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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

George Dixon, the colored pugilist, was knocked out in nine rounds by Eddie Lenny at Baltimore Friday night.

Fire at Winona, Miss., Friday destroyed six brick buildings. Total loss \$50,000; insurance \$30,000. The whole business part of the town was threatened at one time.

The department of state at Washington has concluded negotiations with the Pennsylvania Railroad company for the movement by special train of Prince Henry of Prussia and suite during the visit to the United States.

A naval retiring board has declined to recommend the retirement of Capt. Richmond P. Hobson. He claimed his eyes were effected. The physicians who examined him found that his eyes were not permanently injured and refused to recommend his retirement.

The senate committee on the judiciary has authorized a favorable report on Senator Hoar's joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, giving congress the power to designate some one to act as president in case of the disability of both the president and the vice president.

Plans for the consolidation of the Glucose Sugar Refining company, the National Starch company and several outside plants have made such progress that large stockholders in the glucose concern have been asked to sign an agreement that they will participate in the deal. The capital stock of the new company will be seven million dollars.

The mystery of the murder of Millionaire Cooper at St. Louis, Mo., has been cleared up. Saturday morning Wm. A. Strother, the negro attendant at the bath house where the crime was committed, cried out to Chief of Detectives Desmond: "Yes, I killed him; I killed him with the stone sledge hammer so I could rob him." The horrible murder occurred Monday night.

A dispatch from Pretoria announces that Lord Kitchener has authorized Gen. Viloner, a surrendered burgher, to raise an additional Boer corps of 1,500 men. Gen. Viloner has written a letter to President Steyn, warning the latter of his intention to form such a corps and adding that the Boers in the concentration camps are tired of the useless struggle and are determined to help the British end it.

An inquest was held Saturday over the remains of the miners killed in the Lost Creek coal mine in Iowa by the dust explosion Friday. The verdict was to the effect that men came to their death as a result of an explosion caused by a shot, fired by a miner named Andy Paah, one of those killed. Twenty-one bodies were taken from the mine Saturday, and one death occurred among the injured, making the total dead twenty-two.

Fire early Saturday morning at Mobile, Ala., in the wholesale district destroyed property to the value of \$300,000 and caused the death of Richard H. Vidner, a leading society man of Mobile, and Bat Thomas, a negro laborer from New Orleans. Three firemen were injured, two slightly and one painfully. Mr. Vidner and Thomas were assisting the firemen in subduing the flames and were caught by falling walls. Mr. Vidner was a prominent Hoo Hoo and was once vice gerent shark for Alabama.

The Democratic members of the house of representatives met in caucus in the hall of the house at 8 o'clock Friday evening, and after a short but spirited contest adopted resolutions declaring that they were without power to promulgate a platform of principles for the party owing to the binding character of the party platform heretofore regularly made at a national convention. The caucus also adopted the following: "Resolved, that the territories of Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico are entitled to statehood and should be admitted to the union on equal footing with the balance of the states, and we pledge the support of the Democrats in the house of representatives to such a bill.

The Henderson Telephone Company, Kinston News-Reporter.

Mr. F. C. Tooleman, superintendent of the Henderson Telephone company, was in town a few days ago looking after the interests of his company. The company now has double copper metallic circuit, and reaches out the east and south, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Greenville, Washington, Kinston, Dover, Trenton, Newbern, Morehead, Beaufort, and intermediate points. On the west and south, Warrenton, Henderson, Oxford, Durham, Clarksville and Chase City, Va., Franklinton, Lenoir and Raleigh. It now has 1,900 miles toll line, 26 exchanges, with nearly 3,000 subscribers, and covers a territory occupied by nearly 400,000 people.

Intense Fear Shows With Cancers. Candy Coughs, cure constipation, loosen the bowels. Dr. C. C. G. Hall, Druggists refund money.

The Reason.

A German professor who is given to great deliberation of speech and has never been known to increase its speed under the most compelling circumstances had an amusing experience in a restaurant not long ago.

The waiter had brought him raw oysters, and, to his dismay, he saw that the professor had apparently no intention of tasting them.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the German slowly, without raising his eyes to the anxious waiter. The man seized the plate and bore it out of sight in an instant. He was a new waiter, and it was with much trepidation that he laid the second supply of oysters before this discriminating patron.

"I cannot eat these oysters," said the professor after one glance at the plate which had been set before him.

