a new factory down on the Asheboro road.

While descending the mountain, one mile from Blowing Rock, Monday afternoon, a team of Henkle Bros. was struck by lightning and three of the four horses killed. The driver was knocked from the hack but was not seriously injured.

All the plumbers and gas fitters of Charlotte struck Wednesday for an advance in wages from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day of 9 hours, except on Saturday, when eight hours are to count a day; and also double pay for holidays and Sundays. Their demand was refused by all employers.

In a negro settlement in Wilmington Monday night, Will Dudley colored, for fifteen years porter at the office of the Navassa Guano Company, was shot and instantly killed by John Wallig, alias Wallace, a half grown South Carolina negro, who made good his escape.

Person Courier: A gentleman who has been traveling over North Carolina for fourteen years says that he has never seen such poor crops in the State. In some sections of the State, where much wheat is raised, the crops are almost a failure. The corn and cotton are very small, and the tobacco was ruined by the hail.

Charlotte News: North Carolina can boast the largest grape vine in the world. It is on the farm of B. F. Meekins, Roanoke Island, not far from the site of Fort Raleigh and near the birthplace of Virginia Dare. It is claimed that the vine was planted by Sir Walter Raleigh's ill-fated colony in 1587. It is the Scuppernon variety, covers an acre of ground and yields about a ton of grapes annually.

Secretary Wilson, of the National Department of Agriculture, after inspecting last week some of the most attractive points in the territory of the proposed Appalachian Park, states that he will again recommend and renew his efforts to get Congress to establish this park and vote a few millions to that end. Senator Pritchard, the principal promoter of it among our public men, is sanguine of success. It will be a great thing, if accomplished.

Knelling at the machine at her father's home on the corner of Main and Cemetery streets Miss Aylmer James was found dead one day last week by her mother. Shortly before the young lady's death her mother saw her leave a back room and go to an adjoining room. She followed her a few minutes later and found her daughter on her knees with her arms thrown on the machine, dead. A physician, who was called in, pronounced the cause apoplexy.

One day last week Dr. R. S. Young was called to amputate Mr. William Plott's thumb that had been mashed at the Cannon mills and while the operation was going on water was upset on a case of eighteen needles. These were placed on a piece of paper and put in the sun to dry to prevent them from rusting, when a goat came along and ate needles, paper and all. The next morning from all appearances the goat does not need the medicine man.

EASONS DOTS.

Our tobacco farmers have commenced curing.

Mr. Oscar Creech was in our section Sunday.

There will be singing at Thanksgiving church next Saturday and Sunday.

The mail from Easons to Wilson's Mills missed going last Tuesday on account of high water.

Mr. Seth Parrish, of Dunn, who has been visiting relatives in this section, returned home Tuesday.

We are sorry to say the farmers are very much disheartened by the rain. We had the largest rain Monday we have had since May.

A mad dog bit the 10-year old son of J. B. Hogan, of LaGrange, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hogan left Monday for Baltimore to put his boy under the Pasteur treatment.

There were 50 applications for the position of professor of agriculture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The state charters the Beston North Carolina Lumber Company, of Woodlawn, McDowell county, capital \$125,000 also the Travera Cotton Mills Company, of Graham, capital \$100,000.

The Governor pardons Ransom Brodie, convicted 7 years ago of manslaughter. He killed another negro about a dog. New evidence was discovered greatly in his favor.

The jury on mines and mining for the Pan-American exposition was named today. Professor J. A. Holmes, state geologist of North Carolina, is one of the five persons named.

Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. R. H. Perry, a farmer who lives five miles northeast of Raleigh, had three quarters of an acre in strawberries this year. He gathered thirty-five barrels and sold them for \$309.54. This was not, mind you, in that section of eastern North Carolina where strawberries ripen early enough to be in demand for the tables of the metropolitan epicure, but in the higher altitude around Raleigh where berries ripen too late for the northern demand.

The mule that plows five days and a half in the week, goes to town on Saturday and hauls home box meat to feed the family and baled hay to feed himself while driven by a master crazed with mean whiskey, and must play buggy horse on Sunday at a Maud S. gate, may be said to have a pretty hard time.—Fremont Visitor.

Oriental advices give details of a terrible destruction of human life in Northern Java last month by a sudden and terrific outburst of the volcano Kiloet. For fifty miles around coffee plantations were destroyed by showers of ashes with great streams of lava and hot mud.

Fifteen thousand acres of wheat went up in flames at Great Bend, Kan., one day last week. The fire was started by an unknown man throwing a lighted cigar into a field of wheat stubble. Roughly estimated, the loss in wheat will aggregate 300,000 bushels nearly all of which was in stack.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve should be promptly applied to cuts, burns and scalds. It soothes and quickly heals the injured part. There are worthless counterfeits. Be sure to get DeWitt's. Hood Bros., Hare & Son, J. R. Ledbetter.

Littleton Female College is attracting much attention just now and President Rhodes is doing much toward solving the problem of the education of young women in the South.

Man perfected by society is the best of all animals; he is the most terrible of all when he lives without law and without justice.—Aristotle.