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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Two men, nephews of Mr. Roberts, have been arrested on the charge of murdering the Roberts family near Jacksonville, Fla.

The Plattville (Wis.) powder mills were wrecked by an explosion Saturday, killing three men and badly injuring another.

It was demonstrated Friday by a test vote that Quay will be seated in the U. S. senate on the certificate of the governor of Pennsylvania.

Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes negro, whipped Joe Choyneki, in seven rounds, at New York, Friday night. Choyneki went to the floor five times in the first round.

The steamship Gate City, stranded at East Moriches, L. I., Feb. 8th, has been driven harder on the beach by the storm. The prospects of floating the vessel seems to lessen.

The Pennsylvania Democrats are getting ready to boom National Committeeman J. M. Guffey to succeed J. K. Jones as chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, has introduced a bill in the house to prevent the interstate transportation of the products of trusts making silver-plated ware.

One woman was killed, several persons injured and \$500,000 worth of property destroyed by a fire in Philadelphia Friday. It occurred in the wholesale millinery district.

If the reports be true the French officers who are serving in the Boer army get pretty good pay. They get a bonus of \$600 before starting, \$600 when they arrive, and from \$300 to \$800 a month for the time they serve.

At Birmingham, Ala., Friday, the explosion of a gasoline stove in the Metropolitan hotel caused a fire which destroyed the hotel and the Hewlet block adjoining. Loss, \$160,000; insurance about three-fourths the loss.

In a quarrel among negro laborers on a railroad being built in Preston county, W. Va., Wednesday evening, Jas. Smith fatally shot Charles and Thomas Smith and seriously injured John Moore. The tragedy occurred near Manheim.

At Philadelphia, Michael Sullivan, Jr., aged 35 years, who robbed his father of his savings of many years about a month ago and then disappeared, returned home Friday almost penniless and committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

The general assembly of Virginia has passed a joint resolution making June 3, the birthday of Hon. Jefferson Davis, a legal holiday in Virginia. This action was due to the efforts of the Richmond chapter Daughters of the Confederacy.

At Covington, Ky., Saturday night, the Democratic ex-cutive committee, which constituted the senatorial district represented by the late William Goebel, met and nominated for that office Matthew Harbison, the late Gov. Goebel's law partner.

It was officially announced Saturday that four of the five members of the new Philippine commission have been selected. They are Judge Taft, of Ohio; Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee; H. C. Ide, of Vermont, and Dean Worcester, of Michigan. The fifth member, it is generally believed, will be Bernard Moses, of California.

The United States army transport McPherson, Commander Hutchins, was towed into Hampton Roads Saturday morning by the Jamaica fruit steamer Admiral Sampson, which found the big transport drifting helplessly about at sea several hundred miles off Charleston, S. C. The McPherson broke her propeller Monday and had a severe experience in the storm last Wednesday night.

It is suspected at Washington that Germany is behind Spain in its claim that the islands of Sibutu and Cayagan-Sulu, which were not included in the bounds of the Philippine territory described in the Paris treaty, were not transferred to the United States. The statement that the United States would withdraw its authority over the islands was an error. On the contrary, the government adheres to its contention that both the islands were transferred to the United States by the Paris treaty.

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## MINERS AND MORPHINE.

### A Necessary Custom Which is Not Pleasant to Contemplate.

"When I was in the northwest," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had been recommended to me. One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a very rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made the trip.

"Why not?" I inquired.

"Because I didn't have my morphine with me," he responded in a very matter of fact manner.

"Morphine!" said I in astonishment. "What has that got to do with it? You are not a morphine fiend, are you?"

"Not as much of a one as you are a tenderfoot," he laughed and proceeded to inform me that every prospector who knew his business always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily and that he did so in order to end himself quickly in case of an accident which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many instances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves or breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks or rendering themselves helpless in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation or freezing or in some sections by being devoured by wolves or other wild animals. In order to prevent such a horrible death as any of these the prospector simplified matters by always carrying a little packet of morphine, which not only quieted the pain of the hurt he had sustained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck me at first as uncanny, not to say wicked, but I got over that feeling after a narrow escape or two, and I carried my little tin box just like a veteran would."

