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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Standard Oil trust stock has advanced to \$852 a \$100 share, and it is predicted that it will reach \$1,000 by the first of January.

Supporters of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the U. S. senate are nervous over the situation—very fearful that the treaty will not be ratified.

The cadets of the Alabama University recently rebelled, and now a sensational turn is given to the situation of affairs by the cadets preferring charges against the president.

A special from Los Angeles, Cal., says the Standard Oil company has acquired all of the interests of the Pacific Coast Oil company. The purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

It is reported from Manila that a detachment of the 5th cavalry had a fight with Filipinos. The Filipinos were chased for four miles. Fourteen of them were found dead. There were no American casualties.

At Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday, John Gafford was acquitted of the charge of murdering F. B. Lloyd. Gafford shot and killed Lloyd, the newspaper man known as "Rufus Sanders." Gafford claimed that Lloyd had improper relations with his sister.

It is reported at Christiania, that another serious landslide has occurred in Heliogoland. Thirty houses have been engulfed, and a considerable part of the island has been for three days under water. Thus far it has been impossible to send relief and the losses have not yet been determined.

The German foreign office authorizes the Associated Press to make the following statement regarding the Walderssee-Chaffee incident, based upon a cable dispatch just received from Field Marshal von Walderssee: "Gen. Chaffee wrote Field Marshal von Walderssee a letter in a rough tone. Field Marshal von Walderssee refused to receive it, returning the same to Gen. Chaffee. The latter then wrote a second letter apologizing for his objectionable expressions, whereupon Field Marshal von Walderssee invited Gen. Chaffee to breakfast and the incident was amicably closed."

Lieut.-Col. W. C. Davis, recently returned from China, says: "The United States is the only nation involved in the Chinese trouble that can hold up its head. Our troops were the only ones who observed the rules of civilized warfare. Troops of other nations involved are guilty of butchering men, women and children indiscriminately, besides looting cities, but our troops are not guilty of these outrages. We were there to fight troops, not to butcher defenceless women and children, and we did so. The American troops stopped killing when fighting stopped, but it was not so with the troops of other nations. I believe the French troops were the worst. They killed for the fun of killing. The Russians killed as a matter of policy."

TO FIGHT THE TOBACCO TRUST.

A New Company May be Organized With a Big Factory in Winston.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 11.—A report has reached here to the effect that wealthy capitalists in the north and west are arranging to organize a strong company to compete with the tobacco trust for business. The Southern Tobacco Journal says it has reason to suspect that the operation of a factory at Winston is contemplated by the new company. Outside of the big Reynolds company, there remain in Winston eight tobacco factories. These are doing well, their sales steadily increasing and they expect to grow and prosper. The business in manufactured tobacco here the past month was 10,000 pounds more than the same month last year. The quantity of manufactured tobacco shipped from Winston for eleven months of this year was 19,557,917 pounds, an increase of 2,652,814 pounds over the same months of 1899. The shipments the present month should easily run the total beyond 21,000,000 pounds, which would be the handsomest business ever done here.

Vibration.

"Vibration is the great bugbear of this business," said one of the best informed stationary engineers in New Orleans. "It is governed by fixed laws, of course, but they are so subtle and intricate that it is next to impossible to master them. They have a most important bearing, however, on the life of machinery. I have known valuable engines to jar themselves literally to pieces for no apparent cause. Some slight error in adjustment had set up a vibration that was communicated from part to part, like a contagious disease, until the whole plant was affected."

"A steady tremor of that kind will not only wear out the parts, but it causes what we call 'structural changes' in the metal itself. Wrought steel will gradually lose its toughness and elasticity and become as brittle as cast iron. When it is fractured, the interior will have a strange, granulated appearance, and the worst of it is that the alteration may be going on for months without the knowledge of the most careful engineer alive. That is the secret of the breaking of a great many propeller shafts at sea."

"There are different ways of stopping vibrations, and one of the most curious is to set up a counter tremor in the opposite direction. One neutralizes the other."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Among the Advantages.

A pretty, highborn girl engaged herself to a young tradesman and never wavered in her determination to marry him despite the gloomy forecasts of her friends, who predicted lifelong misery for her.

"My child, do be advised," urged one of these well meaning ladies, calling to see the radiant bride on the very eve of the wedding. "I am an older woman than you and have seen more of the world, and it always makes me sad to hear of a nice girl marrying beneath her station. It is social suicide."

"Then from a social standpoint consider me dead," smiled the light hearted girl, "for I shall certainly marry Tom tomorrow. We reckoned up the situation long ago and found a whole host of advantages, but not a solitary thing could we discover to place on the disadvantage side."

