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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

**Harris & Co.,** stock brokers of New York, failed Monday. Liabilities, \$30,000.

**Francis D. Carly,** a Wall Street broker, has failed for over \$1,000,000, with no assets.

Four men were burned to death in a three-story building at Oswayo, Pa., Sunday.

It is reported that there will be a \$50,000,000 cattle trust to control all the big ranches in the southwestern states.

**Simon Josephson,** a dealer in clothing, Macon, Ga., has filed a petition in bankruptcy. He puts his liabilities at \$60,000, assets \$50,000.

**John Brown Field,** colored, who killed a special deputy in Georgetown, S. C., has been convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged.

Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, continues sick with typhoid fever, but is expected to recover. Typhoid is not as fatal in Russia as in this country.

**Robert J. Stell,** secretary-treasurer of the Monadnock Loan and Investment company, of Chicago, has disappeared. It is said his books show a shortage of \$25,000.

The Chinese imperial troops are at work against the Boxers, and it is said there is scarcely a market town but whose walls are adorned with the heads of Boxers.

The allies at Tien Tsin continue to rob the Chinese. The robberies have grown more frequent since the Americans left. The Chinese complain to the generals but the latter seem helpless to stop the outrageous conduct of their men.

**Martin Irons,** who was once leader of the union labor organizations and who was director of the great Missouri Pacific strike in the eighties, with headquarters at St. Louis, died Saturday at Bruceville, 20 miles south of Waco, Texas.

At Davenport, Iowa, the Renwick block, occupied by the Davenport Furniture and Carpet company, and the adjacent buildings occupied by the Harold Peterson Wall Paper company, the Jarvis White Art company and the Perry shoe house were burned Sunday afternoon. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$80,000.

A section of the Minnesota ore docks, situated on Blackwell canal, Buffalo, N. Y., collapsed Sunday morning under the weight of 60,000 tons of ore. Two boys were killed and one man badly injured. The property loss is estimated at \$150,000. The crash came without warning, 300 feet of the dock disappearing beneath the surface of the water.

A passenger train on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad ran into an open switch at Zanesville, O., Sunday afternoon, badly wrecking the engine. The engineer, John Somers, jumped, but fell under the wheels and was killed. Four trainmen were hurt by jumping, and Mrs. Sarah Schaing, of Louisville, Ky., was thrown over a seat and badly bruised.

As a result of the recent fire in Port Limon, Costa Rica, the Costa Rican president, Yglesias, has issued a decree the like of which has never been known before in any country, or at any period in the past. Holding the Port Limon fire to have been the work of men who were over insured, the presidential decree positively prohibits any fire insurance company from doing business in Costa Rica.

The German National Bank of Newport, Ky., is in the hands of a bank examiner. Frank M. Brown, bookkeeper and assistant cashier, has gone, it is reported, to China. He made away with \$201,000 of the bank's money. The capital stock of the bank is only \$100,000. Brown's alleged shortage is double that amount, and more than the reserve and all the assets, including their real estate. Brown had led a fast life with wine, women and gambling.

A dispatch from Pretoria, Nov. 18, says the Boers are active. It is alleged that Commandant Louis Botha has established a government at Rosendal, north of Middleburg, and that with the £150,000 which he has available, he is paying the fighting burghers a crown per day. Commandant Abel Erasmus is said to be at Oliphant's river, with 3,000 men, 1,000 wagons and 12,000 cattle. From Heidelberg it is reported that the Boers are compelling the burghers who had surrendered to take up arms again under pain of death.

Reports come from Manila of increased activity by both Americans and Filipinos. Termination of the rains allow operations on both sides. Notable among last week's engagements was Gen. Grant's advance, with Macabebe and American scouts, upon a rebel stronghold, 25 miles north of Manila, which was defended by 200 insurgents armed with rifles. After skirmishing and fighting for the greater part of a day and night, the enemy was dislodged from the mountain fastnesses, and immense quantities of rice and stores, with considerable ammunition, were destroyed. Fifty Filipinos were killed and many others wounded. The insurgents carried off their dead. The American losses were eleven privates and one officer wounded, and one Macabebe killed.

## MOUNTAIN AIR.

### Why It Is More Healthful Than That of Lower Altitudes.

The only reason why mountain air is healthier than low air is that mountain air is cleaner than low air. The chemical composition of the atmosphere differs but little, if at all, wherever the sample be taken. On Pike's peak the relation of oxygen to nitrogen and other constituents of the atmosphere is the same as at the level of the ocean. The favorable effects therefore of a change of air are not to be explained by any difference in the proportion of its gaseous constituents. One important difference, however, is the bacteriological one. The air of high altitudes contains no microbes and is, in fact, sterile, while near the ground and some 100 feet above it microbes are abundant.