—Washington Star.

### The Human Birds.

A facetious man who rejoices in the name of Bird conceived the idea of calling a convention of all the people in Philadelphia who belong to his tribe. Of course it was a joke, but a glance through the pages of the directory convinced him that such a gathering would be a big one. He discovered that there were just an even 100 plain Birds, but the variety of those who specified their kinds was appalling. The list, as far as he went, was as follows: Doves, 15; Eagles, 8; Finches, 21; Pows, 3; Hawks, 30; Jays, 6; Larks, 6; Jackcocks, 29; Pigeons, 1; Parrots, 40; Partridges, 30; Sparrow-hawks, 7; Sparrows, 7; Wrens, 10; Robins, 15; Nightingales, 9; Flickers, 5; Thrushes, 4; Canaries, 3; Geese, 2; and Turkey, 1. There were two Chippeys, and Philip Ducks upheld the dignity of his branch of the family.—Philadelphia Record.

### Denver's Great Chimney.

The tall chimney of the Grant smelter is an object of interest to every visitor to Denver. It is by far the tallest smokestack in the United States and has but two rivals in the world. The following facts will give the reader an adequate idea of the immensity of this chimney: It is 352 feet 4 inches in height. There are 1,945,000 bricks in this immense shaft. Its weight above the foundation is 12,376,500 pounds. Its pressure at the base is 160 pounds to the square inch, and the total wind pressure against it in a gale would be 396,200 pounds. The diameter at the base is 33 feet and at the top 20 feet.—Denver Post.

### Setting a Neighbor Right.

"Was that your dog that was howling all night?"  
"I guess it was."  
"Why in thunder don't you feed him?"  
"Heavens, man, it's indigestion that makes him howl!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It has been calculated that the loss from illness averages 20,000,000 weeks of work in the year, or 2½ per cent of the work done by the whole population between 15 and 65 years of age.

At a rough estimate there are 15,000,000 pairs of gloves imported into this country each year.

## THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

### Action Taken for a Consolidation of Suits Involving the Governorship. Goebel's Alleged Murderers.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—The suit of "J. C. W. Beckham, governor of Kentucky" against W. S. Taylor, was filed in the circuit court here today. This action was originally brought at Georgetown. The filing of the suit here was in accordance with the agreement made by both sides for a consolidation of suits involving the governorship of Kentucky. The action is for an injunction. Taylor is the plaintiff in a similar suit against Beckham and others. By the agreement Judge Field will try the consolidated suits.

The answer and counter claim of Beckham, Castleman and Carter in the injunction suits by W. S. Taylor, John Marshall and Daniel Collier, were filed. The answer denies all of the allegations of plaintiffs' petition and sets up as counter claim, that the offices of governor, lieutenant governor and adjutant general have been usurped by plaintiffs, and defendants pray that they be adjudged the holders of said offices.

### Goebel's Suspected Assassins.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 24.—The attorneys for the prosecution and defense held a conference this afternoon and arranged for an examining trial for Harlan Whitaker on March 6th. Whitaker is one of the men charged with complicity in the murder of Goebel. Lee Jones, the Whiteley county suspect, will also be arraigned for trial the same day.

## FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

February 26, 1900.

Mrs. Jos. Lassiter, of Richmond, Va., spent Tuesday at Mr. Dempsey Wood's. Farmers are getting behind with their work, on account of the continued bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Askew, of Lonsin Swamp, spent one day last week at Mr. G. F. Parrott's.

Mess. Becton Herring, Claud and George Whitfield visited friends in Kinston last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Beatrice and Jennie Rayner, of Kinston, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Lottie Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Uzzell, of Seven Springs, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Herring, Saturday and Sunday.

