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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Ex-Congressman Chas. F. Sprague, of Massachusetts, died at a sanitarium in Providence, R. I., Thursday.

The pop corn king of the world is Mr. Scarff, of Illinois, who last year raised 1,800 bushels. It cost him about a dollar a bushel to raise, sort and shell it.

A rumor that Charles M. Schwab has resigned as president of the United States Steel corporation went through Wall street Thursday, but it was unqualifiedly denied by J. P. Morgan.

In a head-end collision between two freight cars on the Southern railway Thursday at Anniston, Ala., John Rodgers, of Birmingham, a brakeman, was killed and five others were injured.

J. C. Johnson, a well known druggist of Roanoke, Va., has received a postal card warning him that if he does not deposit \$1,000 in greenbacks at a certain place by a stated time he will be killed. There is no clue to the writer.

The secretary of the treasury Friday announced that the amount of gold in the United States vaults is \$545,876,305, the highest amount in the history of the treasury. The maximum November 14 last year was \$544,828,796.

A special from Washington says: The ways and means committee, by unanimous vote Thursday, instructed Chairman Payne to prepare a bill repealing all the war revenue taxes except the tax on mixed flour. The action taken was in the form of a resolution to the effect that the bill should provide for the remaining war taxes, to take effect on July 1st, 1902, except that the repeal of the duty on tea should go into effect January 1, 1903.

Frankfort, Ky., is threatened with the worst flood in her history. The Kentucky river continues to rise at a rate of ten inches an hour. The lower parts of the city are already submerged, forcing the occupants of houses in that part of the city to the upper stories, and the biggest part of the flood, the thirty-foot rise from Beattyville, has not yet reached there. Electric light and power are gone and great havoc has been played with trees and other property.

A special dispatch from Washington announces that a caucus of Republican members of the house was called Thursday by Representative Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the caucus committee, to be held next Monday night in the hall of the house. The purpose of the caucus is to consider the question of the election of a new speaker and to determine what action, if any, shall be taken on the proposed Crumpacker bill, reducing southern representation in congress, or the Gibson bill, making stringent regulation for the election procedure.

Edward and John Biddle, awaiting execution at the county jail at Pittsburg, Pa., for the murder of Grover Thomas D. Kahney, of Mount Washington, overpowered the guards at 4 o'clock Thursday morning and escaped. Both prisoners had been provided with saws with which they cut the bars in their cells and were ready at any moment to make an opening sufficiently large to pass through. The prisoners occupied adjoining cells on the second range. They had evidently been preparing for their escape for some time and had assistance from outside, as both were armed with revolvers. They were captured Friday after a bloody battle.

The crew of a freight train on the Plant system at Savannah, Ga., Thursday found the dead and charred body of an unknown white man near the track near Ways station, a few miles from Savannah. The skull of the body had been crushed and a railroad couple pin with blood on it lay near. Lightwood sticks had been piled on the body and set afire. The dead man's hand and arms protruding from the pyre revealed his color. Near the scene was a small ash-pile, as of tramps' camp. Persons at Ways recalled having seen a strange white man and three negroes pass late Wednesday. There is no clue to any of the parties concerned. An investigation has been started.

Cotton Market. Futures on the New York cotton exchange closed today as follows: February 8.05, March 8.08, May 8.12. Spot cotton on the Kinston market 7 1/2.

Affairs at Panama. Panama, Colombia, Jan. 30.—The fleet of the Colombian government, composed of the gunboats Boyaca and Chucuito, and the armed launch General Canpo, sailed from here last night, having received orders to communicate with the Colombian General Canpo by all means. An engagement between the vessels of the government and the fleet of the Colombia Liberals will probably take place near Yengala, the place where the government and Liberal vessels had an encounter yesterday.

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## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Duplin Journal: If the weather will remain fair a few more weeks our farmers will be far on the way with their work. It is a noticeable fact that more good is being done thus far in the year than has been for many years before in January.

It is said that Prof. Atz, who was last season on the Raleigh baseball team, will teach the national game to the team at Wake Forest. Prof. Kelley is in that line at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prof. Stockdale at Trinity, and Prof. Aschenback at Chapel Hill. College ball will be one of the spring delights.

Homeless, without money and with no prospect of work Patrick Gorman, an aged white man, attempted suicide on the streets of Raleigh Friday morning. He was found on the street by an officer. He was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he had shot himself. He will recover. The old man went to Raleigh from Massachusetts where he had worked in the cotton mills, but could find no work there.

Charlotte special to Raleigh Post: Miss Mary Conner, an employe at a steam laundry here, was assaulted last Thursday night by an unknown man who came up from behind, touching her on the shoulder. When she asked the man what he meant he slapped her three times on the face and placed his hand over the girl's mouth to prevent her screaming. The girl finally released herself and ran home. Her assailant dropped an umbrella in the scuffle. The police now have this.

