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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Fire destroyed \$60,000 worth of property at Moultrie, Ga., Thursday, partially covered by insurance.

There are 24 cases of smallpox in New York city and a scare over it there. It started from a negro play actor from the south.

Among the politicians in Washington it is said that with the passing of every day the task which the administration would undertake in the matter of forcing through congress the ship subsidy bill appears to become greater.

Henry Robinson was shot and killed at Waycross, Ga., Thursday, in a street fight in which three of his brothers were engaged on one side and Sheriff McClellan, of Ware county, and two of his brothers on the other. Matt and Jim Robinson were pretty badly, though not seriously, hurt. None of the McClellans were seriously hurt. The Robinsons have sent for two other brothers and more trouble is feared when they arrive.

Thirteen people were killed and 100 injured by the collapse of the roof of the Pacific Glass Works at San Francisco, Cal., Thursday, while it was crowded with men and boys watching a football game on the field adjoining. About 100 people fell through the roof upon the red hot furnaces and glass vats below. Most were horribly burned, and it is feared that in addition to the deaths already reported there will be several more.

A dispatch from Washington City says: The National Afro-American council has appointed a committee to see that the validity of the Louisiana constitution of 1898 is tested before the supreme court. The opinion of a number of leading lawyers, north and south, has been obtained respecting the Louisiana and North Carolina laws restricting suffrage and the supreme court will have before it shortly cases that it is believed will secure an expression of its opinion respecting these suffrage laws.

The war department has decided not to bring the volunteers away from the Philippines until July 1 next, if they can be induced to remain. Adj.-Gen. Corbin is authority for the assertion, however, that the war department will bring home from the Philippines to the United States every one of the volunteers who wants to come, and discharge them in this country on or before the first of July next, when under the law, the volunteers must be mustered out. It is believed that the men will be patriotic enough to remain until congress can supply their places.

The accounts of Geo. B. Griffiths, clerk of the school board of Cincinnati for 13 years previous to his death, are found to be at least \$100,000 short. He kept one private cash book in which accounts were correctly entered, and he kept four fraudulent cash books with forced balances, made to fit the case of each examination as it might arise. He had forged receipts for moneys purporting to have been paid by him into the city treasury, the forgery consisting of fraudulent signatures purporting to be the genuine signatures of the city treasurer. Griffiths was always a lover of horses and it is thought that he lost most of the money backing his favorites.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
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Her Criticism.
Mary is very stout, quite deaf and the trusted housemaid of a family in the East park section. Incidentally she seems to be something of an art critic. When she cleans the family rooms, she is heard to mutter and shake her head in dusting the pictures, and she seems to be especially severe on a few representatives of the "altogether" that hang in the little den. One day Mary was flirting her dustcloth about in this little room when her mistress happened in. Mary was standing gazing intently at a beautiful photograph of Bouguereau's "Cupid and Psyche."
"And phwat pictur is that?" asked Mary in hard, cold tones.
"Oh, that is 'Cupid and Psyche,'" said the lady rather indifferently.
"Moody and Sanker, is ut? Well, I hav' heered of them felleys. Sure, they ought to be ashamed of themselves."—Philadelphia Record.

Unforgiven.
At a recent banquet in Sydney a descendant of the Macdonalds massacred at Glencoe passed a knife "with the blade foremost" to a member of a famous old family bearing the historic name of the Macdonalds' betrayers. Most of those who looked on stigmatized the action as one of contemptibly bad breeding. But one or two understood the significance and knew that the betrayer is still unforgiven.

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A BITE IN THE DARK.

The Young Man Liked Jelly, and He Filled His Mouth.

A young man whose work keeps him down town until the early morning hours usually reaches home with a sharp appetite. His mother, an indulgent mother, too, puts a little lunch out where he can get it, but this frequently fails to satisfy him. His wise parent knows this, and she saves the larder from a wholesale onslaught by locking things up.

Now, if there is one thing in particular that this youth dotes upon it is jelly. But jelly is an article of food that takes time and skill in its preparation, and if the lady left her jelly jars at his disposal—well, there would be none to dispose of after a few mornings. So the jelly is locked up the tightest of all.

