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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

An Alabama-Georgia baseball league is to be formed.

George W. Wilson, commissioner of internal revenue, died Tuesday of Bright's disease.

John T. Morgan received every ballot cast for senator in the Alabama legislature Tuesday.

An effort is being made to reduce the capital stock of the rice trust from \$5,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

E. T. Pepper, a wealthy orange grower of Florida, committed suicide Tuesday without any known cause.

Monday night the rivers at Pittsburg rose rapidly. Several persons were drowned and a vast amount of property was destroyed.

At Lake City, Fla., a negro shot and dangerously wounded the town marshal. He was pursued and shot to death by a party of white men.

At Elkton, Md., Monday, Miss Edith Charnes shot at two tramps and hit her mother in the back. The wound will probably prove fatal.

The Italian steamship Assiduita, cotton laden, New Orleans for Genoa, was abandoned, afire, at sea. Her crew was rescued by a British vessel.

The supreme court of Georgia has decided that an instrument of conveyance is admissible in evidence, though it does not bear a federal revenue tax stamp.

The famous "Dewey Arch" in New York has been sold for \$42 as trash. It will be sent to Charleston, S. C., reconstructed and exhibited at the Cotton States exposition.

United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the senate, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., Tuesday, after an illness of two months.

The census gives Nebraska 1,068,539 people, against 1,058,910 in 1890, an increase of .9 per cent. Oregon has 413,586, against 413,767, an increase of 31.7 per cent. Utah has 276,749 against 207,905, an increase of 31.1 per cent.

The Turkish ministers consider the visit of the battleship Kentucky as an act of hostility, and some of them urge the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States. These ministers expressed the belief that the European powers would not permit the United States to attack Turkey, which would therefore be safe in taking a defiant attitude.

W. J. Bailey, railroad agent at Mango, Fla., shot and killed Paul Huet, a Frenchman, in a duel at that place. Huet was employed by Bailey to do some work on his farm. He was ordered to stop the work on account of it not being satisfactory. Huet became enraged at this, and, it is alleged, threatened to do Bailey violence. Bailey returned to his home for a gun. Huet ran to his home on a similar mission. Mrs. Bailey followed her husband, armed with a pistol. Mrs. Huet followed her husband, similarly armed. When the parties met both men raised their guns, it is alleged, and Bailey shot first, killing Huet instantly. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Huet were in the meantime fighting with revolvers. Mrs. Huet severely beating Mrs. Bailey over the head and painfully wounding her. After the homicide Bailey coolly carried his wife home, gave her medical attention and then telegraphed to the officers to come after him.

An Expelled M. P.'s Prayer.

During the first half of the eighteenth century one of the members for a southern constituency was expelled from the house of commons for forgery and indeed endured the purgatory of standing in the pillory for a day. He was a man of unctuous piety, and his career in many respects resembled that of Jabez Balfour in later days. After his death the following prayer was found in his own handwriting among his papers:

"O Lord, thou knowest that I have nine houses in the city of London and that I have lately purchased an estate in fee simple in the county of Essex. I beseech thee to preserve the two counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquake, and as I have a mortgage in Herefordshire I beg of thee to have an eye of compassion also on that county, and for the rest of the counties thou mayest deal with them as thou art pleased. Give a prosperous voyage to the Mermaid, because I have not insured her, and enable the bank to meet their bills."—St. James Gazette.

The Pose of Ease.

"A thoroughbred gentleman puts on his clothes and then forgets them."

"That's what I try to do, but my tailor won't let me."—Chicago Record.

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.

NOT IN THE PLAY.

A Case Where Two Actors Displayed Presence of Mind.

A short time ago a great historical play was being given in an Italian theater. The king had to read his speech from the throne. He was surrounded by the court, all the representative nobles of the nation, the governors of the provinces and the heads of the army.

Clad in his magnificent robes (lined with rabbit skin) he stalked majestically across the stage, and, with fitting hauteur, slowly ascended the steps leading to the throne. Every one bowed low, and the chancellor handed to his majesty the parchment roll from which to read the royal speech.

All waited attentively to catch the words from the royal lips, but his majesty found, to his chagrin, that the roll was blank. The speech was long and had not been committed to memory.

It was impossible to get through it with the aid of the prompter, for he was too far away to render the needed service. A bright thought passed through the royal brain. Having glanced over the roll as if to gather the gist of the speech, he again folded it and handed it back to the chancellor with the command: "You read it."

The chancellor was somewhat put out, but dutifully took the roll and opened it, only to discover the royal pleasantry, whereupon, again rolling the parchment up and taking from his breast the resplendent tin order, he laid them together at the king's feet, with:

"Your majesty, as I cannot read the speech, I tender my resignation," and walked off the stage.

