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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The companies have advanced the price of coal 75 cents per ton.

Our government has agreed to pay Spain \$1,000,000 for two more Philippine islands.

A sewer caved in at Cumberland, Md., Friday morning, burying a number of men. Two have been taken out dead.

The Japanese battleship Mikasa, just launched in England, is said to be the most formidable warship in the world.

There is probability of the big meteoric shower soon, that failed to come last year, says Prof. Chase, of Yale Observatory.

Snow and hail were reported Thursday in northern Virginia, and snow in the valley as far south as Rockbridge county.

Additional reports from Minister Conger as to progress of negotiations are received by the state department, but are kept secret.

Biloxi, Miss., a noted summer resort on the Gulf of Mexico, was almost completely destroyed by fire Friday. Loss about \$1,000,000.

It is said that a process has been discovered for making pulp for paper out of cotton seed hulls, which will reduce the cost of paper one-half.

The population of the state of Maine as announced by the census bureau is 694,466, as against 661,086 in 1890, an increase of 33,380, or 5 per cent.

A syndicate of New York, Philadelphia and Canadian capitalists have organized a \$20,000,000 company to control railroads and sugar plantations in Cuba.

Jerry Lynch, aged 92, the last surviving member of the crew of the Confederate battleship Alabama, died at his residence in Atlanta, Ga., Thursday. He left a large estate.

The population of the state of Massachusetts, as officially announced by the census bureau is 2,805,346, as against 2,238,943 in 1890; increase of 566,403 or 25.7 per cent.

At Millford, Caroline county, Va., a railway water tank fell over on the pump house, killing W. M. Gregory and John B. Cliney, and seriously injuring I. W. Cox and a negro laborer.

A car broke loose Thursday on the Seaboard railroad between Cheraw and Columbia, S. C., and ran into a handcar, killing the section master, a man named Boyd, and two railway hands.

Don M. Dickinson says that a meeting will be held in New York within three weeks to reorganize the Democratic party. Ex-Gov. Stone says this kind of talk always follows any party's defeat.

The steamer "City of Vienna," from Dublin for Bristol, foundered Wednesday night in St. George's channel. Only one of the crew, a fireman, was saved. Heeling to the keel of the life boat for 27 hours.

A special from Tien Tsin says that a detachment of Italian troops returning from Peking intercepted three battalions of Chinese near Kun Anchesin, and the latter surrendered, without firing a shot.

Lit Nabores, colored, who shot and killed J. L. Holcomb, white, near Coahoma, Miss., Wednesday night, was arrested by bystanders. Thursday his corpse was found swinging to the limb of a tree.

William J. Bryan forwarded the following telegram at noon Thursday to President McKinley: "At the close of another presidential campaign, it is my lot to congratulate you upon a second victory." In reply to the above McKinley wired Bryan as follows: "I acknowledge with cordial thanks your message of congratulations, and extend you my good wishes."

At Cracow, Poland, Friday, a priest named Boryako, who bore a grudge against a patient in the city hospital, sought revenge by blowing up the building with dynamite. Five hundred patients and 40 doctors and nurses were in the hospital. The explosion destroyed the east wing of the building, causing the death of four physicians and the injury of fifty patients. A mob soon gathered, caught the priest, and, after stripping off his robes, lynched him.

Smash Your Mirror

You feel like it sometimes, don't you? It says, "My, but you are growing old fast." You know why: it's those gray hairs. Don't you know that Ayer's Hair Vigor would restore color to them, all the dark, rich color they used to have? It stops falling of the hair also, and makes the hair grow long and heavy.

If you do not obtain the benefits you desire from the use of the Vigor, write the Doctor about it. He will tell you just the right thing to do. Address, Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

BEST GAMBLING SYSTEM.

The One That Will Surely Beat Faro and Roulette.

"Every confirmed gambler in the world has spent more or less time trying to figure out some system to beat the game," said a well known northern sporting man. "The commonest and most plausible scheme is the one known as 'progression.' It is simply a doubling of bets until a winning occurs, and theoretically it is perfect, but the trouble is that all gambling games have a limit, and the doubling process increases a wager with such enormous rapidity that it is apt to get over the stipulated amount before the winning takes place.

