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Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Seaboard Railway company will soon secure the Ryan interests. It is also now on friendly terms with the South-

Tod Sloan is barred from the English race course, charged with accepting a bribe, which he denies and says he has a clean defense.

\$24,000,000.

Senator Morgan thinks war with England probable if the United States were to undertake the construction and fortification of the Nicaragua canal without any treaty stipulations with her.

Dr. Thompson, of Pennsylvania, and Adam Bailey, of Panther, W. Va., were shot and killed by J. H. Chambers at Panther on Wednesday night. Chambers was acquitted on the grounds of

Diplomatic relations between Portugal and Holland have been nearly severed and it is thought probable they may go to war, because the Dutch consul at Lorenzo Marquez used his office to assist the Boers, so it is alleged.

The house on Thursday passed the army reorganization bill, 166 to 133. The sections designed to retire Gen. Shafter as a major general and Gens. Fitzhugh Lee and James H. Wilson as brigadier generals were stricken out.

As a result of a bill presented to the present session of the Georgia legislature to prohibit children under 12 years of age working in the cotton mills of the State, the mill owners of Georgia have formed an association to stop the practice.

Hon. W. J. Bryan says that he knew nothing of the movement for the organization of a new political party announced by Charles L. M. Walters, of Indianapolis. Furthermore, he said he had no knowledge of the coming meeting at Indianapolis.

Young ladies who clean gloves with gasline, should be careful about going near the fire with them. A young lady in Pennsylvania came near burning herself to death the other day by holding her washed gloves over a hot stove to dry. They ignited and set fire to her clothes.

Former Congressman Charles A. Towne received from Gov. John Lind, of Minne-sota, Thursday, the official documents which entitle him to a seat in the United States senate until the state legislature, which meets on the 8th of January, can elect a successor to serve the rest of the unexpired term of the late Cushman K. Davis.

The shooting and killing of Rev. J. H. Wohl at Williamson, W. Va., on Wednesday, was the result of a sermon against dancing and drink, in which, it is said, he condemned without exception every woman, married or single, who indulged in either. Mr. Stokes, who shot the preacher and who was dangerously shot by the preacher, is said to be improving. Mrs. 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 discussion of the sermon, the cartoons and caricatures that had been used to emphasize its more striking passages.

# Hobson's Choice.

How many of us who use or hear the familiar expression, "It was Hobson's choice," are acquainted with the real sort of selection that Tobias Hobson offered his guests? This is the genuine version of the tale: The said Tobias Hobson was a Cambridge innkeeper, with 40 horses in his stables, some better, of course, than others. When a traveler came to request a mount, he was obliged to take the steed that stood nearest the door, although there were so many others advertised as for hire. If the traveler objected to that mount, all he could do was to wait until some other traveler had come for one and so removed this and left its next door neighbor nearest the stable

# Quick Colds

You know what they are. They come upon you with hardly a moment's notice. But they are slow to leave; that's the trouble. Unless you do the right thing they bang on for weeks. Why not send them off? You can do it quickly with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It often cures in a night.

### ANXIETY OVER A TOMCAT.

A Mystery Which Was Explained by a Wall Street Man.

It was in a Broadway pharmacy. A reporter was waiting with others when the druggist stepped to the telephone and, after getting the number he called for, said:

"What is that tomcat doing?" He listened with apparent excitement

and added: "How is spinach?"

After holding the receiver to his ear for a few moments he rang off and she heard everything he said. A French engineer says he can construct started to attend to his customers. He a tunnel under the Mediterranean from seemed nervous, however, and finally Vaqueros bay, Spain, to Tangier, Mo-rocco, a distance of 25 miles, for about an order and called up the same number on the telephone again.

"Sell my tomeat at the market," he said as soon as he had some one at the other end.

Then he returned to his customer with apparent ease of mind. The reporter wondered what the druggist meant by this strange conversation unpet name among brokers for Tennessee Coal and Iron stock. "Spinach" is the familiar name for Southern Pacific. caused by his eagerness to "take prof-

These are not the only stocks that have pet names in "the street." People's Gas of Chicago is known as "Postoffice," and Brooklyn Rapid Transit is known among many as "Little Manhattan." The names are not the same in all brokers' offices. The jargon enables customers to give orders over the telephone to their brokers with a certain amount of secrecy. The practice is as old as "the market."-New York Mail and Express.