In the air of Chicago and other crowded places not only does the microbe impurity increase, but other impurities, such as the products of combustion of coal, accrue also. Several investigators have found traces of hydrogen and certain hydrocarbons in the air, and especially in the air of pine, oak and birch forests. It is to those bodies, doubtless consisting of traces of essential oils, to which the curative effects of certain health resorts are ascribed. Thus the locality of a fir forest is said to give relief in diseases of the respiratory tract. But all the same, these traces of essential oils and aromatic products must be counted, strictly speaking, as impurities, since they are not apparently necessary constituents of the air. As recent analyses have shown, these bodies tend to disappear in the air as a higher altitude is reached until they disappear altogether.—Louisville Dispatch.

### Doors in China.

In China doors are often round, leaf shaped or semicircular. In placing them the builder usually avoids having one opposite another lest evil spirits find their way from the street into the recesses of the building. The doorways separating the courts of a garden are usually of an elaborate kind, and the octagonal form is one of the most popular.

Religious superstition asserts itself in Chinese architecture, and the universal sacredness of the numerals three and nine is shown in the arrangement of temple doors. There is a triple gateway to each of the halls of the imperial palace, and the same order prevails at the Ming tombs, and the sacred person of the emperor when he was in his Peking home could only be approached even by the highest officials after three times three prostrations. The Temple of Heaven has a triple roof, a triple marble staircase, and all its mystic symbolism points either to three or its multiples.

### Serious Complaint.

**Askit—**Whatever became of that patient of yours you were telling me about some time ago?

**Dr. Sokum—**Oh, he's got a complaint now that's giving me a great deal of trouble.

**Askit—**Indeed! What is it?  
**Dr. Sokum—**It's about the amount of my bill.—Philadelphia Press.

### Bad Form.

**Mrs. Highblower—**Don't forget, my dear, that in conversation the interest must not be allowed to flag.

**Clara—**But I'm sure I do my best, mamma.

**"**Maybe so, but while the pianist was playing I thought once or twice that I detected you listening to him."  
—Life.

### Scholastic Acuteness.

**"**Professor, how did you come to pose to me in the face of my continued indifference?"

**"**I proceeded on the general proposition that whatever a woman seems to be she isn't."  
—Chicago Record.

## 'It Won't Do

A "may-cure" cough medicine won't do. If it will "perhaps do its work," it's worse than worthless. If it's positive and certain, it's worth ten times its price. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the cough medicine with a record of sixty years back of it. It's the kind that cures colds and coughs.

There should be enough for an ordinary cold, but it is best to get a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral at once. It is a most valuable remedy for all kinds of coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, etc. It is sold by all druggists. Beware of cheap imitations.

## PASSION PLAY REALISTIC.

### The Effect of the Acting Upon One Woman's Nerves.

In The Woman's Home Companion Lillian Bell writes of her experiences at Oberammergau and of the impressions made upon her by the great Christ drama. She concludes with these vivid words:

"As to the play itself, I wish I need say nothing about it. My mind, my heart, my soul, have all been wrenched and twisted with such emotion as is not pleasant to feel nor expedient to speak about. It was too real, too heartrending, too awful. I hate, I abhor, myself for feeling things so acutely. I wish I were a skeptic, a scoffer, an atheist. I wish I could put my mind on the mechanism of the play. I wish I could believe that it all took place 2,000 years ago. I wish I didn't know that this suffering on the stage was all actual. I wish I thought these people were really Tyrolean peasants, wood carriers and potters and that all this agony was only a play. I hate the women who are weeping all around me. I hate the men who are letting the tears run down their cheeks and whose shoulders are heaving with their sobs. It is so awful to see a man cry!"

"But, no; it is all true." It is taking place now. I am one of the women at the foot of the cross. The anguish, the cries, the sobs, are all real. They pierce my heart. The cross, with its piteous burden, is outlined against the real sky. The green hill beyond is Calvary. Doves flutter in and out, and butterflies dart across the shafts of sunlight. The expression on Christ's face is one of anguish, forgiveness and pity unpeakable. Then his head drops forward on his breast, it grows dark, the weeping becomes lamentation, and as they approach to thrust the spear into his side, from which, I have been told, the blood and water really may be seen to pour forth, I turn faint and sick and close my eyes. The hat goes too far. I am no longer myself, but a disorganized heap of racked nerves and hysterical weeping, and not even the descent from the cross, the rising from the dead or the triumphant ascension can console me or restore my balance. The Passion play but once in a lifetime."

