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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The St. Louis exposition will cover nearly two square miles of ground.

It is practically agreed that the southern baseball season will open on April 14th.

Vice Admiral Jose Montejo, who commanded the Spanish fleet at Manila, is dead.

Prince Galatzin was killed Saturday in a duel with his brother-in-law, Count Tschernadoff, in Paris.

"Eddylem" as Christian Science is called in Germany, is the latest fad there. The Kinsel is deeply hostile to it.

President Schwab, of the billion dollar steel trust, denies that he entered into a syndicate arrangement with European steel firms.

A British force surprised and captured a Boer force—numbering 121 men—at Grinsfontein Thursday. A number of men on both sides were killed and wounded.

Fire in the big car works of the Rock Island, Kas., railroad on Saturday caused the death of two persons and the destruction of a quarter million dollars' worth of property.

James M. Duncan, a member of the police force of Atlanta, was shot fatally by his wife Saturday evening while he was in the act of leveling his pistol at her. He was drunk.

At the world's fair to be held at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903, in commemoration of the Louisiana purchase, \$200,000 will be given in prizes to inventors and exhibitors of air ships.

Two negro soldiers were hanged in the Philippines Friday. The sentences were imposed by military commissions by which they were tried and convicted of deserting to the enemy.

Morris Reiman, deceased, who lived in Chicago, gave \$1,000 to have Robert Ingersoll's lectures distributed among Christians, as he expressed in his will "that they might become civilized."

C. M. Cole and Henry Reynolds were killed and G. W. White was seriously injured in Atlanta, Ga., Friday by the breaking of a scaffold. They were painting the interior of a building fifteen feet from the ground.

The senate committee on public buildings and grounds has reported favorably the following bills for public buildings: Selma, Ala., \$100,000; New Orleans, La., \$250,000; Durham, N. C., \$100,000; Georgetown, S. C., \$100,000; Memphis, Tenn., (additional) \$250,000.

A fatal blasting accident occurred on the new cut-off of the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad, near Greenville Pa., Saturday evening. One man is missing and probably dead, four are fatally injured and seven are suffering from fractured limbs and ribs and internal injuries.

A brief was filed Friday by Admiral Sampson's counsel protesting against the claim that Schley was in supreme command at the battle of Santiago. The president will consider the protest in connection with Admiral Schley's appeal and the navy department's comment.

It is officially announced that Mrs. Jefferson Davis will go to Jackson, Miss., to greet the legislature that will assemble in the historic capitol. It is understood that Beauvoir, her old home on the Gulf coast, will be purchased by the state and converted into a home for indigent Confederates.

The National Cotton Seed Delinting company, of Baltimore, capital \$1,000,000, to manufacture machines for delinting cotton and to manufacture cotton seed oil, has filed a certificate of incorporation. The incorporators are Charles Eagan, William A. Ragsdale, Baltimore, and J. C. Gray, Wilmington, Del.

Edward Burton, superintendent of the S. A. L. railway shops at Fernandina, Fla., was shot and killed in his office Saturday morning by D. M. Sylvester, an employee. Sylvester objected to non-union labor employed in the shops and the killing was the outcome of a bitter quarrel and the discharge of Sylvester.

The Shadbolt Mfg. Co's factory in Brooklyn, N. Y. was destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 1 o'clock. The concern manufactured carriages and automobile trucks. Eighteen horses perished in the flames. The loss to the Shadbolt company is estimated at \$200,000. One floor of the building was leased to J. K. Parker & Co., manufacturers of waists. The loss to this firm is placed at \$15,000. Half a dozen firemen were hurt. Three may die.

The illness of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has changed very greatly the plans of the president for his trip to Charleston to visit the exposition there. The trip possibly may have to be abandoned altogether, but the present purpose is to make a flying visit to the exposition and return immediately after the most important functions in which it has been arranged the presidential party should participate. No ladies will accompany the presidential party, owing to the absence of Mrs. Roosevelt and the hurried nature of the modified arrangements.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

W. B. Croom Appointed Fence Committeeman. Jurors Drawn for March Term Superior Court. Payments Ordered.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session at the court house in Kinston, Monday, February 3d, that being the first Monday in said month. Present, B. W. Canady, chairman, D. W. Wood and A. W. Whitfield.