"I—I think you'd find them all right, sir," faltered the waiter. "I don't think there's anything wrong about them, sir." He looked miserable, having been told that the German was a frequent and valued patron of the restaurant and must be well and quickly served.

"I cannot eat these oysters," announced the professor for the third time, with the calmness of a chorus in a tragedy. "because as yet you have furnished me no fork."—Youth's Companion.

The Public Taste.

Several kind Workers pooled their efforts to insure the Waifs a happy Holiday. They rounded up the little Hickeys at a Mission and gave them a Free Show. Every Swipes in the Place was a Monday Night Gallery God, so the Church Talent was going against a knowing Proposition.

A pale young man with amber fire Escapes sprang a line of Parlor Magic that would have queered even a Super Show. The Bunch advised him to back off the Dump. When a Young Lady with Glasses tackled "Stabat Mater" on the Violin they broke her up with Cat Calls and told her to tear off some Rag Time. They bleated at the Amateur Elocutionist and acted Rowdy when a Stout Woman got up to read a Fairy Tale from Hans Christian Andersen. Then they began to yell for Mulligan and Hicks to come on and save the Show. Whereupon two pug faced Kids came forward and did a Hotentot Song and Dance with a Buck and Wing finish that killed them dead.

Moral.—The Waifs cannot be expected to lift themselves many Notches above the Public Taste.—New York Herald.

A Testimonial Worth Having.

An inventor, having produced a wonderful hair invigorating fluid, sent a case of bottles to a bald editor, with a request for a testimonial. He got it in these terms:

"A little applied to the inkstand has given it a coat of bristles, making a splendid penwiper at a small cost. We applied the lather to a twopenny nail, and the nail is now the handsomest shaving brush you ever saw, with beautiful, soft hair growing from the end of it some five or six inches in length.

"Applied to doorsteps, it does away with the use of a mat; applied to the floor, it will cause to grow therefrom hair sufficient for a Brussels carpet. A little weak lather sprinkled over a shed makes it impervious to the wind, rain or cold. It is good to put inside children's cradles, sprinkle on the roadside or anywhere that luxurious grass is wanted for use or ornament. It produces the effect in ten minutes."—Collier's Weekly.

Africans Wash, but Never Wipe.

Great attention is given in most of the African tribes to the care of the body. The teeth are cleansed with a stick which has been chewed into a kind of brush. The hands are washed frequently, not by turning and twisting and rubbing them together one within the other, as with us, but by a straight up and down rubbing, such as is given to the other limbs. This manner of washing is so characteristic that an African might be distinguished by it from a European without reference to the color. The sun is their only towel.

Where It Didn't Count.

"Do you really think it paid to give Josh all this education?" asked Farmer Cornmossel.

"Course I do," answered the fond mother. "It's worth money to know better 'n to say 'crops are bad' instid o' 'crops is bad'."

"Well, if you say so, I reckon it's all right. But I can't say as I see how it kin make any difference in the crops."

SONG OF THE TREE TOP.

My love is the wind, and his heart is mine.
Here under the midnight sky
We sleep, and we dream in the starlit gleam
And wake to the sea bird's cry.
When the day comes back and the sails unfurl
As blue billows fluff into foam,
We laugh in delight at the hurricane's flight
And kiss when the ships come home.
—Herbert Randall in Connecticut Magazine.

UPSET BY AN UMBRELLA.

It Came Very Handy, but Made Three Men Miserable.

"Talking about stealing umbrellas," said a New Orleans business man. "I had a whimsical experience last week. One afternoon, when it was raining, I happened to see a very good umbrella in the hall, and—well, I annexed it, or rather I established a protectorate, intending to return it before night to the gentleman in the adjoining office, who, I supposed of course, was the owner.

"But somehow or other I didn't, and for several days I dodged him in and out of the building, feeling particularly uncomfortable and guilty. Finally he dropped in and, seeing the umbrella in the front office, walked off with it. I witnessed the incident unobserved from the rear room and naturally said nothing. Next day we encountered in the elevator, and he handed me the umbrella.

"Here's your parachute," he said. "I'll have to own up that I appropriated it yesterday, but it was raining, and the temptation was too strong for my morals."

"I took it rather gingerly and refrained from offering any explanation. That afternoon I set it just outside my door and had the satisfaction of seeing it disappear under the arm of an architect who is a prominent member of my church and generally regarded as a very moral man. Since then he has had pressing business whenever I have into sight, and I infer that he is suffering a duplicate of the pangs recently experienced by myself and my neighbor. The fellow who originally left it hasn't turned up, so I suppose that he, too, is a member of the robber band."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Saw How It Worked.

