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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

It is again stated that the United States are trying to make a trade for the Danish West Indies.

At New York Monday afternoon "Kid" McCoy knocked Peter Maher out in the 5th round, after a hotly contested prize fight.

At Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, William G. Furman, of a prominent family and supposed to be worth half a million dollars, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

It is announced that Li Hung Chang has been appointed acting viceroy of two provinces in the south of China adjacent to Canton—an unusual honor, said to be analogous to that of viceroy of India.

At Calumet, Mich., Sunday, Andrew Johnson met death by falling 600 feet down a shaft in the Kearsarge mine. John Sinco, his partner, was arrested, as he and Johnson were heard quarreling just previous to the accident.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. R. P. Saxon, living near Bethel, Ga., was burned to death Sunday. The little girl was playing near the fire, and her clothes caught, and before the flames could be extinguished she was fatally burned.

Douglas Coffman, night operator for the Louisville and Nashville Railway at Sedar Hill, Tenn., whose home is at Slaughterville, Ky., was shot and almost instantly killed Saturday night by William Morrison, a white man about twenty-two years old. The latter has been arrested and placed in jail. The murderer came near being lynched by a mob.

President Kruger has granted a request of this government, made through United States Consul Hollis at Pretoria, to allow an American army officer to accompany the Boer troops as an observer, and the war department will hurry to the scene of hostilities a suitable man as soon as selected. France, Germany and perhaps other nations have officers in that capacity there now.

At Fairmont, West Va., Sunday, an explosion of gas in the Kinkead Hotel caused a destructive fire and probably the loss of four lives. An unknown boy leaped from the fourth story window of the hostelry when the fire was at its height and received probably fatal injuries. He was removed to the hospital and remains in an unconscious condition. Three other persons, inmates of the hotel, are missing, and a search is being made in the ruins for their bodies.

The announcement is made that the extension of the foreign concessions at Shanghai, China, has been finally approved brings to a close a diplomatic controversy between Great Britain, the United States and France, which has at times become rather acute. France taking the position, at one stage of the negotiations, that the American co-operation with the British in opposing the French plan of extension was an unfriendly act toward France. This and the other differences have been happily adjusted, according to announcements from China.

At Manila Sunday a lot of bombs, firearms and ammunition was captured and a plot discovered inculcating 1,000 Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. A dispatch from Manila, Jan. 1, says Aguineldo's wife, sisters and eighteen Filipinos have surrendered to Major March's battalion of the thirty-third infantry at Bantoc, province of that name. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March, and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners. It was reported that Aguineldo's wife was dead, but this seems to contradict that report.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, whether headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at Temple Marston Drug Co. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Manager Martin, of the Pierson drug store, informs us that he is having a big run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of la grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by J. E. Hood.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

It is stated that the report that the Southern railroad had prohibited its employees smoking is erroneous.

Mr. Bridgers, of Tarboro, has closed a contract with the penitentiary to furnish 100 convicts next month to build the Tarboro & Eastern railroad.

At Wilson on Saturday night Mr. W. D. Ruffin, a merchant, shot and killed Mr. Richard Bullock, another merchant, doing business next door. Mr. Ruffin is under arrest.

Miss Davis, of Granville county, a student at the Normal and Industrial college at Greensboro, died Sunday of typhoid fever. She is the thirteenth victim of the epidemic.

Durham Herald: Whatever may be said for or against the dispensary one thing is certain, that it has not hurt Greensboro from a business point of view. The enemies of the dispensary will not deny that the city was never more prosperous.

The four-year-old son of Mr. L. Banks, of Salisbury, died from a distressing accident Saturday. He was given by mistake a tablespoonful of a mixture of carbolic acid and glycerine instead of castor oil as was intended. The mistake was made by the colored servant handing Mrs. Banks the proverbial wrong bottle.

At Burgaw Saturday the cottage owned by F. T. Croom and occupied by C. M. Futch, was totally destroyed, scarcely anything being saved. The damage amounts to about \$1,000. The house was insured for \$500, there being no insurance on furniture and other contents. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective fuse.