Bills of sale were made to the county by I. P. Sutton for 250 panels of fence and J. W. Sutton for 240 panels.

Ordered by the board that W. B. Croom be and is hereby appointed fence committeeman for the upper part of Neuse township.

Ordered by the board that Warren Kilpatrick be released from poll tax for the year 1901 on account of his faithful services in case of fire.

Ordered by the board that the new road asked for and described in the minutes of the December meeting, 1901, crossing the lands of J. W. Grainger and others be accepted as a public road, same having been put in good condition.

The following names were drawn as jurors for the March term of superior court.

FIRST WEEK.

W. T. Kennedy, J. F. Joyner, Staten Sugg, J. M. Fordham, S. B. Taylor, G. F. Parrott, J. B. Maxwell, Geo. West, J. W. Dawson, Jr., C. W. Pridgen, J. F. Hooker, J. T. Heath, D. W. Whitfield, B. T. Langston, E. W. Jackson, Sam Smith, H. L. Pate, K. R. Tunstall, Wilson Hodges, J. J. Croom, Geo. O. Brown, Amos Smith, H. B. Wooten, I. G. Powell, Jesse P. Bruton, A. W. Taylor, J. W. Dixon, Jesse Harper, W. B. Avery, C. E. Phillips, Ira D. Hines, Durham Outlaw, R. B. Alexander, D. H. Johnson, Bryant Davenport, W. T. Cox.

SECOND WEEK.

I. B. Perry, H. C. V. Peebles, F. R. Hodges, A. A. Albritton, Jno. O. Hill, T. A. Faulkner, E. B. Furgerson, Berkeley Smith, Jno. T. Aldridge, Geo. Abbott, Oscar Hardy, L. C. Turnage, H. P. Loftin, Jno. D. Warters, W. T. Moseley, M. H. Alexander, J. R. Jones, J. H. Mitchell. The following amounts were ordered paid out of the general county fund: J. B. Temple, aged and infirm, \$198 50; Sallie A. Heath, pauper, 3.00; Edwards & Broughton, books, 18.00; Matilda Cox, pauper, 1.00; Kinston Free Press, acct. filed, 23.72; M. L. Tyndal, poll tax refunded, 2.45; J. D. Gardner, keeping iron bridge, 7.00; Temple-Marston Drug Co., acct. filed, 1.15; Margaret Marsh, pauper, 1.00; Geo. W. Waters, acct. filed, 2.20; J. B. Carter, for pauper, 2.00; O. W. Gaekins, acct. filed, 3.25; Hines Bros. Lumber Co., acct. filed, 6.09; Ira Smith, acct. filed, 2.00; Dr. H. O. Hyatt, smallpox expense, 8.35; Herman Sutton, tax refunded, 2.78; Junius Stevenson, express, 1.25; Dr. H. O. Hyatt, 1 day on health board, 2.00; Dr. V. E. Weyher, 1 day on health board, 2.00; J. F. Ballard, work on jail, 15.00; J. C. Wagner, tax refunded, 7.20; Moore & Parrott, acct. filed, 7.25; D. W. L. Wilkins, coffin for pauper, 3.00; Dr. C. L. Pridgen, medical acct., 9.30; John Foss, coffin for pauper, 3.00; F. B. Fields, coffin for pauper, 3.00; A. L. Waller, jail acct., 80.15; Geo. W. Garris, poll tax, 2.45; D. W. Wood, 2 days as commissioner, 25 miles travel, 6.50; B. W. Canady, 2 days as commissioner, 15 miles travel, 5.50; A. W. Whitfield, 3 days as commissioner, 23 miles travel, 8.30; W. D. Suggs, 2 days as clerk, 57 orders and acct. filed, 20.30; J. W. Grainger, 1 day as finance committeeman, 2.00; W. C. Fields, 1 day as finance committeeman, 2.00; L. Harvey, 1 day as finance committeeman, 2.00; J. H. Rouse, arrest, etc., 1.75; Warren Kilpatrick, poll tax refunded, 2.45; The following amounts were ordered paid out of the road tax fund: Oettinger Bros., supplies for road force, 9.48; Neuse Milling Co., feed for road team, 17.50; J. D. Harper, work on road, .50; Geo. Turner, work on road, 4.95; Stephen McCoy, keeping ferry, 2.00; L. M. Hardy, work on road, 8.70; H. F. Brooks, turning Edwards draw, 5.70; Moore & Hooker, supplies for road force, 29.89; N. B. Wooten, road account, 91.95; Ben Herring, keeping Hardy bridge, 4.75; S. L. Fordham, feed for county team, 18.46; The following amounts were ordered paid out of the no fence fund: C. O. M. Daugherty, work on fence, 4.00; J. B. Whitfield, work on fence, 32.91; J. S. W. Pearce, work on fence, 9.38; Daniel Hines, work on fence, 1.05; W. S. Fields, work on fence, 75.00; I. P. Sutton, work on fence, 36.60; J. W. Sutton, work on fence, 28.75; C. B. Taylor, fence committeeman, 1.50; J. H. Taylor, work on fence, 8.06; Walter Sutton, work on fence, 10.53; W. D. Suggs, Clerk.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Burglars are active in a large number of counties in the State.