### A Jockey's Sensation When Riding.

"If you ride with your head down—that is to say, bent slightly, so that the wind does not beat right on to your face—you can breathe easily, but if you hold your mouth wide open and let the air beat right in your face then you will have great difficulty in breathing, and if the race is a long one you will become exhausted by the end of the ride." So said a well known jockey when questioned on the subject of what his sensations were when riding in a race.

"A mile race on a good horse is run in about 1 minute and 40 seconds. A mile in 1 minute and 40 seconds is at the rate of 36 miles an hour, so, you see, a race horse travels at train speed.

"If you want to know how it feels to go through the air at race horse speed, just hang your head out of a railway carriage window, turning your face toward the way the train is travelling. At the same time imagine that you are sitting in a saddle and have to hold on to your horse and guide him on to victory if possible, keeping him from being run down or interfered with.

"It is no easy task to ride a horse in a race. The jockey must have all his wits about him. He does not have much time to think how he feels. When riding in a neck and neck race down the home stretch, I forget everything except that I must strain every nerve to pass the other horses. No thought is then given to the plaudits from the grand stand."

### The First Kindergarten.

The first kindergarten was opened by Froebel in 1837 at Brandenburg, Germany, and 15 years afterward he died. This short period was sufficient to establish a system of education that has made life different for little children. When the king of Prussia in 1851 forbade the establishment of kindergartens, the old man died of a broken heart, not dreaming that his life work had been a noble success.

Ebony was esteemed an article of luxury by the ancients. In India it was employed by kings for scepters and images and as it was supposed to annul the power of poisons was often made into drinking cups.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cure biliousness, constipation and headache. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by J. E. Hood.

## DISCREDITS LUMBER COMBINE.

### Capt. Roper Denies Alleged Consummation of \$20,000,000 Deal.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 18.—The reported consummation of the long mooted lumber trust deal, to be financed by August Belmont & Sons, of New York, with tremendous capital, caused surprise here today. Capt. John L. Roper, one of the largest lumbermen of the south, discredits the story, but from the representative of another firm interested in the combine such specific information is had as to show that the deal has progressed very far.

The combine will be the greatest of the kind ever projected. The \$20,000,000 at which it is proposed to capitalize the trust will purchase all the more important mills of the Atlantic coast pine belt. These mills are scattered through the section of North and South Carolina and Virginia, from Norfolk to Georgetown, S. C. They all own large timber tracts, and nearly all own their logging railroads, tapping the nearby forests. The trust will thus acquire some 4,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, and some 1,200 or 2,000 miles of logging railroad over which to get it to their saw mills.

## CONDEMNED METHOD ONLY.

### Gov. Thomas Hissed at Denver Anti-Lynching Meeting.

Denver, Col., Nov. 19.—Gov. Thomas was greeted with hisses yesterday when he arose to address a meeting of clergymen, church people, Y. M. C. A. members, club women and business men assembled in the First Baptist church to discuss the lynching of Porter. Another remarkable feature of the session was that not one voice was raised in protest of the execution of the negro, the only criticism voiced being against the method used in killing him. Hanging for crimes such as was committed by Porter was given what amounted to an endorsement.

After two hours of recrimination, resolutions were adopted directed against savagery, and the meeting was hastily adjourned to prevent a discussion of a motion to change the name of Lincoln county.

### Hanna Talks of Work for Congress.

Cleveland, Nov. 19.—Senator Hanna said today: "Four important bills will be considered by the next congress. The Nicaragua canal, the army bill, reduction of taxes and the Frye ship subsidy bill. He said these doubtless will all pass. He said he would probably take as much interest in the ship subsidy bill as any, and sincerely hoped it would pass. Mr. Hanna added that he understood that the state department during the recess had been able to do away with many treaty difficulties. Secretary Hay has consulted with the Costa Rican government, with which there was an embarrassing treaty, and has been able to satisfactorily arrange for the reconstruction of such clauses as stood in the way."

### The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever.

It is a bottle of Green's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No counter-poison. Price, 25.

A Grateful Poet.  
"Twenty years ago I wrote a poem of considerable length," said a caller in a newspaper office.

"Yes," said the editor.

"I brought it to this office, and you refused to publish it."

"Very likely."

