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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Orphean theatre, in Chicago, was damaged by fire Sunday to the extent of \$35,000.

It is given out in Cleveland that the Big Four railroad is soon to enter Pittsburg by way of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie.

The great East Street shops, built by Wm. Whitely, at Springfield, O., at a cost of \$2,000,000, were destroyed by fire Monday.

Gen Fitzhugh Lee lectured in Chicago Monday night to an immense audience. His subject was "Peace and War in the United States and Cuba."

Lord Kitchener reports to the war office that last week was the liveliest week with the heaviest losses by both the British and Boers for several months past.

A dispatch from Canton, China, announced that the Berlin Missionary society's buildings at Fayen, near Canton have been burned by an anti-Christian mob. The missionaries escaped.

An old woman died at Middleton a day or two ago who was supported by charity and was supposed to be a pauper. In rumaging about her house after the burial \$10,000 in money was found hidden in different places.

Daniel Daly, a prominent citizen, well connected, from Sisterville, W. Va., committed suicide at the St. Mary's infirmary, Hot Springs, Ark., by cutting his jugular vein with a small pen-knife. His health is assigned as the cause.

Miss Mae Geiger and Mr. Herbert Nock, while skating arm-in-arm on Onancock creek, near Taylor's mills, in Accomac county, Va., broke through the ice and were drowned. Nock, it is said, could have saved himself, but lost his life in a desperate effort to rescue his companion.

A special from London says: In the house of commons last week the war secretary, Mr. Broderick, said that the number of horses purchased during the war totalled 456,088, of which 77,101 came from the United States and 11,364 from Canada. In addition about 89,705 horses had been captured in South Africa.

Since December, 1899, according to official reports there have been in Manila 778 cases of bubonic plague, of which 618 proved fatal. As rats are charged with propagating it, persistent warfare has been waged against the rats. Forty native rat catchers are constantly employed in poisoning, trapping and otherwise killing the rodents.

The Coca-Cola company, of Atlanta, has won a \$10,858.86 suit against the government in the federal court for sums collected on the output of that concern as war taxes during the late war. The government held that Coca-Cola was a proprietary medicine, while its makers contended that it was a beverage. The manufacturers feel encouraged, as \$30,000 additional is involved.

Vice-President Frank C. Andrews, of the City Savings Bank at Detroit, Mich., was arrested Monday afternoon and arraigned that night on the charge of "willfully, fraudulently and knowingly" securing from the bank, without security and without the knowledge of the directors, a sum exceeding \$1,000,000. He was released on \$10,000 bail, and his examination was set for February 21st.

Negotiations between the United States government and the government of Russia relative to Manchuria are progressing. The attitude of the Russian government in this matter has shifted materially. In the first place a treaty was drawn up between Russia and China providing for the evacuation of Manchuria by the Russian troops. This treaty contained a great many rather complex guarantees in Russia's favor, but a singularly objectionable proviso was one placing the Russo-Chinese bank in practical control of the commercial and material interests of Manchuria. It was quickly perceived that the provision if executed would practically exclude Americans from competition in Manchuria, which is particularly valuable as a market for our manufactured cottons. Apparently our representations were effectual, for the objectionable proviso touching the Russo-Chinese bank was withdrawn from the treaty. However, it has been discovered that the Russian government, following a practice known in European diplomacy has drawn up a secret agreement with China conferring upon the Russo-Chinese bank all of the powers contained in the original treaty proviso. Therefore, the United States has renewed its objections, not only addressing itself to the Russian government but making a very strong protest to the government of China.

The Rebuilding of Paterson.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 11.—Wherever the debris is sufficiently cooled workmen are busy today clearing away sites preparatory to rebuilding. Steps were taken today to revive the Paterson board of trade and the business men's association, and to formulate a definite plan to be followed in rebuilding the city.

MARRIAGE MECCA IS NO MORE.

House at Bristol, Tenn., in Which Parson Burroughs Married 2,000 Couples Has Collapsed.

Danville, Va., Dec.