The first quarterly meeting of the La-Grange circuit will be held at Trinity on the second Saturday and Sunday in March. Rev. W. S. Rone will preside.

### Revenue Machine Being Worked Against the Amendment.

Wilkesboro Chronicle.  
The internal revenue business in this section is run, it appears, as a campaign organization against the amendment and in favor of negro rule. It is noticeable that the distillers in this section who are not outspoken against the amendment are being chastised with the lash. Their distilleries are being seized. The negro rule distillers can run any way they please, make false entries or anything else, but they are not molested. The whole revenue system has degenerated into a political machine as hot with corruption as hades itself. But despite that the white people will carry the amendment and rule their affairs.

### She Smoked.

A patient of one of the leading specialists who treat polypi in the nose and throat is a woman well known for her work in Sunday schools in this city. She has a record as the organizer of a number of anticigarette leagues among the schoolboys. She came to her doctor the other day. He cheered her greatly by telling her he could cure her quickly and without the use of the knife.

"But you must promise to follow my directions," said the doctor, with the suspicion of a twinkle in his eye.

"Oh, I promise," said the lady.

"Without qualification?" asked the physician.

"Absolutely without qualification," answered the lady.

"Well, then, you must smoke cigarettes!"

The lady gasped. Visions of what might happen if she were seen with a cigarette between her teeth by any of her pupils floated before her, and she almost fainted. But the doctor was inexorable. The lady followed his directions, and in a week the foreign growth in her nose had disappeared. But that doesn't mean that the lady is now a confirmed cigarette smoker.—United States Tobacco Journal.

## MOST SUBLIME HEROISM.

### Cronje's Followers Sacrificing Their Lives to Save Their Country.

London, Feb. 24.—All accounts agree in stating that Cronje's army is suffering martyrdom under the most frightful bombardment the ingenuity of man ever inflicted. Englishmen utterly fail to appreciate thus far the splendid heroism of these dying patriots and their leader. Their surrender, demanded by Kitchener at the moment when the British hosts had completed their fatal chain around them, would probably have meant a death-blow to the Boer cause. The road to Bloemfontein would have been left open and the whole of Orange Free State would have been at the mercy of the invaders. Two or three days' delay might enable part of Gen. Joubert's army and other federal forces to assemble for effective resistance to the British advance by establishing a second line of defense, which had long been planned.

Cronje's brave men simply decided to throw themselves beneath the wheels of the British juggernaut, in order to purchase this brief delay at the expense of their lives. Not this or any other age can show a sublimer deed, which has awakened the admiration of the Boers' enemies. The whole world will pay tribute to this exhibition of valor, which is one of the grandest that the country has ever witnessed.

## CRONJE STILL UNCONQUERED.

### Rumor of His Escape, But Not Confirmed. The Situation Probably Unchanged.

London, Feb. 25.—4:35 a. m.—Since 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon nothing has been received from the scene of what the London papers call Gen. Cronje's death struggle, the war officials announcing at midnight that they had nothing to give out. They stated that they believed it impossible for Cronje to escape from the grip of Lord Roberts.

The report circulated in Berlin that Cronje had escaped, came from the Boer headquarters in Brussels, where it was stated that details were lacking.

The only news from other parts of the seat of war during the night was a special dispatch from Colenso, under date of Feb. 24, stating that the British, in spite of strong opposition, were advancing slowly, but surely and driving the Boers from the kopjes between Grebler's kloof and Hangewang.

Ladysmith reported by heliograph on Friday that the Boers were retiring northward in large numbers. Meanwhile the certainty of relief is so strong at Durban that the authorities are actively preparing train loads of provisions, luxuries and medical comforts for dispatch to the beleaguered town as soon as communications are reopened.