"I was at Monte Carlo last spring," continued the speaker, "and was surprised at the number of touts who infested the grounds peddling 'sure thing' systems to break the bank. The ludicrous part of it was that most of the peddlers were seedy and poverty stricken in appearance, yet they purported to sell secrets which would infallibly enrich any purchaser. I asked one fellow why he didn't try his system himself and buy a new hat, and he replied very glibly that he was 'working for a syndicate' and under bonds not to play.

"Nearly all of these systems are based on progression and would be impossible in high play owing to the casino limit. Nevertheless I saw a number of small progression players at the tables and was told that they have been a fixture there for many years: They were nearly all horrible looking, bloodless old women, who began with the smallest possible wager and quit when they won 20 francs, or less than \$4. A house official informed me that they were tolerated about the place on account of age and infirmity and that their daily winnings were regarded in the light of a pension.

"In the days of open gambling in New Orleans I remember there used to be several broken down sports who were said to make a living off the games by 'progression playing.' I have my doubts about it, however. The best system and the only system that will beat faro and roulette is to stay away."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A FAMOUS BEAUTY'S RESCUE

Emily Marshall's Walk Over a Human Bridge at Niagara.

Writing of "The Loveliest Woman in All America," William Perrine, in The Ladies' Home Journal, recalls the thrilling adventure of Emily Marshall, the famous Boston beauty, at Niagara Falls. She, with Nathaniel P. Willis and a young, ungainly college student, Job Smith, attempted to go under the falls, in those days a perilous undertaking. After they had proceeded a short distance under the sheet of water there was a rumbling noise and a commotion, and a part of the ledge which formed the path disappeared, cutting Miss Marshall off from her companions by an abyss six feet in width and leaving her but a small stone in the swirling torrents to stand upon.

"In the commotion Job had been forgotten, but instantly a ray of hope shot into Willis' heart when he saw his rugged features, his sandy hair plastered over his forehead, his scanty dress clinging to his form like a skin and his hand trembling on the poet's shoulder as he steadied his steps. Without saying what he intended to do he crept down carefully to the edge of the foaming abyss till he stood up to his knees in the breaking bubbles. It seemed impossible that he could reach the lovely creature or that she could jump forward safely from the slippery rock into his arms.

"Willis covered his eyes in fear and wonder. The next moment when he opened them there lay at his feet the quivering and exhausted girl. Job was nearly seven feet high. He had flung himself over the gulf, caught the rock with his fingers and with certain death if he missed his hold, Miss Marshall had quickly walked over his body in its bridgelike posture. At this moment the guide returned with a rope, fastened it around one of Job's feet and dragged him back through the whirlpool. When he recovered from his immersion, he fell on his knees in a prayer of thanks to God, in which the poet and the beauty devoutly joined him."

From criminal statistics a German sociologist has deduced that property rights of all kinds are respected more generally by the married than by the single.

The Saginaw river, in Michigan is 80 miles long, and on its banks have been produced 13,000,000,000 feet of pine boards.

STATEMENT BY BRYAN.

As to Causes of the Results of the Recent Election. A Surprise to Both Parties.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 8.—William Jennings Bryan tonight gave out the following statement concerning the election:

"The result was a surprise to me and the magnitude of the Republican victory was a surprise to our opponents as well as to those who voted our ticket. It is impossible to analyze the returns until they are more complete, but, speaking generally, we seem to have gained in the larger cities and to have lost in the smaller cities and in the country.

"The Republicans were able to secure tickets or passes for all their voters who were away from home, and this gave them considerable advantage. We have no way of knowing at this time how much money was spent in the purchase of votes and in colonization; but while these would account for some of the Republican gains, they could not account for the widespread increase in the Republican vote. The prosperity argument was probably the most potent one used by the Republicans. They compared present conditions with the panic times of 1893 to 1896, and this argument had weight with those who did not stop to consider the reason for the change. The appeal, 'stand by the president while the war is on,' had a great deal of influence among those who did not realize that a war against a doctrine of self-government in the Philippines must react upon us in this country. We made an honest fight upon an honest platform, and, having done our duty as we saw it, we have nothing to regret.

"We are defeated, but not discouraged. The fight must go on. I am sure that Republican policies will be repudiated by the people when the tendency of these policies are fully understood. The contest between plutocracy and Democracy cannot end until one or the other is completely triumphant."

