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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Six persons were killed by a tornado in north Mississippi and Tennessee Tuesday.

During the last fiscal year the life saving service saved 2,607 lives and \$7,500,000 worth of property.

The Pioneer Silk mill at Paterson, N. J., failed Tuesday. Assets said to be \$600,000; liabilities \$500,000.

A Chicago mob made a desperate effort to lynch a negro, but the negro was successfully defended by 20 policemen.

The New York World publishes a rumor of the probable lease of the Southern railway by the Pennsylvania system.

A noted former Filipino chief, with a body of picked Filipino soldiers, aided by American troops, is to be used to catch Aguinaldo.

Goy, Beckham and Miss Jean Raphael Fuqua were married at the First Presbyterian church at Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday night.

Representative Barry, of Kentucky, says this session of congress will pass a river and harbor appropriation bill carrying at least \$40,000,000.

The estimates of the department of Agriculture for appropriations for the next fiscal year aggregate \$4,639,050, an increase of 10 per cent. over last year.

In a cotton picking contest at Good Hope, Ga., Monday last, Warner S. Hale gathered 732 pounds of the staple. His friends claim he has established a record.

Commander Lucien Young, captain of the port of Havana, has called for proposals for removing the wreck of the Maine from the bottom of Havana harbor.

Mr. John E. Booker, editor of the Suffolk Herald and ex-member of the Virginia general assembly, was stricken with paralysis at his home in Suffolk Tuesday and died that night.

Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of dry docks and navy yards, in his annual report urges an increase in the number of navy yards and dry docks for the accommodation of our rapidly growing navy.

The trouble between cigar makers in Tampa, Fla., gets no better. The American and Cuban workmen belong to different labor organizations, which are trying to force out workmen of the rival organization.

President R. W. Kent, of the Southern Baseball Association, announces that the circuit of the league has been decided upon and will include Atlanta, Nashville, Little Rock, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Shreveport, Memphis and New Orleans.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, who has arrived in New York from Cuba, will stay in that city for three or four days. After reporting at Washington he will go to Omaha and take command of the department of Missouri to which he has been assigned.

Charles A. Clark and ex-State Senator Francis Pons engaged in a sensational street fight at Jacksonville, Fla. Pons attacked Clark with a stick, knocking him to the pavement. Clark fired five shots at Pons, two of them taking effect. Pons' wounds are not necessarily fatal.

Jack Hanlon, of Philadelphia, threw up the sponge to Tom Corcoran, of Savannah, after the ninth round in what was to have been a 25 round fight, at the theatre in Savannah Tuesday night. Hanlon broke his hand. There was bad blood between the men and the fight was furious.

The Southern Inter-State Cotton Growers' association held its first convention in Macon, Ga., Tuesday. Hon. Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, made a sensible speech in which he advised farmers to put their cotton upon the market gradually instead of rushing it in a couple of months.

A construction train of the Southern railway's new extension from Allendale to Hardeeville, S. C., was wrecked Tuesday morning. The train was loaded with rails and other building materials. John Gozer, a time keeper, was instantly killed and Conductor W. C. Brice and Fireman L. A. Brooks were seriously injured by the flying rails.

Dufferin Patuelle, chief clerk of the gold commissioner's office at Dawson, estimates the past season's Klondike output of gold at \$20,000,000, as against \$17,000,000 for 1899. Next year's gold output of the Klondike, he thinks, will reach \$25,000,000. Of this year's shipments of gold, United States Consul McCook has records of \$14,000,000.

Capt. Carter, in San Francisco, from Magdalena Bay, lower California, reports that the first rain at Magdalena in eight years fell while he was there. This place is one of the most arid in the world, being between the northern and southern rain belts. It has one of the best harbors on the Pacific coast and is a favorite place for target practice by American warships.

Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from rheumatism. By taking Chamberlain's now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. E. Hood.

YOUR OWN VOICE.

You Would Be Surprised if You Heard Its Exact Imitation.

"One of the strangest things in life," said an amateur philosopher of Camp street, "is the fact that we never really become acquainted with our physical selves. Here I have been living in this body of mine for nearly 50 years, yet I have no idea how I look, how I bear myself, what sort of an impression I make on the minds of others when they meet me in daily intercourse. I don't even know how my own voice sounds, although I've been listening to it ever since I can remember. Did you ever hear yourself talk in a phonograph? No? Well, try it the next time you have a chance, and you will not only be astonished, but what is still stranger, you will be disappointed, probably a little shocked. Everybody has that experience.