### Keely a Great Benefactor.

Raleigh Post.  
In the death of Mr. Leslie Keeley, the founder of the Keeley Institute and treatment, the world has lost one of its greatest benefactors. Whatever scientists or experts may say, or have said, and many of them have been virulent in their condemnation of Mr. Keeley and the work he engaged in, the practical results of that work stand out today in thousands upon thousands of living, active, useful and uplifting testimonials to the good effects and efficacy of his labors. And it may be that still other thousands would today be the happy and useful beneficiaries of this service but for the derision and opposition of so-called scientific experts, and others as thoughtless or selfish. If Mr. Keeley made money out of his methods, it is no more than all others strive to do by the methods they use or prefer to use; but the money involved cannot be weighed with the restored manhood which the Keeley Cure has accomplished, for which the very name Keeley will be and is blessed by thousands today. Mr. Keeley's work will go on, blessing humanity and raising up thousands to reverse and bless his memory.

### 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, "Boesche'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.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

President Alderman's report shows 512 students present at the University, or 29 more than ever before.

Frank B. Davis, of North Carolina, has been appointed second lieutenant in the army, to rank from Feb. 1st, 1900.

Loke Harries says he is confident that far more Republicans will vote for the amendment than the general public has any idea of.

Col. William C. Elam, editor-in-chief of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, died at his home in Louisa county, Va., Saturday. Mr. Elam was a native of Fayetteville.

The papers have been signed for the purchase by New Yorkers of 51,000 acres of land in the piedmont section for a sheep ranch. It will be the only ranch of the kind in the State.

Rocky Mount Motor: Some years ago a gentleman in Nash county took 30 acres of land for debt and would gladly have sold it then at \$3 per acre. He recently sold the timber alone on it for \$900, or \$30 an acre.

Mr. Joe Hodges, about 20 years old, pressman in The Dispatch newspaper office at Wilmington, met death in a horrible manner Friday. He crawled under the press to fix it and it started in some unaccountable manner and crushed his head, causing him to die.

Greenville Reflector: Friday afternoon Dr. Laughinghouse received a telegram from a detective saying that the parties who robbed his father, Mr. J. J. Laughinghouse, had been located in Roanoke, Va., and that they were dead sure. No further information has come since the telegram was received.

Mr. Buck Cox, of Pitt county, was killed by his horse running away Friday afternoon. He was returning from Grimesland with a barrel of flour in his cart. His neck was broken and his head terribly mangled, indicating that in falling from the cart his head caught in the wheel. Mr. Cox leaves a wife and three children.

On Friday Rev. T. J. Gattis, of the M. E. church, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy at Charlotte. His liabilities are \$8,000 and his assets are about \$1,500. Mr. Gattis said that his bankruptcy was the culmination of a rapid loss of trade through a period of 18 months and was due directly to the influence of Dr. J. C. Kilgo, the president of Trinity College.

Greensboro Telegram: The only mill of its kind in the south—for the manufacture of cotton flannel—now being built near North Buffalo Creek and known as the Revolution Mills, is nearing completion. Mr. Sternberger, one of the owners, who is superintending the erection and equipment of the mill, was seen by a Telegram man and says work is progressing very satisfactorily and he hopes soon to have the wheels ready to turn.

The editor of The Progressive Farmer says he has not as yet decided positively as to when he will make an announcement of the policy of that paper regarding the constitutional amendment. He said he was surprised to find so many farmers opposing the amendment; that these may change and that in Wake especially the farmers are opposed to it. As has been stated, there is little doubt that the paper will advocate the amendment.

The North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference has subscribed \$4,067 for the "twentieth century fund" for the prosecution of Christian education. Subscribers have a right to direct the use of the fund they contribute. It is directed that Trinity College shall have \$3,232 for its loan fund, Vanderbilt University \$475, Littleton Female College \$50, education in Cuba \$50 and \$260 the trustees will apply, as there is no direction as to its use.

The Western Union Telegraph company has lost its appeal to the Federal court from the order of the corporation commission increasing its assessment to \$1,000,000. It contended that the commission had no power to so act. Judge Simonton decided that the commission has power, and refers the case to Standing Master Shepherd, to take evidence as to whether other property in the State is assessed as high as telegraph and railway property.

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