Sure Enough Tale.

In one of the private schools here in town there is a small boy who is always cheerfully miles behind everybody else. He is not a dull boy, but learning does not appeal to him as being a thing especially to be desired. Recently the teacher told the class in composition that on the next day she would expect each of them to be able to write a short anecdote. She explained with great care the meaning of the word anecdote, and next day when she called the class up to write all but the laggard went at once to work.

"Why don't you write an anecdote, Rob?" asked the teacher.

"I forget what an anecdote is," said Rob, undisturbed.

"I explained to you yesterday, Rob, and you ought to remember," said the teacher, a bit out of patience. "An anecdote is a tale. Now write."

Rob bent over his slate and, with much twisting of brow and writhing of lip ground out his task. When the slates were collected, his was at the very top of the heap. The teacher picked it up, and this is what she read: "Yesterday we had soup made from the anecdote of an ox."—Youth's Companion.

Fresh Water Springs in Mideocan.

Several fresh water fountains are known to exist in the gulf of Mexico, where vessels have frequently filled their casks with ice cold sweet water that comes up like a geyser in the midst of the salt water. The fresh water springs, as the sailors call them, have been known in the gulf for 200 or 300 years. They were discovered by early voyagers and were the salvation of many a mariner whose supply of fresh water ran short while he was becalmed in the doldrums. Some of the fresh water springs are marked upon the charts, but there is so little need of them nowadays by the steamers on the gulf and the sailing fleet is so small that no attention is paid to them, and they have passed out of the knowledge of the younger skipper.—Chicago Record.

Don't Tell

If your hair is coming out badly, don't tell anybody. They will think it so strange you don't buy a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor and stop the falling at once. It always restores the color to gray hair, too, all the dark, rich color you had when you were young. It keeps the scalp free from dandruff.

DANGER FROM OVEREATING.

Insanity Often Caused by Too Liberal Indulgence in Food.

It is well known to the few medical men that many cases of insanity are directly due to overeating and the consequent absorption into the circulation of toxic matters from the intestinal tract, and melancholia, whether in mild or severe form, is generally due to this cause. Violent paroxysms of temper, whether in children or adults, are often properly referable to a bad state of the blood from this auto-toxemia, as are indeed the exceedingly exuberant spirits of old or young at times. Just as we observe in alcoholic poisoning, some individuals are made temporarily jolly and good natured; others are made ugly and unreasonable.

In view of this condition of affairs isn't it rather a wise plan for us all to consider rather the needs of the organism for food than the mere question of palate tickling, to aim to eat good instead of bad food and enough of it—that is, not too much—to have the conditions about right when we take our meals; in brief to try and treat our bodies decently even though we act from a purely sensual point of view? In no other way can we secure the highest possible degree of pleasure on the average, while by acting thus sensibly we may enjoy practical immunity from disease.

The more exercise we take under proper conditions, the more we are exposed to cold, and the clearer we keep from excess in clothing the more we may eat; hence, in order to enjoy the fullest measure of table pleasures, we must live actively, wear as little clothing as is consistent with comfort and do considerable "roughing"—sometimes called hardening. With all this we should take our meals at times when the body or brain is not overtaxed, and when we "have leisure to digest," and, of all things, we should never eat unless we are hungry. To eat without an appetite is self abuse of the most stupid sort, since it affords no pleasure and is productive of disease.—Physical Culture.

A Clever Canary.

A lady who had lost a canary happened to be attracted by a bird that was hopping about in its cage in the front window of a house in New York. Thinking that it looked very like her own, she knocked at the house door and asked a few questions about it. She was told that it had been found one cold morning sitting on the window sill and was taken in and cared for. The lady said her bird could perform the pretty feat of picking up a pin and sticking it in the carpet. Being allowed to test this bird, the cage door was opened and a pin thrown on the floor. The canary at once flew down to it, picked it up in its bill and cleverly stuck it upright in the carpet, after which it burst into song, as if rejoicing at its success. The folk of the house, believing the lady had proved her ownership of the bird, permitted her, says Little Folks, to take the songster away to her home.

He Missed Her.

A speech which had a pathetic as well as an amusing side is said to have been made by an old New Hampshire man on the occasion of his second wedding.

"Neighbors," he said to those who had witnessed the simple ceremony, "you all know that this good friend that's consented to marry me is something of a stranger in our town. Now, I feel kind of insufficient, being only a man, to make her acquainted with everybody as quick as I'd like to. So I'm a-going to depend on you women folks," he added, with a confiding smile at the members of the gentler sex, "to make her feel at home among us, just as my first wife would do if she was here today. I miss her considerable all the time, but more'n usual on an occasion like this!"

Unaccommodating Stamp Clerk.

