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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Oondensed In Brief Paragraphs. The Seaboard Railway company wil
soon secure the Ryan interests. It is also
now on ern. race course, charged with accepting
bribe, whieh he denies gnd says he has as
eleen elean defens
A French engineer says he can construct
a tunnel under the Mediterranean from
Vaqueros bay, Spain, to Tangler, MoVaqueros bay, Spain, to Tangler, Mo-
rocco, a distance of 25 miles, for abont $\$ 24,000,000$.
Senator Morgan thinks war with Eng-
land probableif the United States were
to undertake the to undertake the construction and forti-
flcation of the Nicaragua canal $/$ without flestion of the Nicaragua canal
any tresty atipulations with her.
Dr. Thompson, of Pennsylvania, and
Adam Bailey, of Panther, W. Va., were ahot and killed by J. H. Chambers a
Panther ou Wedneeday night. Cham-
bers was acquitted on the grounds of Panther on
bers-was acq
gell-defense.
Diplomatic relations between Portuga
and Holland have been nearly severed and Holland have been nearly severed
and it ithought probbble they may go
to war, because the Dutch cousul at Lo renzo Marquez used h
Boers, zo it is alleged.
The house on Thurgdsy pased the
army reorganazation bill, 166 to 133. The sections designed to retire Gen. Shat ter as a major general. and Gens. F
hugh Lee and James H. Wilson as br
adier generale were stricken out. As a result of a bill presented to the
preesent esesion of the Georgia legislature
to prohibit children under 12 years of age wo prohing in the cotton mills of the State. the mill owners of Georgia have fo
an assoctation to stop the practice. Hon. W. J. Bryan says that he knew
nothing of the movement for the organnothing of the novementior the organ-
ization of a new political party an-
nounced by Charles L. M. Walters, of Indianaponis. Furthermore, he raid he at Indianapolis.
Young ladies who cean gloves with gas-
Hine, should be careful about going near the fire with them. A young lady in in
Penneylvania came near burning herself Pennel vania came near burniug hersenf
to death the other day by holding her
wakhed gloven over a hot washed gloves over a hot stove to dry.
They ignited and set fire to her clothes. $\underset{\text { Former Congressman Charles A. Towne }}{\text { reevived from foov. John Lind, of Minne- }}$ sota, Thursday, the official documents
which entitle him to 8 seat in the United States senate untilithe state legislature, Which meats on the 8th of January, can
elect a successor to serve the rest of the elect a successor to serve the rest of the
unexpired term of the late Cuehman K . The shooting and killing of Rev. J. H. Wohl at Williamson, W. Va., on Wed-
needay, was the reault of a sermon
against against dancing and drink, in which,
is seid, he condemmed without exception every woman, married or aingle, who
fndulged in either. Mr. Stokea, who shot
the the preacher and who was dangerously
shot by the preacher, is said to be improving. Mre. Levine, who saw the
affair, has made an affidavit in which she swears that the first shot was fired
by Rev. Mr. Wohl after a prolonged discusion of the sermon, the cartoons a
caricatotures that had been uned to
phasize its more striking paseages. Hobeon's Cholee.
How many of us who use or hear the choice," are acquainted with the re sort of selection that Toblas Hobson
offered his guests? This is the version of the tale? The sald Thuine Hobson was a Cambridge Innkeeper ter, of course, than others. When
terse sis stables traveler came to request a mount, he
was obliged to take Was obliged to take the steed tha
atood nearest the door, althougb ther were so many others advertised as for hire. Ir the traveler objected to that
monnt. all he could do was to walt unone and so removed this and left its


## ANXIETY OVER A TOMCAT.

A Mystery Whteh Wan Explain
a Wall street Man.

