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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Four men were killed Monday in the Mount Pleasant (Pa.) mine by the breaking of a mine carriage.

The Berryville, Va., school building, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Loss, \$7,000; insurance, \$4,000.

The Democratic, silver Republicans and Populist committees met at Idaho Falls, Idaho, Saturday and declared for a union of silver forces in the state.

The transport McPherson, which was found adrift at sea with a broken propeller and towed into Norfolk, had on board 165 bodies of American soldiers who had died in Cuba and Porto Rico.

The Perry (Ga.) Loan and Savings Bank was entered Sunday night and robbed of \$3,500. The door of the vault was blown open, also the inner money vault by dynamite. The loss is covered by burglar insurance.

The long boycott of the people of Hogansville, Ga., against the local post office has been ended by the appointment of Miss Flora Jones, to succeed Isaiah H. Loftin, a negro, who was formerly postmaster at that place.

A tragedy happened off Narragansett Pier, R. I., shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday morning, when the barge Gen. Wiley capsized during a gale. Capt. Harold and four little children were drowned in spite of all attempts to save them.

At Danville, Va., Sunday night, fire broke out in a large brick building at Main and Sixth streets, and in less than 30 minutes the entire structure was in ruins. The building was occupied by the Lynchburg Paper Box company, the Providence hat factory and a furniture factory. Loss, \$30,000.

Shortly after midnight Saturday night the midnight express on the Lehigh Valley railroad struck a carriage containing seven persons at Tuttle's crossing, about 25 miles east of Rochester, N. Y., instantly killing five of the occupants, fatally injuring another, and badly bruising the other. All were members of one family.

Fire destroyed three buildings of the Troy Malleable Iron Works Sunday. Loss \$150,000. The plant was located in the town of Colonie, N. Y., just north of the Watervliet city boundary line and east of the Erie canal. Fully 1,000 employees will be thrown out of work, and will suffer from enforced idleness for probably three months.

As the result of a fire at St. Ouen, a suburb of Paris, Sunday morning, in a collection of alcohol and oil stores, a series of explosions occurred, spreading the flames until a block of six immense warehouses was involved in a huge conflagration. A great concourse of spectators had assembled, and had approached

too near, when suddenly and unexpectedly the explosions occurred. One hundred and fifty people were hurt, quite a number very seriously. Loss, 2,000,000 francs—about \$400,000.

"Mill Bank," one of the famous residences in King George county, Va., was entirely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. It was one of the colonial mansions, fully 200 years old, and the early home of the late Mr. Austin Fitz-Hugh. In the olden times it was noted for its gaiety. Last fall Mrs. John Redwood, of Baltimore, purchased the property and presented it to her cousins, the Misses Strother, who were occupying it at the time it was destroyed.

Monday's Washington Post says: A. W. Rucker, of Denver, Col., president of the United States Monetary League, has been in Washington several days conferring with leading bimetallicists throughout the country, with a view of getting their opinion concerning the propriety of holding a national convention of bimetallicists at some time in the future. It is now definitely determined that such a convention will be held at Kansas City on July 4th. It is expected some six or eight hundred delegates will attend from all the states and territories.

News comes from Port Royal, S. C., that two lumber prospectors, E. B. Stokes and Wilbur Ellis, prominent lumber mill men of Barnwell, were abandoned on a little island near Port Royal by a boatman; and that Ellis, in endeavoring to escape, was drowned. The lumbermen were endeavoring to reach Hilton Head island. The weather was cold and the boatman wished to turn back. He landed them on a small island, saying it was Hilton Head, and then left. The men found themselves separated from all inhabited land by a creek 300 feet wide. Ellis, in final desperation, tried to swim. He was chilled and drowned. Some hours later a fisherman took Stokes off the island.

DEFENDS BROTHER'S SLAYER.

Girl of 17 Upholds Her Lover While On Trial for Murder.

Tazewell, Va., Feb. 25.—The trial of Tobe Heldreth for the killing of Worth Bane at Burke's garden, this county, last November, will probably be finished tomorrow. Heldreth says he killed Bane in self-defense. Heldreth was paying attention to Miss Bane, to whom he was engaged to be married; Bane objected and attacked Heldreth as the latter was escorting the girl home from church. Heldreth drew a pistol and shot Bane in the heart, killing him instantly.

Bane's sister has proven true to her lover, and although kept away from him by her parents for three months, when put on the witness stand yesterday testified that her lover killed her brother in self-defense. The young lady has the sympathy of every one and the jury, as well as spectators, was very attentive while she testified.

Heldreth is 22 years old, while the young lady is only 17.

CRONJE SURRENDERS

Officially Announced That He Surrendered Unconditionally Before the Surrender British Had Captured New Position Enabling Them to Repulse Reinforcements. Hardest Struggle Yet to Come For Relief of Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 27.—It is officially announced this morning that Gen. Cronje has surrendered to Field Marshal Lord Roberts unconditionally.

Anniversary of British Surrender to Boers at Majuba Hill.

