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This ARGUS o'er the people's rights,
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Maia'sson,
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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GENERAL NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

News of the Stage, Social, Political and Otherwise, Culled From Our Daily Exchanges.

The Marquis of Lorne starts into the duke business at the ripe age of 58, but he has quit writing poor poetry.

Salisbury and Chamberlain come promptly up to the footlights when our Bobs are moving steadily northwards.

In its daily walk and the expletives that go with it, St. Louis is slipping backwards morally and religiously.

Lindley, the new capital of the Free State, is safe as long as Buller stays on the other side of the Drakensbergs.

The Paris exposition is up against a war in South Africa and a presidential battle in this country, but it proposes to struggle on.

The Cuban postal funds were looted on the American plan, the old Spanish plan being both slow and comparatively unremunerative.

The office holders are the most conspicuous patrons of Republican conventions. Southern conventions are simply gatherings of them.

The Philadelphia messenger boy will have to be faster than his town or messenger boys in general if he beats Lord Roberts into Pretoria.

Paderewski gathered in the course of 96 concerts in the season just closed \$260,000. Birmingham was a warm contributor to this purse.

Mr. Carnegie, in a recent interview, says he is "sure that Mr. McKinley will be re-elected and that his second term will be better than his first."

The missionaries are not yet justified in making contracts based on the \$90,000 the Turk owes them. He may conclude to owe it several years longer.

The capital of the Orange Free State is here to day and there tomorrow. No capital appropriations are required under such circumstances.

Emperor William of Germany has promoted himself. He is now field marshal and he will now doubtless proceed to decorate himself with peacock feathers.

General Gatacre was not accorded a triumph when he landed in England, but he got as good a reception as Muthuen or Buller will get unless they do something.

The people of New Zealand sent Sir George White, the defender of Ladysmith, a gold brick—real solid gold this time. On the obverse, "You are another."

Chicago politicians are trying to ascertain whether Son Harrison intends to run for governor against Son Yates. The son business is very popular in Illinois.

President McKinley's carpetbag politicians in Cuba will soon do their correspondence from the jails of the islands, except those that escape and cannot be extradited.

Having settled the newspaper problem, it is stated that the Rev. Mr. Sheldon, upon his return from Europe this fall, will take up the servant-girl problem and end it.

De Wolf Hopper, the comic opera comedian, has been engaged by Weber and Felds and will have a star part assigned him in the new burlesque with which they will open the next season.

From Kansas City, and brought by a man who has just been there, comes the disturbing news that there are only twenty-nine licensed saloons in the entire town. This

will, of course, greatly increase the baggage that the delegates to the convention will find it necessary to carry.

The ice trust managed to get in one scorching day in New York before it reduced slightly the price of ice and the size of the chunk it was necessary to buy.

Sir Thomas Lipton has cabled \$1,000 to be spent in purchasing some of the cartoons in the exhibit of the Press Artists' League in New York. Come to think of it, Sir Thomas did get off rather easy.

If no guilty man escapes in the Cuban postal scandal, as the administration boasts, then the man who put Rathbone of Ohio in office will suffer. The name of that man is said to be Marcus Aurelius Hanna.

Spain's weakness is basic. She clings to a plan that calls for a small educated class and a large mass of illiterates. There is no hope for a country made up in that way. Alabama should take warning.

The Khedive is coming to this country, and the country will welcome His Serene Highness, but he should remember that outside of Utah and our province of Sulu harems are not popular in this country.

James Belford, who, when in Congress from Colorado was known as the "Red Rooster of the Rockies," has joined the Republican party again. He left it to support Bryan in 1896, and says now he is back to stay.

It is said that Towne, of Minnesota, whom the Populists, that is to say, one set of them, have named as their candidate for vice-president, expects to be endorsed by the Democratic national convention. What a giddy young man Towne must be!

A flunky administration organ writes an editorial to congratulate President McKinley on his recovery from a bad cold. We may next expect from the same source a dissertation on the condition of the presidential toe nails.

Bronze life-size statues of Grant, Sheridan and Sherman will be placed in Cullum Memorial Hall, at West Point, if the fund which the professors are trying to raise reaches the proportions expected. President McKinley has headed the list, with \$500.

Mrs. Langtry's daughter, who has just made a brilliant debut in London society, is said to be as beautiful and as fascinating as was her mother some twenty years ago, when she went over from Jersey and soon had all the London swells capering about her.

Dr. George F. Shradly says that no matter what happens in Washington and other cities, the society girl in New York doesn't smoke, because it is bad form. Then he spoils this nice little speech by adding: "She would sooner drink a cocktail."

Charles S. Wilbur, superintendent of the census for New York, refuses to make the names of the enumerators public because they are already in demand by advertisers who want to use them to solicit and push various schemes while they are doing their census work.

The New York Sun denies the report that Wellesley College is to confer an honorary degree upon Miss Helen Gould, of New York. However, Miss Gould is to be present at the commencement festivities next month, and a lawn party and reception will be given in honor of her.

