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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Standard Oil stock has gone up to \$810 per \$100 share.

Director of the Mint Roberts predicts an output of \$365,000,000 gold next year.

The Kentucky law compelling railroads to furnish separate cars for the races has been upheld by the U. S. supreme court.

Bolomen to the number of 2,180 surrendered to Gen. Young at Santa Maria Monday, swearing allegiance to the United States.

The Republican senatorial committee Monday afternoon decided that the ship subsidy bill be given first consideration and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty next.

Ernest Sims, of Valdosta, Ga., was shot and instantly killed at Thomasville, Ga., late Monday night. The affair is a mystery. Sims bore an excellent reputation.

The Isthmian canal commission reported to congress Tuesday recommending the building of the canal by the Nicaragua route, as being most practicable and feasible.

Four men and one boy were instantly killed and 13 people injured by the explosion of a boiler in the power house of the Chicago and Northwestern road at Chicago. Several of the injured are hurt so badly that they may die.

The Standard Oil Co. has secured a monopoly in sinking oil wells in Roumania, at a cost of \$2,000,000. The Roumanian press is protesting against the entrance of this powerful foreign company into the Roumanian field.

The all around ten per cent. reduction in the wages of the employees of the Pennsylvania Steel company at Steelton, Pa., announced to go into operation on Jan. 1, will affect 7,000 men. The salaries of officials and the pay of day laborers are all to be cut to the extent of one-tenth.

The annual report of the secretary of the treasury shows receipts \$669,595,431.18; expenditures \$590,068,371, showing a surplus of \$79,527,060.18. The estimated appropriations for the coming year are \$690,374,808.24. There are 227 more national banks than last year. The per capita circulation is estimated at \$27.82.

Demand For Excelsior.

The present annual production in this country of excelsior is about 60,000 tons. Put to a great variety of uses, excelsior is most commonly used for packing purposes, and in such uses it is employed for many very different kinds of things. It is used, for example, in the packing of things so fragile as eggs and things so solid as iron toys. In the various uses to which it is put excelsior is most in demand where manufacturing is carried on, so that the larger part of the great quantity of this material now produced in this country is used east of the Mississippi river.—New York Sun.

The Pleasures of Old Age.

No sane man would like to live his life over again. It is astonishing how the ordinary affairs of life seem to adapt themselves to your added years. One's pleasures are quieter, but quite as enjoyable. To live in the lives of your children, to watch their progress, the development of their minds, is one great source of pleasure. Then one has music, reading, gardening, etc. May I also add that I took the advice of an old friend some years ago who said the two things most likely to give pleasure in declining life were to learn whist and to play the violoncello?—A Man of Sixty in Spectator.

The Worm Turned.

Mrs. Enpeck—You let people dominate over you too much, Henry. You should learn to say "no" occasionally. Mr. Enpeck—Yes; that's right, and I wish to goodness you had said it on a certain occasion.—Chicago News.

Two Bads

All coughs are bad; and so are all cough syrups. With the former you can cough yourself right into bronchitis or consumption; and with the latter you upset your stomach and do no good. For 60 years Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been the one household remedy for colds and coughs of all kinds.

These coughs are caused by an ordinary cold, but just fit for asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, whooping-cough, hard colds, etc., and are especially for chronic cases.

MAY HAPPEN SOME DAY.

The Eastern Citizen Doubtless Had a Right to Make Threats.

"I can see a marked difference between the ways of the east and the west," he said to the Chicago policeman who had ordered him to move on. "Do you know what a New York policeman did for me only six weeks ago?"

"Run you in, probably," was answered.

"I was asleep in a doorway, sir, and he awoke me by clubbing me. He felt it his duty to do so. When I learned how he felt, I had nothing to say in opposition. But, sir, before whacking me with his club he carefully rolled it up in his handkerchief and then struck me on the back of the head, so as not to leave a spot to disfigure me."

"That certainly showed a feeling for you."

"It did, sir. He not only did that, but, believing me to be weary, he called a wagon and gave me a ride to the station. Next day the judge said it would be a relief for me to feel settled for 30 days, and he settled me. Can I look for any such outpouring of sympathy in this cold hearted west?"

"Not by a blamed sight!" shouted the policeman as he flourished his club, "and if you aren't around the corner in seven jumps I'll assist you!"