"I supposed that I was perfectly familiar with my own voice and thought privately that it was rather agreeable. I had been told so plenty of times by other people and never knew that they were only 'jollyng' me until I made a phonographic 'record' and set it grinding. At the first word I jumped back in dismay and nearly pulled my ears off in the listening tubes.

"Merciful heavens! I said to myself. Is it possible I talk like that? I thought there must be something the matter with the cylinder and called in a friend to hear it. He grinned with delight. 'That's one of the most natural records I ever heard in my life,' he declared heartily, and I yearned for his gore.

"But, as I just remarked, everybody who tries the experiment has the same experience. The voice is always absolutely unfamiliar and positively unpleasant. Yet there is a certain something about it that differentiates it from any other voice you ever heard in your life—something indescribable that gives you a little secret thrill clear down to the soles of your feet. It is the voice of the mysterious body which you inhabit and don't know."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

German Law of Libel.

The German law of libel is a curiosity. An editor recently said in his paper that a certain gentleman "was an unmannerly boor," in consequence of which a libel action was brought against the paper. The evidence given seemed to show that the only fault with the expression was that it was not strong enough. The case was taken from court to court in the usual way until it reached the highest tribunal. The final decision was that the editor would have been perfectly justified if he had said that the plaintiff "had acted like an unmannerly boor," but since he had said that the plaintiff actually "was an unmannerly boor" he had committed libel. In Germany it is believed to call a man a pig or an ass, but if you combine the two and call a man a pig ass then there is no libel, because such an animal does not exist. The favorite combination among Germans is, we believe, pig dog—schweinehund.—Chambers' Journal.

Our Little Sticks.

"Ages ago the Hindoo 'medicine man' knew all about disease germs and microbes, although he was jeered at by western scientists because he called them 'little worms.' And after all when we moderns 'discovered' what he had known all along we could find no better name for the new organisms than bacilli, which, being interpreted, is 'little sticks.'

Up to Date.

Enterprising Advertiser—Pardon me, sir, but I heard you tell the gentleman who just left that you "would wash your hands of the whole affair."

"Well?"

"In case you do may I hope that you will try my patent soap?"—Exchange.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles, of and nature, who will call at Temple-Market Drug Co., will be presented with a sample bottle of Boesche'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 Boesche'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.

ETHICS OF FISHING.

A SCIENTIFIC VIEW OF THE ALLEGED CRUELTY OF THE SPORT.

The Creatures Are Most Happy When They Are Hooked—They Have Little Capacity For Suffering and Even Little Pleasure In Eating.

A little boy was fishing for the first time. With the customary luck of a beginner he had bass and perch galore to answer the invitation of his bait.

Presently the impulses of the humane side of his nature made a little hesitating protest against the more savage instincts of the sportsmanlike side. The wriggling of the fish when he caught them troubled him, and he sought to apologize to his conscience for the suffering he was apparently inflicting. He said, "I think the reason they jump so is that they are so glad to get out of that wet water."

Curiously enough, if we may accept the testimony of the scientists, the little boy was quite right. A fish is never so happy as when he is drawn out of the water. The air is to him quite all that laughing gas is to a human being. It gives him a hundred times more oxygen per second than his gills ever got for him from the inhalation of water. It makes him delightfully drunk. It exhilarates him. It fills him with a completeness of physical joy—the only joy he is capable of feeling—wholly unknown to him in his native element. He dies presently, it is true, but he dies in an ecstasy of enjoyment instead of dying in his appointed fashion by suffocation in the maw of some bigger fish.

In a footnote to the thirteenth canto of "Don Juan" Byron denounces Izaak Walton as a "sentimental savage" and characterizes fishing as "the cruelest, the coldest of pretended sports." That only shows how little Byron knew about the matter. His sports involved the sacrifice of women rather than worms.

