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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

At Louisville, Ky., 1,700 tobacco stemmers have gone out on a strike.

The government of the United States has offered Denmark \$12,000,000 kroner (about \$3,240,000) for the Danish West Indies.

George Fuller, a negro, was lynched Thursday night in Perry county, Ala., for burning the barn of Mr. Dennis Cummings.

According to Hester's cotton report over 600,000 more bales of cotton have been marketed thus far than for the same time last season.

The wire trust factory at Worcester, Mass., announces a cut of 7½ per cent. in the wages of its operatives, reducing the wages of 300 men.

In a fit of rage Friday night Matthew Terlip, an Austrian, at Cleveland, O., stabbed his wife and 15-year-old son, probably fatally, and then shot and killed himself.

"The American and Danish governments are in direct negotiation for the sale of the Danish West Indies," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

Two mail sacks were stolen from the waiting room of the depot in the suburbs of Detroit last Thursday night. The sacks contained about \$100,000 in negotiable paper, checks and money.

As a result of a slump in shares of the London and Globe Investment company, which dealt in West Australian mines, 13 brokerage firms in London failed Saturday, causing exciting scenes on the exchange.

At Baker Camp, West Va., Thursday, where work was being done in railway construction, six men were killed as a result of an explosion from dynamite which was being "thawed out" around a stove.

President McKinley has tendered to Fred Rittman, of Cleveland, Ohio, the position of fourth auditor of the treasury, made vacant by the tragic death of Auditor Morris. He is a lifelong friend of Senator Hanna.

The war in the Philippines has developed another Pocahontas. An American lieutenant and nine privates were about to be put to death through a plot, but were saved by a Filipino girl who was in love with one of the soldiers.

In a barroom fight in New York Friday over 50 shots were fired, one man killed, another fatally wounded and two others wounded. The fight began between two professional gamblers, who renewed an old quarrel when they met in the barroom.

Statistician Mulhall kept pretty good tab on the population of countries and their increase. Last July he estimated that our census this year would report 76,200,000 people, which came only 85 under the official count made several months later.

It is intimated that Conger will soon resign his position as minister to China, because the state department disapproves of his conduct as minister in not more closely following instructions but on the contrary joining in with the other ministers in demanding excessively severe terms to China. It is also said that the state department has a plan under consideration to send out to Peking several commissioners to "assist" Minister Conger in the important negotiations yet to be conducted.

A Joke on Offenbach.

Offenbach, the famous opera bouffe composer, had an insatiable thirst for success and fame combined with a vanity that occasionally played him a sorry trick.

Once he was going down the Rhine on a steamer, among whose passengers was the Duke of Nassau, a fact of which the composer was in blissful ignorance.

As the steamer approached its last stopping place the bank of the river was seen to be covered by a dense throng of people who were shouting and waving their hats. A band on the pier was playing a march from one of Offenbach's operas.

As the boat touched the pier Offenbach stepped to the rail and bowed and waved his hat to the people in acknowledgment of this flattering ovation.

"It is glorious to be received in a foreign land like this," he remarked to his companions.

But his self complacency received a rude shock the next instant when the duke's adjutant appeared and said, in a rough and unfeeling manner:

"Get out of the way, will you, and let his highness show himself!"

Help is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cough could soon become serious and be stopped at once. One Minute Cure quickly cures coughs and colds, the worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles. J. E. Hood.

A Swindling Scheme.

For some years past the treasury department has received from time to time letters from all parts of the country asking for information regarding certain large sums of money which, it is alleged, are on deposit in the treasury department awaiting distribution to heirs or persons of great wealth in Europe and America.

Among these noted claims is one of the heirs of a man of the name of De Haven, who is alleged to have loaned the government of the United States large sums of money during the Revolutionary war. Another well known case is that of the Robert Morris estate, the heirs of which, it is said, are entitled to receive from the government several millions of dollars. The Durkee claim also is well known in the department and involves several millions of dollars. The latest one is that of the heirs of Anneke Jans, who are said to be entitled to receive from the United States something like \$90,000,000, which sum, it is said, has been received from Holland and now awaits proof of relationship.

It is stated at the treasury department that all of these claims are spurious and that they are made the basis of confidence games by agents who work upon the credulity of the uninformed. Agents, it is said, are selling bonds to raise money to prosecute these claims against the government, realizing something like \$10 per \$1,000 promised in case of success. The treasury department is powerless to proceed against these impostors.—Washington Post.