Somebody has told a lot of people named DeHaven that a man named Jacob DeHaven, who once kept a hotel in Philadelphia, loaned the government \$450,000 in 1777 and that the government still has the money and the interest due. In answer to the numerous letters of inquiry the Treasury Department has been receiving about this, it has been necessary to issue a circular saying

that no money for the DeHaven heirs is in the treasury or ever has been.

Richard Yates, the Republican nominee for Governor of Illinois, was a class mate of W. J. Bryan in the old Illinois College.

Armor-Plate Carnegie favors, of course, the re-election of Mr. McKinley. He makes scapegoat armor plate that the softnose shells scorn.

General Grosvenor has a rival in the pre-election figure business in the spirit of the late Daniel Webster. So long as it is not Webster Davis all is well.

The cable is silent as to the reception the Duke of Marlborough will receive at home. As a returning hero he can proudly say that he saved every valet.

President Steyn's latest capital, Lindley, has also fallen, and his margin for capitals is growing beautifully less. He may yet have to fall back on Timbuctoo.

After the Rev. Mr. Sheldon has solved the servant girl problem, any other little matters that bother the American people will be attended to on receipt of requests by postal card.

Mansour, the horse that ran third in the Grand Prix of Paris in 1894, and came in only a length and a half behind Match Box, which sold for \$75,000, is now pulling a public cab in the streets of the gay capital.

Washington is stirred to the center, so to speak, by the social rivalries of Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Hill. The latter is holding her own, although Mr. Hill is only an assistant to Secretary of State Hay. She scores official rank.

Frank Jones, delegate at large from New Hampshire to the Republican National Convention, has offered to pay the transportation and all hotel expenses of all the other New Hampshire delegates during the time of the convention.

Although Chief Justice Brantley, of the Montana Supreme Court, has been appointed as one of the Judges who are to select the names for the Hall of Fame to be erected in New York city, there is no reason to believe that the name of W. A. Clark will appear on the selected list.

The American employees of the De La Val Separator Company's works at Poughkeepsie struck in a body when the Swedish flag was hoisted to the top of the flagpole on the factory, and they stayed out until the banner was lowered and the Stars and Stripes run up in its place.

The reason why Admiral Dewey has to pay the market price for fire wood, while all the other naval officers get it at a reduction of about fifty per cent., is because of the Admiral's exalted rank. In the present season, however, the ruling is of small moment. If it were ice, now, it would be serious.

Loch Lynn Heights, a little mountain town in Maryland, has had a sharp lesson on the evils of political indifference. Only fifteen votes were polled at the town election last Tuesday, and when they were counted it was found they had elected a ticket put up by somebody for fun and composed entirely of negroes. The election, it appears, is going to hold.

The erasing of the name of Dewey from the official sketch plan of the new navy arch to be erected in the Charleston Navy Yard to commemorate the deeds of our most famous sailors is causing indignation in Boston and elsewhere. The order for the erasure is believed to have emanated from Washington. Congress appropriated \$30,000 for this arch last year.

How Mr. Clark, of Montana, must envy Mr. Quigg, of New York! The latter, yielding finally to what seemed to be a popular demand, tendered his resignation as chairman of the Republican county committee of

New York the other day, but so strong were the pleadings of the district leaders to continue that he was forced to withdraw his resignation.

The wrangle over the "Quo Vadis" productions has been transferred to London. Wilson Barret is using much space in the advertising columns of the papers there to declare that the Canby and Whitney version being given at the Adelphi is unauthorized, and that his presentation of the play at the Lyceum is the only proper thing. The legal rights in the controversy appear to be about as they were in New York case.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Joseph L. Bristow, who goes to Cuba to untangle the knots tied in the postal service there by Mr. Neely and others, is a native of Kentucky, but for many years resided in Kansas, where he was engaged in newspaper work. For a time he was private secretary to Governor Morrill, of Kansas. Mr. Bristow was appointed as an assistant postmaster general from Kansas as the beginning of the present administration.

General Buller is getting his revenge at last. The occupation of Dundee is the first step toward the reconquest of the British territory seized upon by the Boers at the beginning of hostilities. Kruger's ultimatum was delivered on the 10th of last October. The next day the army of the transvaal invaded Natal, the British garrison at Newcastle falling back on Glencoe. A battle ensued there a few days later and General Yule withdrew to Dundee, whence he retreated to Ladysmith on October 22. Then followed the long siege of White's small army at this point, which necessitated Buller's campaign for its relief. He arrived in Natal at the end of November and after three months hard fighting he entered Ladysmith at the beginning of February. Three months more he was waited for Lord Roberts' conquest of the Orange Free State. That practically accomplished, Buller has begun his movement to retake the northern angle of Natal and thence to press on into the Transvaal.

Funeal Sermons.

The Chattanooga preacher who recently officiated at the funeral of a young soldier who lost his life in the Philippines and in the course of his remarks declared that the soul had gone out of the dead body that lay before him was in hell, has given rise to a discussion as to the propriety of funeral sermons. Some churches prescribe a fixed form of burial service from which their ministers are not permitted to depart, but in most of the Protestant churches the custom of preaching funeral sermons still prevails.

In performing such service good taste is essential and is generally observed. The exceptions, however, are not infrequent, though we have only once before heard of one which was characterized by such brutality as that of the minister referred to.