"One hundred two's," said the post-office clerk. "Yes, ma'am."

"And charge them to Mr. Newtired, No. 41!"

"Sorry, ma'am," interrupted the clerk, "but we can't do that."

"You can't?" the young bride exclaimed indignantly. "My husband's credit is good everywhere, and, besides, we always get our letters from you!"—Philadelphia Press.

Announcements of Wealth.

Wrest—Tell you, friend, the rich has their troubles.

Dawson—Bet your life I do. Onst, when I had two pair of pants, I found the labor of changin' things from one set of pockets to the other set of pockets almost more'n I could stand.—Indianapolis Press.

HOW WE ARE GROWING.

The Population of North Carolina Stated by Counties.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The official returns for North Carolina were announced today, which show that the population in 1900 is 1,893,910 as against 1,617,947 in 1890. These figures show an increase in the population of the State since 1890 of 275,863, or 17 per cent. The population in 1880 was 1,399,750, showing an increase of 218,197 or 15.5 per cent. from 1880 to 1890.

| County | 1890 | 1890 |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Alamance | 25,665 | 18,271 |
| Alexander | 10,960 | 9,403 |
| Alleghany | 7,759 | 5,486 |
| Ashe | 19,581 | 15,628 |
| Anson | 21,870 | 15,628 |
| Beaufort | 26,404 | 21,072 |
| Bertie | 20,538 | 19,176 |
| Bladen | 17,677 | 16,763 |
| Brunswick | 12,657 | 10,900 |
| Buncombe | 44,288 | 35,266 |
| Burke | 17,699 | 14,939 |
| Cabarrus | 22,456 | 18,143 |
| Caldwell | 15,694 | 12,318 |
| Camden | 5,474 | 5,567 |
| Carteret | 11,811 | 10,825 |
| Caswell | 15,028 | 16,028 |
| Catawba | 22,133 | 18,989 |
| Chatham | 23,912 | 25,413 |
| Cherokee | 11,860 | 10,124 |
| Chowan | 10,258 | 9,116 |
| Clay | 4,532 | 4,197 |
| Cleveland | 25,078 | 20,394 |
| Columbus | 21,274 | 17,831 |
| Craven | 24,160 | 20,538 |
| Cumberland | 29,249 | 27,321 |
| Currituck | 6,529 | 6,747 |
| Dare | 4,757 | 3,768 |
| Davidson | 22,403 | 21,702 |
| Davie | 12,115 | 11,621 |
| Duplin | 22,405 | 18,690 |
| Durham | 26,233 | 18,041 |
| Edgecombe | 26,591 | 24,118 |
| Forsyth | 35,261 | 30,000 |
| Franklin | 25,116 | 21,090 |
| Gaston | 27,903 | 17,754 |
| Gates | 10,413 | 10,252 |
| Graham | 4,843 | 3,435 |
| Granville | 23,263 | 24,484 |
| Greene | 12,038 | 10,039 |
| Guilford | 39,074 | 28,052 |
| Halifax | 30,793 | 28,908 |
| Harnett | 15,988 | 13,700 |
| Haywood | 16,222 | 13,846 |
| Henderson | 14,104 | 12,589 |
| Hertford | 14,294 | 13,851 |
| Hyde | 9,278 | 8,903 |
| Iredell | 29,064 | 25,462 |
| Jackson | 11,853 | 9,512 |
| Johnston | 32,250 | 27,239 |
| Jones | 8,226 | 7,403 |
| Lenoir | 18,639 | 14,879 |
| Lincoln | 15,498 | 12,586 |
| McDowell | 12,567 | 10,989 |
| Macon | 12,104 | 10,102 |
| Madison | 20,644 | 17,805 |
| Martin | 15,383 | 15,221 |
| Mecklenburg | 55,268 | 42,673 |
| Mitchell | 15,221 | 12,807 |
| Montgomery | 14,197 | 11,289 |
| Moores | 23,622 | 20,479 |
| Nash | 25,478 | 20,707 |
| New Hanover | 25,785 | 24,026 |
| Northampton | 21,150 | 21,242 |
| Onslow | 11,940 | 10,303 |
| Orange | 14,690 | 14,493 |
| Pamlico | 8,040 | 7,146 |
| Pasquotank | 13,660 | 10,748 |
| Pender | 13,381 | 12,514 |
| Perquimans | 10,091 | 9,293 |
| Person | 16,685 | 15,151 |
| Pitt | 30,889 | 25,519 |
| Polk | 7,004 | 5,902 |
| Randolph | 28,232 | 25,195 |
| Richmond | 28,408 | 23,948 |
| Robeson | 40,371 | 31,483 |
| Rockingham | 33,163 | 25,363 |
| Rowan | 31,066 | 24,123 |
| Rutherford | 25,101 | 18,770 |
| Sampson | 26,386 | 25,096 |
| Stanly | 15,220 | 12,136 |
| Stokes | 19,866 | 17,199 |
| Surry | 25,515 | 19,281 |
| Swain | 8,401 | 6,577 |
| Transylvania | 6,620 | 5,881 |
| Tyrrell | 4,980 | 4,225 |
| Union | 27,156 | 21,259 |
| Vance | 16,648 | 17,581 |
| Wake | 54,626 | 49,207 |
| Warren | 19,151 | 19,360 |
| Washington | 10,608 | 10,200 |
| Watauga | 13,417 | 10,511 |
| Wayne | 31,356 | 26,100 |
| Wilkes | 26,872 | 22,675 |
| Wilson | 23,596 | 18,644 |
| Yadkin | 14,083 | 13,770 |
| Yancey | 11,464 | 9,490 |

