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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

It is reported that Chas. A. Towne will be appointed senator from Minnesota, to succeed Davis, deceased.

There are severe storms in the English channel. Several wrecks are reported. One steamer is lost, and reports are conflicting as to the loss of life.

In an altercation in the Holstein woolen mills at Salem, Va., Wednesday, J. P. Booth, the shipping clerk, aged 22, was stabbed and killed by George Canib, aged 16. The connections of both are well known people.

A telegram to Berlin from Li Hung Chang says Sih Liang, the new governor of Shan Si, has publicly executed upwards of 80 Boxer leaders and that he is otherwise acting with the greatest severity in the suppression of the Boxers and energetically protecting the missionaries.

C. W. Morgan has been arrested in New York, where as "banker and broker" he conducted a "get-rich-quick concern," and robbed gullible people all over the country of about half a million dollars. John R. McKinsie and Lewis C. Van Riper, alleged brokers, are wanted as accomplices, for baiting the suckers that landed in Morgan's net.

The cotton crop of Central Asia is expected to be excellent this year, according to Vice Consul Smith, at Moscow. This year's crop is expected to aggregate between 700,000 and 800,000 pounds, or enough to meet half of the general demand. The remaining cotton required for manufacturing purposes in Russia will have to be imported.

After having served for 23 years the firm of Frank & Dubois, insurance brokers of New York, whose employ he entered as an errand boy, and after having been advanced until he had full charge of the office as manager, Wm. M. Gates, it is asserted, confessed that he had long been robbing his employers, and was involved in ruin. He is now a fugitive, the firm not wanting to imprison him and allowing him to escape. They are the largest concern of the kind in the world.

Had It.

Sillicus—I was awfully downhearted before I got engaged. I married for sympathy.

Cynicus—Well, you've got mine.—Philadelphia Record.

Evidently In Error.

"The doctor tells Archie Pner he has the tobacco heart."

"I don't believe it. He never gave anybody a cigar in his life."—Chicago Tribune.

Who, indeed?



Chappy—When I go out, all the girls smile, doncherknow.

Estelle—Who can blame them?—Chicago News.

Gets Himself Disliked.

"Miss Biff, has your employer any tyrannical habits?"

"Yes, indeed; he buys candy and eats it before my eyes."—Chicago Record.

Why?

It is because Ayer's Hair Vigor is a hair-food; goes right down to the roots of the hair; feeds the hair bulbs just the way they used to be fed when you were younger and more vigorous. That's why the dark, rich color of early life always comes back to your gray hair. The hair grows longer, too.

"If you do not obtain the benefit you desire from one of the Vigor, write the Doctor, please. He will tell you just the right thing to do. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass."

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

But the Suspected Chicken Thief Proved an Alibi.

"Now, then, I've caught you in the act!" exclaimed the policeman as he came upon a colored man who was just coming out of an alley at midnight with something in a bag.

"Yes, sah, you've got me," was the reply.

"I've been laying for you for a dozen nights past, and here you are at last! How many you got in that bag?"

"Only one, sah."

"Got a tooth for chicken, eh?"

"Yes, sah; drefful fond o' chicken, sah. But de price is awful high dis winter."

"We'll see about the price. Any one with you?"

"No, sah."

"Got scared before you filled the bag, eh? Well, you come along with me."

"Yes, sah—whar you gwine to?"

"I'm going to ring up the wagon and have you taken in. The judge will put you where you won't taste chicken again for three months. Where did you get it?"

"De chicken, sah?"

"Yes."

"Hain't got none, boss. I dun told yo' de price was so high dis winter dat I couldn't afford chicken."

"So you don't call this a chicken?" exclaimed the officer as he reached for the bag and shook the contents out on the walk.

"No, sah," replied the man as a big black and white cat was dumped out with a yeowl and ran up the officer's body to his head and sprang into the limbs of a shade tree.

"No, sah," he went on as he reached for the bag and folded it up; "no, sah, dat ain't no chicken, but an ole cat dat I was carryin off to git lost. Can't dun make out, sah, how you calls dat a chicken, but if you sez so I hain't gwine to dispute it. As I told you befo'."

But the officer raised him one and ordered him to move on. M. QUAD.

A Fine Distinction.