It was in a Broadway pharmacy. reporter was waiting with others when
the druggist stepped to the telephone and, after getting the number he called for, said:
He listened with apparent excitement and added:
How is spinach?
for a few moments he rang off and
started to attend to his customers. He
exemed nervous, however, and finally
eimself in the midst of filling
an order and called up the
ber on the telephone agal.
"Sell my tomeat at the market," he
sald as soon as he had some one at the
other end.
Then he returned to his customer
with apparent ease of mind. The re-
porter wondered what the druggist meant by this strauge conversation un-
til it was explalned by a Wall street
speculator. "Tomcat." it seems, is a pet name among brokers for Tennessee
Coal and Iron stock. "Sphanch" is the Tamiliar name for Southern Pacitic,
The druggist had evidently bought "tomeat" low, and his excitement was These are not the only stocks that
have pet names in "the street." People's Gas of Chleago is known as "Post-
office," and Brooklyn Rapid Transit is
保 known among many as "Little Manhat-
tan." The names are not the same in all brokers' otilices. The jargon ena-
bles customers to gire orders over the
telephone to thelr brokers with a cor elephone to their brokers with a cer
taln amount of secrecy. The practice is as old as "the
Mall and Express.
John L. Sullivan's Brawn.
Some eminent tragedians were on quizzing John L. Sullivan, then in his heyday. Sald one of them:
"Say, Jolun, why don't you try the legitimate? Look at Muldoon. He has
played the wrestler untll he is as well played the wrestler untll he is as well
known in connection with Shakespeare as he is on the mat."
John looked thoughtful for a moment "Say, do you think I could do It?" "Why, sure. Play 'The Gladiator.' Just the piece for you."
Once again John thought awhile an then sald:
"Say, tha
"Say, that's a good iden. I think r'è
got a good scheme to work with it too "What is it, John?"
"Why, I'd have a real solld fron arena. I'd come into the arena and Then I'd have 'em bring in a live bull I'd wrestle round the ring with it until I got a good hold on Its horns, and then
I'd slowly twist it down and break its neck. Then I'd put my foot on fts neek truly, John L. Sullivan, champlon of
the world!' I'd kill a real live bull for em every night. How do you think that'd hit' em 'r"
"Great But greott,
you kill a bull Ithe that?"
"Hubt Can I? Come out to the slaughter house and see me do it."
Kansas City Independent. That Tired Feeling. prominent vegetarinn, "that for endur ance, for hard work, vegetariantsm i the only thing. Do you know why? I is because in vegetables you eat n
tireaness. In meat or fisb or ponitry you eat a great deal of tredness, and that is why the meat eater after a
hearty meal feels lazy and heavy and distnclined to work. He has absorbed With bis meat a great quantity of uric been given by an eminient scientist as he essence of tiredness. He who eat.
only vegetables is neyer tired after a meal-never."


## MISPLACED SWEETNESS.



She was pouring at a tea that after
noon, and she looked unusually be witching. He was sitting at her lef
in a bower of palms that almost con
cealed he mer hands under cover of the tablecloth. Whlle she tried to pour with the other.
She did not look at him as he talked but he knew by her color and the little
quiver of the hand he was holding that she heard everything he said.
"Dearest." he murmured as she se one cup off without a spoon and anoth-
er filled only with whipped cram er filled only with whipped cream,
"dearest, if you don't mind my saying all this to you, Just drop a spoon
Couldn't you manage it?'
the girl's face as, in stooping to pic
ap the spoon. he kissed her hand. Spu
red by this success, he went on, "Dea
lumps of sugar into the next cup yo
spell 'no'."
One, two, three! The tiny cup wa
her confession she covered the thre
and sent them off.
He
He asked his mother, as they drove
herself..
ply. "Such horrible stuff to drink as
they gave one! Why, my cup was bal full of sug
Smart Set.
"Something-1a-1t"-1sm,
Did you ever notice how many perinduced to admit there "is something
in it?" Doesn't make any differenc what it is. The most of the folks will sputter disbelief for awlitle and then
when some sudden recollection strikes them or you get some nrgument in un-
der the solar plexus they will grudm ingly admit that there's something
queer abont it or something we don't queer abont it or sométhing we don"t
understand or generally "something in
The members for the soclety of psy-
chical rescarch. the spirituallist doctor the medium, the Christlan Sclentis and some of the rest of the folks wil explain to you just what "is in lt " ac cording as they practice the cult. For there is something somewhere some
how, that we do not nuderstand, must needs suffice.-Lewiston Journal.
To Puntsh Johnny.
Francis Parkman, the historian, had a Mosaic idea of justice. A frlend met
hlm one day walking along the street blm one day walking along the street
leading a street boy with either hand. eading a street boy with elther hand
What in the world are you doing arkman?" asked his friend. all of the apple fnstead of dividing with his little
brother. I am golag to buy another for brother. I am golng to buy another for
the younger boy and make Johnny the younger boy and ma
watch him while he eats it."
The Best Preseription for Chilis