The other morning the youth let himself into the house just as the gray streaks of dawn were crossbarring the eastern sky. There was milk and bread awaiting him, but his soul craved for jelly. He determined to hunt for some. Taking a slice of bread and a knife, he stole down cellar and searched the fruit shelves. What happiness! He dimly made out the outlines of a jelly jar. Was there any jelly in it? He dipped in his knife and felt the soft and quivering mass. What a joke on his usually careful mother! She had actually forgotten to turn the key on this treasure.

He drew out a generous quantity and carefully spread it on the bread. He had to do it largely by guesswork, because the cellar was almost totally dark. When the spreading was done, he smacked his lips lightly and took a generous bite.
No, it wasn't jelly; it was soft soap.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Lark's Song.
A writer on "The Wonders of the Spring" says that the volume of sound produced by the skylark is most wonderful. "The lark ascends until it appears no larger than a midge and can with difficulty be seen by the unaided eye, and yet every note of its song will be clearly audible to persons who are fully half a mile from the nest over which the bird utters its song."

"Moreover, it never ceases to sing for a moment, a feat which seems wonderful to us human beings, who find that a song of six or seven minutes in length, though interspersed with rests and pauses, is more than trying. Yet this bird will pour out a continuous song of nearly 20 minutes in length and all the time has to support itself in the air by the constant use of its wings."

A Business Proposition.
Now, here is a poet who is practical enough. He hails from Dooly county, and it will be seen from his letter that he means business. He writes:
"I have wrote a poem about 100 yards long, as nigh as I kin guess. It took me six months an two hours to write it. I ain't no 'judge of these things, an what I want to know is where I kin hire a good man to read it for me an tell me what it is. To sich a man I will pay \$1 a day till he gets through, only he musn't take too long!"—Atlanta Constitution.

What She Wanted to Know.
"My dear child, you really should not eat your pudding so quickly."
"Why not, mamma?"
"Because it is dangerous. I once knew a little boy about your age who was eating pudding so quickly that he died before he had finished it."
"And what did they do with the rest of his pudding, mamma?"—Exchange.

Alarming Symptoms.
"Mandy," said the old gentleman, "I am afraid that boy of ours is goin to be a poet."
"He ain't writ nothin, has he?" asked the old lady in alarm.
"No, he ain't writ nothin yet, but I notice he is doin less an less work every day an doin it carelesser."—Indianapolis Press.

The Fickle Thermometer.
"Here, young man," said the old lady, with fire in her eye, "I've brung back this thermometer you sold me."
"What's the matter with it?" asked the clerk.
"It ain't reliable. One time you look at it it says one thing, and the next time it says another."—Catholic Standard and Times.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price, 25 cents. Samples free, at J. E. Hood's drug store.

WAR IN FULL BLAST

400 British Surrender to Boers. Sedition in Cape Colony. Boer Gen. Clements in Bad Position.

London, Nov. 29.—The most startling proof that the war in South Africa is still full of vigor is contained in Gen. Roberts' dispatches announcing that 400 British troops with two guns have surrendered to the Boers at DeWetsdorp, southwest of Bloemfontein. It is poor consolation that the British have since recaptured the town after the Boers had withdrawn. This striking success cannot fail to encourage in Cape Colony a revolt, which is now a most imminent danger. The truth is, according to the most reliable information, that the situation in Cape Colony is now more perilous than at any time since the outbreak of the war. The farm burning policy in the Boer country is having its natural effect and it will be surprising if the British escape the dilemma in which they have involved themselves without precipitating a rebellion which will severely test all their military resources in Africa. It is not likely that the Boers will attempt to hold the prisoners taken at DeWetsdorp, as this is no longer their policy, but the moral effect of the blow to British prestige will be none the less serious.

DELAREY ATTACKS CLEMENTS
Boer Commando Said to Be in a Position Whence Escape is Impossible.

Johannesburg, Nov. 25.—Gen. Delarey, with a commando of 800 men attacked Gen. Clements Friday, northwest of Krugersdorp. The Boers brought a gun into position on the hills during the night and began shelling the British camp at 3 o'clock in the morning. After firing, the British guns silenced the single one used by the Boers. Severe fighting followed in which the Boers suffered heavily. The British buried 25 burghers and took 20 prisoners. Gen. Delarey found himself in a difficult position and asked for an armistice of 24 hours. This Gen. Clements agreed to, but at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon the Boers resumed firing. It is reported that Delarey is surrounded and that it is impossible for him to escape.