Saturday night the Atlantic and Yadkin Valley Railway train, while running at a high speed, was struck by a very large crane which flew into the headlight, smashing the heavy glass and lamp, and being forced into the rear of the headlight. Nearly every bone of the bird was broken. The train was delayed nearly half an hour, and proceeded with an ordinary lantern as a substitute for the headlight.

Greensboro suffered two big fires Monday. The first fire began in the elevator shaft of Hague-McCorkle dry goods store and communicated to the adjoining store of W. J. Clary. Hague-McCorkle lost \$80,000, insurance \$55,000; Clary, \$2,500, with \$6,500 insurance. Damage to buildings \$4,000. The second fire burned Sergeant's foundry, causing \$25,000 loss, with about \$5,000 insurance. The foundry will probably be rebuilt on a larger scale.

Fayetteville Observer: Today Mr. J. W. Ingold, manager of the Cumberland county dispensary, turned over to the treasurer of the county twelve hundred dollars for the benefit of the school fund and a like amount was also turned over to the city treasurer. This shows an increase in the net profits of this concern to the amount of twelve hundred dollars more than any previous quarter. This indicates that the manager and directors are making it a success, if there is such a thing as a successful dispensary anywhere.

The report of the corporation commission for 1899 has been made public. It contains 600 pages, and covers railroad, banking and building and loan business. The valuations of railroads for taxation are: Atlantic Coast Line, 955 miles, \$13,809,000; Southern, 1,193 miles, \$15,270,000; Seaboard Air Line, 604 miles, \$8,841,000; miscellaneous 820 miles, \$4,298,000; total 3,574 miles, \$42,220,953; Pullman cars \$150,832; Western Union Telegraph company \$1,000,000; Postal \$50,000; miscellaneous telegraphs \$2,905; Bell Telephone \$33,296; steamboats \$313,615. Increase in railroad mileage over last year 108%; increase in valuation \$10,769,099. Railroad earnings in 1899 \$13,253,627; increase \$1,500,000. Capital stock \$59,096,060; funded debt \$44,641,000; cost of roads \$82,123,000; interest paid on funded debt \$2,121,000; dividends \$953,000. Employees on railroads 9,120; passengers killed 2, injured 63; employees killed 24, injured 622; trespassers killed 60, injured 90.

J. E. Hood guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

GRAINGERS ITEMS.

January 1, 1900.

Mr. Edward Dupree spent last week in Newbern.

Miss Julia Pope returned home yesterday from Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Speight were visiting in Greene county last week.

Mr. W. H. Wooten and family, of Newbern, are visiting here this week.

Mr. H. E. Moore is moving to Kinston. We hate to lose a good neighbor.

Miss Lucy Speight and Lemmie Taylor, of Lousin Swamp, left last week for Pelham to enter school.

Mr. Marvin Taylor, who attends school at Ormondsville, was home last week to see the old folks and spend Christmas.

LEAF TOBACCO HIGHER.

The Independent Factories Pushing Up the Trust.

Whether it be on account of agitation caused by the recent effort of the tobacco growers of this and neighboring states to free themselves from the Tobacco Trust monopoly, or from some other cause, the price of leaf tobacco has within the last few weeks advanced very materially. A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., to the New York Commercial says:

"In spite of the exceptionally heavy offerings of last week prices were firmly maintained to the close. This might not have been the case had it not been for the heavier buying of the Continental and American tobacco companies. The combine buyers held off the market as long as possible, it is believed, with the intention of depressing prices in order to buy cheaper from the planter direct, but the independent factories were so active in their operations that prices kept up too high here for much selling to be done in the country.

"The results of the long war between the American Tobacco company and the independent factories, which led to such an extensive rise of cheap plug, is still felt in the leaf market, where the lower grades are in great demand and much outsell the good to fine leaf. Conditions in the leaf tobacco trade have greatly improved during the year, and the price of leaf tobacco has advanced fully 50 per cent. on most grades selling under \$10 a hundred. The medium to good leaf is 20 to 25 per cent. higher, while good to fine shows a smaller change."

