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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Michigan has a population of 2,420,982, against 2,093,889 in 1890.

According to the latest returns McKinley will have 292 electoral votes, and Bryan only 155.

Lord Salisbury has extended his congratulations to the nation for having defeated Mr. Bryan.

Three negroes were lynched at Jefferson, Texas, for waylaying and attempting to kill an officer.

Republicans say the official count in Nebraska gives the legislature to the Republicans on joint ballot.

Jeffries has signed agreements for a fight with Ruhl and Sharkey. He also wants to fight Fitzsimmons.

Miss Clara Barton has left Galveston. She says the sufferers from the storm have all they need but shelter.

Fifteen people were killed in a railroad wreck in Southern France Thursday, including several distinguished persons.

The population of the state of Kentucky is 2,147,174, against 1,858,635 in 1890; an increase of 288,539 or 15.5 per cent.

Gov. Beckham, of Kentucky, will pursue Taylor. Gov. Durbin, of Indiana, will be called upon to surrender the fugitive to justice.

The cost of the Transvaal war is simply enormous as the British chancellor of the exchequer tells his people. The debt is some \$5,000,000,000.

Just in the nick of time when the supply of rubber was becoming uncomfortably short a great forest of rubber trees has been discovered in Bolivia.

There are now about 268,000 Indians in this country, of whom 45,270 are supplied with daily rations by the government. About 16,000 are occasionally assisted.

The joint caucus of Democrats of both houses of the Alabama legislature unanimously nominated John T. Morgan for re-election as United States senator. No other name was presented.

A Manila dispatch says: The censorship has been removed. Gen. MacArthur, however, has issued directions to the cable companies ordering them to furnish him with a copy of all press dispatches.

John W. Yerkes, late Republican candidate for governor of Kentucky, has been appointed collector of internal revenue for the eighth district. He says he has abandoned all idea of contesting Gov. Beckham's election.

Capt. Anderson and crew of 13 men, of the Norwegian barque Highflyer, have arrived at Philadelphia, having been rescued by the British steamer Georgian Prince. The Highflyer sprang a leak in a severe gale and was set adrift when abandoned.

Mail advices from the Orient say fire broke out aboard the United States monitor Monterey Oct. 21st. The flames came from the electric light room, and for a time it was feared that they would spread to the magazine. Volunteer firemen succeeded in checking the fire however.

The Value of 75,000 Votes.

New York Sun.
If 75,000 citizens who voted for McKinley in certain states of the Union had voted instead for Bryan McKinley would have been defeated and Bryan would have been elected.

The table below mentions 12 states with the electoral vote belonging to them and their several pluralities for McKinley and Roosevelt, as unofficially ascertained or as estimated yesterday. Changes in the figures by later returns will not greatly affect the general proposition:

Electoral Republican Vote.	Plurality.
Delaware.....	3
Indiana.....	15
Kansas.....	10
Maryland.....	8
Nebraska.....	8
Oregon.....	4
North Dakota.....	3
South Dakota.....	4
Utah.....	3
Washington.....	4
West Virginia.....	6
Wyoming.....	3
Total.....	71

Thus leaving a margin of 14,000 for possible increase in the aggregate Republican plurality in these states, it is evident that the change of 75,000 votes would have reversed the result in all 12 of them. That is to say, if 75,000 citizens who voted for McKinley had voted for Bryan, 71 electoral votes now in the McKinley column would have gone into the Bryan column, thus:
McKinley's electoral vote as it is..... 292
Electoral vote of these twelve states..... 71

McKinley's electoral vote as it would have been..... 221
Necessary to a choice..... 224

White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain.
J. E. Hood.

FLOATING FIELDS.

Besides Their Beauty They Are of Practical Use In China.

It was Dr. MacGowan who some years ago described the manner in which floating fields and gardens are formed in China. In the month of April a bamboo raft 10 to 12 feet long and about half as broad is prepared. The poles are lashed together, with interstices of an inch between each. Over this a layer of straw an inch thick is spread, and then a coating two inches thick of adhesive mud is taken from the bottom of a canal or pond which receives the seed. The raft is moored to the bank in still water and requires no further attention. The straw soon gives way and the soil also, the roots drawing support from the water alone. In about 20 days the raft becomes covered with the creeper, and its stems and roots are gathered for cooking. In autumn its small white petals and yellow stamens, nestling among the round leaves, present a very pretty appearance. In some places marshy land is profitably cultivated in this manner.