A young down town drug clerk who had heard the story of the colored woman who had asked for flesh colored court plaster and was given black by the observant dealer stored the incident away in his mental dust box and decided to use it at the first opportunity. He had not long to wait, for a few nights ago a comely colored girl stepped into the store where he was employed. "Ah wants some court plaster," she said.

"What color?" inquired the clerk, with affected nonchalance.

"Flesh cullah, sah."

Trembling in his shoes and keeping within easy reach of a heavy pestle, the clerk handed the woman a box of black court plaster, and he was surprised at the time that the situation afforded so little humor. The woman opened the box with a deliberation that was ominous, but she was unruffled when she noted the color of the contents.

"Ah guess yo' mus' a-misunderstood mah ordah. Ah asked foh flesh cullah, and yo' done give me skln cullah."

The drug clerk is still a little dazed from the encounter, and he has firmly resolved to subject every joke to rigid laboratory test hereafter before using.—Pittsburg News.

A Settler.

A 5-year-old boy went with his mother to make a call. The lady of the house, who was fond of children, told him she meant to ask his mother to let her have him. "Don't you think your mother would let me buy you?" she asked.

"No, ma'am," answered the little fellow; "you haven't got money enough."

"How much would it take?" she continued.

"Three hundred dollars," said the boy promptly, as if that would settle the matter at once for all.

"Oh, well, then," said the woman, "I think I can manage it. If I can, will you come and stay with me?"

"No, ma'am," he said, with decision. "Mamma wouldn't sell me anyhow. There are five of us, and mamma wouldn't like to break the set."—Buffalo Enquirer.

The Facinorator.

The citizen evinced the utmost dejection.

"No," he said, "the burglars left absolutely nothing, not even the customary evidences that their work was or was not the work of adepts."

Hitherto the police had listened with indifference, but now they started violently and exchanged glances and held whispered consultation.—Detroit Journal.

BABY'S PORTRAIT.

[Sketches by his mother.]

A little head of shapely mold,
Two baby eyes so bright and bold,
A dainty little nose,
Two little cheeks so round and fair,
With tiny dimples hiding there
Like dewdrops in a rose.

A little mouth so fragrant sweet,
A tiny dimpling chin so neat,
And both just made to kiss;
Two cunning ears each in its place,
A baby forehead set with grace,
Whose photograph is this?

Two sturdy shoulders, broad and square,
Two chubby hands so fat and fair,
And cunning feet so coy;
A roguish smile for you and me,
Sweet baby ways; now, don't you see
The portrait of our boy?

—Pearson's Weekly.

TAKING IN MR. MOODY.

How His Confidence Was Abused by the Natives of Bethany.

When D. L. Moody went to Bethany during his travels in the east, he was very soft hearted over all the multitude of beggars there, not only because the place is so unusual, but because he was moved by its beautiful traditions. He gave quantities of "backsheesh" and then asked if any of the children had the names of Mary and Martha. Yes, indeed, they had. And that opened his pockets again.

The news of his generosity spread through the village, and new claimants came until his visit seemed likely to result in a fight for existence. The case was getting desperate, and he told the dragoman to call for silence while he made an address. Then he said:

"I have come 6,000 miles to see this little village of Bethany. It was a place my Master loved to visit, and I have come to see it because he loved it. I am very glad to meet you all, but now I want to be alone. I have no more backsheesh, and I bid you good-by."

A fine looking boy of 16 replied to the address. He spoke fluently and with the grace of an orator. Mr. Moody was delighted with the beginning of his oration, but not with its conclusion.

"We are glad to see the gentleman and his friends who have come so far, but the gentleman must not think that his actions are equal to the importance of his visit. Six thousand miles is a long way to come, and the gentleman must have sacrificed much to make the visit. In consequence it is natural for us to expect that he would be munificent in backsheesh. This he has not been, and we now expect that he will give us a great deal more."

Mr. Moody was so disgusted that he abandoned the situation entirely and hurried away with his friends.

"I did think," said he, "that boy had a soul above backsheesh."

"And did you think, too, that some of the children were named Martha and Mary?" he was asked.

"Certainly. Why not?"

"Nothing; only they were all boys."—Youth's Companion.

Architectural Oddities.

