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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The grip is sweeping through Germany counting its victims by the thousand. Every hospital in Berlin and every bed is full, and there are now 60,000 cases in Munich.

A fatal shooting affray occurred at Barton, Va. The victim was William J. Jenkins, a well known attorney, and John Wampler is named as the man who led the fatal shot.

A dispatch from Columbus, Ga., Sunday, says the Chattahoochee river had risen 26 feet and was still rising 18 inches an hour. Plantations are inundated, bridges are threatened and much damage has been done.

The steamship Gate City is still fast on the beach at East Moriches, L. I., where she went ashore in the fog on Thursday night. News Sunday was that the sea was growing rougher and the steamer's light was dangerous.

Anthony W. Dimock, 25 years of age, famous stock operator, head of the firm A. W. Dimock & Co., bankers and brokers, Wall street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are set down at \$1,292,736; his assets are \$150.

Fire at Glace Bay, N. F., Sunday morning destroyed a large tenement house. Miss Steele and her nephew, a 10-year-old boy named McIntyre, were burned to death, the woman having gone into the building to rescue the sleeping boy.

A Chicago man has recently imported 100 Belgian hares, with a view to breeding for market. In England the Belgian hare is popular and is sold as a substitute for chicken and turkey. Some time ago a California man imported some of these hares and since then they have been imported into other states, where the breeding has proved profitable, and the flesh of the hare in demand. There is about twice as much meat on them as there is in the ordinary rabbit, and much more succulent.

At Camack, Ind., Sunday night, a riot occurred in the Methodist Episcopal church. Lewis Stout and Ollie Perch were in the church and persisted in talking aloud. It is alleged that they were drunk. Constable McKinley, Preacher N. Vico, and John Howell and David Myers, members of the congregation, attempted to arrest Stout and Perch, who backed up in a corner and resisted desperately. The preacher was twice knocked down, but finally subdued Stout, while the other men took charge of Perch, who escaped later. In the fight the preacher and constable were badly cut about the face. The fight broke up the services, the congregation stampeding from the building through the windows.

James Sweeney, white, was lynched at Port Arthur, Texas, Sunday morning. Sweeney was a cotton screwman foreman, and had killed Charles Crumbach, a fellow laborer, by jamming a bayonet through his neck. The crime was committed Feb. 1st, in a room with no witnesses present, and is said to have resulted from a saloon fight that took place a few hours previously. Sweeney was indicted for murder in the first degree. He was placed on trial at Beaumont, Texas, Friday, and Saturday night the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty." As soon as he was released Sweeney returned to Port Arthur, arriving there at 12:30 on Sunday morning. Word had been telegraphed ahead that he was coming, and a mob met him at the depot, marched him up town, and hung him up to a telephone pole without ceremony.

FACTS ABOUT SARDINES.

The Greater Part of This Country's Consumption Now Packed Here.

Formerly the sardines consumed in this country were all imported from France. Now about three-quarters of the sardines eaten in the United States are put up here, the chief center of the sardine industry in the United States being the eastern coast of Maine, though some sardines are now put up on the coast of California. The packing of sardines in this country was begun about 1886.

Thousands of people now find employment in one part and another of the work in catching fish, in making cans and in canning and packing and marketing and so on.

Sardines are put up in greater variety than formerly, there being nowadays sardines packed in tomato sauce, sardines in mustard, spiced sardines and so on, but the great bulk of sardines, both imported and domestic, are still put up in oil. Sardines are put up also in a greater variety of packages than formerly, there being, for example, various sizes and shapes of oval tins, and some French sardines are imported in glass, but as the great bulk of all sardines are still put up in oil, so the great bulk of them are still put up in the familiar flat boxes, the great majority of these being of the sizes known as halves and quarters and far the greater number of these being in quarters. Sardines are packed 100 tins in a case, and the consumption of sardines in this country is roughly estimated at from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 cases annually.

Like canned goods of every description, sardines are cheaper now than they formerly were, and American sardines are sold for less than the imported. American sardines are now exported from this country to the West Indies and to South America.—New York Sun.

Intellect Against Intellect.

"If you want to see intellect play against intellect," said a young lawyer, yet in his enthusiasm, believing in equity and the purity of the law, "you should go down to the civil or the supreme court when a big case is being heard. It is not like sitting through a criminal trial. A man's quickness and eloquence are often assisted there by dramatic details, but in the civil or supreme courts a lawyer must depend upon his own brain alone and not upon emotional tricks. What a delight it is for me to listen to the wit, combats and terse arguments of two masters grown gray at the bar! These men have at their command the reading of two score years. They are armed with the humor of experience and the cool sight of age. Their intellects, never having been wasted in idleness, are as fresh as a young girl's dream of life and as unerring as a woodman's rifle. When they take up an argument on an important affair, it is not to make a few paltry remarks. They go deep, plunging into the very core of things. If need be they begin to elucidate law from its inception in the remotest confines of ancient civilizations, and they drift easily and gracefully along the centuries, giving a regular compendium of history as they go along. To see these old fellows ordinarily you would imagine that they were sleepy and slow, but when they appear before the bar their frames become erect, their eyes flash and they thunder and roar as if with voices of lions."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

What is a Sleeper?

