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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

At Norfolk, Va., Sunday, Wm. Smallwood, while cleaning a pistol, accidentally discharged the contents into the body of his half-brother, Sylvanus Brownhill, who was watching the operation. When he found he had killed the boy, he fled.

Leslie Eastburn, aged 21, shot Jasper Sutton, an aged citizen of Bloomfield, Ia., Sunday, three bullets penetrating Sutton's abdomen and causing almost instant death. Eastburn called at Sutton's home to take Sutton's 18-year-old daughter, Alice, to church. The father met Eastburn at the door and ordered him away. An altercation ensued, and Sutton followed Eastburn to the road. Finally weapons were drawn by both men. Eastburn fired first, the older man falling before he could raise his weapon.

The debate upon the Porto Rico tariff bill, which is to continue throughout the week and possibly longer, opened in the house Monday. On all hands it is agreed that this bill, though it applies only to Porto Rico, involving as it does the question of the power to govern our new possessions outside the limitations of the constitution, is the most important measure which will come before this congress. Interest in the bill is intense among the members on both sides and there is an urgent demand for time. The Democrats are solidly arrayed against the measure, and they will have powerful support from the Republican side in Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, both able and forceful debaters. How far the Republican disaffection will extend or whether it will endanger the bill, it is impossible to say at this time.

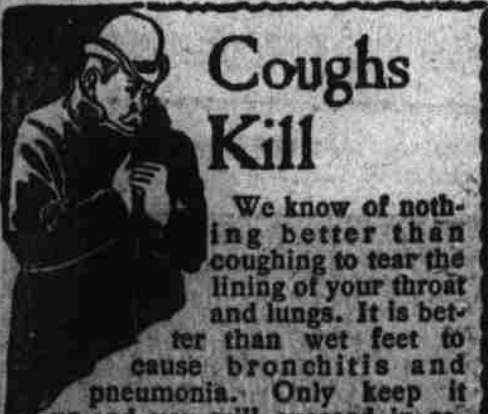
### MACRUM WOULD TESTIFY.

The Former Consul at Pretoria Coming to Washington Again.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—Charles E. Macrum, former United States consul at Pretoria, South Africa, left for Washington tonight at 10 o'clock on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Before leaving he said:

"I do not withdraw a word of my charges against the British officials in South Africa. If I am called upon, I am prepared at any time to testify to them and furnish evidence of their truthfulness."

Mr. Macrum is evidently delighted over the effect of his statement, made public last week, and says that, although he is not acquainted with Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, who introduced a resolution in the house asking for an investigation of his case, he will call upon him tomorrow or next day. The ex-consul says he is not going to Washington on any special mission, but wants to be on the ground to give his testimony, should it be needed.



## Coughs Kill

We know of nothing better than coughing to tear the lining of your throat and lungs. It is better than wet feet to cause bronchitis and pneumonia. Only keep it up and you will succeed in reducing your weight, losing your appetite, bringing on a slow fever, and making everything exactly right for the germs of consumption.

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

kills coughs of every kind. A 25c. bottle is just right for an ordinary cough; for the harder coughs of bronchitis you will need a 50c. bottle; and for the coughs of consumption the one dollar size is most economical.

"My cough reduced me to a mere skeleton. I tried many remedies, but they all failed. After using the Cherry Pectoral I immediately began to improve, and three bottles restored me to health. I believe I owe my life to it."

SARAH F. MORSE, Brownstown, Va. Oct. 7, 1898.

## FAIR NOTES.

Special Low Railroad Rates. Balloonist Hutchison and His Great "Dewey" Balloon. The Goat Races.

Newbern Journal.

The Atlantic & North Carolina railroad will run special trains from Goldsboro and intermediate points on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of fair week on a basis of one cent a mile for a distance of sixty miles.

The Fair association has secured the services of Prof. Ed R. Hutchison, the famous balloonist, and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of fair week there will be balloon ascensions and parachute leaps by the noted aeronaut.

This will be Prof. Hutchison's fourth trip to the fair, and his past record is a guarantee of success.

In a letter to Secretary Green the professor says he will bring with him the monster balloon "Dewey," the largest in the United States, and make the parachute leaps therefrom, while at a height of 8,000 feet.

This is considered the most marvelous and daring feat that can be accomplished.