The postmaster at Line is short \$100 in his accounts with the department and is in trouble.

Harry Skinner was sworn in last week as U. S. district attorney, to succeed Claud Bernard.

The case against J. H. Gorham, at Statesville, charged with embezzling in connection with the Long case last May, was put on trial Thursday, ending Saturday in a verdict of "not guilty."

Greenville Reflector: Our Bethel correspondent reports the first case of smallpox in Pitt county, and even this may prove without foundation. A telephone message last night says there is a well developed case a little this side of Robertsonville.

Newbern Journal: The residence of Mr. Joel Kinsey, who lives about 17 miles from here, on Neuse road, was burned Thursday night, the building being completely destroyed. The furniture, stables and barn were saved. The loss is total, there being no insurance.

The State board of education at Raleigh on Saturday refused to extend Rev. Baylus Cade's option on State swamp lands in Carteret. He, as attorney for a syndicate, offered to pay 60 cents per acre for lands in blocks of 50,000 acres and the same price for smaller blocks.

It has been denied by Republicans in Raleigh that charges had been filed against Revenue Collector Duncan. The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger says a Raleigh Republican has been advised that charges against Mr. Duncan have been received in Washington, D. C.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley were given an ovation at Asheville Friday afternoon on their way from Knoxville to Washington. The train stopped twenty minutes, and during that time Mrs. Schley was presented with a large bouquet by local Knights Templar and the admiral spoke briefly to the throng at the station.

There will be a conference in Raleigh on February 13th of some twenty of the leading educators of the State with the governor and superintendent of public instruction, in order to consider plans for strengthening the rural public schools. Consolidation will be strongly suggested, as one of several things necessary to be done.

Upon the request of court officials and citizens of Haywood county, Gov. Aycock on Saturday pardoned Jason Lorraine of Haywood, who was sentenced last August to a term of fifteen months on the roads. In view of the fact that Lorraine is quite an old man his sentence was thought to be excessive for the crime of which he was convicted.

The sixteen-year-old son of D. M. Christenburgh accidentally, and probably fatally shot his fifteen-year-old sister, a short distance from Tarboro Friday afternoon. He snapped the gun at some birds flying over the house. The weapon was not discharged until taken from his shoulder. The load went through the window where the girl was standing and entered her body in the region of the liver.

A special to the Charlotte Observer from Greensboro says that Judge Boyd has declined the motion made by officers and a majority of the stockholders of the corporation to vacate the order appointing receivers for the Worth Manufacturing company. This company owns and operates three cotton mills in Randolph county. The case has been hotly contested. It now goes to the United States circuit court of appeals.

Senator Simmons on Friday secured the passage by the senate of the Winston public building bill. The bill pays Forsyth county \$135,000 for that county's court house, and appropriates an additional \$25,000 to fit it up for federal purposes. It also sells to Forsyth county the lot in Winston, previously purchased as a site for a government building, for \$3,800. This was quite a victory for Senator Simmons, who has worked very hard for this bill.

Milton Reid, of Charlotte, has been arrested for bigamy and jailed. He was arrested the very day that he took unto himself the second Mrs. Reid. Reid was married first in 1887, and his wife is living in the country with their four children, all boys. The woman he married Saturday was Mrs. Eddie Trull, whose husband died just four months ago. However, she had been separated from him for several years previous. She knew that her bridegroom had a wife living, but thought that they had been separated so long that it did not count. Reid says that he had been away from his first wife a long time and he loved the second woman so he thought that it would be all right for them to wed.