Beauty and Education.

Why is it that woman has always been more beautiful than man? In human beings the attractive qualities have always been on the side of the female. Why is it? Without wishing to cast any aspersion on the members of the superior sex, we may fairly answer that it is because they have hitherto been the less educated. But woman's ideas are changing. She has listened to the voice of the tempter, whispering in her ear all sorts of sweet fallacies about equality of the sexes, intellectual development and its necessity, and the like, and she has yielded to the temptation. And the result of this will be that she will lose her beauty. She will suffer in appearance as man has done and is doing, and in the course of time the extremely civilized races of mankind will be ugly—irretrievably and lamentably ugly.—Pearson's Magazine.

A Famous Pearl.

The beautiful pearl known as the Great Southern Cross was found in Western Australia in the year 1884. It consists of nine pearls joined together in the form of a cross, in which shape it was found by a man named Clarke. It is said that the finder and the first purchaser of it buried it for some time, superstitiously regarding it as a heavenly miracle. It was, however, ultimately taken up from its burial place and sold for \$1,000, since which time it has frequently changed hands and is now valued at \$50,000. At the Colonial and Indian exhibition in England it attracted a good deal of notice and is probably the only natural cross ever found.

25 Years Younger

"I am now seventy-two years of age and my hair is as dark as it was twenty-five years ago. People say I look at least that much younger than I am. I would be entirely bald or snow-white if it were not for your Hair Vigor."—Mrs. ANNA LAWRENCE, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22, 1898.

Ayer's Hair Vigor restores color to gray hair every time. And it is a wonderful food to the hair, making it grow rich and heavy, and keeping it soft and glossy all the time. It is also an elegant dressing.

One dollar a bottle.

The Genesis of a Patriot.

One night in 1776 the Duke of Gloucester, the royal brother of George III, then hiding from his kingly brother's wrath in Paris, was regaling a table party of aristocrats at the expense of the king of England with a trenchant account of the "Boston tea party." His cynical sympathy was expressed for the American rebels, and he dwelt upon their need for recruits to fight against his brother. The table laughed at the tale, which was the first the most of them had heard directly on the preposterous ambitions for freedom of the new world colonists. Among the company was a silent, solemn young soldier who had listened intently to the recluse until the dinner was finished. Then he strode across the room to the duke.

"I will join the Americans! I will help them fight for freedom! Tell me how to set about it!" he cried, his sallow, listless face now aglow with a fire none of his idle comrades had ever seen there before.

It was Lafayette, the 19-year-old marquis, who was the despair of his family because he seemed always in a drowse. Coming from one of the noblest houses of the empire, he was married to a lady of high degree and was already a father. His wife had been his love, but now freedom became the stronger passion, and for more than 60 years he was to follow its cause. This was the genesis of Lafayette.—Edward Page Gaston in Woman's Home Companion.

Kept the Bonnet Company.

The story of an elderly couple who lived in a Massachusetts town nearly 50 years ago is told by some of the oldest inhabitants with much unctious.

The lady had been bereft of one helpmeet, and her second husband had twice been left a widower before the pair were united in the bonds of matrimony. They were both of that temperament which causes its possessor to be characterized as "set."

On the wedding day the bride found in the back entry, on a conspicuous nail, a sunbonnet which had belonged to her immediate predecessor. She removed it to oblivion in a closet.

Her newly wedded husband made no comment, but replaced the sunbonnet on its accustomed nail.

During the next few days the calico headgear vibrated with more or less regularity between the closet and the nail. Then there came a day when the bride approached her husband with a man's hat in her hand as he was in the act of reinstalling the sunbonnet.

"If you have that sunbonnet there," she said firmly, "I shall hang up my first husband's hat on the next nail."

She looked at the bridegroom and met the counterpart of her own expression. She hung the hat on the designated nail, and although the two people lived to be very old, neither the hat nor the sunbonnet ever moved again till the house came into the hands of a new owner.—Youth's Companion.

He Didn't Write the Story.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says that when the late R. E. A. Dorr was on the staff of the Baltimore American news came one day to the city editor that food in the Seven Foot Knoll lighthouse, out in Chesapeake bay, was exhausted and that the keeper and his family were starving. Dorr secured a custom house tug and loaded it with provisions. The weather was exceptionally cold, and the tug was stuck in the ice half a mile from the knoll. Dorr left the boat and started over the ice.

