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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest-Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Pitt of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of It Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spoiled.

John D. Rockefeller is almost a billionaire. His yearly income is twenty million dollars; hourly income—\$2,316.48.

Six men were scalded to death by the explosion of a steam pipe on the steamer Alamo in New York Saturday night.

The citizens of Huntsville, Ala., have presented Gen. Joe Wheeler with a Kentucky thoroughbred mount, with rich trappings of a major general.

St. Agnes' Catholic church, at New York, was wrecked by fire early Sunday morning, destroying valuable altars, paintings and a new organ. Loss \$100,000.

The safe taken from Admiral Cervera's flagship, the Maria Teresa, was opened Friday at the Norfolk navy yard and found to contain gold and silver coin aggregating something like \$75,000.

There was a terrific storm north and west Saturday night and Sunday, wrecking telegraph wires and doing much damage to property. In Baltimore 800 houses were unroofed and otherwise damaged.

There is undoubtedly increased uneasiness in Spain. Fresh precautions have been taken by the government in the several provinces, especially in Saragossa and Viccaya, in view of the possibility of a Carlist uprising.

Germany has instituted negotiations with Spain for the purchase of the Carolina Islands, but thinks the price, \$2,000,000, asked by Spain, too much. The Kaiser takes the precaution to make his negotiations contingent upon no international complications arising, especially with the United States.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says that on Saturday a box car in the middle of a freight train on the James River division of the C. & O. railroad jumped the track on Jackson river bridge, knocked down a span of the bridge and threw three cars loaded with merchandise into the river thirty feet below. Brakeman Mitchell saved himself by running forward on the train. Freight traffic will be blocked for several days while a temporary span is being built.

There was a big fire in New York Sunday night. Rogers, Peet & Co.'s building and the Home Fire Insurance Co.'s building were destroyed, as were also the upper three stories of the Postal Telegraph building. The conflagration broke out in the Rogers, Peet & Co. establishment and spread to the upper stories of adjacent skyscrapers, where the flames were beyond the reach of the firemen. The fire was caused by an explosion and spread with remarkable rapidity. The loss is estimated at over a million dollars.

It Hangs On

We are talking about your cough. One cold no sooner passes off before another comes. But it's the same old cough all the time. And it's the same old story, too. There is first the cold, then the cough, then pneumonia or consumption, with the long sickness and the trembling in the balance.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

loosens the grip of your cough. The congestion of the throat and lungs is removed; all inflammation is subdued; the parts are put perfectly at rest, and the cough drops away. It has no disease theme on which to hang. \$1.50 a bottle. At all druggists. Purposes of

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J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

What India is to England.

Charlotte Observer. One of the ablest opponents of imperialism in the country is Andrew Carnegie. He has written several trenchant and able articles in the New York papers which have powerfully affected public sentiment against taking the Philippines. The best thing he has written, and the most convincing argument against expansion we have seen is this extract from Mr. Carnegie's letter in a recent issue of The New York World:

"I see that Murat Halstead, speaking at Homestead, Pa., said: 'The Philippines will be to the United States what India is to England.' This is what I believe they will be, but does Mr. Halstead know what India is to England? Perhaps he has never been to India—I have. I have met the Indians who speak English—who have spoken to me freely, because I was an American. What does education make of Indians? Incipient rebels. They have taken to heart Washington and our struggle for independence, they speak most of Cromwell, Bolivar, Wallace and Tell.

"England and India stand today upon a volcano. She has to keep 60,000 British troops there to hold the people in subjection. She does not trust one gun in the hands of native troops. They can have muskets, but the artillery is all held by the British regiments. England has been in India for nearly 200 years—this is the condition she is still in today. Of all the perils of England, that of India is the greatest. There is scarcely a statesman of Britain who does not wish privately, 'Would that we were safely out of India.' More than one of them has said to me, 'What does India do for England? Ask the desolate homes that I have known in Britain. The late war against the Afriids plunged thousands of homes in England in mourning. The greatest weakness that England today possesses is India. Were it not for India she would not fear Russia.