"Then you couldn't have searched very far, my dear," said her counselor icily. "Take my own case. Much as I love you, I shall be unable to visit you when you are married. Have you bargained for that?"

The bride blushed. "Oh, yes, indeed," she answered hastily. "We put that down first of all."—London Telegraph.

Charmed the Beast.

"Look at this handkerchief," said a young society man to his professional friend who has an office in the Porter building. "That bit of lace and ruffle is worth its weight in gold to me."

"Some connection with old associations—a mere sentiment, I suppose," suggested the professional man.

"Nothing of the kind. From a practical standpoint it is just as valuable as I describe it to be. A sentiment enters into the case, however."

"Well, tell us about it."

"The handkerchief, then, is the token by which I am permitted to enter the house where my sweetheart lives. Without it I should be torn to pieces by a huge bulldog there. The beast is as ferocious as a tiger. During the day he is kept in chains, but after 7 o'clock in the evening his mistress releases him in the yard. No stranger after that hour can enter the gate. The terrible animal was a menace to my suit until the lady hit upon the plan of giving me her handkerchief for use as a pass. Now when the dog rushes toward me I have only to toss the dainty token to him. He smells it and walks peacefully back to his kennel. Do you blame me for valuing it so highly?"—Memphis Scimitar.

Late Hours in St. Petersburg.

Personally I know of no other town where such late hours are the vogue as in St. Petersburg. But your St. Petersburg does not get up early in the morning. At St. Petersburg the music halls, which it is the fashionable thing to attend after the theater—a drive to them taking half an hour in a swift sleigh—do not practically begin till 12. Through the Neva at 4 o'clock in the morning you have to literally push your way, and the favorite trains for travelers are those starting about 5 o'clock in the morning. These trains save the Russian the trouble of getting up early. He wishes his friends "good night" and drives down to the station comfortably after supper without putting the house to any inconvenience.—Jerome K. Jerome in Saturday Evening Post.

POPULATION.

Census Bulletin Showing Number Allowed Each Town Over 2,000. Kinston 4,106.

The population of certain incorporated places in North Carolina having a population of more than 2,000, but less than 25,000, in 1900, is as follows:

Asheville.....	14,694	1890.	10,235
Beaufort.....	2,195	2,007	1,716
Burlington.....	3,692	1,716	11,557
Charlotte.....	18,091	4,939	5,485
Concord.....	7,910	2,205	3,251
Durham.....	6,679	4,222	1,033
Edenton.....	3,046	4,017	991
Elizabeth.....	6,348	2,022	3,171
Fayetteville.....	4,670	1,937	4,191
Gastonia.....	4,610	2,033	3,481
Goldboro.....	5,877	429	1,726
Graham.....	2,052	1,866	1,768
Greensboro.....	10,035	7,843	12,678
Greenville.....	1,937	1,754	2,900
Henderson.....	3,746	816	2,711
Hickory.....	2,535	4,418	2,318
High Point.....	4,163	1,921	3,545
King's Mountain.....	2,062	20,086	2,126
Kinston.....	4,106	8,018	
Monroe.....	2,417		
Mt. Airy.....	2,680		
Newbern.....	9,090		
Raleigh.....	13,643		
Randleman.....	2,190		
Reidsville.....	3,262		
Rocky Mount.....	2,937		
Salem.....	3,642		
Salisbury.....	6,277		
Statesville.....	3,141		
Tarboro.....	2,499		
Washington.....	4,842		
Wilmington.....	20,976		
Wilson.....	3,525		
Winston.....	10,008		

He Was Slow.

Lincoln used to be fond of telling a story of a lawyer in a western town who desired the nomination for county judge. On the morning preceding the evening on which the county convention was to meet he applied to the livery stable keeper in his village for a horse and buggy in which to drive to the county town, 16 miles distant, where the convention was to be held. "Give me the best and the fastest horse you have, Sam," said he, "so that I will have time to go around and see the boys before the convention comes in."

The liveryman, however, was supporting a rival candidate and gave the lawyer a horse that outwardly appeared perfect, but which broke down entirely before half the journey was completed, so that when the candidate arrived the convention had adjourned and his rival had been nominated.

On his return to the stable late the following afternoon, knowing that it was useless to resent the trick played upon him, he said to the owner: "Look here, Smith, you must be training this horse for the New York market. You expect to sell him to an undertaker for a hearse horse, don't you? Well, it's time wasted. I know from his gait that you have spent days training him to pull a hearse, but he'll prove a dead failure. Why, he's so slow he couldn't get a corpse to the cemetery in time for the resurrection."

Intuitive.

The intrepid explorer accosted the antarctic Eskimo in all confidence.

"You look just like the arctic Eskimo," said he, "but"—

"There's all the difference in the world between us," interposed the antarctic Eskimo, with a loud laugh, although he had never before come in contact with civilization.