#### John L. Sullivan's Brawn. Some eminent tragedians were once quizzing John L. Sullivan, then in his

heyday. Sald one of them: "Say, John, why don't you try the legitimate? Look at Muldoon. He has played the wrestler until he is as well known in connection with Shakespeare

as he is on the mat." John looked thoughtful for a moment and then growled:

"Say, do you think I could do it?" "Why, sure. Play 'The Gladiator.'

Just the piece for you." Once again John thought awhile and

then said:

"Say, that's a good idea. I think I've got a good scheme to work with it too." "What is it, John?"

"Why, I'd have a real solid fron arena. I'd come into the arena and holler. 'Bring out your wild ox!' See? 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 its neck and say, 'Behold the invincible, yours truly, John L. Sullivan, champion of the world!' I'd kill a real live bull for 'em every night. How do you think that'd hit 'em?"

"Great! But great Scott, John! Can you kill a bull like that?"

"Huh! Can I? Come out to the

slaughter house and see me do it."-Kansas City Independent.

# That Tired Feeling.

"There's no doubt about it," says a prominent vegetarian, "that for endurance, for hard work, vegetarianism is the only thing. Do you know why? It is because in vegetables you eat no tiredness. In meat or fish or poultry you eat a great deal of tiredness, and that is why the meat eater after a hearty meal feels lazy and heavy and disinclined to work. He has absorbed with his meat a great quantity of uric acid, and the definition of uric acid bas been given by an eminent scientist as the 'essence of tiredness.' He who cats only vegetables is never tired after a meal-never."

# Toil.

If you want knowledge, you must toll for it; if food, you must toll for it, and if pleasure you must toll for it. Toll is the law. Pleasure comes through toil and not by self indulgence and indolence. When a man gets to love work, his life is a happy one.

Hardest Task of the Day. Harduppe-I always do my hardest work before breakfast.

Borrowell-What's that? Harduppe-Getting it.-Philadelphia Record.

bimited.

"Great Scott, and the bank has gone up for \$500,000! For how much are the directors responsible?" "Only for the failure." - Denver

MISPLACED SWEETNESS.

#### Mamma Suffered on Account of Rer Son's Lovemaking.

She was pouring at a tea that afternoon, and she looked unusually bewitching. He was sitting at her left in a bower of palms that almost concealed him. He was holding one of her hands under cover of the tablecloth, while 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

"Dearest," he murmured as she sent one cup off without a spoon and another 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?"

A clatter of silver and more color in the girl's face as, in stooping to pick up the spoon, he kissed her hand. Spurred by this success, he went on, "Dearest, if-if you return it-that is, if you love me, you know-just put three til it was explained by a Wall street | lumps of sugar into the next cup you speculator. "Tomcat," it seems, is a pour-'y-e-s'-or, if you don't, two. to spell 'no.' "

One, two, three! The tiny cup was almost full, but in her haste to hide The druggist had evidently bought her confession she covered the three "tomcat" low, and his excitement was lumps hastily with chocolate and cream and sent them off.

> He asked his mother, as they drove home that night, if she bad enjoyed herself.

> "Ugh! No." was her disgusted reply. "Such horrible stuff to drink as they gave one! Why, my cup was half full of sugar!"-M. S. Holbrook in Smart Set.

#### "Something-In-It"-ism.

Did you ever notice how many persons there are in the world who can be induced to admit there "is something in it?" Doesn't make any difference what it is. The most of the folks will sputter disbelief for awhile and then when some sudden recollection strikes them or you get some argument in under the solar plexus they will grudgingly admit that there's something queer about it or something we don't understand or generally "something in

The members for the society of psychical research, the spiritualist doctor, the medium, the Christian Scientist and some of the rest of the folks will explain to you just what "is in it" according as they practice the cult. For the rest of us the vague notion that there is something somewhere somehow, that we do not understand, must needs suffice.-Lewiston Journal.

# To Punish Johnny.

Francis Parkman, the historian, had a Mosaic idea of justice. A friend met him one day walking along the street leading a street boy with either hand. "What in the world are you doing, Parkman?" asked his friend. "I found that Johnny here had eaten all of the apple instead of dividing with his little brother. I am going to buy another for the younger boy and make Johnny watch him while he eats it."