Concerning himself Mr. Bryan said:

"I have come out of the campaign with perfect health and a clear conscience. I did my most to bring success to the principles for which I stood. Mr. Stevenson did all that he could. Senator Jones and the members of the Democratic, Populist, silver Republican and anti-imperialist committees did all they could. Mr. Hearst and his associates in the club organization put forth their best efforts. Our newspapers, our campaign speakers, and our local organizations all did their part. I have no fault to find and no reproaches. I shall continue to take an active interest in politics as long as I live. I believe it is the duty of citizens to do so and in addition to my interest as a citizen I feel that it will require a lifetime of work to repay the political friends who have done so much for me. I shall not be a senatorial candidate before the legislature which has been elected. Senator Allen deserves the senatorship which goes to the Populists. Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. W. H. Thompson are avowed candidates for the senatorship. They both deserve well of the party and I am too grateful to them for past support to stand in their way if I desired a seat in the senate."

Mr. Bryan said he has no other plans at present than to remain at home until he had recovered from the fatigue of campaigning. He denied the report that he would remove from Nebraska and make Texas his home.

Painful Results of Stoutness.

A stout man lifted himself into a Heights car the other morning and took the only vacant seat. Pretty soon a lady came aboard, and the stout man quickly arose to tender her his place. As he reached a standing position the car suddenly started, and he sat down with a sound like a broken slate. Blushing deeply, he once more struggled to his feet and was about to step out into the aisle when the motorman saw a wagon on the track and fiercely applied the brakes. The car stopped so suddenly that the stout man doubled over on a thin young man in the front seat and almost cracked his slender neck. The young man pushed the dents out of his derby hat and muttered some remarks that were not complimentary to fat people in general.

Then the fat man braced himself for the third time, and the lady sympathetically remarked, "Please don't trouble yourself." But the fat man's spirit was up. He crowded out into the aisle and filled it so full that the lady could not get by him; then, with a polite wave of his hand, he indicated the seat and backed out of the way.

"Thank you!" said the lady very sweetly. "But I get off at the next stop."

Then the fat man went out and filled up the back platform.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Patient Meeker.

"And now," continued his angry spouse, thoroughly aroused, "I am going to give you another piece of my mind. What are you doing?" "I am turning the other ear," patiently replied Mr. Meeker.—Chicago Tribune.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Sciatica, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. A 25c bottle for 15c. I. E. HOOD.

THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Episcopal Church.

Bishop Watson will officiate at the services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services held in the grand jury room.

Christian Church.

Services both morning and evening. Morning: "A Call to Do What?" Evening: "What is Our Greatest Need as Church Members?" Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Baptist Church.

Preaching both morning and evening. Morning subject: "A Hope in Christ That is Satisfying." Evening subject: II Tim. 2:1. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

Methodist Church.

Services both morning and evening. 11 a. m.: "The Opening of the Seven Sealed Books."—Rev. 5:1-9. 7 p. m.: Sermon by Rev. T. H. Sutton, of LaGrange. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Epworth League Monday at 8 p. m. The Chapel.

Services at the Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Prayer meeting every Friday night.

Christian Science.

Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

A BRITISH VICTORY.

Col. LeGallis Surprises and Defeats 1,000 Boers.

London, Nov. 9.—Lord Roberts reports a successful engagement with the Boers in Orange River colony, in which one of the isolated Boer commandoes was smashed. It is the first effective work done by the British in many weeks. The report follows: "Col. LeGallis surprised 1,000 Boers three miles south of Bothaville, and completely defeated them. The British captured one twelve-pounder of a battery, four Krupps, and one Maxim, all their wagons and ammunition, and 100 prisoners.

"The Boers lost 25 killed and 30 wounded. Our loss was 11 killed and 23 wounded, including LeGallis killed."

A Marvelous Person.

Newbern Journal. One of the most remarkable personages in the world will be at the fair. Her feats are truly marvelous, and hardly appear credible. It was Lottie, the young London, Eng., daughter of a shopkeeper, who surprised her father one morning not so long ago by gravely remarking that before 24 hours passed King Humbert, of Italy, would be slain. No attention was paid to her, but when the news of the assassination of Italy's king reached London, the excitement of Lottie's father was intense. She is a born clairvoyant. Six months ago she foretold the recent Galveston horror, and a week ago wrote Secretary Green that Simmons would surely be the choice of the people. It will eclipse any similar affair ever held in the State. She will bring a beautifully fitted tent, and all of the paraphernalia used by the modern readers of the future.