As for the explorer, his chagrin knew no bounds upon discovering that this well known joke was quite intuitive.—Detroit Journal.

Laying It to George.

"What is ze meaning of ze phrase 'zat won't wash'?" asked the foreigner who was trying to acquire a knowledge of American slang.

"It means 'it can't be proved,' 'it isn't true,'" replied the solemn young man who was cheerfully imparting the instruction. "The word 'wash,' of course, is a contraction of 'Washington,' the Father of His Country, who was so conspicuous for his truthfulness that he could not tell a lie."—Chicago Tribune.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. All ailments attend the money it falls to cure. R. W. Hood's signature is on each box.

Col. Mills, superintendent of West Point, reports to the secretary of war that on investigation he finds there is no truth in the charges of having made by late Cadet Boos. The house has adopted a resolution appointing a special committee to investigate the case.

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.

CONVENTION AND BANQUET.

The Knights of Pythias Hold a Convention and Kinston Lodge Gives a Banquet.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th, 1900, will be long remembered and talked of in the Pythian circle in Kinston. The occasion was a meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodges of the second district of North Carolina. The lodges of Kinston, Newbern, Greenville, Washington, Tarboro, Goldsboro, Wilson and Rocky Mount compose the membership of the second district.

The Pythian hall was not large enough to hold the crowd of visitors and the court house was secured in which to hold the convention. The address of welcome to the visiting Pythians was made by Mr. W. D. Pollock, Esq., chancellor commander of Kinston lodge, and responded to by Grand Vice Chancellor L. P. McLeod, of Asheville, and S. C. Bragaw, of Washington. Reports were made by different lodges in the district, and a rank team from Rocky Mount intimated a candidate. The convention was a success from a Pythian point of view, and much enthusiasm was aroused.

Among the prominent Pythians present were: Grand Chancellor G. W. Montcastle, of Lexington; Grand Vice Chancellor L. P. McLeod, of Asheville; Grand Prelate Rev. E. D. Brown, of Kinston; Grand K. of R. & S. W. T. Hollowell, of Goldsboro; Grand Outer Guard Jno. L. Arrington, of Rocky Mount; Grand Lecturer J. Robt. Jordan, of Charlotte; G. W. Connor Esq., and Prof. E. P. Mangum, of Wilson; S. C. Bragaw, Esq., of Washington; H. W. Simpson, of Newbern; Col. I. A. Sugg, of Greenville; T. T. Thorne, Esq., and E. W. Smith, of Rocky Mount; Geo. E. Hood, Esq., Jack Slaughter, C. W. Smith and Dr. J. H. Hill, of Goldsboro.

The K. of P. band—14 pieces—was down in full force and enlivened the occasion with music.

BANQUET.

After the convention a banquet was given in Loftin's opera house by Kinston Lodge, complimentary to the ladies of No. 66 and to visiting Pythians. The banquet began about 11:30 and lasted nearly two hours.

Dr. H. D. Harper, Sr., was a most excellent toastmaster.

The visitors were welcomed by Mayor Webb and a response made by Mr. J. Robt. Jordan, of Charlotte, and thanks were offered by Rev. E. D. Brown, of Kinston. Toasts were well responded to as follows:

"Grand Lodge"—Mr. G. W. Montcastle, of Lexington.

"Damon"—Prof. E. P. Mangum, of Wilson.

"Pythias"—Geo. E. Hood, Esq., of Goldsboro.

"Fair Calanthe"—Col. I. A. Sugg, of Greenville.

"Endowment Rank"—Mr. J. C. Scales, of Newbern.

"Social Side of Pythianism"—T. T. Thorne, Esq., of Rocky Mount.

"Our Guests—the Ladies"—L. B. McLeod, Esq., of Asheville.

"Our Guests—the Men"—Mr. H. H. Wilson, of Kinston.

A sweet catchy song was rendered by little Miss Kate Chadwick, of Kinston, assisted at the piano by Miss Alice Anderson, of Weldon.

Covers were laid for 250 guests. The hall was decorated by blue, yellow and red bunting draperies and ornamented by flags, swords and shields.

The menu served was

BAY RIVER OYSTERS		
ROAST TURKEY	Crackers	HAM SANDWICHES
Olives	Celery	Mixed Pickles
POTATO SALAD	CHICKEN SALAD	
Saratoga Chips	Salted Almonds	
CHOCOLATE CAKE	COCONUT CAKE	
CARAMEL CAKE	FRUIT CAKE	
WHIPPED CREAM AND JELLY		
Oranges	Apples	Bananas
Coffee	Malaga Grapes	CHOCOLATE

Music was rendered at the banquet by an Italian band.