When he reached the lighthouse, he was warmly greeted. "Come in the dining room," said the keeper's wife after the rescuer had warmed himself. "Come in and have dinner with us."

Mr. Dorr thought that hunger had made her mad. "I heard that you needed food," stammered Mr. Dorr as soon as he could speak.

"Well, come to think of it," replied the housewife, "we do. We have plenty of meat and vegetables, flour and that sort, but the next time you are coming out this way we'd appreciate it if you'd bring over a few jars of quince jam," she added cheerfully.

Mr. Dorr took his provisions back to Baltimore, but no account of his trip was written.

Cannibals and Pork.

In the New Hebrides human life has been made safe by the introduction of pigs into the island. The cannibals are said to prefer roast pork to roast man, and as the porcine tribe increases among the natives they may give up their feasts on human flesh altogether excepting when something unusual happens, such as entertaining a king of some other cannibal island or on state occasions of rare ceremony.

JUDGE FAIRCLOTH DEAD.

Died Suddenly Within Ten Minutes After Taking a Bath. Twice Supreme Court Justice. Elected Chief Justice in 1895.

Goldboro, N. C., Dec. 29.—Chief Justice William T. Faircloth died suddenly at his home in this city tonight about 10 o'clock. He had taken a bath and the attack came on him just as he had put on his night robe preparatory to going to bed. He hastened to lie down upon the lounge and his wife saw that his condition was critical. The neighbors and his physician were hastily summoned, but he was dead before they arrived. In fact he expired in a moment or two after reaching the lounge. His neighbors came in quickly, applied restoratives and did what they could, but it was too late for human assistance, and it was soon apparent that life was extinct.

There is a deep regret in this community at the sudden death of the chief justice. He has lived here many years and long been identified with its professional and business life. He was one of the wealthiest men in the place, a director in the Bank of Wayne, interested in other enterprises, and the owner of five blocks of real estate in the city. He was a consistent and leading member of the Baptist church and was a liberal contributor to all its institutions and enterprises. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made. Telegrams were sent last night to his sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Sanderlin, of Washington, D. C., and other relatives. It is probable that the funeral will be held on Monday.

We reprint from the Raleigh News-Observer the following:

Judge Faircloth was born in Greene county. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College, of which he was a trustee at the time of his death. He volunteered in the Confederate service and was quartermaster of the Second North Carolina regiment when Gen. Lee surrendered. After the war he settled at Goldboro, where he always had a large and lucrative practice. He was a man of sound business judgment and his investments made him a rich man. The late Henry F. Grainger, Esq., was his law partner, and he was afterwards a law partner of ex-Judge Wm. H. Allen, of Goldboro.

In 1875 or 1876, Gov. Brogden appointed Judge Faircloth to a position as associate judge of the supreme court. He held that position until the Democratic victory of 1878. In 1884 he was the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor but was defeated by Maj. Chas. M. Stedman. In 1894 he was the fusion candidate for chief justice and was elected by a large majority. His term began Jan. 1st, 1895, and would have expired Dec. 31st, 1902.

Judge Faircloth was a consistent and lifelong Republican, the first man of his party in every way in eastern North Carolina. He was a man of personal integrity, and in politics was the best and most respected man in the Republican party. He was a safe and studious lawyer, and had that deliberation and research that befitted the judicial office.

He was a strong partisan in politics and was often criticised for his partisanship, but in language and in conduct he was temperate and considerate of the views of others. In his private life he was upright, grave, modest, sincere and free from criticism. He was free from ostentation, dignified, simple in his habits, and true to his professions and his convictions.

Ellis' Carriage Works.

Ellis' Carriage Works will, by the end of this week, be completely installed in their new shops on Gordon street. Mr. Ellis will have, in their new quarters, one of the best buggy and vehicle manufacturing plants in the State. He has added to his force about a third, which will enable him to at least double his former capacity in number of vehicles turned out and enable him to fill orders quicker.

The present shops afford him about 10,000 square feet of room all told. The show room and office occupy the ground floor. The trimming and painting departments are on the second floor. The blacksmith shop is in the rear, above which is the department in which priming work is done. This has a platform reaching to the second story of the main building. The wood working department will occupy a separate building in the rear.