Boys, begin your preparations and get your goats in readiness. The goat races this year promise to be an interesting and amusing feature. There will be a race on each day of the fair, and some nice prizes are to be offered.

### TO FIGHT TOBACCO TRUST.

Rumor of Organization of a Company With \$25,000,000 Capitalization.

Raleigh Post, Feb. 20th.

There were rumors yesterday of the organization of a big tobacco company, with a capitalization of millions, which is to fight the American Tobacco company.

Particulars of the organization of the new concern could not be obtained. A gentleman who is well informed as to the tobacco conditions in this and other states declared that such a concern had been organized and that it would fight the American Tobacco company. Announcement of the formation, he said, would follow in a day or two.

It was stated that the new company is to have a capital stock of \$25,000,000.

## CRONJE HEMMED IN.

Lord Roberts Between the Boer Commander and His Capital. Kelly-Kenny Behind Him, Making His Position Precarious.

London, Feb. 20.—Lord Roberts is between Gen. Cronje and Bloemfontein, according to war office bulletins, issued this afternoon. Gen. Kelly-Kenny is behind Cronje, and Roberts is between him and the Free State capital. This makes it reasonably certain that the Boer commander is in a precarious position.

### REPORT CRONJE CORNERED.

Rumor That the British Have Surrounded Him. Buller Captures Southern End of Monte Christo.

London, Feb. 20.—(Tuesday—12:30 a. m.)—The war office at midnight announced that it had nothing further for publication from South Africa.

In the lobbies of the house of commons last evening, however, it was rumored that Gen. Cronje's army was surrounded, that Gen. French had got between the Boer forces and Bloemfontein, and that he was only waiting reinforcements to close in on the enemy.

No confirmation of this rumor is obtainable, although the general idea is that the government has received important dispatches.

### Capture of Monte Christo.

London, Feb. 19.—(3:30 p. m.)—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller:

"Chieveley Camp, Feb. 19.—Yesterday moved around the enemy's flank. The Queen's, who had bivouacked on the northern slope of Cingolo, crossed the neck and supported by the rest of the second brigade, under Hildyard, assaulted and took the southern end of Monte Christo."

### The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

## COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED.



Rockefeller: "Cheer up, old man. Trusts are a necessity."—New York Evening Journal.

## LAGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU. LAGRANGE, Feb. 19, 1900.

Mr. Thos. Harvey, of Kinston, is here today.

Mr. Lindsay, fertilizer inspector, is here today.

Miss Best, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. J. M. Hadley.

Rev. Mr. Holloway, of the M. P. church, is conducting a series of meetings this week.

Mr. Buck, of The Sentinel force, is away on a visit to Washington, N. C., this week.

Mrs. Dr. McIntyre returned Saturday to Mt. Olive, from a visit to Mrs. S. A. Wooten.

Mr. Ivey Smith, of Fieldsboro, spent Sunday night with Mr. Noe Creech and returned Monday.

Mr. J. M. Murchison, who is now buying cotton on the Greenville market, came home Friday and returned today.

Rev. Mr. Sanford, of the Adventist faith, is holding a series of meetings in one of Mr. Simeon Wooten's stores.

Mr. Richard Johnson, who had been buying cotton on our market this season, has returned to his home in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Hulda Dawson died at Goldsboro last night, and her remains will arrive here tomorrow morning on the freight and be taken to the Dawson burying ground for interment. We can say that a more pious and godly woman is hard to find. We tender our condolences.

The remains of Mr. Robt. Daly arrived here Friday on the mail, and were taken to the Daly burying grounds and interred. Mr. Daly left one brother, Mr. Joshua Daly, of near here, and one daughter, Mrs. John H. Dawson, of Kinston. He had other relatives in this, the community in which he formerly lived.

## GRIFTON ITEMS.

February 19, 1900.

Mr. W. J. Kittrell went to Kinston today.

Mr. W. G. Garriss went to Ayden yesterday.

Mr. S. V. Laughinghouse spent Sunday at Kinston.

Mr. C. E. Gardner, of Goose Nest, spent yesterday here.

Miss Anna Pittman went to Kinston Saturday night.

Mrs. Alice Spier spent Saturday and Sunday at Quinberry.

Shad are coming into market. They are selling at 75c a pair.

Mr. Bryan Gardner has moved into his new bar on Middle street.

