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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Michael Z. Mulball, the noted English statistician, died Thursday.

Terry McGovern knocked Joe Gans out in the second round of the fight at Chicago Thursday night.

An Illinois Central train was held up by robbers in New Orleans, but the robbers secured but little.

President McKinley has nominated John W. Yerkes, of Kentucky, to be commissioner of internal revenue.

Our extradition treaty with England has been amended so as to include persons charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Maj. A. C. Reinhart, postmaster of Lancaster, Pa., killed himself Friday by turning on gas in his office. Financial difficulties were the cause.

Four masked men robbed the private bank of John Doerschuck at Shreveport, O., Thursday and got away with between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Assistant Attorney Barrett, for the postoffice department, has ruled certain so-called bond investment schemes to be lotteries and inimical to the postal laws.

The senate on Thursday voted to amend the Hay-Pauncefote treaty so as to authorize the United States to defend its interests in the isthmian canal when constructed.

The corporation of Limerick, Ireland, on Thursday conferred the freedom of the city upon Mr. Kruger. The two members who opposed the proposal were bowled down.

Two desperadoes nearly killed Postal Clerk John N. Dennis and robbed his car on the Cotton Belt railway, at Bascom, Texas, Thursday. The amount secured by them is not known.

Representative De Armond, of Missouri, has introduced a resolution requesting of

the secretary of war, information as to the reported incident between Gen. Chaffee and Count von Walderssee.

On the announcement in the house of commons that during the war 182,400 horses and mules had been sent to the Transvaal Mr. Healy wanted to know how many asses had been sent.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail reports the arrest at Worcester, Cape Colony, of Harold Darringale, alleged to be an American, on a charge of fomenting an Afrikaner rebellion.

The pension appropriation bill as completed by the house sub-committee on appropriations carries about \$145,250,000, of which about \$144,000,000 is for pensions and the balance for administration.

The falling overboard of a man from a passenger boat on the West river, near Ho Kau, China, led to a rush of some 400 passengers to the side of the vessel, which caused her to sink, over 200 persons being drowned.

A Great Falls, Montana, special says: The Great Northern passenger train, No. 3, west bound, was wrecked by a broken truck near Brockton, 81 miles east of Glasgow. Four passengers were killed and many slightly injured.

The building, foundry and machinery of the Lane and Bodley works, at Cincinnati, were burned Thursday night, the total loss being from \$200,000 to \$250,000; partly insured. They were large manufacturers of saw mills, engines, etc., and about 200 men will be thrown out of work.

The Buena Vista fire clay brick plant, at Lexington, Va., was destroyed by fire Thursday. A roof was being put on a new kiln and caught fire, which soon spread to the entire plant. The machinery works, the valuable part of the plant, was a total loss. The loss is \$30,000; insurance \$15,000.

Mrs. Jerome Jordan, of Battle Creek, Mich., waited for two years to hear from her husband who went to the Klondike and then obtained a divorce on the ground of desertion. Now the husband has returned with \$100,000. It became known that each had written letters that never reached their destination. A reconciliation followed and they were re-married.

As a result of the overwhelming adoption of the amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty the president may withdraw the treaty from the senate. It is believed that Great Britain will not accept the treaty as amended, to say nothing of further drastic amendments proposed, and not yet acted on. The effect of these were to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and provide for an all-American canal, with the right to defend it against all comers, and the further right of the Americans to keep out other nations from the use of the canal in time of war.

ENGLAND READY TO SIGN.

No Obstacle to Closure of Negotiations Concerning Preliminary Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The latest advice from Peking, from official sources, is that England has signified a willingness to sign the agreement reached by the foreign ministers with a slight amendment which is said to be rather in the nature of a mere change of form. It was the understanding that England was the only power that was holding back, and according to these advice there seems to be no substantial obstacle to an almost immediate closure of the negotiations concerning the preliminary agreement.

Conditions She Will Accept.

London, Dec. 14.—"Information has reached the Wu Chang vicerey," says the Shanghai correspondent of The Standard, "that the empress dowager has agreed to accept the following peace conditions:

"The early return of Emperor Kwang Su to Peking; indemnity to the amount of 40,000,000 pounds sterling; the right of each legation to maintain a guard of 2,000 troops and the appointment of foreign advisers to each province of the empire."

Twenty Chinese to Be Executed.

Kong Kong, Dec. 14.—Twenty anti-foreigners, Chinese, who were convicted of posting placards inciting Chinamen to rise against the foreigners, have been condemned to death. A French gunboat has started up the river to witness the executions.

Boxers Defeated With Heavy Loss.