Besides these floating vegetable gardens there are also floating ricefields. Upon rafts constructed as above reeds and adherent mud are placed as a flooring soil, which, being adhesive and held in place by weed roots, the plants are maintained in position throughout the season. The rice thus planted ripens in from 60 to 70 in place of 100 days. The rafts are cabled to the shore, floating on lakes, pools or sluggish streams. These floating fields serve to avert famines, whether by drought or flood. When other fields were submerged and their crops sodden or rotten, these floated and flourished, and when a drought prevailed they subsided with the falling water and, while the soil around was arid, advanced to maturity. Agricultural treatises contain plates representing rows of extensive ricefields moored to sturdy trees on the banks of rivers or lakes which existed formerly in the lacustrine regions of the lower Yang-tse and Yellow rivers.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Lost In Self Admiration.

It happened in an "L" car. He was tall, handsome and just a little too well dressed and was reading a pamphlet on which stood out in letters large enough to be plainly legible to the opposite row of passengers the title, "Correct Dress." They all noticed him, for he was really beautiful.
There was no doubt as to what he was reading. The passengers followed it almost line by line and knew just what part of the essay he had reached. It began when his eyes left the book and glanced dubiously at his cloth topped patent leathers. He shook his head slightly as he saw that the upper was of a trifle too pronounced a pattern. Next he took in his trousers, and a bland smile of satisfaction wreathed his face. There was a slight frown when he compared his waistcoat with the haberdasher's manual, but his coat and hat were evidently irreproachable.
The end of the inventory and of the spectators' self control came when the beautiful one began to admire in the back of his watch case his neckwear, his shirt and the faultless curves of his collar. A titter from the two girls in the corner, and the whole beneficent exploded. The model of pulchritude looked up, shut his book with a snap, blushed furiously and left the car at the next station.—New York Mail and Express.

Bark.

Now a large, dark vessel was described in the Bosphorus, belching fire and wailing the echoes of those historic shores with the thunder of her guns.
"What bark is that?" asked the sultan.
"That, I take it, is the bark of the dogs of war," said the grand vizier wittily.
This sally was followed by a strict party laugh, the opposition groaning.—Detroit Journal.

Why Aim With One Eye?

Joskins—I say, old boy, this is my first day at shootin'. You might tell me in confidence what people shut one eye for when they're sightin' anything.
Hoskins—Oh, that's perfectly simple, my dear fellow. You see, if they were to shut both eyes they wouldn't be able to see anything.—Pick Me Up.

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and find it to be a great medicine," says Mr. E. S. Phipps, of Potosi, Ark. "It cured me of bloody flux, I cannot speak too highly of it." This remedy always wins the good opinion, if not praise, of those who use it. The quick cures which it effects even in the most severe cases make it a favorite everywhere. For sale by J. E. Hood.

Boys Who Had Pluck and Grit and Who Won Success.

Monroe Enquirer.

Eight years ago a citizen of this county died, leaving a widow and five sons. The man had been unfortunate and after his death his land and personal property went under the auctioneer's hammer and the widow and her sons were left with nothing save their pluck and resolution to surmount difficulties. Sickness came upon them, the mother died and it seemed that fate was against them, but those boys went to work with a will and determination which takes no denial and their success has been phenomenal. By hard work alone, by the wear of muscle and sweat of the brows, those boys have redeemed their father's farm, have purchased 300 acres of good land adjoining it and have plenty of good stock and implements. Piled in their cribs is this year's corn crop measuring 2,000 bushels, and under their sheds are 50 bales of cotton made this year. Do not tell us that a young man cannot succeed in this country, for those young men have proved that assertion false. They deserve the plaudits of every man who admires true grit, indomitable courage and perseverance. We wish that we were at liberty to give the names of these deserving boys, but the gentleman who gave us the facts asked that their names be withheld. We know some of the boys and know them to be all that goes to make up good citizenship. May the sun of prosperity never set upon our deserving young friends and may the work of their hands ever prosper.

Two Pointers as to the Goat.

"You may go into the goat business and educate the people of the middle west to eat goat meat," said Wiley O. Cox yesterday, "but you will not learn from books what my father learned from experience," and then Mr. Cox gave away a trick of the trade.

"The man who goes in for Angoras will find that it is true they will jump anything under 100 feet high and climb a sapling. They will get at the neighbor's wash as sure as it goes on the line, and there will be lingerie to pay for. But if you would be on the safe side and keep the billy there turn him up and cut away the little creeper that you will find at the bottom of the hoof. It will not hurt him to lose it, but it ruins his ambition as a mountebank. It will save lots of trouble to have a chiropodist get at the Angora with a nail trimmer."
Goat meat cannot be distinguished from mutton ordinarily. In every car of sheep that comes from New Mexico there are sure to be from two to a dozen goats in the lot. They all go to the same block at the packers, and the good wife who takes home goat's chops for lamb chops is never the wiser. Nor is the butcher. A goat is only a goat when he has his pelt on. After that he is a sheep.—Kansas City Journal.