## Enghish Peera Can't Vote

Disfranchisement is one of the pecia
Lar disabilities under which ar digabilities under which a peer o
the renlm suffers. Lord Sallsbury one attempted to secure a vote for Hert-
ford and Middleses, but the revising
barrister at Hatfield refused the claim barrister at Hatfield refused the claim
on the ground that time had given the
on on the ground that time had given the
disablity the chinracter of law and that
peers by the law of parliament necespeers by the law of parliament neces ary 1 hor the wigne not permitted to vote
tor members of the house of commons. or members of the house of commons.
Lord Sallsbury took the case to the ap
peal court, but as be conld quote "nel
bliged to go back to Hatfeld without
hla rote.-London Chronicle.


## THE GHURCHES.

 Servioen will be beld at the churrenes inKinaton tomorow was
ollows, to which

Baptist Church
No eervices tomorrow.
Sonday
B. Y. P. U. U.ool atets 9:30 a.m.
arday evening.
Methodist Church
There will probably be services tomor
ow. Mr. Shamburger, or some one from row. Mr. Shamburger, or somenene fron
cooference, may prearh. If so, announce
ment will be made in the Sunday schooi
Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. m .
Epworth League Monday at 8
Christian Ohurch
Services both moraing and evening,
11 a. m. subject: "Christian Unit,
No Newenity, Nature sind True Basia."
$7: 15$ ph. There will be a special ser
on to the Christian Woman's Board
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.
Presbyterian Church
Preaching both morning and evening
Sunday sehool
Episcopal Church
Services both morning and evening.
Celletration of the holy communion
Sunday achool at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Prayer meeting Wedneeday evening.
Services held in the grand jury room. The Ohapel.
Preaching tomorrow afternoon at
Suck.
Prayer sehool at $9: 15 \mathrm{a}$ a.m.
Preting every Friday night. Christian Science.
Services every Sunday morning at 1
'clock in the opera house.
The Tax on Gifts or Prizes to In duce Purchases.

There was a considerable stir among
some of our merchanta Friday morning n account of their attention being called Sec. 16 of the revenue act by Sherift
Jno. Coten. Wooten.
The seetion reads as follows: "On any The esection reads as follows: "On any
sift enterprise, or any peraon or estabshment offiering any article for sale, and
proposing to present purchasers with proposing to present purchasers with
any git or prize as an inducement to
purchase, $\$ 20$," etc. Thase, "\$arolina "etc. Brights", is a cigarette
nanufactured in Wilgon, N. C. by erendent factory managed and con-
an in
frolled by home men and capital. rolled by home men and capital.
The "Carolina Brights" have
to be a good seller and mmokers say a
superior cikarutte to those manufactured
by the American Tobacco Co. It is said
by the American Tobacco Co. It is said
that the manufacturers of the "Brights" have been very successfol in their enter-
prise and have given a very nice employprise and have given a very nice employ-
ment to mauy young women in Wilson But the American Tobacco Co. could not long allow this young North Caro-
lina enterprise to grow and prosper unhina enterprise to grow and prosper un-
molested. It has had its ese on it for
some time and has resorted to some time and has resorted to varions
methods to stifle it in its intancy. 'The ateat set forth is the following circular
advertisement being scattered over the
town:
"As good as money! For the return
of five Duke of Durham, Crose Cut or Colvmbia cigareste box fronts," etc.
One of these circulars came into the One of these circulars came into the
band of the eherifitwho ato once decided that the sellers of these cigarettes were
liable for the $\$ 20$ tax, as these free park-
ages of cigarettes were gifts or prizes ages of cigarettes were gitts or prizes
offered to the purchasers as an induce-
mest ment to purchase
Some of the dealers are kicking, others say they will not hande more of the
goods until this queation is settled the goods until this question is settled. sheriif rays he will refer the matter to
the State anthorities and if sustaned in
his view or construction of the his view or construction
tax will have to come.
tax will have to come.
The herifint thinso other goods are sold
here which are liable for this tax, such as here wheriir are liable for thin taxa are soch as
Oetagon soap, Arbuckle's coffee, and Oetagon soap, Arbuckle's cotlee, and
various brande of tobacoo that offer
prizes as, fuducements to purchase their gods.
We are free to say we believe the sheriff
correct and that the law is a good one - correct and that the law is a good one arger concerns from using such methods We trast smaller ones.