F. M. Simmons.

Wilson Times. Mr. Simmons will succeed Marion Butler in the United States senate. This is the unmistakable decision of the people of North Carolina as expressed at the polls last Tuesday, as a reward for his magnificent management of the two last Democratic campaigns. Mr. Simmons will make a most excellent representative. He possesses ability of a high order, and unquestioned executive ability. His power for organizing and directing people are of the highest, and after he becomes more thoroughly acquainted with the politics of the nation during the time intervening before the next presidential election, Senator Simmons will elect a Democratic president if our party will honor him with the national chairmanship.

Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The congressional ways and means committee will meet in ten days and will prepare a bill to repeal some of the war taxes.

The matter of increasing the army to 100,000 will be given special consideration as well as a naval increase and measures for the inter-oceanic canal. The war department has prepared a plan for an army of 85,000 men.

A new style of banking is to be tried in the town of McPherson, Kansas, where a church bank is to be established with a capital of \$50,000. The stockholders will receive a small percentage of the profits, but the bulk of the earnings will go for missionary purposes.

When you feel that life is hardly worth the candle take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse your stomach, tone up your liver and regulate your bowels making you feel like a new man. For sale by J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Gov. Russell has issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, naming Thursday, Nov. 29, as the day.

D. E. McIntyre, of Laurinburg, has made an assignment with Maxcy L. John, assignee, liabilities \$3,000.

John Scoggins, a horse trader of Sanford, was killed on the railroad at Fayetteville Wednesday night. He was drunk.

It is said that the union employes of the cotton mills at Burlington are moving out of the mill companies' houses, according to notice.

The sale of fertilizer tax tags for the fall season has practically ended. Secretary Bruner of the agricultural department says it is about 10 per cent. greater than it was last autumn.

The people of Laurinburg are moving to secure a branch of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad in order to secure competition. The Laurinburg Exchange says that the acreage of small grain, especially wheat, has been increased throughout Scotland county.

Winston Sentinel: Arrangements are nearly completed for the eleventh session of the Western North Carolina conference of the M. E. church, south, which will convene in West Market street church, Greensboro, on the 21st instant and continue five or six days.

Raymond Hunt, supposed murderer of Ellis Cline, was captured near Morganton Saturday. The murder was committed last Christmas at a quilting near Hickory. Hunt fled to Tennessee, but returned recently and was captured while sleeping at his father's saw mill.

The agricultural department is advised that certain persons are operating in the section of the State west of Charlotte, selling to farmers a formula for making fertilizer at \$3 per each formula. An investigation of the methods of these fakirs will be made. The department gives formula free of any cost.

Chairman Simmons calls a meeting of the Democratic executive committee in the senate chamber at 8:30 November 20th. It is to be an important meeting and full attendance is particularly desired. Secretary Pearsall, of the committee, who has done such admirable and faithful work in this year's two campaigns, left Friday for Newbern.

Raleigh Cor. Observer, 9th: Simmons said today his majority would be nearer 60,000 than 50,000. It also became clear that Carr had not carried a dozen counties. H. B. Varner would have won money on the bet that Simmons would carry 85 counties. It is said that the primary cost Gen. Carr something like \$50,000. That looks like a large figure, but his liberality is well known. One of his friends told me he believed his campaign in Wake cost him as much as \$1,600 while some persons put the sum as high as \$2,500.

Tarboro Southerner: There are two insane persons at the poor house. One of them, a woman, a few days since gave one of the attendants quite a scare, when he went to carry her dinner in the room in which she is confined. As he put the plate down and reached for the breakfast dishes the woman dashed past him and was closing the door when the attendant managed to get his hand upon it. This prevented her from slipping the hook over the staple. Had she succeeded the man would have been locked in and the woman made good her escape.

To Cure a Cough in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROSSE QUININE TABLETS. All coughs cured the moment they are taken. K. W. Groves' signature is on each box 5c.

Will Fight Again for Kentucky.

Louisville, Nov. 9.—The election will again be fought out in the courts, and if the case does not reach the court of appeals before January, the Republicans may win, as they will have a majority of that court after January 7th. On the face of the returns Beckham has a plurality of 2,325. The official count will be made today and in every county it will be bitterly fought. At Republican headquarters it was said that with ballots counted for him, which should be counted, Yerkes' would have safe majority on the face of the returns. The Republican national committee has wired Chairman Combs to fight it out and contest the vote for McKinley and Yerkes. Today the Republicans claim five congressmen.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Temple-Marston Drug Co., will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.