London, Dec. 14.—A Peking dispatch says that Boxers attacked the allies' couriers near the Hosiwn road from Peking to Tien Tsin last Monday. The allies sent reinforcements against the Boxers, who were in overwhelming numbers. Fighting resulted on Tuesday, when the Boxers were defeated with heavy loss.

The Deadliest Poisons.

The discoverer of prussic acid was instantly killed by inhaling one whiff of his own handiwork.

Pure prussic acid is never sold or handled. The smell of it is always fatal. It kills not in three minutes or half an hour, but the instant it enters the lungs as a gas. The mixture ordinarily sold as prussic acid is 98 parts water to two parts of the drug. Even in this form it is very deadly. A 20 per cent mixture of the acid would kill nearly as quickly as if pure.

Atropine, though it has no harmful odor, is so deadly that as much of it as would adhere to the end of a moistened forefinger would instantly cause death.

Cyanide of potassium has a pleasant smell, which is not injurious, but a small quantity swallowed kills at once.

Pure ammonia, if inhaled, would cause death almost as quickly as prussic acid.

When a carboy of nitric acid is broken, some one has to suffer. It will burn wood, eat through iron plates and destroy whatever it touches. Such an accident once happened in an acid factory. Every one ran away, leaving the acid to amuse itself by setting fire to things. Soon it was seen that the building would be destroyed and hundreds of people thrown out of work, and four men volunteered to put out the fire in the acid room. They succeeded and came out all right. Five hours later all were dead.

Paid as He Went.

Patient—Then you think it's all up with me, doctor?

Doctor—I'm afraid so.

"Well, we must all die once, and I may as well go now as afterward. You're sure I'm going?"

"Yes."

"Then let me have your bill."

"My bill! My dear sir, this is very unusual. You should give your thoughts to most serious matters."

"My motto has always been 'pay as you go,' and now that I am going I want to pay."

So he paid and went.

Both Extremes.

Editor in Chief—I understand young Bluegore, the millionaire's son, has gone in for journalism.

City Editor—Yes. He's on my staff.

Editor in Chief—And what do you think of him?

City Editor—Well, he's a unique figure in journalism.

Editor in Chief—You don't say?

City Editor—Yes. He's at once the richest and poorest reporter in the city.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Coffee Adulteration.

An examination of a sample of roasted coffee berries seized in Paris showed them to be entirely artificial; chemical analysis disclosed ash, gum, dextrin, etc., and the microscope showed grains of wheat, starch, vegetable debris and animal hairs. The berries were beautifully molded.

THE CHURCHES.

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

Methodist Church.
Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by the pastor. The presence of the entire membership is desired, as matters of importance concerning the work of the church for the new conference year will be mentioned.
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.
Epworth League Monday at 8 p. m.

Christian Church.
Services both morning and evening.
Morning: Preaching by the pastor.
Evening: Rev. D. W. Davis, editor Watch-Tower, will preach.
Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Baptist Church.
At morning service Rev. J. K. Faulkner who was once pastor of the Kinston Baptist church, will preach.
The evening service will be a rally service. It is hoped that all the members and many friends will be present.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

Presbyterian Church.
No services tomorrow.
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Episcopal Church.
Services both morning and evening.
Sunday school at 3 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
Services held in the grand jury room.

The Chapel.
Preaching tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.
Prayer meeting every Friday night.

Christian Science.
Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

At the Opera House.

"The Castaways" was presented last night to a good house.

In the opinion of many this was a better play than "Woman Against Woman," presented Thursday night.

Harry Lindley, as Tony, the land lubber, was great, and was greeted with laughter and applause every time he appeared on the stage.

The other members of the company gave good support.

Mr. Lawrence, as the "parson," made a decided hit.

The scenic effects were good.

The company gave two good performances in Kinston, and should they come again will receive a hearty welcome.

They went to Greenville today where they play tonight.

Beautiful Calendar Free.