"Officer," quietly replied the man, with a bow, "the effete east gives way before the cold hearted west, and I go—I hasten—I fly. Good night to you, sir, and should you ever come east and I meet you on Broadway and you ask me where the Bowery is and I recognize your profile I will lick blazes out of you in just two minutes!"

M. QUAD.

The Coming Apparel.

And it seems that the "shirt waist man" was making loud and unseemly noises on the s'teenth floor of the big hotel.

"What is the trouble with that guest, Front?" demanded the clerk.

"De gen'man says he dun broke his lace en can't go out," elucidated Front.

"Well, here is a shoe lace, Front. Take it up to him."

"Tain't a shoe lace he wants, boss; it's a corset lace."—Chicago News.

Whist Terms.



"FOLLOWING SUIT."
—Chicago News.

Cheek Missing.

At breakfast the mistress observed the unwonted demeanor of the maid-servant.

"Where is your customary assurance this morning, Marie?" she asked.

"Oh, the policeman on the beat pinched my cheek last evening!" replied the maid, looking shyly down.—Detroit Journal.

His Question.

"I wish to ask a question pertaining to the game laws," said the visitor to the queries editor.

"Ask on, my friend."

"When is the open season for shooting stars?"

But before the editor could answer him he was gone.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Pretty Nearly Right.

"What's your opinion of a title like this for an address before the American Ornithological society now in session at Cambridge: 'The Pterylosis of Podargus, With Further Notes on the Pterylography of the Caprimulgidae.'"

"Well, I should call it a bird!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Afloat and Ashore.

"How about that Atlantic liner?"

"Oh, she's safe enough. There's a rumor ashore that she's afloat."

"That's good. I heard there was a rumor afloat that she was ashore."

Malformations among goldfish are produced by the Chinese by agitating the fertilized eggs at a certain stage of their development.

SOME MEN GROW ON TREES.

This is the Belief of an Indian and Some Other Tribes.

The Sioux Indians still share with the old Aryan and Semite tribes in the belief that there are trees that bring forth human beings and others that bear various portions of the human body, and in the fourteenth century an Italian traveler, on arriving at Malabar, was told by the natives that the country abounded with a tree that bore men and women. The latter were attached to the limbs by the nether extremities and were full formed when the wind blew, but when the wind died out they soon withered. These specimens of humanity reached the length or height of three feet.

In the first book of the Mahabharata mention is made of forms of dwarfs that were to be found on a large fig tree. The Arabs are still strong in the belief that somewhere in the southern ocean there is a tree that bears a nut that resembles the face of a man and when in its fullness the mouth opens and gives voice to the cry: "Wak! Wak!" The Chinese reverse the order of things and, instead of believing that the trees give birth to men, claim that in the beginning the herbs and grass sprang from the hair of the human family. They have preserved the tradition, too, that somewhere within the borders of the beautiful Flowery Kingdom there is a wonderful lake by whose margin grew trees whose leaves developed into birds and also that, if a jar be broken on the waters, birds of the most brilliant plumage will at once arise from the pieces and fly off.

In central India there is a tribe called Khaties that claim to have their origin from a stick of wood. When the five sons of Pandu, the heroes whose exploits are told in the Mahabharata, had become simple tenders of sheep, Karna, their illegitimate brother, wishing to deprive them of their last resource, prayed to be gods to assist him. He struck the earth with his staff, which opened, and from it sprang a man who was called Khat, meaning begotten of wood, and by this name have his descendants ever since been known.—St. Louis Republic.

The Boy Aboard Ship.

Mr. Frank T. Bullen, who was once a ship boy himself, makes in his book, "The Men of the Merchants' Service," these mournful statements concerning the sea life of young Jacky:

"Within the memory of middle aged men a boy on board a ship was the butt, the vicarious sacrifice to all the accumulated ill temper of the ship. Today tales are told of the treatment of boys in 'Geordie' colliers that are enough to make the flesh creep to hear. In those days it was the privilege of every man on board to ill treat the boy, and if, as very often happened, the poor little wretch died under it—well, what of it?—It was only a boy.

"And the peculiar part of it all was that the brutes who did these evil deeds prided themselves that their actions were right and proper. There was only one way of training a boy—with a rope's end if it were handy; if not, a fist or a boot would do, but he must be beaten.