"India is the curse of Britain, and the Philippines will be the curse of the United States. If you teach suppressed people at all you make them rebels. Education is fatal to the government of a superior race. The slaveholders understood this—in order to maintain slavery the slaves could not be taught to read. The declaration of independence will make every ambitious Filipino a dissatisfied subject. 'I thank Mr. Halstead for teaching me that phrase. I could not ask for anything better. The Philippines are to be to the United States what India is to Britain. Agreed. I hope the president of the United States has heard what Mr. Halstead has said and that it will induce him to look into the question of India and England. Upon this text I stake the whole issue—only let the Americans learn what India is to Britain and the president's policy is doomed. Thanks again, friend Halstead."

Five Cent Cotton.

Home and Farm. During the week ending November 5, 1898, the price of cotton in New York fell below 5 cents. This is a remarkable statement and we believe that it is without precedent. Even in the old slave days we think that this price was not reached.

Undoubtedly the main cause in this decline is the vast increase in the production. Two crops, each of which will probably exceed 11,000,000 bales, have been raised by the southern states. That is, for nearly two years the southern states have been producing nearly a million bales a month. This vast production has gone on increasing in spite of the declining price. We can cry out against the ruinous decline, but yet millions of producers have gone on increasing their production in the face of the declining price, which is a proceeding altogether inexplicable.

As we have said heretofore, the farmers themselves, if they are going to continue to raise eleven and twelve million bales of cotton at 5 cents a pound, must raise something besides cotton. They must secure themselves from some other source. They must reduce the cost of production by increasing the home supply. It is useless to preach to the farmer the necessity for reducing this crop; the farmer has the matter brought home to him in the price. This is an argument that needs no preaching to enforce. It is carried directly home to every producer. Every producer must for himself decide, whether or not he will decrease the area he has devoted to cotton.

If the farmers will produce eleven million bales, prices will continue low. It is time for every cotton planter to ask himself what he intends to do next year.

Two Points of View.

Minnie (admiring her new ring)—"Isn't it a dear little thing?" Jack (who bought it)—"Indeed it is—Jewelers' Weekly.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

It is estimated that since November 10th over 300 negroes have left Wilmington and that 250 or 300 white people have moved in.

Raleigh correspondent Messenger: A Republican here laughs at the attitude of Senator Pritchard, as shown by his recent open letter. He says the senator never speaks except at home, where he is surrounded by white R. publicans, and that during the campaign he did not speak in eastern North Carolina. "Why did he not come down on the dangerous line?" said the R. publican. "It is easy for him to talk and issue pronouncements at long range."

A rather curious case is to be tried in the federal court at Raleigh this week. The defendant is a young man named Holleman, who was a clerk in the post-office at Apex, Wake county. His offense was opening letters which his rival wrote to a young lady, and then replying to these letters.

Clyde Hoey, the Democratic member-elect from Cleveland county, will be the youngest man in the next legislature. He was not 21 when elected, but he will attain his majority before the general assembly convenes. He is editor of The Cleveland Star.

The Baptist State convention meets at Greenville next Thursday, in its 68th session. Its session this year promises to be of unusual interest. It meets on the spot of its birth. The year just ended has been most prosperous. The reports in numerical increase by baptism indicate the most active year of evangelistic effort in the history of the denomination. For State, home and foreign missions the treasurer has received nearly \$30,000. For educational purposes \$12,222 has been contributed in cash.

Mr. E. Turner, a Populist of Clinton, is mightily upset. He was elected treasurer of Sampson county, but now learns that there is no such office in that county, it having been abolished. He hopes to get the office re-established by the justice of the peace, so that he can "get relief."

Greenville Reflector: Saturday night at Penny Hill Mr. Van Riddick shot and killed a colored man. From what we can learn the colored man was a tenant of Mr. Riddick and had deserted the crop leaving the landlord to finish housing it. They met in a store at Penny Hill and had some words about the crop. The negro became very abusive and drew a pistol on Mr. Riddick, when the latter also pulled a pistol and fired, the ball entering the negro's forehead just above the eye and killed him almost instantly.

Nearly half the business section of Kirtrell was burned Sunday morning. It started in the laboratory of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy company. Loss estimated at \$10,000, insurance \$3,600. Mrs. Person lost \$1,600, insurance \$700.

The Western Journal says that Sheriff J. Hahn, of Craven, has been notified by the Security and Trust company that the company will not give his bond if he has a single negro deputy and that even the county jailer must be white!

Both Conger esman Pearson and Oliver H. Dockery, Sr., have employed counsel to contest their elections for congress in the 9th and 6th districts. Pearson was defeated by Crawford, Democrat, in the 9th and Dockery by Bellamy, Democrat, in the 6th.