It is time to set this matter of fishing upon its moral legs, as it were, and to be accomplished merely by telling the truth about it. A fish is the very lowest form of the vertebrates. It is incapable of any joy except that of getting hooked and thus drawn out of the water to which its nature condemns it and for a time breathing the air that intoxicates it in delightfully deadly fashion. It has not even the instinct of sexual association except in the case of a few rare species. It knows nothing of companionship, for the scientists tell us that even when fish swim in "schools" it is only because they are engaged in a common predatory pursuit of prey, each endeavoring to snatch from the others the morsels they seek to swallow.

So low in the scale is the fish that even in eating he has no pleasure except that of distending his stomach. For the scientists find no "taste buds" at the base of his tongue, and every fisherman knows that the fish swallows his prey whole, with no possibility of detecting its flavor. And further, every fisherman who has trolled knows that the fish is so far an indiscriminate gourmand in his search for food that he will swallow a coffee spoon with a bur attached as readily as the daintiest bait morsel that could be displayed in front of his greedy eyes and his rapacious mouth.

Still, again, every fish that is caught upon a hook gets only what he deserves. He is caught every time in an attempt to swallow some other creature whole and digest it in slow torture. Indeed the entire life of every fish is passed in a ceaseless endeavor to catch and swallow other fish. So far as science can discover, fish of most species make no distinction even in favor of their own young, their only ground of selection being a consideration for their individual throats in the act of swallowing. On that account alone the severely spined sunfish escapes the predatory perch, and the bullhead the moment his "horns" are hard enough to be in danger even from the most voracious of pickeral.

The fisherman is not a monster of wanton cruelty. He is merely a descendant of Adam exercising that "dominion" over inferior creatures which God authorized him to exercise.—George Cary Eggleston in New York World.

Wanted a Big Collar.

It was told of Daniel Webster that when he asked at a Boston haberdasher's one day for a collar, or "dickie" the clerk took a critical look at his customer's neck and then said: "We haven't got your size. You'll have to go to the next store around the corner for it." That was a harness maker's who made a specialty of horse collars.

GRAB GAME IN SIGHT.

Slicing of China May Begin Most Any Time.

Washington, Nov. 20.—According to statements by state department officials this morning, Chinese negotiations have assumed a very serious aspect and the United States government has been placed in a critical position by the action of a majority of the powers.

It was asserted today by a high official that from advices received this morning it is very evident that this government will be compelled to become a party to the partition of China or go without indemnity. Partition is now almost inevitable, it is asserted, unless by some unexpected change, the United States may succeed in causing a modification of the demands of the other powers.

If the demands can be reduced to a reasonable amount, there will be no trouble, but the powers are swelling the sums to exorbitant figures. While this government has not set any maximum figures for indemnity, it will not be more than \$50,000,000. Still, the other powers have pooled, and their totals amount to \$500,000,000, which is more than double what China can pay. The scheme seems to be to make China give bonds for the indemnity, and as the pledges will be certain to go by default, the territory will be grabbed in a 'legal' manner.

What Attracts Them.

"It is perfectly natural," said one whose own business takes him about more or less, "that a man should be interested wherever he may be in things pertaining to his own business. I know I am in mine. When I strike a strange place, I like to go through the quarter where they carry on the business that I am engaged in and see how they run things in it there. But I have lately met with two illustrations of this sort of thing that seemed to me to be rather curious as well as interesting.

"Talking with a New York paint manufacturer about paint of a certain kind, the paint man said incidentally that he had seen paint of that color on walls in Pompeii. Oddly enough, the other curious illustration arose out of the same ancient city. A New Yorker engaged in the manufacture of lead pipe said, incidentally to something that he was telling me about lead pipe, that he had found in Pompeii lead pipe in fair condition, this pipe, while covered with an incrustation that had gathered upon it in the long time it had been buried, yet cutting with as bright and perfect a cleavage as though it had been made yesterday instead of many centuries ago.

"These two things interested somewhat the paint man and the lead man respectively, and they certainly interested me."—New York Sun.

Sulphur Disinfection.

To disinfect a room with sulphur after washing all the surfaces in the room, the floors, walls and ceilings, bring in a washtub containing a few inches of water and several bricks. Put the sulphur in an iron kettle and place it on the bricks. Pour one pint of alcohol over the sulphur and set it on fire. Every crevice about the windows and doors should be stuffed with rags, the room tightly closed and left for a day and night. About five ounces of sulphur should be used for every hundred cubic feet. After the 24 hours have elapsed the floors and woodwork should be washed with a solution of carbolic acid and then with soap and water.