Louisburg Times: Mr. Alfred Faison, of Pilot, this county, was in town Saturday and brought the news of a brutal attack made upon him a few days ago, by Harvey Williams, a negro. The negro went up to Mr. Faison's gate and asked him for change for a half dollar.

Not having it convenient the negro asked him out to talk with him. They walked together a few steps, when the negro stepped back and struck him back of the head with a rock which felled him to the ground. The robber at once ripped open Mr. Faison's pants pockets and proceeded to rob him. He succeeded in getting a pocket book containing \$4 out of one pocket, but before he could rob the other pocket, in which was a book containing \$70, some one came up and the brute ran off and is still at large. The blow was very painful and stunned Mr. Faison for some time, though he is not dangerously hurt. Efforts are being made to capture the negro.

Washington was visited by a disastrous fire Saturday afternoon. It started in the Atlantic Coast Line depot, which was destroyed. The fire spread and burned the wholesale house of E. Peterson & Co., whose loss is about \$25,000, with \$9,000 insurance. The H. Shuman Furniture company lost one warehouse, their damage being \$4,000 to \$5,000. Several other small buildings were burned and others more or less damaged. The total loss is estimated at \$70,000, only partially insured. The telephone exchange lost about \$1,000. At 9:25 Saturday night the wall of the Peterson building fell on a colored salesman by the name of Ed Peed. He died from his injuries. It was thought at one time that the entire business portion of the town would be consumed, and telegrams were sent to the fire companies at Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Greenville for aid, but the home company got the fire under control just as the engines were put on special trains and were ready to leave for Washington.

Preparing Costly Furs.

When a master workman in a fur manufactory is cutting up skins, he is literally cutting money. Skins once passed for frontier money, but their value is now much greater than in the early days, and it would be less costly to cut a garment from ten dollar bills than to cut it from some skins.

The cutting is quite an interesting feature of the work. To prepare a mink or sable, for example, the skin must be slashed into strings, narrow pieces, more or less irregular in shape, which are afterward sewed together. There may be a thousand pieces in a single cloak, the new and beautiful skins being literally cut to pieces before they are manufactured. The object of this is to lengthen the skins. The sable, for example, say two feet in length, will be drawn out to four feet and all its markings preserved, so that it looks like a very long, but well proportioned, skin. The original skin is so cut to pieces that it may all be "matched" again in the elongated shape.—World's Work.

A Wild Ride.

A peasant was recently gathering dry wood in a forest near Kastamuni when a bear suddenly appeared before him. The frightened man sought refuge in the branches of a tree, which broke, and the peasant fell at the feet of the bear. Bruin was quite overcome with surprise, so much so that the peasant, who preserved his presence of mind, was instantly astride the bear, using his ears as a bridle. The bear tried ineffectually to throw him and then, starting on a wild run, issued from the forest and approached a village. The rider shouted loudly for help, and in a few minutes the whole population turned out armed with guns and scythes. A crack shot fired a bullet into the bear's head, and the peasant was able to leave his mount unhurt.—Kastamuni (Turkey) Official Journal.

New Light on an Old Subject.

The man who had been kicked by a mule and was quoted as saying he "considered the source" was speaking of it afterward to some of the other fellows.

"I wouldn't care," he said, "if there hadn't been so much fuss made over it, as if it was a bright thing for anybody to say, but the honest truth is that I never said anything of the kind. When you're kicked by a mule, you're not in a frame of mind for considering things. What I really said was: 'You derned old beast! If I had a gun and you were somebody else's mule and it wasn't against the law to shoot inside the corporation I'd blow your derned old head off, dern you!'"—Chicago Tribune.

A Most Gentle Touch.

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," said Markley. "That's the Golden Rule, and I believe in it too. Don't you?" "Well," replied Borrowoughs, "if I did I'd be offering to lend you \$10 this minute."—Philadelphia Press.

To a woman it seems easy for a man to make money. To a man it seems easy for a woman to be amiable.—Atchison Globe.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

A HORSELESS PROPOSITION.

I have a fine Mule, Harness and Buggy that I wish to sell for cash or on time with good security. The Mule, Buggy and Harness are in good condition. The Mule is gentle, a good driver and will work to anything. Come and look them over. C. E. SPEAR.

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