Parson Burroughs' famous marriage Mecca in Bristol, Tenn., is no more. One wall of the Nickells House fell on Saturday afternoon. Three bed rooms were wrecked and the remainder of the building was damaged to such an extent as to make it unfit for occupancy until it is repaired. J. W. Webb, the clerk, had just left his room in it when it went down, smashing the beds and other furniture.

The Nickells House is one of the oldest in Bristol and famous over the country as a marriage Mecca. Couples from Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and other states have bled themselves thither in the past decade, and against parental objections have been married by the famous parson.

Recently Parson Burroughs married his two thousandth couple, all of whom, with rare exceptions, had eloped. After the marrying, if desired, they could spend their honeymoon at the Nickells House, which is conducted by the parson. One night two weeks ago Parson Burroughs married four couples before daylight, all coming from different towns. He stood in the centre and all joined hands about him. He has officiated in many sensational weddings and has never failed to score a victory for cupid even if the bride's father was only 200 feet behind. He always assists in smoothing over the bad feelings after the ceremony and frequently bride, groom and bride's father leave together in a happy mood. The Nickells House has been regarded as unsafe for some time and the collapse is no great surprise.

The Natural Remedy.

There is an old negro in Washington who believes that the art of healing is a "gift" not to be acquired. A friend who knew his point of view recently attempted to draw him out.

"You say you're a natural doctor. Uncle Enos. Now, what would you recommend in a case of ague?"

Uncle Enos leaned on his broom in silence for a moment lost in thought, but when he spoke it was with the calm assurance of an oracle.

"De bee' medicine for de ague would be an efflorescent powder to puff out de skin an' lift it off de bones. When de skin is drawn tight over de bones an' de ague begins to shrink it, de bones jes' natchelly painful an' acheful, sah. But de efflorescent powder it fizes an' fizes inside an' puff out de skin an' obliivate de difficulty in a sho't time, sah."

Women and Seasickness.

Men are less subject to seasickness than women, according to an old sea captain, but when attacked by it make more fuss. They take immediately to their berths, where they grumble and groan until they are well enough to go on deck again.

A woman fights the unpleasant malady until she can fight no longer. Then she becomes maudlin and pathetic. She retires to her room and invariably asks three questions—first, whether people die of seasickness; then, how many miles we are from shore, and when we shall get there. The doctor is always talked over. When the patient gets so ill that she loses interest in the doctor, she usually lies on her side and cries by the hour. —London Doctor.

She Was Fret.

The small boy had been warned by his nurse as to the awful result of biting his nails.

"If you bite your nails," she said, "you will swell out like an air balloon and burst."

The small boy believed, took heed and didn't bite his nails any more. The small boy went to a children's party, where he stood and gazed at the hostess for some minutes in silence. Then he spoke.

"You bite your nails," he said.

Nothing More to Be Said.

"My wife always lets me have the last word," remarked the meek looking man.

"Indeed?" exclaimed his friend in tones which implied a doubt of the other's veracity.

"She does, really. Whenever I say, 'Yes, my dear, you are quite right,' she stops talking immediately." —New York Herald.

The Doctor's Call.

Hunt—I have seen Dr. Pellet's carriage at your house three or four times lately. It has alarmed me greatly.

Turner—Nobody's sick. Pellet merely called to collect a bill. Nothing serious, I assure you.

Roumanian mothers tie red ribbons around the ankles of their children to keep them from harm.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The Jarrel Hotel, at High Point, was damaged several thousand dollars by fire Monday.

The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Co., of London, has applied for license to do business in North Carolina.

W. A. Martin, who shot and killed William Kelly, at Huntersville, Yadkin county, last Sunday, has not been arrested.

H. F. Brown, for four years office deputy in United States Marshal Dockery's office at Raleigh, has resigned. John C. Dockery, son of the marshal, succeeds him.

A charter was granted Monday for the Southport Land Co., authorized capital stock \$100,000. The promoters are said to be anticipating the development of Southport as a coal station.