Mess. Joel Patrick and J. C. Griffin went to Kinston yesterday.

Mr. Lewis Kilpatrick went to Belair Friday night and returned Saturday.

Mr. S. M. Brooks, of Goldsboro, is visiting at his father's, Mr. E. J. Brooks.

Miss Julia McCotter returned last week from visiting relatives at and near Vandemere.

Misses Maggie Patrick and Anna Bell Kittrell spent Saturday and Sunday at Kinston.

Mr. J. R. Harvey went to Vanceboro yesterday to see his father, who is very ill. Mrs. Julia McDaniel, of Trenton, accompanied him.

### Cotton Market.

The following is the New York market at 1 o'clock:

New York, Feb. 20.—March, 8.56; May, 8.53; August, 8.44; October, 7.41.

James Dedrick, a Californian, who has just returned to Bucyrus, Ohio, from China is arranging for the purchase of a number of 10-ton steel wagons and traction engines to draw them. He will establish a service across the desert in China, and will enter into active competition for carrying the trade which is now done by camels. He says the camels can carry only about 600 pounds each and make only 20 miles a day, while his wagons will carry 10 tons each and can make 60 miles. He has been over the ground thoroughly and he expects to have 50 engines and 3,000 wagons actively engaged within a year. The first consignment will be shipped March 15.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25c.

Don't depend on town gossip. Pay the small sum of 10 cents a week and get THE FREE PRESS six times a week. It costs but little and you get it at your door.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Fire destroyed Hotel Alpha at Southern Pines Sunday night. It was owned by Capt. A. M. Clark. It was insured.

It is now stated that there is no smallpox at Reidsville Female Seminary, but that the institution was closed because several young ladies, pupils, were afflicted with chicken pox.

The residence of Mr. H. C. Lumsden, at Newbern, was badly damaged by fire early Sunday morning. The house belonged to Mrs. Anita Manly and was insured for \$1,500. Mr. Lumsden had \$400 insurance on his furniture.

At Spencer, a suburb of Salisbury, Sunday night, fire destroyed the dwelling house and store room of John Eagle and the store of Savatt Bros. The loss amounts to about \$5,000, partially covered by insurance.

"The Loray Mills," of Gastonia, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, were incorporated Monday by the State. This is the most heavily capitalized cotton mill ever organized in North Carolina. The Smithfield Cotton Mills, \$50,000 capital, were also incorporated Monday.

Five cases of smallpox were discovered at the county home for the poor in Forsyth county Monday. Keeper Robert Fulcher, his wife and baby, Assistant Keeper Seiger and a negro man have the disease. There are 35 inmates who have been exposed. All of them were vaccinated Monday afternoon.

In the superior court at Asheville the case of Carrie C. Sims against the former manager of the Biltmore laundry, has been decided in favor of the plaintiff. Miss Sims, who gets \$3,000 for the loss of a hand, was employed by the Biltmore laundry in 1896, and claimed the accident was due to the fact that the machine was not provided with proper guards.

The seventeenth annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School association will be held in Charlotte March 14th, 15th and 16th, commencing with an evening session on Wednesday the 14th. The convention will be attended by Mr. B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago, who is chairman of the executive committee of the International Sunday School association, and who is generally considered as the founder of the international lesson system.

### How He Knew His "White Folks."

Atlanta Constitution.

One of the old-time southern negroes went to Boston to make his fortune.

After a week of walking up and down he found himself penniless and no work in sight.

Then he went from house to house.

"Ef you please, sah," he began when his ring at the front door was answered. "Can't you give a po' cullud man work ter do or something ter eat?"

And the polite answer invariably was, "No; Mister—very sorry, but have nothing for you."

Every one who answered his ring addressed him as "Mr.," but shut their doors and hearts against him.

Finally he rang the bell at a brownstone front.

A gentleman appeared and the old man began:

"Boss, I's starvin'. Can't you gimme some vittles?"

"You darned black, kinkey-headed rascal!" exclaimed the gentleman. "How dare you ring the bell at my front door? Go round the back yard way to the kitchen and the cook'll give you something, you black—"

But just there the old man fell on his knees, exclaiming:

"Thank de Lawd, I foun' my own white folks at last! Thank de Lawd, I foun' 'em—I foun' 'em!"

### Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Bilelessness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and sad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.