A scientific demonstration which caused some amusement is described in a recent number of The Criterion: "A certain physician had a large Toepler-Holtz machine which gave a spark like a young streak of lightning. His wife was much interested in it and watched the doctor manipulate it until she fancied herself master of the apparatus. One day a party of friends called when the doctor was out, and the good wife seized the opportunity of paralyzing them with her knowledge of science.

"She was a very dignified woman of portly presence, and, after leading them into the office, she began her explanation with all the impressiveness of a lecturer. She spoke briefly of the preliminary manipulation of the machine. 'And then,' she said, laying her hand upon one connection, 'the electricity goes from here to here; whereupon an angry white spark leaped out from the brass ball indicated with a report like a horse pistol and smote her upon the extended finger, causing her to sit upon the floor with a violence that shook the window panes.

"The guests stood around in expectant attitudes, looking at their fallen hostess in pardonable surprise. Only for a moment did that capable woman leave them in doubt. 'There!' said she, in the most matter of fact manner, as though events had simply followed the usual course. 'You see how it works. Now let's go into the garden and look at the chrysanthemums.'"

The Earliest Cigars.

The earliest mention of cigars in English occurs in a book dated 1735. A traveler in Spanish America named Cockburn, whose narrative was published in that year, describes how he met three friars at Nicaragua, who, he says, "gave us some seggars to smoke; * * * these are Leaves of Tobacco rolled up in such manner that they serve both for a Pipe and Tobacco itself; * * * they know no other way here, for there is no such thing as a Tobacco Pipe throughout New Spain."

Child Worth Millions.

"My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird, of Harrisburg, Pa. "yet I would have lost her by croup had I not purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." One Minute Cough Cure is a sure cure for croup, croup and throat and lung troubles. An absolutely safe cough cure which acts immediately. The youngest child can take it with entire safety. The little ones like the taste and remember how often it helped them. Every family should have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure handy. At this season especially it may be needed suddenly. J. E. Hood.

Long and Short Hair.

Homer wrote of the long haired Greeks by way of honorable distinction. Subsequently the Athenian cavalry and all Lacedaemonian soldiery wore long hair. The Parthians and ancient Persians wore long, flowing hair. The Franks and ancient Teutons considered long hair a mark of high birth. The Goths looked on long hair as a mark of honor and on short hair as a mark of thralldom. So did the Gauls, for which reason Julius Caesar, when he subdued them, obliged them to cut their hair short in token of submission.

In England judges, the speaker of the house of commons and at one time the bishops wore long hair, while criminals and paupers wore short hair. On the other hand, Jewish priests during their time of service had their hair cut once a fortnight, and Roman slaves wore their hair and beard long, but shaved their heads when manumitted. Sailors who escaped from shipwreck shaved their heads as if manumitted from the sea. In Ezekiel v. 1, there is mention of a "barber's razor," with instructions to "thou, son of man, take thee a barber's razor and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard."

Poetry and Hogs.

This particular practical wife looks like a dream, but she is right up to the mark in business. One day just as the frost was on the pumpkin he came in. "Darling," he began, "I have just been thinking this is a most memorable day in our lives, both yours and mine. Do you know what it recalls?"

"No," she declared.

"What! Not remember this particular date?" he asked in horror and reproach. "Oh, surely you must."

She said again that she didn't, though to oblige him she would if she could, and he bowed his head and looked sorrowfully out of the window at the swaying trees loaded with red leaves.

"Don't say it!" he exclaimed. "Don't tell me you have no recollection of the serious import of this day. Think! See how I am impressed by the recollection. Surely you recall it."

A dawning light spread over her face. "I believe I do," she cried joyously. "Yes, it was just this time we killed hogs last fall."

He gave a hollow groan and left the room of his too, too practical wife. It was their wedding anniversary.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Good Bargain.

Sheridan, the celebrated playwright, who was no sportsman, having gone one day on a shooting excursion, everything flew before him and his gun, despite his effort to secure something for his bag. On his return home with an empty bag he saw a man, apparently a farmer, looking at a flock of ducks in a pool.

"What will you take," said Sheridan, "for a shot at those ducks?"

The man looked at him with astonishment.

"Will half a crown do?"