The Best Prescription for Chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's TASTRLESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteles orm. No cure—no pay. Price, ss

# English Peers Can't Vote.

Disfranchisement is one of the peculiar disabilities under which a peer of the realm suffers. Lord Sallsbury once attempted to secure a vote for Hertford and Middlesex, but the revising barrister at Hatfield refused the claim on the ground that time had given the disability the character of law and that peers by the law of parliament necessary for the dignity and freedom of the two houses were not permitted to vote for members of the house of commons. Lord Sallsbury took the case to the appeal court, but as he could quote "neither precedent nor authority" he was obliged to go back to Hatfield without his vote.-London Chronicle.

# Seginning Early.

"Shall I have to get married when I grow up?" asked little Flossie one day of her mother.

"Just as you please, dear," answered her mother, with a smile. "Most women do, however."

"Yes; I suppose so," continued the little girl musingly, "and I think I'd better start and look out for a husband now. They say that Aunt Jane has been at it for 20 years and hasn't caught one yet."-Exchange.

A piece of fiannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures' rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

#### THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

Baptist Church.

No services tomorrow. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

#### Methodist Church.

There will probably be services tomorrow. Mr. Shamburger, or some one from conference, may preach. If so, announce-ment will be made in the Sunday school. Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. Epworth League Monday at 8 p.m.

#### Christian Church.

Services both morning and evening. 11 a. m. subject: "Christian Unity Its Necessity, Nature and True Basis." 7:15 p. m. There will be a special ser mon to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Public invited. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Presbyterian Church. Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Episcopal Church. Services both morning and evening. Celebration of the holy communion at

the morning service. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Services held in the grand jury room.

The Chapel. Preaching tomorrow afternoon at 3

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Prayer meeting every Friday night. Christian Science.

Services every Sunday morning at 1 o'clock in the opera house.

#### The Tax on Gifts or Prizes to Induce Purchases.

Communication

There was a considerable stir among some of our merchants Friday morning on account of their attention being called to Sec. 16 of the revenue act by Sheriff Jno. C. Wooten. The section reads as follows: "On any

gift enterprise, or any person or establishment offering any article for sale, and proposing to present purchasers with any gift or prize as an inducement to purchase, \$20," etc. The "Carolina Brights" is a cigarette

manufactured in Wilson, N. C., by an independent factory managed and controlled by home men and capital.

The "Carolina Brights" have proven to be a good seller and smokers say a superior cigarette to those manufactured by the American Tobacco Co. It is said that the manufacturers of the "Brights" have been very successful in their enterprise and have given a very nice employment to many young women in Wilson as well as to others.

But the American Tobacco Co. could not long allow this young North Carolina enterprise to grow and prosper unmolested. It has had its eye on it for some time and has resorted to various methods to stifle it in its infancy. The latest set forth is the following circular advertisement being scattered over the town:

"As good as money! For the return of five Duke of Durham, Cross Cut or Columbia cigarêtte box fronts," etc.

One of these circulars came into the hands of the sheriff, who at once decided that the sellers of these cigarettes were liable for the \$20 tax, as these free packages of cigarettes were gifts or prizes offered to the purchasers as an inducement to purchase.

Some of the dealers are kicking, others say they will not handle more of the goods until this question is settled. The sheriff says he will refer the matter to the State authorities and if sustained in his view or construction of the law the tax will have to come.

The sheriff thinks other goods are sold here which are liable for this tax, such as Octagon soap, Arbuckle's coffee, and various brands of tobacco that offer prizes as inducements to purchase their goods.

We are free to say we believe the sheriff is correct and that the law is a good one -the evident intention being to prevent larger concerns from using such methods to drive out smaller ones.

We trust Sheriff Wooten will be sustained in his interpretation of the law, especially for the benefit of the "Carolina Brights." which, if let alone, will do much to develop not only Wilson, but all Eas-tern Carolina, and encourage the estab-lishment of more independent factories and thereby cause competition in the pur-chase of tobacco, enabling the farmers to get better prices for the weed.