At Frankfort-on-the-Main there is one street in which two houses on opposite sides of the street lean over so far that their roofs meet over the street. In one of these houses Lord Rothschild was born. In Paris, on the other hand, it is noticeable that the builders intentionally construct the houses so that they lean backward slightly to add to their stability. But almost in the center of Paris there is one big stone building which leans out fully 3 1/4 feet over the sidewalk. So solid, however, are the Paris buildings that this one is claimed to be safe.—Pearson's Weekly.

Told the Truth.

Mother—Now, George, I shall tell your papa to punish you severely for telling an untruth. You said you didn't touch one of those six peaches, and there is only one left, and I found the five stones in your nursery.

George—I told no story, mamma. The peach I didn't touch is the one that's left.

Spoiled His Breakfast.

"How is the landlady this morning?" asked one of the boarders.

"Threatening and cooler," answered the man with the newspaper, misunderstanding the question.

And the other boarder, who was notoriously slow in settling with the landlady, looked partly cloudy.—Chicago Tribune.

All There.

She—How many pictures have you painted since you first began?

He—Oh, I haven't any idea.

She—Some day I am coming around to your studio and count them.—Exchange.

TRENTON ITEMS.

December 7, 1900.

Mr. Dan Dixon went to Newbern this week on business.

Mr. Tyndall, of Pink Hill, has come to make Trenton his home.

Mr. J. A. Smith killed hogs yesterday, the largest weighing 270 pounds.

There were several turkeys shot off Thanksgiving, and also several yesterday.

Rev. J. M. Benson, pastor M. E. church, Trenton, is attending conference at Newbern this week.

Mr. A. C. Pollock has quit the store business for awhile, having sold out. He intends to farm.

Mrs. Sue Dixon, of Tuckahoe, is staying at Mr. R. L. May's and is under the treatment of Dr. R. A. Whitaker.

The new county officers for Jones county took charge last Monday, viz: Mat Harriet, of Pollockville, sheriff; Chas. A. Rhodes, of Comfort, treasurer; F. Brock, of Trenton, register of deeds; W. B. Hargett, of Tuckahoe, J. H. Bell, of Pollockville, and J. W. Mallard, of Trenton, commissioners.

A Remedy for Cold Feet.

Communication.

Many persons suffer from cold feet during the damp, cold weather of winter. A remedy for this is very simple: Get two blotters, such as the advertising blotters used by the agents of insurance companies. Cut them to fit the insoles of the shoes and insert them. If the shoes, thus fitted, are put on when the feet are dry and warm and the shoes also dry, the feet will remain comfortable all day. This treatment is also excellent for relieving persons who suffer from perspiring feet, as the blotter absorbs the moisture as fast as formed. The blotters must be renewed at least weekly. The writer has had many years experience with this method and always with the result as above mentioned.

Of course, this treatment will be of no use with leaky shoes.

R. H. L., Ex-M. D.

Dec. 5, 1900.

THE POWERS AGREE

As to the Peace Terms to Be Submitted to China.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The state department has been informed that the foreign ministers at Peking reached an agreement which was submitted to the home offices. Secretary Hay today called Mr. Conger authorization to sign the agreement in behalf of the United States government. It is difficult to gather details of the understanding at this time. However, it is known that in the two important issues that were still open—those relating to punishments and indemnity—the views of the United States government have prevailed.

As to punishments they are to be the severest that can be inflicted by the Chinese government. As to indemnity, the Chinese government is to formally admit its liability and then the matter is to be left for future negotiation. It was understood that on the other points, the French proposition has formed the basis of the agreement.

Opinions as to Certain Taxes.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Attorney Gen. Douglas today gave State Treasurer Worth two important opinions. One of these is regarding the payment of taxes by the American Telegraph and Telephone Co. The law imposes 2 per cent. tax on gross receipts within the State. The treasurer contends that this means on all that the company receives in this State for tolls. The attorney general says this is a correct interpretation of the law as it is written, but that the law is clearly unconstitutional and cannot be enforced, as only that part of the receipts is taxable which is for business wholly within North Carolina, as the other is inter-state business.

Another opinion is in regard to the First National Bank of Gastonia's refusal to pay State taxes for 1899-1900. The attorney general advises the treasurer to ask for a list of the stockholders of the bank and the net value of their holdings, after deducting the amount of real estate upon which the bank pays tax and after further deducting from the value of such holdings of stock the rebate upon its value to which the holder may be entitled under the privilege which the law gives him of offsetting his debts against his solvent credits. He further advises the treasurer to request the payment of tax upon the net value of the various holdings of stock, and if this is not done to bring suit. The attorney general says the legislature evidently intended that bank shares should be treated as solvent credits for purposes of taxation. He does not himself think they should be so treated.