Mr. Ellis will carry a larger stock in every respect than heretofore and no doubt will meet with much increased patronage.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROSOM OINTMENT TABLETS. All druggists reduce the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A dispatch from Plymouth, England, to London announces the arrival there of Maj. Gen. Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, who has refused to resign and has come to England from Gibraltar to demand a court martial with reference to the responsibility for the yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May.

Don't use any of the counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Most of them are worthless or liable to cause injury. The original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a certain cure for piles, eczema, cuts, scalds, burns, sores and skin diseases. J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Lieut.-Gov. C. A. Reynolds is to succeed Col. Lybrook as postmaster at Winston, N. C.

Mr. M. A. Angier, father of Mrs. B. N. Duke, died at Durham Saturday night, aged 80 years.

The Charlotte papers report that 1,000 bales of cotton has been received from Indian Territory by the Charlotte cotton mills.

Arrangements for a stock company to buy The Biblical Recorder are almost completed. J. William Bailey is to continue as editor.

Gen. Miles left Newbern last week for his home in Washington, after, he says, being delighted with his trip. He is commander of the United States army.

The Democratic members of the legislature will hold their joint caucus on the night of January 8, at which they will choose the speaker of the house and other officials. It is said there are four or five aspirants for the speakership.

The strawberry crop this year in the territory between Goldsboro and Wilmington was immense. The coming year it will be even greater. The North Carolina berries have by their excellence won a wide reputation in the north and west.

It seems probable that there will be a Virginia-North Carolina baseball league next season, with Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington and Charlotte or Tarboro in this State, and Richmond, Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk and Portsmouth in Virginia.

The Deep River gold mine, near High Point, has been sold to a New York company. The new company will mine both copper and gold, the former being found in abundance. The reported capital of the company is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The work will be pushed.

Some time ago the court gave damages to the amount of \$5,000 to a Greensboro woman, whose home was burned because the water pressure was so poor that the firemen could not get a stream. The water company had to pay the damages. Now there are fresh suits against it aggregating \$52,000.

The total increase in valuation of property for taxes this year is \$18,086,891.10, as follows: Real and personal \$17,938,366, telegraph and telephone \$47,643, express \$117,370; total \$18,103,379. There is a decrease of railroads of \$20,917, and steamboats and canals \$45,561; total decrease \$66,475.

At Henderson the 12-year-old boy of Ben Lassiter, colored, shot and probably fatally wounded his cousin, a 14-year-old girl, while playing with a toy air rifle. The bullet struck the girl in the temple and went through the skull, lodging on the brain. Drs. Harris and Bass were called in and pronounced the wound probably fatal.

Newbern Journal: Alpha, 18-year-old son of Mr. John Dixon, of Baird's Creek, while hauling logs last week, was thrown from the log carriage, on which two twelve inch logs were swung, and run over by one wheel. It passed over the central part of his body. He got up, walked home and died in six hours. The bereaved and needy parents have our sympathies.

Wilmington Messenger, Dec. 29: The Wilmington rice mill property on the north side of Chestnut street between Front and Walnut streets was closed out yesterday to Mr. H. Weil, of Goldsboro, president of the Carolina Rice Milling company. Mr. Adolph Oettinger, of New York, and their associates. The mill here was in the National Rice Milling company, with headquarters at New York, and it now goes into the hands of the Carolina Rice Milling company, with headquarters at Goldsboro. The nature of the deal was not disclosed.

The report of Adj. Gen. Royster shows the strength of the State guard, including the naval brigade, 1,905, which is 69 less than a year ago, but during the year three infantry companies and two naval divisions were disbanded. But a company at Greenville was organized and the Maxton company has just been reorganized and accepted. There are 33 companies with 1,516 officers and enlisted men; five divisions of the naval brigade, strength 223, and one artillery section, strength 23. The first Regiment has ten companies, the Second has eleven, the Third has twelve. The adjutant general recommends an appropriation for an arsenal and an appropriation for an annual encampment of at least 10 days, with pay and rations and the organization of two more light artillery detachments, one in the east and one in the west.

China to Accept the Demands.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—Chinese papers here state that the court has decided to accept the conditions of the powers, and this report is gaining credence, but nothing has yet been officially announced. It is asserted that the emperor has ordered the immediate despatch of Yu Hsien, formerly governor of Shan Si, who was previously degraded and banished.

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