The current issue of the Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal contains a comparative statement showing the movement of strawberries in crates to the different markets from eastern North Carolina during the seasons of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901. In refrigerator cars were shipped in 1897, 110,404 crates; in 1898, 189,758; in 1899, 228,487, and in 1901, 268,288. It will be seen that there is a marked increase each year except in the last which comes second. By express were shipped during the season of 1901, 55,809 crates. The points to which North Carolina berries have been shipped have increased in number each year. In 1897 they were marketed at 14 distinct points; in 1898, at 24; in 1899, at 38; in 1900, at 39; in 1901, at 43.

Goldboro Cor. Charlotte Observer: A prominent Democrat from Carteret county, speaking of the congressional race in the third district, said that Charles L. Abernethy, Esq., is gaining ground every day in the contest. The county of Carteret is behind his candidacy and will push it vigorously. His friends are getting encouraging reports from all over the district favorable to him. He made many friends in the judicial convention three years ago at Wallace, when he only lacked a few votes of being the nominee for solicitor in the sixth judicial district and he withdrew from the contest for the sake of harmony. His canvass in the last campaign as presidential elector and his services to the Democratic party in the eastern part of the State will make him a strong and formidable candidate and his friends have confidence in his being able to win.

Wedding Out Census Employees. Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Several hundred employees of the census bureau received their discharges today and as many more are expected to go during the month. This is in line with the department's intention to reduce the present force of about 2,800 down to the 600 or 700 contemplated in the permanent census movement.

Good Intentions Go Astray. Buffalo Times. A country editor wrote a nice little puff for a leading milliner, in which he was glad to see her "stocking up," says an exchange. Meeting the scribe on the street the next day the milliner soaked him with her parasol and threatened to tell his wife. The unsophisticated editor has never been able to find out what was wrong with his item.

An Old Hand. "What was the first thing your husband said when you got started on your wedding journey?" "Excuse me while I go forward and have a smoke. You know it was the third time for him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Experienced. He—Your friend, Miss Dashway, has quite a military air about her. She—No wonder. She has participated in no fewer than seventeen engagements.—Chicago News.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years, and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy."—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

### BRINGS BAND TO PLAY HERE

Prince Henry Tells Its Master to Practice American Airs Daily Count von Seckendorf, marshal or the court, who will accompany Prince Henry of Prussia to America, writes to an American friend here that the prince and the members of his suit are delighted at the idea of their trip to America and talk of nothing else. says a Berlin dispatch to the New York Journal. Seckendorf says he will be delighted to renew the acquaintances he made on his visits to San Francisco and other cities in 1869 and 1872, of which he has the pleasantest recollections.

The kaiser is taking the greatest pains in perfecting the details of the trip and interesting himself personally in everything. He selected himself the silverware to be used on the Hohenzollern in New York, and the value of the plate selected is reputed to be half a million dollars. The most valuable piece lent by the kaiser is the silver table service of fifty pieces presented to him by ninety-six German cities when, as prince, he was married. This service is said to be worth \$100,000 and to be the most magnificent and valuable in the world.

The foreign office declines to give the names of the prince's suit. The German press is deeply interested in the trip, and the leading papers of Berlin and other big cities are sending special correspondents.

The bandmaster of the Second Naval Division Music corps has received special instruction from Prince Henry to practice daily during the voyage, playing favorite American airs. The band consists of forty picked men from the eighty-four constituting the Second Division corps. The band has received permission to go ashore in the United States in parade uniform and give several private concerts.

### RUSSIAN NOBLES HARD UP.

Startling Financial Condition of Landed Proprietors.

Some official figures, just published by the committee of the agrarian banks, throw a rather startling light upon the financial condition of Russian landed proprietors, says the New York Post. At the beginning of 1899 the advances made by these banks on the estates of the nobility and other proprietors amounted to 1,351,518,884 rubles. In the fourteen agrarian banks, the chief of which is the Banque de la Noblesse, the number of estates mortgaged was 89,084, covering a gross area of 43,507,745 dessiatines (a dessiatine equals 2,697 acres). During the five years 1895-99 the indebtedness of the proprietors to the banks increased by 307,000,000 rubles, and the number of mortgaged estates was augmented by 22,675. The private debts (second and third mortgages) on the whole of these insolvent estates brings the total liabilities up to about two and a half milliards of rubles.

The report for the last two years, not yet published, will show an enormous increase in the general insolvency of the Russian proprietors. In the government of Kherson alone the Banque de la Noblesse holds mortgages over 3,303,206 dessiatines of land owned by the nobility to the amount of 153,798,450 rubles. Of 65,000,000 acres of landed property held by the nobles in south Russia and the Baltic provinces three years ago 23,000,000 have since passed under the auctioneer's hammer.

The agrarian banks are in a dilemma. They cannot work the estates upon which they foreclose, and they can only dispose of the majority of them at a loss. Only a few weeks ago sixty-three estates owned by nobles were sold by auction at Kharkov, and in scarcely a single case had the expropriated proprietor any balance to receive.

### Something That Will Do You Good.

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