Negro Disfranchisement in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Much interest is shown in the negro disfranchisement question in this state, which is to come before the constitutional convention. United States Senator Daniel is drafting a provision, which, it is believed, will stand the test in the court of last resort better than the "grandfather" clause of Louisiana and North Carolina. Senator Daniel's proposition is to exempt from the literacy clause all persons from Virginia who served in any war.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A handsome \$2,000 pipe organ has been placed in the Fayetteville Baptist church.

The police census is being taken of Wilmington, the federal census being regarded as imperfect.

Reports to the Baptist convention at Raleigh show there are 167,000 white Baptists and 16,553 churches in the State.

The recent purchases of tobacco factories in Winston by the trust will throw out of employment a number of well known salesmen.

The State of North Carolina has this year granted charters to more than 250 corporations. The most important of these are, of course, cotton mills.

Shelby Aurora: Quite a large party of negroes left here last week via the Seaboard bound for the coal and iron mines of Pennsylvania. A hisexodus of negroes from the State is becoming marked.

The M. E. conference at Newbern on Wednesday adopted a resolution expressing the unfeigned faith and confidence of the conference in Dr. J. C. Kigo, B. N. Duke and J. A. Odell, without a dissenting vote.

The State board of agriculture has decided to establish a fish hatchery at Avoca, Bertie county, and appropriated \$5,000 for the work. Dr. Capehart, John S. Cunningham and J. B. Coffield are appointed to arrange for the construction of the hatchery.

Wilson News: This afternoon Dr. J. K. Ruffin, the coroner, left for Elm City to hold an inquest over the body of a negro woman killed there last night. John Taylor, a negro, is accused of the murder. He and the woman had a dispute Sunday night, when John said he was going to kill her. Monday night he went to her residence and shot her in the temple, using a pistol.

President Dudley, of the colored A. & M. College at Greensboro, has been informed that the son of a celebrated Filipino chief, President Pulido, of the island of San Chez, will enter his institution about the 1st of April. In a letter to President Dudley the Filipino father refers to the institution as "the famous college of Greensboro," and says his attention was first directed to it by notices of a medal the college was awarded at the Paris exposition.

The State treasurer will say in his annual report to the legislature that the State will be confronted by a deficit of over \$200,000 next July unless measures to increase the revenue are found. He recommends the creation of a tax commission to prepare a new revenue and machinery act, and to get all property on the tax lists. He will also recommend that where counties apply for power to levy special taxes for county purposes, they be required to pay the same proportion to the State as under the general law.

Newbern Journal, Dec. 7: Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock Albert Ippok, a white man living in this city, tried to commit suicide by getting himself run over by a freight train on the A. & N. C. railroad. The train was on Hancock St. near the station when Ippok crawled under the cars as they were slowly moving. Engineer Jack Neal was at hand and promptly pulled him out. When asked what he meant by his action, Ippok said that he was tired of living and wanted to be run over. He seemed to be under the influence of liquor.

Clinton Democrat: Mr. Ed. Robinson was severely burned in Mr. B. E. Her-ring's store, where he was a clerk, on Monday night and died Tuesday night. Mr. L. B. Coleman was handling a bolt of cloth when it struck against a large hanging lamp and knocked it out of the frame. It turned bottom up and fell on Mr. Robinson's head, saturating it with oil which flamed up. The young man ran out of the store with his head and upper body literally enveloped with flames. He was caught by Dr. D. F. Watson and thrown down in the street and the flames extinguished by throwing dirt upon them.

OPPOSES REDUCTION.

President Says He Will Oppose Any Measure to Cut Off Congressmen.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senators Daniel and Martin, of Virginia, and Representatives Otey and Swanson, of Virginia, called on the president this morning. During the course of the conversation they were assured by the president that he would vigorously oppose any proposition looking to a reduction of the south's representation in congress.

This is in line with the previous reports concerning Mr. McKinley's attitude on the proposed reduction of the south's representation. It was known that the administration did not favor the humiliation of the south at the present time, and for that reason Crumpacker's radical bill caused great surprise. It is not probable that it will ever come to a vote in the house, though there may be enough radical Republicans to force it through.