"Remember that I mentally put you down then as an idiot who didn't know enough to ache when hurt."

"Naturally."

"Well, sir, I looked that poem over again the other day and made up my mind to come and see you about it."

"Yes."

"I have come to say that if I looked as green 20 years ago as that poem proves me to have been I want to thank you because you didn't cut me up and throw me as food to the crows. Good day."

The editor drew a long chalk mark under the table. It was the first case in all his experience in which even 20 years had begotten the knowledge that it is sometimes necessary to be cruel to be kind.—London Tit-Bits.

### Concerning a Woman.

Miss Spitkurl (griggling)—Oh, Mr. Sharp, you know a woman is only as old as she looks.

Mr. Sharp—She ought to be thankful she isn't as young as she acts.—Detroit Free Press.

When potatoes were first introduced in Germany, they were for a long time, like tomatoes, cultivated merely as a curiosity. No one ate them, even pigs refusing them.

To remove a troublesome corn or bunion: First soak the corn or bunion in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily; rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unexcelled. For sale by J. E. Hood.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The State has chartered the Elm City Lumber Co., of Newbern, capital \$15,000.

At Raleigh Monday the A. & M. College beat Georgia University playing football, 6 to 5.

Early Sunday morning Wm. Wood, colored, was killed by a train near Raleigh.

Mr. Wiley H. Mangum, a prominent citizen of Durham, died Friday night, aged 74 years.

This year nearly 500 inquiries regarding this State have been received and filed by the immigration department.

The new chair factory at Thomasville will have a capital stock of \$30,000. It will give employment to a large number of men at good wages.

The Smithfield Herald says that the additional stock desired of the Smithfield Cotton Mills has been subscribed. The building is about ready for the machinery.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: The much exploited second crop of cotton has been destroyed by the frost and freezes. Very little, if any, of this cotton crop will open.

The National Textile Union, having notified the Alamance cotton mills strikers that it will no longer issue them rations, the strikers are abandoning the union and are returning to work.

The railroad wreck at Burlington last week was caused by a railroad spike. This spike was placed on the rail by a little colored boy, about 7 or 8 years old, named Willie Graves. He says he put it there to see the train cut it in two.

Charlotte Observer: Capt. Z. B. Vance learns by telegram that his brother, Hon. Thos. M. Vance, who ran for attorney general on the Democratic ticket in Washington, was defeated by 8,000 votes. The Democratic nominee for governor was elected, but others on the ticket were defeated.

Wilson Times: One of the finest crops of tobacco we have yet heard from was raised this year in Johnston county by a Wilson man. He planted 25 acres and made over 1,000 pounds to the acre, and the other day he sold the whole crop in the barn for 15 cents per pound. This means very nearly \$4,000.

Winston Ledger: Mr. Rufus Rayford, of Roxobel, was found dead in the woods, near Mr. Edgar Powell's, on Monday. He had bought a bottle of whiskey at Kelford last Saturday, which was the last time he was seen till found. His bottle was empty by his side. He was lying flat on his back with his hands crossed upon his breast.

Raleigh Times: Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, in an interview with a Times man, stated that there are 23 furniture factories at High Point, and all are doing well. This has been a development of the past ten years, for in 1890 one could almost count on his fingers the furniture factories in the State. It is in the development of such industries that the State is enriched and made prosperous. If we devote all our capital and energies to the manufacture of cotton, when a depression comes in that industry, it means serious loss. But if our industries are diversified it would take the most severe and far-reaching depression to cause disaster. Mr. Cox himself has developed one of the smaller industries—the manufacture of shuttle blocks; and he probably makes more of them than any other man in the south.

## CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA.

### 2,000 Trials Less in 1899 and 1900 Than Two Years Previous.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 18.—Attorney General Waiser has prepared his report on the criminal trials in this State for the two years ended June 30th last, and today made it public. It shows 16,627 trials and develops the remarkable fact that there were 2,000 less than during the previous two years. Of those tried during the past two years, 15,845 were males and 1,280 females; 8,625 white, 7,957 negroes and 43 Indians. There were 10,845 convictions. There are four capital crimes in this State: arson, burglary, murder, and rape. The number of trials for these was as follows: Arson, 21, burglary, 51; murder, 150; rape, 35.

During the period covered by these statistics there has been a steady increase in crime. For 1891-2 there were 12,006 trials; 1893-4, 13,255; 1895-6, 15,893, and 1897-8 there were 18,541.

### 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 bottles free at Temple-Marston drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.