## STATB NBWS.

Interesting North Oarolina Iteme
In Condensed Form.
The State hand of agriculture increas
ed the commismioner $\boldsymbol{N}$ salary to $\$ 2,000$ Gov. Russell has pardoned Sam Red-
lern, the oldeat convict in the peniten The State ham chartored the Washing-
ton knitunk mill, at Wastiugton, capital

The Srate trequy rer reporta receipts for
hat year were $\$ 1,543,717$, diaburgemente $\$ 1,600.083 ;$ r-velpe for this year $\$ 1,-$
818,003 , disburetum $\$ 1,647,424$. The Meltodist confernce at Newbern
paserd a resolution favoring the eatablishatate.
 this hat summer set on a nust of ourkey
eggs, hatched then out aud raierd them. Greenville lh flector: Mr. J. J. Nobles
tells us a colorvd tenant on tis place this yenr cutivien a ont-horse crop, and
raised 18 tater of cotcon, 100 barrels
of corn, besides bis smaller crops and

Cards are out sunounc ng the marriage
of Dr. Joreph P. Whith had, of Roeky
Mount, aud Misa it a Blanche Cowet
Mount, aud Mise At a Blanche Cozart,
of Winmton. The w, ple will take a
bridal trip to Florida and will be at home in Rocky Mount miker Jauuary 18 st . Co. toduy received a telegram from Mt.
Airy announcing the lose laet night by
An fire of the tobarco warehouse telonging
to Mr. Daniel Marion. No partienlara to Mr. Daniel Marion. No particulars
are obtainable, further than in addition
to the warehouse a general merchandise to the warebouse a i,
store was dataaged.
Solisbury Truth-Index: LastSaturday
Thomas Miller, who lived onDr.Cowan's place neur da ilisbury, and Joe Coon, who
lived on Mr. C. '1. B, ruhardt's farm, were examining a pistol. Suddeuly there were
an explosion and a bullet plowed its was an explobion and boulet plowed its way
through Miller's brain, kiling him in-
stantly. Coon immediately fled aid has William R. Burnett, who had been
eluding the Federal officers for a year or more, has beet captured in Hay yood county. He was wanted for illicit dis-
tilling and shooting Deputy Marshal $\mathbf{R}$. T. Morris. Buruett is a dyepperate char-
acter and bad aworn that he would never be taken alive. He was captured
by Dr. by Dr. J. F. Abel, of Clyde, who will
reeeive a reward of $\$ 300$ ofiered by the
government.
Charlotte Observer: Capt. James 4 . Johnston, who is something of a geol-
ogist, returned yesterday riom an ex.
tended visit to Chersw, S.C., where he has been investigating the bed asterwashed rock. Capt. Johanton, by the
way, advances the theory that ages ago
the shore of the oceau was but a lew miles east of Wadenboro. From a a hill
near that town, well deflioed strata that looks like a shore live can be seen. It is
a fact well known to all uravelers on the Carolina Ceutral that the Yodkin river
divides the yellow water of the west rom the biack water of the east-the
clay bills from the sund hills. On Thursday the State sold the White
Oak Swamp lands in Jones and Onalow counties to Mr. S. W. Isler, of Goldsboro,
or an eastern syndicate. There are 224,561 acres and the price sold at is
$\$ 1,500$ cash aud $\$ 25,000$ on time pay\$1,500 casir aud $\$ 25,000$ on time pay-
mente. Thim land was krauted by the
State in 1794 to David Alison. In 1799 the estate was sold for taxes, and deeded
to thine goverror of the 8 tate. II 1840
the heirs of David the heirs of David Allison conveyed the
land to Madison Vedder, and in 1898
this titie to the land came into this title to the land caune into possession
of Chas. Vedder, who instiruted auits against the state bourd. The suits were
pever tried and Mr. Vedder and his wife
oin in the oin in the deed made Tuesday to Ieler
trustee. Thes State and Mr. Vedder have
nade frequent efforts to dispoee of made frequent enfirts to of tispose of the
land, but on account of the claim on
both titien, this could not be done. It
is said the price puid is on ade date.
 Six thoisand Dutchmen atteuded the
Afrikander congreas wear Worcester, Cape Afrikander eongress uear Woreester, Cape
Colony, Thursuy. They whil petition
or autonomy for the repubice. They
were surrounded by British troops. The