# To Core a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Snowo Queenes Tanters. truggists refund the money if it falls to cure. E. Geove's signature is on each box sec

Gen. Eagan, of embalmed beef noto-riety, was restored to duty Thursday and immediately after was placed on the retired list of the army. The vacancy thus created will enable the president to carry out his purpose of appointing Col. John F. Weston, assistant commissary general of subsistence, to be commissary reperal

It cures

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The State board of agriculture increased the commissioner's salary to \$2,000. Gov. Russell has pardoned Sam Redfern, the oldest convict in the penitentiary.

The State has chartered the Washington knitting mill, at Washington, capital \$8,000, S. T. Nicholson principal stock-

The State treasurer reports receipts for last year were \$1,545,717, disbursements \$1,600.083; receipts for this year \$1,-618,003, disbursements \$1,647,424.

The Methodist conference at Newbern passed a resolution favoring the establishment of a reformatory and Dr. T. N. Ivey was appointed to present it to the legis-

Wilkesboro Chronicle: Mr. A. W. Waish, of bik township, has a big gobbler that is a good one. This old gobbler this last summer set on a nest of turkey eggs, hatched them out and raised them.

Greenville R. flector: Mr. J. J. Nobles tells us a colored tenant on his place this year cultivated a one-horse crop, and raised 18 bales of cotton, 100 barrels of corn, besides his smaller crops and forage.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. Joseph P. Whitchead, of Rocky Mount, and Miss At a Blanche Cozart, of Winston. The couple will take a bridal trip to Florida and will be at home in Rocky Mount alter January 1st.

Greensboro Telegram: O. W. Carr & Co. today received a telegram from Mt. Airy announcing the loss last night by fire of the tobacco warehouse belonging to Mr. Daniel Marion. No particulars are obtainable, further than in addition to the warehouse a general merchandise store was damaged.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Last Saturday Thomas Miller, who lived on Dr. Cowan's place near Saisbury, and Joe Coon, who lived on Mr. C. T. Bernhardt's farm, were examining a pistol. Suddenly there was an explosion and a bullet plowed its way through Miller's brain, killing him in-stantly. Coon immediately fled and has not been apprehended.

William R. Burnett, who had been eluding the Federal officers for a year or more, has been captured in Haywood county. He was wanted for illicit distilling and shooting Deputy Marshal R. Morris Burnet acter and had sworn that he would never be taken alive. He was captured by Dr. J. F. Abel, of Clyde, who will receive a reward of \$300 offered by the government.

Charlotte Observer: Capt. James A.

Johnston, who is something of a geologist, returned yesterday from an extended visit to Cheraw, S. C., where he has been investigating the beds of waterwashed rock. Capt. Johnston, by the way, advances the theory that ages ago the shore of the ocean was but a few miles east of Wadesboro. From a hill near that town, well defined strata that looks like a shore line can be seen. It is a fact well known to all travelers on the Carolina Central that the Yadkin river divides the yellow water of the west from the black water of the east-the clay bills from the sand hills.

On Thursday the State sold the White Oak Swamp lands in Jones and Onslow counties to Mr. S. W. Isler, of Goldsboro, for an eastern syndicate. There are 224,561 acres and the price sold at is \$1,500 cash and \$25,000 on time payments. This land was granted by the State in 1794 to David Allison. In 1799 the estate was sold for taxes, and deeded to the governor of the State. In 1840 the heirs of David Allison conveyed the land to Madison Vedder, and in 1898 this title to the land came into possession of Chas. Vedder, who instituted suits against the State board. The suits were never tried and Mr. Vedder and his wife join in the deed made Tuesday to Isler, trustee. The State and Mr. Vedder have made frequent efforts to dispose of the land, but on account of the claim on both tities, this could not be done. It is said the price paid is an adequate one.

Bob. 1tt's Chill Pills are the best. Cost less than any oth chill and fever remedy, and they are guarantee to cure or your money back. Price age per bottle Druggists.

Six thousand Dutchmen attended the Afrikander congress near Worcester, Cape Colony, Thursday. They will petition for autonomy for the republics. They were surrounded by British troops. The Afrikanders ridicule the idea of trouble. They say they can surely air their grievances without resorting to violence. They are greatly incensed at the posting of guns in positions commanding the

No one can reasonably hope for good 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 allments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberiain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For eale by J. E. Hood, druggist.