Here is a definition which is as difficult to read rapidly as "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" and yet is more sensible. In fact, it is an actual statement of facts, as you will find if you read it slowly:

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which a sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Durham Electric Lighting Plant Demolished. Four Men Injured And One Killed. Loss \$25,000; Insurance \$16,000.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 12.—At 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon the plant of the Durham Electric Lighting company was destroyed by the explosion of one of the boilers.

The destruction is as near complete as it could possibly be. The walls of the building were leveled with the ground; huge pieces of machinery were torn and twisted as if made of cardboard; brick, timber and iron were thrown hundreds of feet, and one boiler was ripped open, as if it had been paper and carried a hundred feet or more from where the explosion occurred.

Four men were in the building. H. F. Brown, superintendent of the plant, suffered a knee sprained and scalp wound; injuries considered slight.

James Lumley, lineman; scalded about neck, face and arms. Thought to be fatal. Clyde Dickson, engineer; a number of scalp wounds and bruises about the body. Condition not serious.

Bill Bryant, colored, fireman; burned about the face and hands, small scalp wounds, scalded. Painful, but not very serious. Alex. Lyon, colored, who was passing the plant at the time of the explosion, suffered injuries from which he died this morning.

The explosion broke many window glasses in the city.

The loss to the Electric Lighting company is about \$25,000, on which there is insurance to the amount of \$16,000. The bulk of the stock of the plant is owned by Gen. J. S. Carr. New machinery had recently been placed in the building at a cost of from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The explosion was due to a crystallized seam in the boiler that weakened it. It gave way under pressure of steam.

FILIPINOS BADGER TROOPS.

Shoot Fire Arrows at Garrisoned Towns and Scatter When Pursued.

Manila, Feb. 11.—Of late the insurgents in Albay province, Luzon, have adopted harassing tactics against the towns which the Americans have garrisoned. They camp in the hills and maintain a constant fire upon the American outposts. When the troops sally against them they scatter, returning when the Americans retire.

They shoot burning arrows, and have thus burned a large part of the town of Albay. Indeed, most of the larger towns in that province are practically deserted, except by the garrisons. Scarcely any of the inhabitants occupy their homes. They are camping in the interior, and it is supposed armed insurgents prevent their return.

Launch Caught in the Storm.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 11.—A special from Georgetown says: "The little gasoline launch Ida Bell Launds, with Mr. Thomas I. Madge and crew aboard, was towed into port this evening by a tugboat, her spars and engine disabled. She left Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 27, and was caught in prevailing gales and blown across Gulf Stream four times, her masts and engine giving way in the heavy sea on the 30th. She will remain in port several days undergoing repairs."

No Woman May Reign.

The question has been asked why none of the daughters of the czar may be a successor to the throne on which the great Catherine proved her capacity. The exclusion rests only on an edict of the Emperor Paul, the son of Catherine the Great, issued to discredit his mother's memory.

France has as many as 45,000 families, with 120,000 individuals, claiming a title of nobility; but, as a matter of fact, only about 450 families can prove their claim to descent from a noble family in feudal times.

Near the city of Durban, South Africa, is the Place of Death, a funnellike cleft in the coast rocks, into which in times gone by the Zulu chiefs were accustomed to take the victims of their wrath to die.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists return the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Gayer's natural cure on each box. 25c.

GRIFTON ITEMS.

February 12, 1900.

Mr. Joe Quinerly, of Ayden, was here today.

Mrs. John Ives left Saturday to visit at Kelford.

Dr. and Mrs. Dawson spent Sunday at Quinerly.

Mr. Will Thompson, of LaGrange, was here today.

Miss Lula Pugh, of Newbern, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Joel Patrick spent Sunday at Mr. J. L. Tucker's.

Mess. G. Tom Gardner and C. C. Dunn went to Ayden today.

Mess. W. H. Patrick and C. J. Tucker spent Friday in Kinston.

Miss Annye Fowler, of Newbern, came today to visit friends here.

Miss Laura Quidley, of Newbern, came Friday to visit at Mr. E. J. Brooks'.

Rev. J. R. Vaughan delivered a temperance lecture at the M. E. church last night.

The seats in the Christian church are being repainted, and the interior otherwise improved.

Little Miss Nita Ray Bruton, of Thomsville, came Saturday to go to school to our excellent teacher, Miss Mary Edwards.

REPORT AGAINST EWART.

