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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

At Salby, Orangeburg county, S. C., on Tuesday morning, the safe of Dicks & Salby was blown open by burglars who secured \$7,000 in money.

United States Senator William V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Maria Newman Atkins, of Washington, D. C., were united in marriage Tuesday.

John D. Rockefeller has made another gift of \$1,500,000 to the University of Chicago; \$1,000,000 as endowment fund and the balance for immediate needs.

C. B. Barnes, a noted train robber, committed suicide to avoid capture in a swamp near New Orleans Tuesday. The police had wounded him in the back and wrist.

At Richmond, Va., Johnston & Co.'s paper box factory was burned out Tuesday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is some \$6,000 or \$7,000.

At Jackson, Miss., the plant of the Brookhaven Lumber and Manufacturing Co. and ten freight cars of the Illinois Central railroad were destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The loss is about \$40,000.

Congressman Tillman on Wednesday presented a petition in the house signed by the farmers of many western states asking that a subsidy be placed on all agricultural products in line with that to be placed on merchant marine.

It is stated that the volunteer regiment will begin to leave Manila on Jan. 1st, returning to the United States to be mustered out. They are to leave in the same order as they went, the 37th on Jan. 1st, the 11th cavalry on Jan. 15th, etc. They are to be replaced by regulars as provided for in the army bill.

The military court investigating the Booz hazing case took testimony at West Point Tuesday. Sixty-eight members of the class to which Booz belonged were summoned. Four were examined and all declared that Booz did not stand high with his classmates as they looked upon him as a coward. All denied that any brutal hazing occurred, or that Booz had been interfered with on account of his religious belief or tendencies.

At Petersburg, Va., Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, R. H. Harris was shot and killed by F. J. A. Pape. The trouble originated over a game of cards in which fraud was charged. Harris and his companion were attacking a friend of Pape's, when the latter took part in the fight and seeing a pistol in Harris' hip pocket, seized it and shot Harris twice in the body. Harris shot and killed W. F. Malory five years ago. He was a noted gambler and considered a dangerous man.

Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta, who was put in the calaboose Tuesday for being drunk, pardoned himself out, and when his name was called in the recorder's court in the evening he failed to answer, being out on a howling drunk. Recorder Broyles declared if the city had not been disgraced enough he would have the mayor re-arrested, but he fined him \$5.75 instead, which the mayor refuses to pay. A warrant from the state court is now out against him for carrying concealed weapons.

The board of naval construction, considering the bids for the construction of battleships and cruisers, has settled these points: One of the big armored cruisers shall go to Cramps, one to Newport News and one to the Union Iron Works in California. One battleship shall go to the Fore River Engine works at Quincy, Mass. This leaves seven ships to be disposed of, and while in view of the fact that another meeting of the board is to be held, it is not possible to make the prediction with absolute accuracy, the indications are that these will be distributed as follows: One cruiser and one battleship to Cramps, making three for them, one cruiser and one battleship to Newport News, making three for them, one cruiser and one battleship to the Union Iron Works, making three for them, and one battleship to the Bath Iron Works. There is still a possibility that Moran Bros., of Seattle, may get the battleship slated for the Union Iron Works, or the Bath Iron Works.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. A DRUGGIST WILL SEND YOU ONE FREE IF YOU WRITE FOR IT.

Terrible Mistake of Boers.

Pretoria, Dec. 19.—Many burghers have been killed owing to a blunder made by the fighting Boers who set fire to a lot of stores abandoned by the British at Noodledacht. It included a lot of ammunition which the Boers supposed was quartermasters supplies, a terrific explosion followed and many persons were killed.

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 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.

MOVING SIDEWALK FOR PARIS

Project for Constructing One Six Miles Along the Right Bank of The Seine.

The Paris Figaro states that a project exists for constructing a moving platform on the right bank of the Seine. It will be underground and its length will be about ten kilometres.

The route proposed passes under the Avenue de l'Opera, the great boulevards, the Boulevard Sebastopol, the Rue Turbigo and the Rue de Rivoli. In place of the three platforms now existing at the exposition the new scheme embraces four. The first, as the exposition, will be stationary, the second will have a velocity of 1.50 metres. Thus a very rapid means of transit a-foot will exist in that portion of Paris now most encumbered by vehicular traffic, for as all locomotion will be in one direction a person walking fast on the fourth platform, having no adverse stream of pedestrians to avoid, will be able to do more than ten miles an hour.

The increasing dangers of the streets of Paris render some such scheme a necessity. In the Eclair of Oct. 8, M. Camille Pelletau has an amusing article on the wholesale slaughter daily carried out in the streets of Paris. He considers that more progress has been made in the art of killing people in the streets than in any other branch of modern civilization.

How They Go After Poll Tax in Mississippi.