The man nodded and Sheridan gave him the half crown, taking his shot at the ducks. About half a dozen fell dead. As he was preparing to bag them he said to the man: "I think on the whole I made a good bargain with you."

"Why," said the man, "they're none o' mine."

Russian Peasant Weddings.

A peasant wedding in Russia means a festival for the whole village and often for the young people from neighboring villages as well.

Weeks before the eventful day the young girls assemble at the home of the bride to help her sew. The bridegroom comes with his men friends to treat them to nuts and sweets. Appropriate songs are sung, and the bridegroom's generosity is put to the test. One of the girls holds out to him a plate, and if he puts down a silver coin they sing him a song full of compliments, but if he gives copper and is known to be able to afford more mockery follows. The whole village is invited to the marriage ceremony, which is performed with all the ancient superstitious rites and solemnities.—Youth's Companion.

Children Especially Liable.

Burns, bruises and cuts, are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not careful. As a remedy DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Draws out the fire, stops the pain, soon heals the wound. Beware of counterfeits. Sure cure for piles. "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my baby of eczema after two physicians gave her up," writes James Mock, N. Webster, Ind. "The sores were so bad she could not go to bed a day." J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' assembly met at Raleigh Friday. It fixed June 10th as the date of the next assembly, the place to be chosen later.

Gov. Aycock has received many requests for commutation in the case of the four men sentenced to hang February 6th at Asheville for burglary. Some of the letters are from the north. Thus far he has not replied to any of them.

Henderson Gold Leaf: Senator Pritchard showed political honesty and courage in standing up to Harry Skinner as he did in the face of strong party opposition. And for this he is entitled to the credit of not being without gratitude as most politicians are.

After being out all night the jury at Goldsboro, in the case of B. B. Raiford vs. Atlantic Coast Line on Saturday morning rendered a verdict for \$2,000 in favor of the plaintiff. Counsel for the defendant has appealed and the case will go to the supreme court.

Wilmington Messenger: North Carolina is credited with having increased her manufacturing productions from \$40,375,450 in 1890, to \$94,919,663. This is "pretty steep," if the figures may be trusted. It is an increase of 135 per cent., while the total average rate in the south showed but 59.9 increase.

The Raleigh Times says that a burglar visited three homes in Raleigh Friday night and in each instance went into rooms without waking the sleepers and carried off all the money which could be found. Yet after burglarizing three houses he got only about twelve dollars. So far no trace of the criminal has been found.

Charlotte Observer: King Severs, the negro man who took a teaspoonful of calomel at the advice of a neighbor, as noted in Tuesday's Observer, is dead and buried. His death occurred at 10 o'clock Wednesday night at his home on E. Sixth street. He was buried Thursday and the neighbor who had prescribed for him was in the funeral procession.

Greensboro Telegram: Hon. Cy Watson has been talking in a sort of undecided way about his being a candidate for the senate to succeed Senator Pritchard, but lately he has thrown all reservations to the winds and come out without any qualifications whatever. "Yes, sir," he said this morning to a Telegram reporter, "I will be a candidate."

Wilmington Star: The smallpox situation in Duplin and Sampson counties is a rather ridiculous turn. It seems that Warsaw had quarantined against the town of Clinton, and yesterday a drummer—an Englishman—who was not familiar with the way Americans do things, came over from the latter place and was immediately arrested and fined ten dollars. He refused to pay and was sent to Kenansville to jail. Kenansville refused to receive him and returned him to Warsaw. Before he was well on his way the authorities were called together and quarantined against Warsaw and will not allow the "suspect" to be sent back to jail. The Englishman would not pay his money, the authorities would not take his body, and the last time he was heard of no one would either take the responsibility of taking him or discharging him.

SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

January 24, 1902.

The steamboat Goldsboro was here Friday.

Dances and candy pullings seem to be the order of the day.

Our friend Mr. Virgil A. Rountree, of Kinston, was on our streets one day this week.

Mr. Oscar Hardy visited near here Sunday. He was as charming as ever, so say the ladies.

The work being done by the students of the Seven Springs High School is very gratifying to its teachers.

Mr. J. J. Ivey has about completed a nice store in our little town. We are glad to note this improvement.

Several visitors have arrived this week from various sections of the State, and are stopping at the Seven Springs Hotel.

Because of the absence of the vice president the "Winking Society" failed to have a regular meeting. The president of that organization is doubtless very much disappointed.

A Profitable Investment.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half the time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$1,000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. J. E. Hood.