Oats For Poultry.

Oats may be fed in any quantities to fowls without detriment, but should not be fed to the hens when they have been kept so long without food that they are starved, says a writer in The Country Gentleman. In such cases they will peck their crops so full that the water subsequently taken will cause a swelling of the crops and puncturing of the membrane that lines the crop. Birds have been killed in this way. Where hens have access to oats at all times they never get enough at one time to bring on trouble as indicated. One man that has 40 hens feeds five bushels of oats per month besides other things. But the fowls are given an unlimited supply of commercial grits and cut home to help work up the oats in the gizzard. Oats as a feed are of great help in the production of eggs.

Hogs In Orchards.

Old orchards, with a stiff sod of any kind, can be greatly helped by disturbing this sod and stirring the upper layers of soil. The application of fertilizer, both homemade and commercial, is valuable in this work, and if hogs are turned in they will assist greatly in mixing the fertilizer and stirring up the soil. After they have rooted over the ground thoroughly the surface should be leveled with a harrow.—American Agriculturist.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every state in the Union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventive and cure for croup. It has become the universal remedy for that disease. M. V. Fisher, of Liberty, W. Va., only repeats what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sale by J. E. Hood.

DEADLY BOER SHELLS

British Garrison Is Weakened by Sickness and Ennui. Reported That British at Ladysmith Are Destroying Cannon Prior to Final Sortie. Boers Bombarding With Plum Pudding.

London, Jan. 1.—In the absence of confirmation of the reported sortie from Ladysmith, that story is discredited. No such hopeful view can be taken as the Boer account of the making sortie seems designed to convey. No word regarding any such movement has yet arrived from British sources, and the feeling of suspense is deepening, as it is feared Col. Baden-Powell's silence indicates that his position is becoming desperate.

The dispatches from the front breathe a confident spirit, which is by no means echoed here. The latest Ladysmith advices show that the Boer shelling is becoming deadly, while sickness and ennui must also be telling strongly upon the garrison.

The news of the spread of a rebellion among the Dutch colonists and of the attempts of Boers to cut the railway at widely different points is very disquieting as bearing upon the safety of the extended lines of communication.

A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated Dec. 29, says:

"It is reported from Ladysmith, via Pretoria, that the British are destroying their heavy cannon prior to a final sortie."

The war office publishes the following dispatch, dated yesterday, from the general officer commanding at Cape Town:

"Methuen's position is unchanged.

"French reports that the Boers, fearing their communications would be cut by our cavalry, have retired to Colesburg.

"Montmorency, on Dec. 30, met superior forces, using artillery, operated to rear of the Boers. In course of the day he was compelled to withdraw to Dordrecht in good order, assisted by 60 men sent from Dordrecht, before which we are in position for defense. The following casualty reported: One man seriously wounded."

The following heliograph message has been received, by way of Weenen, from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 27:

"The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire mess tent, killing Capt. Dalzel and wounding seven lieutenants, Dent, Twiss, Tringham, Cuffyn, Byrne, Saxe and Kane."

A later dispatch from Ladysmith, by way of Weenen, dated Friday, December 29, says:

"All well. The Boers have been firing plugged shells containing plum pudding and the compliments of the season. They are still fortifying their positions and are evidently determined to make a firm stand."

The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Cape Town:

"Ninety-five per cent. of the Bechnana farmers in the Vrburg district joined the Boers, helping them to loot the stores throughout the country north of Orange river. They also undertook to invest Mafeking while Gen. Cronje's men went south to meet Lord Methuen. The government of Bechnanaland is being administered as if the Dutch had been in possession for ages."

BOERS SURPRISED

By Gen. French, Who Flanked Them, When They Flew Leaving Colesburg in Gen. French's Hands.

Rensberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesberg.

The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand. When day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful. The infantry and field batteries immediately made a feint attack upon the Boer front, and while this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank as arranged. The program worked without hitch. The Boers were utterly surprised, and, finding their retreat threatened, fled in disorder to the eastward leaving Colesburg in Gen. French's hands.