Plant More Wheat.

News-Observer.
This year both the cotton crop and the tobacco crop have been short, and as a natural result the farmers have received a higher price per pound than when a very large crop is made. The temptation to raise a big cotton and tobacco crop next year and thereby put down the price again to five cents is one against which the farmers should guard. In a speech before the Cotton Growers' association at Macon last week, Mr. Pope Brown, president of the Georgia Agricultural society, said:
"Two years ago we started a wheat movement. The result was that hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat have since been raised in this State. It has put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of the farmers. How can we cheapen the cost of production of cotton or raise the price of it? We have got to do one or the other. The man who does the plowing is entitled to a good living. Land is cheap. The farmer can raise his mule cheaper than he can buy him, he can raise his flour cheaper, his meat cheaper. The southern farmer has not done his duty until he feeds his family by his own labor, nor until he has produced the food for the city people and stopped the importation of every necessity of life into this section."

North Carolina has more roller mills than ever before, people are raising a larger proportion of their own bread and meat, but the agitation ought not to be down until North Carolina sells flour and bacon and hams to people in other states after supplying the home market.

Rough Treatment of Mormons in Austria.
Vienna, Austria, Nov. 30.—Advices from Tamesvar, South Hungary, record a rough treatment of two Mormon elders from Salt Lake City. The elders had no sooner began to enunciate their views on polygamy than the audiences stormed the platform and ejected them from the hall. One was compelled to run the gauntlet of three hundred citizens, armed with sticks and straps and knotted cords and hobnailed shoes. He was afterwards stripped to the waist and thrashed by half a dozen matrons. The other Mormon was ducked in a horse pond. The minister of the interior has prohibited further Mormon attempts at proselyting as being dangerous to the well being of the state.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

A RAW YOUNG LAWYER.

His First Case Introduced Him to Contempt of Court.

Some of the members of the bar were discussing contempt cases because of a recent notable event in the state, and one of the little coterie related a personal experience.

"I read law at home and had my examinations through a little country lawyer who knew a great deal, but never had a big case and was notorious for his ability in abusing justices of the peace. It may seem a preposterous statement, but I had never heard or thought of such a thing as contempt of court when I had my first professional experience in a common pleas court. No sooner had the opposition attorney made an objection than the judge ruled against me.

"I proceeded to inform him that he was wrong, that he knew he was wrong and that I wished he would quit his pettifoggery. The lawyers in attendance were temporarily petrified; the venerable judge glared at me over his glasses, finally smiled in a forgiving sort of way and told me to proceed. Very soon there was another well taken objection, and again he ruled against me. This practically took the props from under my case, and I went at the judge as my instructor had been accustomed to go at a justice of the peace in a back township.

"Your honor," I declaimed, "is a political accident. In the eternal fitness of things you should be digging coal or cleaning out underbrush. You have no more sense of justice than a Zulu chief of mercy. Thank heaven there is a higher judicial tribunal in this state than— But there I was halted by a fine of \$200 or 90 days in jail. The judge took me to his private room, where he learned my story and remitted the fine. To pay \$200 at that time would have pauperized me. I now have quite a reputation for never rubbing the court the wrong way."—Detroit Free Press.

Character Told by Lips.

"Whether or not we believe in phrenology, physiognomy and kindred sciences, there are some peculiarities of feature that are quite often indicative of certain traits of character," said an observant man. "From no one feature of the face can the disposition be more accurately read than from the lips and especially the upper lip. The lower one is less prophetic.

"A person with a short, sharply curved upper lip is nearly always of a happy, lovable disposition. One with a short but straight upper lip is apt to be of a low order of intellect and coarse in his tastes. The person with a long, straight upper lip is the one to beware of. He has a will like adamant, is not always thoroughly trustworthy, is apt to be quarrelsome and jealous and is more often than not an unmitigated politician. If he is gifted with a strong intellect, he will make his mark in one way or another; if he is not, he may become a harmless person, a parasite or a scoundrel. The man whose upper lip protrudes is apt to be a shrewd business man.

"The person whose mouth has a decided droop at the corners may be a humorist, a hypochondriac or a poet. The possessor of a mouth curved in the style of Cupid's bow is indeed happy, for in nine cases out of ten he also possesses a refined, aesthetic and yet practical nature, susceptible to every beautiful and ennobling influence."—Chicago Record.