There is no reason why a minister many not in any case avoid cruelty to the living, even when speaking of the dead of whom he can find little to say. The scriptures are full of words of consolation for those who mourn, and it is not incumbent upon those who speak over the dead to recall their frailties, faults or sins. The fact that this Chattanooga preacher perpetrated an outrage upon decency will not change the opinion of persons who approve the custom of preaching funeral sermons, but it does emphasize the necessity that a minister of the gospel should be a gentleman.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE BURNED

Father Francis' Description: He Thinks the Loss Will Be \$100,000, With On'y \$15,000 Insurance.

Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

"Fire! Fire! Fire!" Such were the terrible words that greeted the 102 students, reverend fathers and brothers of St. Mary's College and Monastery this morning at 4 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Bishop and all the monks had just begun their morning prayers in the abbey chapel when the first alarm was sounded by the night watchman, who discovered smoke belching forth from the attic roof of the new college. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the general belief is that it was caused by spontaneous combustion from sparrows' nests lodged in the eaves of the fifth story of the college. Immediately after the alarm was given all the students were aroused by Rev. Fathers Bernard and Aloysius and were marched in a most orderly manner to the open air and then the heroic work of fighting fire began in a most systematic and successful manner. Underwriters' chemical fire extinguishers were used on each floor, whilst a bucket brigade, headed by Messrs. Jno. Marion and Andrew Brandel, visitors from Asheville, was formed, carrying water from the cistern, tanks and laboratory, and no doubt the abundance of water in all the tanks alone helped save the monastery and beautiful cathedral. Every one at the college deserves the very highest praise for the heroic work done, and even the little boys worked like men, carrying away books, clothes, etc.

The main building of the college and the entire west wing with the magnificent tower are completely destroyed. All furniture in these two large buildings was consumed by flames. Students' beds, wardrobes, desks, library and museum cases, apparatus in scientific department and the entire college library are in ruins. The boys' trunks were stored in the attic, all of which were lost. So that the loss is greater than can be estimated at this writing, but it is generally believed that the loss will reach fully \$100,000. The only insurance on the destroyed buildings is \$15,000.

At one time during the fire all hopes of saving the monastery were given up. So, many began saving the valuables of the monastery, but God spared the monastery and church, though much damage was done by water.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid, president of the college, intends rebuilding at once, so that all will be in readiness for the autumn session in September. At a called meeting of the college faculty this afternoon, it was decided to dismiss the students early this week, as the regular session was to end June 12. Those who have attained the required average in the graduating class will receive their diplomas. In the meantime until the students are ready to go home they will occupy the monastery, as the reverend professors gave up their rooms to the boys.

Every one in Charlotte knows

what a benefit St. Mary's College is to North Carolina, and Charlotte particularly, in an educational sense as well as from a financial point of view, and as I am a member of the Noble Order of St. Benedict, and feeling a deep interest as well as filial love towards my alma mater, I will appeal to the generous people of Charlotte for assistance to help the good bishop and the reverend fathers at Belmont to rebuild the grand old college. We should remember St. Mary's College is not endowed and never before was any appeal made to help this grand institution; and as North Carolinians are daily awakening more and more to the interests derived from education, I appeal with confidence to the generous public to give liberally to this worthy cause, and thus lighten the heavy burden that rests on the shoulders of the sons of St. Benedict in North Carolina.

REV. FRANCIS MEYER, O. S. B. Pastor St. Peter's Catholic Church. Charlotte, N. C., May 19, '00.

The Campaign Now Open.

Raleigh News & Observer.

The Democratic campaign was formally opened when Chairman Simmons announced the first appointments and Mr. Aycock laid down the Democratic doctrine at Burlington in April. Every day since then the editors and speakers have been placing the truth before the people, and the truth is making converts daily to the cause of White Supremacy and the amendment, one and inseparable.

But one thing was lacking; the illustration of Democratic doctrine in the form of cartoons by Mr. Norman E. Jennett, the North Carolina Davenport. His pencil did as much to restore the Democratic party to power in 1898 as any other agency, and the people of the whole State will be gratified to learn that he has returned to North Carolina to devote a few weeks to help redeem his native State from the jeopardy of again falling into the corruption and incompetent rule of 1895-'99. As soon as the necessary material arrives, the Jennett cartoons will begin to appear in these columns, and he will "let no guilty man escape."

Recently Mr. Jennett has finished work on important art exhibits that have been sent to the Paris Exposition. He holds a responsible and lucrative position in New York, where he is rapidly climbing to the top, and made a sacrifice to come to North Carolina to take a hand in the mightiest struggle that has been waged in his State over the most important question in his generation. But his love for North Carolina is deep and genuine—and when he heard the cry of white men "Come over and help us," he comes to enlist his heart and pencil and talent to make better permanent conditions in the old Commonwealth.

Love's burden may be heavy; but there is never any complaint.

The father of a bright baby can readily believe that smartness is hereditary.

A girl with a sunburned nose is proof positive that beauty is only skindeep.

Never judge a man by the clothes he wears; judge him by the amount he owes his tailor.