One of Napoleon's Feats.

Napoleon added to his many other deeds of interest to the world that of having climbed to the top of a tower on horseback, a feat accomplished May 16, 1797, when he rode to the top of the Campanile, or bell tower of St. Mark's, Venice, in order that he himself might give the signal to his fleet of the surrender of the city.

Kindred Spirits.

She—And did you light the fire with kerosene too?
He—No; I smoked while I was putting gasoline in the automobile.—Chicago News.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROSSE QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves's signature is on each box.

A mob broke into the jail at Albermarle Wednesday night and took from a cell John Knox, a negro, charged with poisoning and killing Dr. Love, a prominent young physician. The negro some time ago confessed to giving the poison and said he was paid to do so by Vann Sykes, of Union county. Opinion is divided as to what the mob did with the prisoner. Some claim that it was a crowd of Sykes' friends, who feared the evidence might implicate Sykes; so they released him on purpose. Others think it was a crowd of Love's friends, who feared the evidence obtained under force might not convict. Sheriff McCain expressed the opinion that the negro was lynched.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houten, "that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomach and indigestion." Sample bottle free at Temple-Marston drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Deaver Murder Trial. Report of Grand Jury.

The case of State vs. Job Deaver for killing Will Caudell is nearly finished. The judge charged the jury this afternoon, and the jury has the life of Job Deaver in its hands.

Yesterday evening when court reassembled the State rested. After consultation of defendant's counsel the defendant was introduced in his own behalf. Coroner W. H. Sutton was also introduced. The case was closed and arguments by counsel began about 5 o'clock. Mr. H. E. Shaw opened for the defendant and was followed by Mr. Y. T. Ormond for the State. The court then took a recess till morning.

Argument was resumed this morning by Mr. T. C. Wooten for the defendant and closed by Solicitor Duffy for the State.

Court adjourned for dinner at 1:15 o'clock. Upon the reassembling this afternoon Judge Moore charged the jury.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The grand jury finished its work yesterday and was discharged. Following is the report to Judge Moore:

We, the grand jury for the fall term of superior court, beginning the 12th day Nov. 1900, in Lenoir county, do make the following report:

We have examined and passed upon all bills presented to us, except one, and made one presentment.

We have examined the jail and find it in good clean condition and the prisoners well provided for. We recommend that one certain place in one of the cells be repaired as we find it insecure.

We have examined the court house and find it in fine condition. The clerk's and register's offices seem to be kept in as good condition as the arrangement will permit. We recommend that said offices be provided with steel cells for the protection of the county records.

We find the children of B. F. Sutton, deceased, by his third and fourth wives, are without guardian and do recommend the appointment of a guardian as the deceased has been dead two years or more.

We find the aged and infirm are provided for per month by the county commissioners as their necessities seem to demand. We recommend the continuance of the same.

W. P. GILBERT, Foreman.

Our Paper.

MR. EDITOR:—I think I have read every number of "The Daily Free Press" since its first issue. And I note, with pleasure, its continual improvement. The average citizen will find in its columns, briefly stated, the special items of interest that make him acquainted with what is passing in our State and in the country at large. The first and the last column on the first page are packed with news from every section. I know not whose work it is, but it is most skillfully and intelligently done. The local column, on the last page, is the special favorite of Kinstonians. The "personals" keep us posted as to the going and coming of strangers and citizens. The collection of these last items must be an arduous work.

The editorials are short and pointed—never at any time boring—and this is saying a great deal for a newspaper. The editor is candid and his trumpet never gives an uncertain sound. His love for the prosperity of his town and his continuous efforts to help build up the industrial interests of Kinston and of Lenoir county are known everywhere in this section of the State.

Long live our FREE PRESS!

ARACHEL.

P. S.—Why wait till a man is dead, to speak in commendation of his life and labors?

Kinston, Nov. 17.

ATTACKED EMPEROR.

Woman Threw an Axe At German Emperor's Carriage.

Breilau, Nov. 16.—While Emperor William, with the Prince of Saxe-Meiningen, was driving in an open carriage to the barracks here today, a woman threw an axe at the emperor. The axe fell short of his carriage. The woman was arrested. No one was hurt by the woman's act. The emperor was very cool and he and Prince Bernard continued their drive to the barracks as though nothing had happened. The woman is believed to be insane.