Old Fashioned Cancer Cure.

Take the common sheep sorrel which grows in your yard and which children eat because of its sourness, mash it up into a pulp in some vessel that will save all the juice that would otherwise be lost, then put it into a bag and squeeze out all the juice on to a pewter plate to get some of the acid from the metal, then put this out in the sun and let it dry until about as thick as tar, then put in tight bottle. If the skin is not broken, put a drop of chloride of potash or lye on it to break the skin and then apply the sorrel on the cancer, just covering it with a thin coat. If the sorrel gets too thick, a little water will make it so that it can be handled.

The pain will be severe, but it is otherwise harmless. It will stop hurting in a few hours. Keep up these applications, one every day, until the cancer can be lifted out without pain. It took four days in my case. The sorrel will cook the cancer, but it does not eat it as it does the flesh, hence it eats all the flesh away and lets the cancer loose. When you see the cancer, put the sorrel on it and not on the flesh. When the cancer is out, heal the sore with any kind of healing ointment.—J. A. Wayland in Appeal to Reason.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Trinity College won the debate with Wake Forest at Raleigh Thursday.

Wilson and Wilmington played football at Wilmington Thursday. Neither side succeeded in scoring.

A large and handsome monument has been erected on the grave of Hon. John Manning, in the Episcopal churchyard at Pittsboro, says the Chatham Record. He was one of the State's great men.

From the Franklin Press we learn that the two-year-old son of Sam Higdon was left alone in the house for a few minutes and its clothing caught fire and burned off of it, death relieving the little sufferer in a few minutes.

Jacob A. Eller, white, who formerly lived near the scene of the crime, was carried to Charlotte Wednesday night on the charge of murdering Mrs. Colley and her niece last week and burning the house containing the bodies. He was arrested in Rowan county, sixty miles from Charlotte.

Concord Standard: Mr. O. V. Mauney had a yearling calf dog bitten last Friday. The calf was taken to his son's, near Georgeville and just two weeks from the time it was bitten it developed hydrophobia and became ferocious to a terrible degree. It was killed and the carcass was burned.

The Chatham Record calls attention to the fact that the constitution says the legislature shall meet "the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January." That means that the legislature will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9th. The governor will not be inaugurated until a week or ten days thereafter.

Chatham Citizen: Mr. W. W. Dunn, of Hickory Mountain township, raised this year 117½ bushels of corn, 512 bundles of blade and 254 bundles of top fodder from one acre of ground. This is by far the best yield from an acre that we have heard of in Chatham and we doubt if it has been exceeded in the State.

Greenville Reflector: Two colored boys living on Mr. B. F. Patrick's place, just south of town, were fooling with a pistol Thanksgiving Day. The thing "went off," as usual, and one boy received a ball in the right brow that penetrated back into the brain. The boy was brought to Dr. Laughinghouse and the ball probed for, but it had gone too deep to be found. The boy walked back home after the wound was dressed.

News and Observer: An attorney who attended the recent term of Nash court says that the trial of George Griffin and wife brought out a most heart-rending state of facts. Griffin married the second time, and ill-treated his children by his first, shutting them up in an outhouse, and letting four of them starve to death. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary. His wife was sentenced for six years.

Roanoke News: The penitentiary authorities say that the crop of cotton on the State farms will be 800 more bales than were expected. The crop is much better than last year, when on more than double the present acreage only 2,200 bales were produced. Four hundred and ten bales were produced this season on 340 acres on Caledonia farm No. 2. Seventeen thousand bushels of peanuts were produced on that farm, also as much corn as it will need.

Essence of Imperialism.

News-Observer.
"By the authority of the President of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission." That is the phrase at the beginning of the new laws in the Philippines. That's something new in this country. It is the essence of imperialism.

In a row in the barroom of Church Lewis, near Norfolk, Thursday, Lewis shot Thos. Fogarty in the temple and Fogarty put three bullets into Lewis' stomach. Fogarty died in a few minutes. Lewis was removed to the Protestant hospital where he lies between life and death. There was a difficulty between the men over a hat.

Do You?

Come, now, tell the honest truth. You don't like those gray hairs in your head, do you? And your husband don't like them, either! Then please him by buying a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It restores color to gray hair every time. It takes out all dandruff, too, and keeps the scalp clean and healthy.

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