Baltimore Sun.
The man who does not pay his poll tax in Mississippi on or before the 1st day of February next, under the bill which has passed the legislature of that state, will have his name published in the county paper as a delinquent, as a man who refuses to contribute \$2 to the education of his own children, but is willing for his neighbor to do so, and let them reap an education by the sweat of the other fellow's face. Moreover, he will be disfranchised and will run the risk of a \$200 fine and six months in jail if he hereafter attempts to vote at a primary election, for, it is asserted, the taxpayers are tired of having their votes killed by such political driftwood, and the judges of the state may be expected to charge the grand juries, who are composed of taxpayers, to indict such persons, and the district attorneys, who in the future must look to the taxpayers for election, will not fail to do their part of the business up to the hilt.

War Taxes.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Thirty millions is the limit of the reduction that will be made in the war taxes. That is the flat of the senators in charge of the revenue bill passed last week in the house. Senators Aldrich and Allison, after a conference with Secretary Gage, are convinced that a greater reduction would be unwise. The plan which it is expected will be adopted by the senate is to accept the house bill as it stands with the exception of restoring the tax on bank checks.

Well Informed.

The experiences of elevator conductors are many and varied, and the better the judge of human nature one of these useful employees is the more satisfactorily can he perform his duties toward those who ride with him. Down at the District building there is an elevator man who seems to be perfect in this regard, and the way he makes people happy has often been the subject of comment. An instance of this follows: A few days ago a woman approached him and after getting in his car thus addressed him, "I want to see a man whose name I do not know, and I do not know either what office he is employed in."

"I am well acquainted with the gentleman you refer to," was the instant reply of the elevator man, "and he has just stepped out."

The woman left the car seemingly entirely satisfied with the information she had received.—Washington Star.

Chinese as Cooks.

Second only to the French are the Chinese when it comes to culinary skill, and with simple materials they will contrive to put together a meal which would shame an ordinary American cook. In peasant families the wife or daughter does the cooking, but in all large establishments the cooks are invariably men.

Headache

Pain back of your eyes?
Heavy pressure in your head?
And are you sometimes faint and dizzy?
Is your tongue coated?
Bad taste in your mouth?
And does your food distress you?
And are you troubled about sleeping?
Then your liver is all wrong. But there is a cure. **Tis—Ayer's Pills.**

Ayer's Pills act directly on the liver. They cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache and dyspepsia. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

GERMAN LAST NIGHT.

Thirty Couples Present. Handsome Costumes. Hall Beautifully Decorated. Fine Music.

The first German, under the auspices of the Lenoir club, was given in the opera house last night. It was a grand affair, probably the most successful event of its kind ever given in Kinston.

The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, flags and potted plants. The ladies were all handsomely costumed. The music, furnished by Hollowbush band, of Raleigh, was perfect.

About 30 couples were in attendance. The German began about 9:30 and lasted until 3 o'clock.

The German was led in beautiful figures by Mr. W. A. Mitchell and Miss Blanche Thornton.

At 12 o'clock an elegant banquet, given by the ladies, was served.

The following couples were in attendance:

- Miss Nannie Moye, Mr. Harvey Hines.
- Miss Edith Oettinger, Mr. Adolph Einstein.
- Miss Leah Oettinger, Mr. S. A. Quinerly.
- Miss Wita Mitchell, Dr. H. D. Harper, Jr.
- Miss Bessie Mitchell, Mr. J. H. Herbert.
- Miss Florence Einstein, Mr. Clyde Dunn.
- Miss May Oettinger, Mr. Ed Einstein.
- Miss Mattie Green, of Newbern, Mr. C. Oettinger.
- Miss Blanche Thornton, of Fayetteville, Mr. W. A. Mitchell.
- Miss Dicks, of Randleman, Mr. Guy Webb.
- Miss Susie Taylor, Mr. Isaac Tull.
- Miss Neta Holton, of Newbern, Mr. Will Fields.
- Mrs. V. Lee Turrentine, Mr. E. H. Stevenson.
- Miss Sadie Kornegay, Mr. J. Frank Webb.
- Miss Hannah Dawson, Mr. Arthur Einstein.
- Miss Horne, of Tarboro, Mr. Jno. G. Cox.
- Miss Bessie Braxton, Mr. Ellis Goldstein.
- Miss Mamie Dawson, Mr. W. D. LaRouge, Jr.
- Miss Helen Gray, Mr. Harry Stevenon.
- Miss Thorpe, Mr. John Bailey.
- Miss Jennie Moye, Mr. Mark Disoway, of Newbern.
- Miss Mary Saunders, Mr. Willie Ellison.
- Miss Flora Oettinger, Mr. Abe Einstein.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gattis, of Goldsboro.
- Miss Daisy Oettinger, Mr. H. H. McCoy.
- Miss Mollie Pairo, of Danville, Mr. Hoge Irvine.
- Chaperones: Mrs. Alice Hunter, Mrs. S. Oettinger and Mrs. Dan Quinerly.

About the Town's Bonds.

Communication.
THE FREE PRESS, in a recent issue, spoke favorably of voting bonds for water works and street sewerage.

This writer is heartily in favor of both but does not imagine that the taxpayers will be quick to jump at an opportunity to vote money for sewerage until that already voted is used for that purpose.

The \$25,000 voted for bonds were to be applied as follows:

- Electric light plant, \$10,000
- Redemption of old bonds and floating debt, 11,000
- Sewerage, 4,000
- Over \$1,000 was secured as premiums on bonds which should be added for sewerage, making \$5,000.