We have just received a copy of Fairbank's Fairy Calendar for 1901, which is one of the most beautiful and artistic calendars we have ever seen. It consists of five designs, one on a sheet, size 10x12 inches, elegantly lithographed in beautiful colors and gold, on extra heavy plate stock. The designs, by the celebrated artist, W. H. McEntee, represent handsomely decorated Dresden china plaques, on rich plush backgrounds, no two alike. The first sheet is the calendar proper, as it contains the entire 12 months' calendar dates grouped within the plaque, with a background of royal purple. The other four designs contain figures typifying "Morning," "Noon," "Evening," and "Night," modeled in colors appropriate to the time of day represented, and embossed on relief plaques, set against rich plush mats of silvery blue, bright apple green, rich peacock blue and deep crimson. These four plaques have no lettering whatever to mar their artistic beauty, and are designed expressly for decorative purposes. Each of the five sheets has a separate hanger, which can be retained or removed, so that the plaques and calendar can be used singly or together, framed or unframed, to decorate your home in an almost endless variety of ways which your ingenuity and artistic taste will suggest. It is impossible to describe the rich coloring, exquisite beauty and superb decorative effect attained in Fairbank's Fairy Calendar for 1901. It must be seen to be appreciated. Don't fail to obtain a copy. Superior to many calendars offered in the art stores for \$1. The N. K. Fairbank company, Chicago, Ill., will send this elegant calendar free on receipt of your name, address and seven two-cent stamps to cover simply the postage and mailing.

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Hear This, Will You?

The Asheville Citizen thinks it knows a thing or two about the old-fashioned corn-shucking and mentions as one of its features the hunt for the red ear, which entitled the finder to kiss a pretty girl. It may be that way over the mountains, but around here the red ear of corn used to bring to the finder, whether married or single, ugly or good looking, an extra chance at the jug.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relief 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.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Six more cases of smallpox have been discovered near Yancyville.

Watson & Williams, of Fayetteville, failed Thursday. Liabilities and assets each about \$2,500.

The saw and shingle mills of Henden & Tyson, near Carthage, were burned Thursday. Loss \$6,000.

More money is needed for the insane asylum at Morganton. Many applicants for admission cannot be provided with room and means to care for them.

Mrs. Morgan Luman was shot and killed at Ashpole Thursday afternoon. There is a difference of opinion as to whether it was by her own hand or not. The ball penetrated the eye.

Mr. Chas. T. Holt, president of the cotton mills at Haw River, died Thursday. He was the only living son of the late Gov. T. M. Holt. He was one of the most prominent cotton manufacturers of the State and a good man.

Greensboro Telegram: The North State Bobbin company was chartered by the State Monday. The incorporators are Tyre Glenn, Dr. Charles L. Scott, Charles F. Burton and others. The capital stock is \$9,100. Mr. Glenn says he could easily have gotten up twice the amount of stock had it been necessary. This is Greensboro's third bobbin factory.

Attorney General Douglas is sending to the attorney general of each state a request for information as to reformatories for young criminals. He is also in communication on the same subject with the secretaries of the great religious bodies and benevolent societies in this State. He is devoted to the good work of securing the establishment of a reformatory.

The white people in this State paid for public school taxes this year \$576,577, and the negroes paid \$75,772. The assessed value of the property of whites is \$246,723,769, and of negroes \$9,492,663. The value of negro property is about \$500,000 greater than it was last year. There is a great reduction in the number of insolvent polls. Last year it was 20,076 white and 17,233 colored; this year it is 17,592 white, and 12,609 colored.

The legislative committee has completed its examination of the State treasurer's books. The committee's report will disapprove of the payment of the Theophilus White claim, and will go fully into the matter, setting forth the particulars in which the payment of the claim was illegal and in violation of the constitution. It will probably be on this report that the matter of impeachment will come before the legislature, if it comes up at all.

SOUTHERN COTTON SPINNERS

Have Arranged to Open Their Own Selling Houses in the Eastern Markets.

Charlotte, Dec. 14.—The board of governors of the Southern Cotton Spinners association met in secret session here last night to receive the report of the special committee appointed to secure selling agents in the eastern markets. After the meeting was held, it was said that the association had not only secured all the money needed but had secured reliable men to take charge of the selling agencies. The members say they will neither give nor receive quarter, as the eastern commission houses decided not to make any concessions. The southern spinners have arranged to open their selling houses in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis some time in January.

Severe Defeat of the British.

London, Dec. 14.—News comes of another defeat of the British arms in South Africa. A Boer force of 2,500 men under Gen. Delary routed the British under Gen. Clements. The British retreated to Hekpoort with the Boers in pursuit. The British lost heavily and it is believed four companies were captured.

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Kitchener telegraphs the war office that Gen. Clements' force at Noutgedacht was attacked at dawn on Thursday by Gen. Delary's command, consisting of 2,500 men. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers reached the top of Magaliesberg hill, which was held by four companies of Northumberland, and thus commanded Clements' camp. He retired to Hekpoort and took up position on a hill in the centre of a valley. The fighting was severe. Four officers, including Col. Legge, were killed. Reinforcements have left Pretoria for Hekpoort.

All available mounted infantry at Aldershot, Malta and other military centres has been ordered to South Africa.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pain 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, drug store.



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