"One man whom I shall always remember, as smart a seaman as ever trod a ship's deck, beat me until there was not a square inch of my small body unbruised. Scarcely a watch passed that I did not receive some token of his interest in my welfare, and on two occasions he kicked me with such violence that with all the will in the world to obey his orders I was perfectly helpless. My only wonder is that he did not kill me.

"Yet when I left the ship he bade me quite an affectionate farewell, bidding me remember how hard he had labored for my benefit, that every blow he had given me was solely aimed at making me more useful and fitting me for my duties."

In the Dumps.

There was once upon a time an Egyptian king, so it is said, who built a pyramid and died of melancholy. His name was Dumops, yet there are probably few persons who know that they are perpetuating the memory of his tragic history when they remark that they are "in the dumps."

Extraordinary Temerity.

"I told that Boston girl I didn't like Emerson."

"Was she displeased?"

"Displeased? She got nearly as mad as she did when I said that beans could be baked without salt pork."—Chicago Record.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Sciatica, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. A 25c bottle for 15c. I. K. Heon

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

December 5, 1900.

Mr. Eugene Wood spent Thanksgiving at Grifton.

Miss Mabel Wood spent Saturday and Sunday at LaGrange.

Misses Eunice Wood and Bertha Fields spent Sunday at Boston.

Mr. Carl Sutton, of LaGrange, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Will Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber, of Kinston, spent last Thursday at Mr. G. F. Parrott's.

Mr. W. B. Herring, of Richmond, Va., visited his father, Mr. W. I. Herring, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Askew, of Lousin Swamp, visited at Mr. W. E. Askew's last week.

A HORRIBLE MASSACRE

Of Foreign Missionaries and Native Christians.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—A special dispatch from China to the Volks Zeitung reports a fearful mission slaughter in the province of Shan Si. The first victims, the dispatch says, were a Catholic bishop and his coadjutors and four European priests, Franciscans, Italians and French.

The governor invited them to his house for better protection, but when they arrived their hands were tied. Then the governor himself poinarded them all. Next, the governor went to the bishop's residence with a number of soldiers and seized six Marseilles sisters. He promised them money and distinguished husbands if they would renounce Christianity, which offer they unanimously rejected. Thereupon the governor poinarded them and a number of Chinese priests, 30 Chinese sisters and 200 orphans from 6 to 16 years of age.

Fifteen seminarists, who had hidden themselves in a cistern, were the dispatch says, tied to stakes and forced to drink the blood of the first victims. They were then killed.

A Chinese priest and two Christians who attempted to escape were caught and put in a small hut, where they were burned.

THE BILL BY CRUMPAKER.

If Passed North Carolina Would Lose Four Representatives.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The first bill of the session introduced in the house of representatives was by Representative Crumpacker (Rep., Ind.) "making an apportionment of representatives in congress under the eleventh census." It provides an increase of membership from 357 to 365. The following states gain in representation:

Arkansas 2, Massachusetts 1, Minnesota 2, Missouri 1, New Jersey 2, New York 3, North Dakota 1, Pennsylvania 2, Texas 2, Washington 1, West Virginia 1.

The following states lose: Kansas 1, Louisiana 2, Mississippi 3, Nebraska 1, North Carolina 4, South Carolina 3, Virginia 1.

The All-Grasping Trust.

Raleigh Times.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, which is the head of the plug tobacco trust, has succeeded in buying the large plants of P. H. Hanes & Co. and B. F. Hanes & Co. The trust only a few days ago bought the business of Brown Bros. & Co. at the same place. Thus the entire tobacco interests of Winston like those of Durham, are practically in the hands of the trust. Winston has been the centre of the fight against the combine in this State, and these acquisitions are therefore victories for the trust. The trust first absorbed the cigarette industry, then they acquired the smoking tobacco interests, and now they have practically secured the plug tobacco business. Cigar making is the only branch of the business that is not now under control of the trust, and they will probably reach out for that.

Laws for Filipinos.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The cabinet discussed municipal laws for the Philippines today. The Taft commission has just submitted the code for the approval of the cabinet, before putting the laws in effect. They were offered by Secretary Root. "The statutes follow very closely those in use in this country," said a member after the meeting. "The Filipinos will be allowed to elect their own mayors and boards of aldermen for their government. The cabinet approved the code, as a whole."

Congress.

Washington, Dec. 4.—In the senate today, Stewart, of Nevada, introduced a bill providing for the creation of a supreme court of five members for the Philippines, the members to be paid \$20,000 yearly. A bill was introduced to admit Oklahoma as a state.