Mr. Henry Pender, formerly of Tarboro, sustained a serious, not fatal accident in Norfolk. In his sleep he climbed out of his window on the third floor of his boarding house. His arm was broken and his skull was fractured.

Raleigh Post: A large textile mill is to be established just below Asheville, on the French Broad river. At a meeting here Saturday the new company was formally organized and operations are expected to begin at an early date. Both cotton and woolen goods will be manufactured.

A rear-end collision of freight trains on the Seaboard Air Line occurred near Forestville, 16 miles north of Raleigh, early Tuesday morning. The caboose of the front train was cut to pieces and set on fire and two negro employees in it burned to death. The track was blocked for ten hours.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, George H. White, the last negro in the house of representatives, was snubbed by the society of the sons of North Carolina, the largest organization of negroes in Brooklyn. The organization refused to entertain White at dinner, though he was a member of congress from North Carolina.

Goldboro Argus: Mr. J. L. Kornegay, whose death was reported in our Mt. Olive correspondence last week, arrived in the city Saturday, to the surprise of his many friends here. A man named N. J. Jones was killed by a runaway horse near the plantation of Mr. Kornegay on Tuesday afternoon, and by this it is supposed that the erroneous rumor was started.

FOOLING THE EXPERTS.

Experience of a Man Who Bought a Diamond Brooch.

"I am convinced that few people know anything about diamonds, no matter how much they may pose as experts," said a young business man the other day. "A recent experience of mine has forced me to this conclusion. I bought for my wife a brooch containing a cluster of diamonds and took occasion to show it to several of my friends at the club. They examined it very closely, looked wise and then started to show me where my judgment had been at fault. Every man in the crowd seemed to be a diamond expert. By the time they had got through I really felt as though I had been bunked and was considerably depressed.

"Next day I got to thinking the matter all over and came to the conclusion that my friends had been talking of something they knew nothing about. At any rate, I determined to make a test. I went to one of those imitation diamond stores and for 50 cents bought a brooch, which I placed in the box that had formerly contained the real one.

"Again I went to the club and announced to my critical friends that I had taken their collective advice and by paying an extra \$50 had exchanged the brooch in which they had picked so many flaws. They all agreed that the fifty cent bauble which I showed them was a great improvement over the other, and when I told them of the trick I had played on them they wouldn't believe me. To a man they contended that they couldn't be fooled on diamonds.

"Now I feel better satisfied with my purchase." —Philadelphia Record.

Our Friends, The Druggists.

It is a pleasure to testify to the generally high character of druggists. But because of a few exceptions to the rule, it is necessary to caution the public to be on guard against imitations of Perry Davis' Painkiller. See that you get the right article, the soothing, helpful Painkiller that was used in your family before you were born. Don't be taken into buying a substitute. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

A COLORED FAUX PAS.

An Unfortunate Incident Breaks Up a Cotillion on Mr. Lee Grier's Farm—The Emotion of Bart Alexander and What Resulted Therefrom.

Charlotte Observer.

At a dance in a negro cabin on the farm of Mr. Lee Grier, three miles from Charlotte, Friday night, Bart Alexander, colored, shot Ed Griffin, colored, of this city, in the back with a small calibre revolver.

James Hall, who witnessed the social tragedy, avers that the shag of the evening had been reached and that everybody at the dance was having a gorgeous time, when Will Harris, "an obstreperous chain-gang nigger," appeared and asked one of the belles of the ball if he might have the pleasure of accompanying her to her residence.

The lady replied, in effect, that she was deriving much pleasure from the cotillion and that she had no wish to leave. Moreover, she declared that she proposed to favor several gentlemen and that Harris was not among the number.

It had been observed that Alexander, who had overheard the conversation, had been much moved by the result. In the excess of his emotion he extinguished the candles, and, leaning against a mass of similar, he produced a seven-shooter revolver and began pumping lead into a brunette grape vine german figure.