We have the electric plant, but although the money has been in the treasury for months, and notwithstanding winter, for sanitary reasons, is the time to do such work yet absolutely nothing has been done towards permanent sewerage.

"They say," but we hope it is not true, that several thousand dollars in old bonds are still outstanding because they are not yet due.

Was there not an agreement on the part of the holder that he would allow the town to take them up? We were told so before the election. If there was no such understanding and there are bonds unpaid, then why in the name of common sense, were all of the new bonds placed on the market at the same time, thus making the town pay interest on the whole of the new bonds and also on part of the old ones?

Does it strike any one as a brilliant financial scheme?

In view of these facts and alleged facts, there must be a large sum of cold cash in the treasury, for we take it for granted that the gentlemen constituting the board of aldermen would not allow a dollar voted for special purposes to be used otherwise than the voters directed, because that would be illegal and censurable.

TAXPAYER.

The census of Raleigh as taken by the city authorities shows only a small increase over the government's figures. The new census shows only 31 more than that taken by the government. It shows, however, that the white wards made big gains, while the negro wards lost heavily.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Goldboro Argus: The death of Miss Elizabeth Pate occurred Sunday night at her home near Mt. Carmel church, in this county. She was 81 years of age.

Dr. Stagg, pastor of the 2d Presbyterian church at Charlotte, recently declined to accept any increase in his salary, though offered by his congregation. Strange!

Dr. C. J. O'Hagan died at his home in Greenville Tuesday night of apoplexy, in his 80th year. He was one of the best known and most highly esteemed physicians in the State.

Albance Gleaner: Mr. Geo. W. Sylvester, mining engineer, is now prospecting in the interest of northern capitalists for opening a quarry in the western part of Chatham county from which mantels will be made.

Roxboro Courier: We regret to learn of the tragic death of our esteemed friend John D. Clayton. Late Tuesday evening he took the bucket and went to the spring, which is about one hundred yards from the house, and not returning, some one of the family followed to see what was the trouble, and they found him in the spring with life extinct. The spring is a very large one, about 6 feet square and 8 feet deep, and it is supposed he lost his balance and was unable to get up.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Miss Fannie Sprinkle had a narrow escape from a horrible death at the Salisbury cotton mills, and nothing saved her but main and almost superhuman strength. Miss Sprinkle was at her usual work in the mill when her dress caught between the pulleys and spinning frames. In an instant she braced herself against a frame and the desperation of the situation gave her almost superhuman strength. By this very act she saved her life, and at the same time stopped sixteen spinning frames and caused one of the large belts in the mill to drop off. It was a providential deliverance from a horrible death.

The Goldsboro correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger reports an amusing occurrence as follows: A countryman dropped in the office of the water-works company yesterday and after speaking to Superintendent Frank Evans and a glance around the premises said: "I'll take a little corn whiskey." He was promptly advised by Mr. Evans that he only sold water. "What," exclaimed the countryman, "can you make a living at that?" Mr. Evans realized that he was face to face with something green and proceeded to explain the business of supplying water. How, that the company, at enormous expense, had a pumping station put in at the river, pipes laid to a stand pipe and numerous large and small pipes traversed the city underground; that water for manufacturing, washing, cooking and drinking purposes was supplied at so much retail per month, etc., the countryman all the while looking on and listening with an air of astonishment. When Mr. Evans had concluded, the countryman remarked: "Well, I'll be burned. I never heard tell of it. I thought this was a whiskey shop," and out he went fully believing Mr. Evans had taken him for a sucker.

Special Ordinances.

Be it resolved and ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the town of Kinston, N. C.:

Sec. 1. That the provisions of Sec. 14 of Ord. IV of the town, in reference to discharging rockets, roman candles, fire-crackers and other fire works, be and are hereby suspended from 6 o'clock p. m. of Monday, Dec. 24, 1900, to 6 o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900, provided, however, that fire works shall not be carelessly or negligently fired, discharged or handled, so as to damage or endanger person or property, and provided further that no person shall fire or discharge fire works purposely to frighten or annoy any horse or other animal in use on the streets of the town, nor shall engage in any sham battle or contest of any character with fire works, and provided further that no person or persons shall so use and employ fire works as to constitute a nuisance to the public.

Sec. 2. That the violation of either of the provisions of the foregoing section shall subject the offender to a fine of \$5 or imprisonment for five days.

Sec. 3. That owing to the extra expense incident to preserving good order on account of the sale of fire works, no person shall offer for sale or sell in the town of Kinston from Dec. 20, 1900, to Jan. 2, 1901, both inclusive, rockets, roman candles, fire-crackers, cannon-crackers or other fire works without having first paid a tax of \$2 and obtained a license thereunto authorizing the same from the town clerk, and that any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined \$5 or imprisoned five days.

Sec. 4. That from and after 6 o'clock a. m., Dec. 26, 1900, the provisions of Sec. 14 of Ord. IV hereby temporarily suspended, shall be and continue in force according to their tenor.

G. B. WEBB, Mayor.
E. B. LEWIS, Town Clerk.