Tact.

Miss Esther (who has been handed a photograph)—Oh, what an awfully homely creature!

Jane—I am so glad you think it does not look a bit like me.—Boston Transcript.

Belated Zest.

"What made that widow elope? Did her friends object to the match?"

"No, but she said her first marriage was so tame and uninteresting."—Chicago Record.

It Won't

There's a lot of things Ayer's Hair Vigor won't do. They are just the things you don't want it to do. But the things it will do will certainly please you, such as stopping the hair from coming out, restoring color to gray hair, and making the hair grow thick and long. Give it a good trial.

If you do not obtain the benefit you desire from 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.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

George Byers, a young man of Hendersonville, committed suicide there Saturday night about 9 o'clock. His death was brought about by 60 grains of morphine. He was about 19 years of age.

During the recent senatorial campaign there was no little interest as to how ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom would vote. It is learned that he cast his vote at the primary for Richard H. Battle, of Raleigh. [In other words he shot in the air.]

Juliu Price, while chopping saw-logs in Caldwell county recently, was caught under a log and badly crushed about the hips, in which position he was fastened for five hours before relief came to his assistance. He died a few days after the accident.

The Rhoda Royal Shows had lots of fakirs with it at Goldsboro last week, catching many suckers for \$5 or more. A Greene county man was taken in by one of the sharpers for the huge sum of \$75, his all, and he sat down and wept like a child over his loss.

Eliza Butler, colored, died at Charlotte Tuesday from burns received Monday while using oil to start a fire. The woman poured oil on the fire, thinking it was extinct, when the fire suddenly blazed up, communicating flames to the can which exploded, fatally burning the woman.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: On Thursday, Nov. 15, Mr. James Simmons was killed near his home at Dawson by a limb from a falling tree. Simmons had gone into the woods with his two brothers, his father and some laborers to cut some timber. By some means he failed to observe the falling limb which struck him on the head, producing instant death.

The trial of the famous case of Rev. T. J. Gattis, the Charlotte Methodist preacher, against President Kilgo, of Trinity College; Mr. B. N. Duke, the Durham millionaire, and Mr. W. R. Odell, the Concord manufacturer, was begun in the superior court at Oxford Wednesday. A large number of witnesses has been summoned, and the case will probably be a prolonged one.

Four or five stores at Bethel, Pitt county, were robbed Tuesday night, the money drawers being broken open and some goods also being taken from each store. Bloodhounds were put on the robber's tracks and ran the trail some distance down the railroad to a brick kiln, where a lot of discarded clothes were found and the dogs could not follow the trail any further.

A special from Reidsville says: Revenue officers have in charge over 150 barrels of something supposed to be whiskey which they located in a vacant building a few doors north of the depot. An effort has been made to test the contents of the barrels, but there was no head and therefore no test could be made. It is all funny business; no one claims the barrels or their contents and the owner of the building knew nothing of the stuff being stored there.

Raleigh News-Observer: It is stated here that the negro Knox, who was taken out of Stanley county jail by a mob, was not lynched but is now in Union county jail. It is believed that the mob that took him from jail at Albemarle was a friendly one, and that it liberated him, fearing that on trial he might give testimony damaging to certain other persons. The negro will probably not be taken back to Albemarle, but will be sent to Charlotte for safe keeping.

A report which the Salisbury Truth-Index says comes from a reliable source, has it that the Southern Railway has under consideration the advisability of erecting a great central system of shops at Spencer in addition to the mammoth shops already there. The idea is to follow up the plan already adopted by the Pennsylvania and other big roads of the country and consolidate the shops at the various points on the system at one central point. If this should be done, fully 5,000 men would be employed at the Spencer shops.

On the 26th inst. the final hearing of the railroads' side of the notable tax assessment case, involving \$10,000,000, will begin at Raleigh before Standing Master Shepherd; that is, it will be the final hearing unless Judge Simonton allows the railroads some time for rebuttal of the testimony which the State will offer. The State will have three months time for its taking of testimony. There is considerable talk just now about the postponement by the State's side of the taking of testimony until after the legislature adjourns, because of the fact that some of the State's counsel are members of the legislature.

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and find it to be a great medicine," says Mr. E. S. Phipps, of Potesen, 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.