The Scallop.

The scallop accomplishes locomotion by a series of leaps. When it is alarmed, or wishes to change its location, it opens and energetically closes its valves, thus expelling the water. The reaction shoots it backward. By this means the creature is able to travel long distances. Sometimes scallops make considerable journeys in large companies. One can scarcely imagine a lovelier sight than that of a flock of these pretty creatures, with shell of every hue, from purple and white to black, culminated with shades of pink, yellow and fawn, darting about in clear water. In their flightlike movements, vertical, horizontal and zigzag, they are more suggestive of a flock of winged animals than of bivalve mollusks.

Chinese Drugs.

The employees in the office of the appraiser of customs were busy examining a shipment of Chinese medicines, and the place smelled like a fertilizer factory.

There were the usual number of dried snakes, the looks of which would be certain to kill or cure any intelligent patient. There were also a number of plump lizards, spitted on rods and expanded with slips of bamboo till they resembled tennis rackets; a lot of "sea horses," a long, slender fish, with a head like a horse and a prehensile tail; bundles of centipeds flattened out and panted on sticks; cans full of preserved polliwogs and angleworms and many other curious panaceas, each of which smelled worse than the other. There were pills as large as prunes, handsomely decorated; roots and "yarbs" of many kinds, which would paralyze a Quaker doctor, and boxes and bottles of unknown mixtures which would paralyze anybody.

The 40 separate and distinct smells of the town of Cologne are nothing as compared to the odors arising from about \$100 worth of Chinese medicines, which made some of the men handling the stuff sick. Foul smell seems to be a requisite in most medicines, and if the beneficial effects of medicine are proportionate to its odor the medicines of the Chinese should be the best in the world.—Portland Oregonian.

Indifferent as to the Kind.

He was a fragile youth and didn't dance all the dances.

"Let's sit it out," he said to his pretty partner.

"Where?" she asked.

"On the stairs."

So they went up a little way and sat down.

"Wh-why, what's the matter, Mr. Stackpole?" cried the fair young girl, for the young man had hastily risen and was gasping for breath. He could not reply. His face was livid. His eyes were rolled up, and with one shaking hand he clawed feebly at the skirts of his tuxedo.

"What kind of an attack is it?" she gasped.

At this question his voice came back to him.

"What difference does that make?" he harshly growled. Then, without a word of apology, he dashed up the stairs and flung himself into the men's coatroom.

And how was she to know that it was an ordinary carpet tack that the man who canvassed the stairs had carelessly left standing on its head?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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SITUATION IN GREENE.

It Was Quite Lively at Snow Hill Yesterday.

TWO SETS COMMISSIONERS

And Two Sets of County Officials Trying To Do Business. Both Democrats and Fusionists Claim the Offices, and Are Each Doing Their Utmost to Hold Them. Both Sides Sworn In.

It was quite lively at Snow Hill yesterday. Two sets of county commissioners are doing business and two sets of county officers were sworn in.

It will be remembered that according to the election returns, the fusionists had from 3 to about 20 majority. The Democrats claimed that a large number of fraudulent votes had been cast, and Judge Robinson, on application, granted a new count, which was made by three Democrats and three fusionists.

At the new count enough votes of dead, moved away, convicted, etc., were found to give the Democrats majorities from 17 to 67.

The fusionists determined to fight, and employed Messrs. A. J. Loftin and N. J. Boone, of Kinston, as attorneys. The Democrats are represented by Capt. Swift Galloway, G. A. Lindsay and S. V. Morrill, of Snow Hill. The leading lawyers of Goldsboro, Wilson and Greenville also tendered their services to the Democrats. At Snow Hill, on Monday, the fusion commissioners accepted the bonds of and swore in the fusion county candidates. The Democratic commissioners accepted the bonds of and swore in the Democratic officers.

The clerk's office was turned over to J. R. Dail, Dem., by the retiring clerk, Blount, Dem.

The treasurer's office was turned over to M. E. Dail, fusion, by the old treasurer, a fusionist.

The Democratic and fusion candidates for sheriff both qualified, and are both doing business. They should undertake to arrest each other, "then would come the tug of war."

Both boards of county commissioners were doing business, issuing orders, etc., yesterday, but we suppose that none of the orders will be honored until the matter is decided in the courts, and we understand that, in some form, it will come up before the next term of court.

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