Weak Lungs

The wind knows your weak spot, even if you don't. It strikes you a little in the chest, and then that tight feeling comes on. You begin to cough, and down you come with one of your regular hard colds. Didn't you know that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral strengthens weak lungs and prevents pneumonia?

Three sizes: 25c. enough for an ordinary cold; 50c. just right for asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, whooping-cough, hard colds; \$1.00, most economical for chronic cases.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Weldon is building a peanut factory. The State Presbyterian synod will meet next year in Charlotte.

Concord is to build a new cotton mill, its fourteenth one. This will make cotton twine as well as other goods.

Secretary of State elect J. Bryan Grimes has appointed G. W. Norwood, of Wake county, as his private secretary.

Mr. J. R. Joyce says he is satisfied that W. W. Kitchin beat him for congress, and that he will not make any contest.

Concord special to Charlotte News: "Doc" Bost, the youngest son of Mr. Levi Bost, whose home is six miles east of Concord, committed suicide some time last night. The weapon was a pistol.

Laurinburg Exchange: Farmers are very much dissatisfied with the marked decline in the price of cotton seed. They charge combination on the part of the mills and declare that seed are worth more as fertilizer than the present market price.

The case of embezzlement against Wm. J. Coker, ex-cashier of the National Bank of Asheville, was called in the federal court at Asheville Thursday and upon motion of the government was not prosessed. Judge Boyd stated from the bench that in his official capacity as assistant attorney general he had investigated the case and found no moral turpitude in it.

Mr. J. B. Gilmer, a cadet at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, a son of Attorney General Gilmer, was putting on a belt in the lathe shop Friday, when his arm got caught under the belt and was fractured in several places from the elbow to the lower joints, and badly lacerated. He was taken to the college hospital and Dr. J. R. Rogers soon arrived and attended him. It is feared that his arm may have to be amputated at the elbow.

A special, Nov. 15, from Charlotte says: The Charlotte-bound Seaboard mail train was delayed last night several hours by a wreck between Hamlet and Rockingham, caused by the breaking of a wheel. After the train had got into Monroe there was a collision in the yard, which smashed up a passenger car, but did no damage to the passengers. The train finally reached Charlotte considerably behind schedule time, but in good shape.

Asheville Citizen: Last evening the large storage room of the Asheville cotton mills completely collapsed. The building had just been completed, and yesterday the first cotton was stored. Fortunately no one was in the building at the time, consequently the only damage was to the structure itself. The cause of the tumble was that the stone piers settled, causing the walls to crack and give way. The damage is estimated to be about \$500. It is probable that the building will be rebuilt at once.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: North Carolina continues to hold the record as to aged people. Mrs. Nancy Hoffield, of Rutherford county, holding the list with 117 years, and Frank Mercer, of Buncombe, second with 107. The latter appears to be a devoted sportsman, as it is related that he bags game almost daily. Ah, if there were birth registrations in this State, as there are in England, what a cutting down of great ages there would be, to be sure. As things are "they say," guess work, etc., have full swing.

The Presbyterian synod in session at Raleigh devoted most of the time Monday to discussion of how to raise, and to divide the Twentieth century educational fund, which will be \$300,000. Rev. Dr. Stagg, of Charlotte, and George W. Watts, of Durham, as a committee, reported the following division of the proposed fund: Davidson college \$125,000, Union theological seminary, Richmond, \$50,000; \$100,000 to Presbyterian schools in various presbyteries. The synod heartily endorsed the proposed state reformatory for young criminals.

Goldsboro Argus: Gov. elect C. B. Aycock has been presented with a unique pen staff, gold mounted and gold pen, by Mr. W. D. Pollock, better known among his many friends as "Stonewall" of Kinston, who has recently returned from an extended European tour. The staff of the pen is a twig from the historic tree on the field of Runnymede under which "Magna Charta" was signed. Mr. Pollock secured it in person when he visited Runnymede, and had Tiffany to mount it, and engrave it appropriately. It is a thing of beauty, as well as a historic treasure.

The State treasury on Thursday gave out the following statement for the 11 months, ending October 31, of the current fiscal year. Receipts \$1,480,245.38, disbursements \$1,469,221.61. At the beginning of the year there was balance on hand of \$181,965.43. The present balance is \$141,188.07. This balance is really due to the sale of \$148,308 of 4 per cent bonds. These bonds had been for 15 years held as an investment and the interest on them saved. Years ago a surplus on the interest account was invested in these bonds, with the understanding that they could be sold whenever needed. This year they were needed to pay interest on the 4 per cent debt.