Ed Griffin, a disinterested party, was exchanging polite perflage with a mahogany partner when a 22-calibre bullet found lodgment just below the buckle on his white waistcoat. Being averse both to trick figures and male favors Griffin left the ball room in disgust and through a window. When the little cheap revolver had spoken for the seventh time there was silence in the hall. The end of the cotillion had been reached and the tired dancers were going merrily home.

Griffin came to town and to bed at his home on East Tenth street. He had his own theories about the vulgarity of dragging a social question through the police court and kept silent until yesterday, when the police got wind of the affair and persuaded him to talk. Neither Alexander nor Harris—much wanted by the police—has been arrested.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LaGrange, Feb. 11, 1902.

Miss Hinson and Pace have opened up a billiard room next door to the market. Mr. John H. Rouse, on Monday, began the operation of his extensive carriage works, after having been shut down for a few months. May his plant take on new vigor and increased usefulness.

Mr. Will N. Parks has faith in LaGrange grit. He has just purchased the property known as the Davis parade ground, on Railroad street, the two blocks containing about seven acres. As Will is able and is seldom so happy as when rooting or running in a game of baseball—he may convert these grounds into an ideal baseball park—at least for the coming season.

Big Fire in Canton.

Canton, China, February 11.—A fire which has been raging here has destroyed over five hundred shops.

Young Roosevelt.

Groton, February 11.—Dr. Shattuck, the Boston specialist, in attendance on young Roosevelt, said this morning: "The crisis will come at noon. The boy is suffering more than at any time."

A Great Southern Institution.

The Life Insurance Company of Virginia has opened a branch office in Kinston. This staunch southern institution is now in the thirty-second year of its existence. It has insured the lives of one million one hundred and fifty-six thousand people; that is, it has insured more people than the entire white population of the State of North Carolina.

The company has thirty million dollars of insurance in force today, and last year alone, made a gain of over four and a quarter million dollars, the largest in its history. It is known as "The Pioneer Industrial Insurance Company of the South" because it was the first southern company to introduce the flexible form of life insurance in this section of the United States. During its long career it paid millions of dollars to southern widows and orphans at the times of their greatest needs. By its system all members of the family are insured, for weekly premiums ranging from five cents up, or by the quarterly, semi-annual or annual method of payment of premiums.

For many years the late Gen. F. H. Cameron was the general agent for the State of North Carolina and at the time of his death was the manager of the ordinary life department of the company. Mr. E. J. Dismore will have charge of the Kinston branch. He is located in room 3, Canady Building, and will be glad to give any desired information. In this enlightened age it is needless to speak of the blessings wrought by life insurance. The blessings are all the greater when, as by the Life Insurance Company of Virginia's methods, the benefits are in reach of persons of moderate means.

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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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20c quality at 15c.
12c quality at 10c.
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WE LIKE TO EAT.

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at your wife just because you did not rest well last night. Was there a lump in the mattress or did the spring sag? If so you should call and see Quinn & Miller, dealers in Furniture and House Furnishings, and they will make sleeping a comfort. Just think, a White Enameled Brass Trimmed Bed with Woven Wire Springs and Mattresses for 750 cents.

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We have some more of those Letter Heads, Note Heads, Bill Heads and Statements in fine quality colored bond papers, pink and blue. They are good value for price charged. If in need of some stationery examine these goods before making your selection. Letter Heads 500 for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$3.00. Note Heads 500 for \$1.85, 1,000 for \$3.25. Fine Old Hampshire Bond pink Note Heads 500 for \$1.65, 1,000 for \$3.05. Fine blue or pink Bill Heads, 7x8 1/2 inches, 500 for \$1.40, 1,000 for \$2.40. Statements, elegant quality bond papers in blue, pink, lemon or salmon, 500 for \$1.50, 1,000 for \$2.50.

The Free Press Job Printing Department has on hand a lot of about 20,000 cheap Note Heads it wishes to dispose of quick to make room for more desirable goods. They are cream-colored, are strong but not good quality. If any customer can use the entire lot we will sell them printed and padded for only 75 cents per 1,000. In 1,000 lots for \$1.25 per 1,000, in 5,000 lots for \$5 cents per 1,000.