In the house the army reorganization bill was reported. Among its provisions it gives the rank of brigadier general to Lee, Wheeler and Wilson, and major general to Shafter.

Germans Lose 20 Killed.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—It is reported in Tien Tsin that the Germans lost 20 killed and many wounded west of Pekingfu, where they were attacked by 2,500 Boxers.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The State has chartered the Milton Chair factory, capital \$25,000.

The Baptist State convention is in session in Raleigh, and is largely attended—about 750 delegates and 500 visitors being present.

The store of Stack Bros., at Greensboro, was entered by burglars Saturday night and robbed of between \$700 and \$800 in cash.

It is found by the auditor that during the fiscal year which ended last Friday North Carolina's expenses exceeded receipts \$178,000.

Fire at Warsaw Monday destroyed a negro store and another small building. Loss about \$800, fully insured. Fire thought to be incendiary.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has bought two more of Winston's tobacco manufacturing plants, P. H. Hanes & Co., and B. F. Hanes & Co.

Mr. J. E. Early, a loom fixer, was perhaps fatally injured in jumping from an elevator in the Delgado Mills near Wilmington Monday afternoon.

The report on cotton mills chartered by the state to date this year shows 26, and 10 knitting mills. The capital invested in these is \$3,567,000.

Mt. Olive Advertiser: The shipping of holly, mistletoe and pine tops to northern markets for use as holiday decorations, will soon be the order of the day.

Mr. Elisha Garner was accidentally killed at the Selma Oil and Fertilizer mills Monday. He was caught in the belting while repairing the driving wheels.

The State charters the Oak Grove Lumber company, of Halifax county, and the Sherwood Bobbin and Shuttle Manufacturing company, of Greensboro.

Winston Journal: Mrs. Lee Charles died this morning at 9 o'clock at her home south of Salem from the effects of taking an overdose of patent medicine. She has been in feeble health for some time. Her age was 30 years. She leaves a husband and four small children.

Durham Herald: C. R. Wilson, who lives on Morris street, was exhibiting yesterday some of the finest pears seen here in many a day. He said that he gathered sixteen bushels like the one he was showing off of two four-year-old trees. He sold the pears for \$2 a bushel, netting him \$20 for the products of these trees in one year.

At Newton Saturday the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Southern Railway in the case of H. C. Killian for damages for killing his son, who sat down on the end of a cross tie and went to sleep. While in this condition he was struck by a train and instantly killed. The jury decided that the railroad company was not to blame. The plaintiff appealed to the supreme court.

The presidential electors chosen in November met at Raleigh Tuesday, only T. C. Wooten, H. L. Cook and W. C. Dowd being absent. Dan Hugh McLean was chosen chairman and C. L. Abernethy secretary. The electors will have to meet again on January 14th, the time set by congress. The fusion legislature made the law requiring them to also meet on December 4th, which meeting is a useless one.

The report on the national banks in North Carolina shows that their resources aggregate \$15,362,182. The resources in 1898 were only \$11,868,722. The resources of the State, private and savings banks are now \$14,417,959, while in 1898 they were only \$10,526,900. The increase is remarkably great, being of all banks \$7,589,519 in the two years, of which \$4,091,058 was of State banks and \$3,498,460 of national banks.

A keg of powder exploded in Matt T. Edwards' store at Jackson, N. C., Monday, killing Edwards and his 5-year old son, Waverly. The store was completely wrecked. There was only one other person in the store at the time, Edwards' 10-year old son, who escaped with slight injury. This boy says his little brother was playing about a keg of powder just received that was on the counter, and it is supposed that the child struck a match on or about the powder.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Mr. S. M. McDuffie, who lost his voice last week from excessive cigarette smoking (as is generally believed) has been doubly afflicted. Yesterday his left arm fell helpless at his side and up to the hour of his departure for Reidsville last night had not regained the use of arm. Although Mr. McDuffie does not believe it, cigarettes have undoubtedly caused this great affliction to befall him. Mr. McDuffie stated when asked yesterday by the Truth-Index reporter, that he smoked on the average forty cigarettes each day. Mr. McDuffie left last night for Reidsville, where his family is visiting, but will go to the Garfield hospital at Washington, D. C., for treatment, tonight.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELSS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No cure—no pay. Price, 25c.

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