Sub-Committee of Senate Reports Unfavorably.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee today reported unanimously against the confirmation of Ewart as judge of the western district of North Carolina. The matter was discussed at length. All matters in committee in relation to appointments are confidential, but it is said that the new charges against Ewart, taken in connection with the old charges, had a determining effect in the sub-committee reaching its conclusion. The full committee did not act today, but will take up the report perhaps next Thursday, its regular meeting day.

Senator Pritchard, who is fighting Ewart's battle for him, while discouraged, has not given up the fight, and even with an adverse report from the full committee will carry the fight into executive session of the senate.

If Ewart fails of confirmation finally, as now seems likely, Pritchard will probably be nominated for judge.

"Doctored" the Record.

News-Observers.

The rough cursing of White by his fellow Republican, J. Wiley Shook, of Nola Chunky, and other leading Republicans has reached the city of Washington, and has had its effect.

The Congressional Record has been "doctored" by White or Linney, or both, in order to make it appear that White did not slander the white men of the south. His charge that they were responsible for rapes by brutal negroes is foully false, and White has "doctored" the records. The notes of the stenographer show that he made the charge which has aroused the indignation of the whole State to a white heat. No amount of "doctored" will change the record made.

White spoke his sentiments, and the "doctored" is undertaken to lessen the political injury his declaration will do the party. His utterances represent the dominant element in the Republican party, for he is the sole negro representative of the Republican party in congress from North Carolina.

The New Japanese Rice.

The United States department of agriculture has recently introduced from Japan a new variety of rice, which is claimed to be much easier to grow, and more profitable than the ordinary lowland rice. The new rice will grow on any soil that is moist enough to grow celery, or which can be irrigated. It can be grown in ordinary rice fields, but does not require flooding.

Farmers owning bottom lands on the lower Roanoke, Neuse, Tar and Cape Fear rivers are recommended to try this rice on a small scale. Those who wish to make a trial are requested to send their names at once to the undersigned. A small package of the new rice seed will be sent free of charge, with full directions for cultivating, to all those who agree to give this crop a fair trial and report the results.

Address the undersigned, **GERALD McCARTHY,** Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A restaurant run by George Rutledge at Charlotte was destroyed by fire Monday. Loss \$700; insured.

The postoffice department has been informed that the assistant postmaster at Reidsville is thought to be suffering from smallpox. Orders have been issued to have the mail at that place fumigated if necessary.

Thirty cotton mills are projected in North Carolina this year. Besides the mills projected, the report of the commissioner of labor statistics a few days ago stated that 25 mills are now under construction.

Before day Monday morning a freight train on the Western North Carolina railroad ran into a heavy landslide near Black Mountain. The engine was overturned. Adam Jeffries, fireman, and Porter Nicholas, brakeman, were caught under it and crushed to death.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: While here selling cotton Mr. R. W. Chandler, of Mangum, Richmond county, told the M. & I. of a hog which he recently killed that had two hearts. One of the hearts was about the usual size while the other one was about one-third less than normal size.

Weldon News: Tobacco farmers have commenced to burn tobacco beds and plant seed. So far as we can learn there will be less tobacco planted and an increased acreage in cotton. Sunday night's storm did considerable damage in some sections of the county. On the farm of J. A. Whitehead, near Halifax, a large barn was blown down and two bridges were washed to pieces. We learn that out buildings on farms were damaged by the storm, but hear of no one being hurt.

Tarboro Southerner: Isaac Pitt, a 10 or 12 year old negro boy, is minus a forefinger and much of the flesh on his left hand. It seems that some one had carried a cartridge of dynamite from the Hendrick's creek trestling. This young Isaac in some way got hold of, and was attempting to light it after tying it to another boy's jacket. It went off with a tremendous report, scaring his companion as was intended, but as the cartridge was still in his hand, the forefinger was blown off, the flesh on the thumb also and much flesh on the inside of his hand.

Some time ago a safe in the room of Rufus Massey, a miser of Durham, was robbed of about \$500. As to who did the job was a mystery until late Saturday night, when Will Mackay, a negro, was arrested and confessed. He carried two officers to his home, where \$329.16 was found in an old bag. Saturday morning Mackay was heard singing as he passed down Main street, "I'm living easy, on pork chops greasy," etc., and he certainly had been "living high," for it was the way he had been spending money and having a good time generally that aroused suspicion.

Oil Men May Own the Earth.

New York World. The big 80 per cent. dividend of the Standard Oil company has caused some speculation in Wall street as to how long at that rate of dividend it will take the stockholders to gobble up all the money in the world. According to the statisticians at the sub-treasury the total amount of gold and silver money in the world is about \$9,500,000,000. It is supposed the total amount of all kinds of money in the world will aggregate about \$15,000,000,000. At \$80,000,000 a year, it would require 187 years for the Standard Oil company to pay \$15,000,000,000 in dividends. In the meantime, however, the \$80,000,000 paid out annually would be piling up enormous sums of interest.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

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