The beautiful and tasty decorations and the elegance of the supper, which were highly complimented by all, were due to Mrs. M. E. Chadwick, who was assisted by several other ladies. Mrs. Chadwick fully sustained her high reputation as a caterer.

At the Opera House.

The Newbern Journal today says: "The Castaways, presented last night by the Harry Lindley company, was the final performance of this company here. That it was enjoyed by the audience was evident by the laughter and applause which greeted each act."

"Harry Lindley was at his best as Tony, the land lubber, and his comedy acting provoked constant applause and laughter. W. A. Lawrence, as Reuben Lloyd, played the hypocrite in admirable style, and Miss Adelaide Flint, as Maggie Pearson, acted well in her several parts, male and female."

The other members of the company gave good support throughout the play. "Little Mystic, rendered her specialties and proved herself a favorite."

The scenic effects were very good. "Harry Lindley and company have given enjoyable entertainments during their present visit, and if they come again will receive a hearty welcome and better audiences."

The company play "The Diamond Queen" in Kinston tonight. Secure your seats early. The opera house will be well heated.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Gov.-elect Aycock has entirely recovered his health. His inauguration will occur about January 15th.

State Chairman Simmons recently spent a week at Seven Springs and says his health is now restored. He suffered greatly from lumbago and sciatica.

Collector Carl Duncansays the shooting is particularly good this season on the North Carolina sounds, ducks and geese being of course the chief game. Hunting on land is unusually fine also.

The aldermen of Raleigh have ordered a police census of their city taken at once. It is stated that the poll books indicate a population of 17,330, while the government census gives only 13,643.

The Raleigh chamber of commerce has decided to make the occasion of Gov. Aycock's inauguration a notable one, and it will probably be the most memorable one since Gov. Vance was inaugurated in 1877.

Monday night one of the students of the University was "held up" by Wallace Jenkins, a negro, who forced him to give up what money he had at the point of a pistol. The boy afterwards raised a body of students and captured the robber.

A special from Pittsboro, Dec. 11, says: Notice of contest was served today on H. A. London by J. A. Goodwin for London's seat in the senate, and on R. H. Hayes by Jesse A. Giles for Hayes' seat in the house. Mr. Hayes thinks Mr. Giles made a mistake and intended to serve notice on E. W. Pou but failing in the latter will contest Pou's seat later.

Judge Simonton, of the U. S. court, has denied the corporation commission leave to change the answer to the charge that the railroads are assessed for taxes at full value while other property is undervalued. This was not denied in the answer by the State and the railroads claim that the fact was admitted. Now the State wishes to amend its answer by a denial of the assertion of the railroads. Judge Simonton holds that the State has forfeited its right to demand such answer.

State Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson says of the recent government cotton report: "I do not believe the government report justifies the slump in the market. The world's consumption last year, nearly 14,000,000 bales, exceeded production by 1,700,000 according to best authorities. The present supply, assuming the correctness of the government report, is not sufficient if there is similar consumption. If the farmers market their cotton slowly and discreetly prices must remain firm."

In the federal court at Raleigh Tuesday Geo. O. Dancy, a young negro who was employed in the postoffice at Tarboro under Martin, submitted on a charge of robbing the mails and was sentenced to a year and a month in the penitentiary. W. H. Crowder, a white man from Northampton county, was found guilty of fraudulently taking letters out of the postoffice at Lasker and destroying them, by which means he temporarily broke up a correspondence between a young lady and man. He was sentenced to one year at hard labor.

Winston Journal: A mad dog coming from the direction of Teaguetown created quite an excitement while passing through Wauhtown Saturday. It is thought that he bit as many as five other dogs en route. The mad dog, after leaving Wauhtown, continued on to Centerville and was killed there by Walter Conrad, who had been telephoned in regard to the dog's coming. It is reported that the dog bit a horse belonging to Joe Holder, and that when he came through Teaguetown he bit a small dog and carried him a mile in his teeth.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

December 11, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Askew spent Sunday at Lousin Swamp.

Miss Bertha Fields returned today from visiting at Newbern.

Mr. C. E. Rayner, of Kinston, visited at Mr. W. L. Kennedy's Sunday.

Mr. Walter Lynch, of Kinston, spent Saturday with Mr. D. E. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Wood and Miss Maude Hadley returned today from attending the conference at Newbern.

Mr. Lewis Turnage and sister, Miss Nannie, of Institute, and Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Uzzell, of Seven Springs, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. W. I. Herling's.

How to Cure Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amelia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

Coated

Look at your tongue. Is it coated? Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are constipated. There's a reliable cure: Ayer's Pills.

Small text at the bottom of the advertisement, including the name of the manufacturer and address.