The census officials announced that the population of the several cities above 2,000 would be announced in a later bulletin. At this time they are incorporated in the county population in which they are located, but will be subsequently segregated. Wilmington is said to stand first, with Raleigh and Charlotte a close second.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of Grover's TASTELSS CHILL Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 25c.

The name of the Seaboard Air Line agent said to be \$50,000 short in his accounts is E. D. Lukensbill, of Fernandina, Fla. He and his friends say they will make terms with the railroad when it is ascertained what amount is short.

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.

The Burt Shoe Co., of Salisbury, assigned Monday night.

The Chadwick Manufacturing Co. has been chartered to establish a \$250,000 cotton mill at Charlotte.

The newly organized Press club at Raleigh is to take the name of the "Ananias club," and starts with more than thirty members.

A number of well-to-do negroes have established a savings bank at Durham with \$10,000 paid up capital. It will be officered by negroes.

William H. Bain, son of late State Treasurer Donald Bain, will be assistant clerk in the State auditor's office under Auditor Dixon's regime.

George F. Nesbitt, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting near Mebane, N. C., Tuesday. He was a prominent and wealthy society man.

Ed. Kelly, of Fayetteville, was run over and killed by an A. C. L. engine at Sanford Tuesday evening. It seems that he was drunk and staggered and fell under the tender.

The Seaboard Air Line loses its fertilizer rate case, the supreme court affirming the judgment of the lower court. The railroad contested the right of the commission to fix rates for transportation of fertilizers or to fix a minimum car load of ten tons.

Miss Nora Lassiter, of West Durham, attempted suicide by jumping into the reservoir of the Erwin Cotton Mills Monday night, but was rescued by two men passing at the time. She has been subject to fits for several years and is thought to have been temporarily insane when she attempted the rash act.

Gastonia Gazette: Josh Woodward killed himself Monday night (last week) by drinking wood alcohol. Josh came here from Charlotte some time ago and had been employed in painting at the Loray mill. The painters have been using wood alcohol and Monday Josh stole about half a bucket full. That night he proceeded to tank up and about 3 o'clock he died.

Raleigh Times: Articles of agreement were today filed by G. A. Norwood, Jr., George C. Royall, John Slaughter, J. R. Crawford, J. G. Sotherland, G. C. Kornegay, W. H. Darden, W. G. Britz, C. F. Herring, W. R. Allen and The Humphrey Gibson company for the incorporation of the East Goldsboro Land and Improvement company with headquarters at Goldsboro. The object is dealing in and improving real estate. The capital stock is \$100,000.

DEMANDS TOO SEVERE.

The Cabinet Thinks Nothing Unreasonable Should be Expected of China.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The demands made on China by the powers, as cabled to Washington yesterday by Minister Conger, are regarded as altogether too severe to be approved by this government. The president and the members of his cabinet discussed the matter for more than an hour this morning. They had the text of the Conger message, which came to the state department in cipher yesterday, before them, and the conditions laid down by the ministers of the powers at Peking were carefully examined.

The opinion was unanimous that the demands, if not unjust, are certainly indiscreet and impracticable. The case is regarded with some hope, however, from the fact that these demands, framed largely according to the judgment of the ministers, are tentative in character and are subject to the approval of the several governments. That the United States cannot co-operate with the plans of the other powers, except as to general features, unless these tentative demands are modified, is regarded as certain.

Is Care a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Brodiaquina Tablets. Ayer's doctors retend the money if it fails to cure. K. W. Grover's signature on each box. 10c.

The "Cleveland and Pittsburg Flyer," bound west and running 30 miles an hour, plunged into the Ohio river near Beaver Falls, Pa., at 1 o'clock Wednesday. Recent storms causing a landslide are responsible for the wreck. Express Messenger Casey was killed. Engineer Cougenhour had both legs cut off. A number of others were injured.

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 stores. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.