London, Feb. 27, 12:07 p. m.—Lord Roberts wired from Paardeberg this morning, Feb. 27th: "Cronje and all his army surrendered at daylight, and he is now a prisoner in my camp. The strength of his force will be communicated later. I hope her majesty's government will consider the event satisfactory, occurring as it does on the anniversary of Majuba."

London, Feb. 25.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Paardeberg Feb. 24, 12:20 p. m.—Parties of Boers recently arrived from Natal attacked our outposts in force again yesterday. They lost a good many killed and wounded and nearly 100 prisoners, including a commandant and 2 field cornets. Our casualties were 4 officers wounded, 9 men killed, 23 men wounded, 2 men missing. On the 21st and 22d 1 officer and 13 men were wounded.

"Six men were wounded yesterday by hollow-nosed Mauser bullets. The nickel case is full with four shots, making the projectile of the most expansive and explosive nature possible. A wounded Boer brought to our hospital yesterday had sixty of these bullets in his pockets. During the advance to and at Kimberley the casualties were: Officers, 2 killed, 13 wounded; men, 4 killed, 78 wounded."

Lord Roberts has sent the following additional advice to the war office: "Paardeberg, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 24.—Methuen reports that Barkley West was occupied by our troops on Feb. 22. The loyal inhabitants displayed great enthusiasm."

British Closing In.

Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Saturday Feb. 24.—The British took eighty prisoners as the result of yesterday's engagement. A balloon ascended, and discovered several new works, which the British guns shelled today.

Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 23.—The British are gradually closing in upon Gen. Cronje from all sides and making his position more impossible than ever.

Gen. Cronje's position is more hopeless than ever. Our guns dominate the sloping ascents from the river on all sides, and by the rush of Shropshires on Wednesday night up the river bed the Boers lost 200 yards' space in their cover.

Deserters say the British fire has been very deadly and affirm that Gen. Cronje himself is willing to surrender, but is overborne by the young Boers from the Transvaal. There are women and children with the Boer force. Gen. Roberts proposed to let them pass out of danger, but this suggestion, as well as the proffer of medical aid, has been rejected.

The kopje captured by the British last Wednesday, when fifty prisoners were

taken, is a most important strategical position. Its possession should enable us to repulse any Boer reinforcements from the eastward.

Boers Hold Vaalkop.

London, Feb. 25.—A special to the Times from Arundel, dated Feb. 24, says: "Gen. Clements attacked the enemy's strong position at Knifffontein and Vaalkop at 7 a. m. The Vickers gun in Vaalkop, the exact position of which it is difficult to ascertain, harassed a section of the field artillery and the mounted men on the plain. All our men behaved gallantly under trying conditions. The Boers still hold the positions, which are undoubtedly strong and adapted for Boer methods."

CAPT. MONTMORENCY KILLED.

Boers Repulse Charge of His Scouts On a Ridge Beyond Molteneo.

Starkstrom, Sunday, Feb. 25.—A reconnaissance yesterday in force under Gen. Gatacre, with eight guns, found the Boers occupying a ridge three miles beyond Molteneo, in the Stormberg direction.

Montmorency's scouts charged the Boers, who crept round the scouts' flank, pouring in a deadly fire. The scouts were finally compelled to retire, having lost heavily. Fourteen are missing. Capt. Montmorency was killed.

The reconnaissance was valuable, and would have been most satisfactory had it not been for the unfortunate disaster to the scouts, with whom Lieut. Col. Hoskier happened to be. Their loss was four killed and many wounded and missing. Col. Hoskier was killed.

FIGHTING FOR EVERY STEP.

Hardest Struggle Yet to Come for Relief of Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Times, dated Colenso, Feb. 25, says: "Our advance began on Thursday. The country is extremely difficult, and the advance is slow and costly. We are attacking a series of entrenched kopjes in a steep, broken, wooded country, which is full of dongas. The enemy is taking full advantage of the ground to maintain a ceaseless fire on our front and flanks. It is evident their rout is not so complete as at first supposed. It is probable they are making a rapid retirement to a second line of defense. The advance by Wynne's brigade Thursday and of Hildyard's brigade Friday west of the railway was checked by a flank fire from a railway hill. We are now within two miles of being in touch with Ladysmith, but this is the hardest part of the way, and we must expect very severe fighting."

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.

LaGRANGE, Feb. 27, 1900.

Miss Burgess is visiting at Mr. W. J. Newbold's.

The machinery, etc., for the Osceola cannery factory continues to arrive.

Our city aldermen have under consideration a proposition for electric lights.

Mr. A. G. Creech bought a bale of cotton last week that was seven years old.

Postmaster Miller has had lock-boxes added for the convenience of the patrons of the office.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Walters died Feb. 22d. She was only a few days old.

On account of inclement weather, the protracted meeting at the M. P. church was postponed.

Miss Smithwick, a cousin of the doctor's, came last week to accept a position as teacher in the High School.

Mr. Grady, of Pink Hill township, a student at the High School, died Monday. He had the measles and took cold, which resulted in death.

At the Christian church, on Wednesday night, the 28th, Mr. N. C. Newbold and Miss Mabel Wooten will be married. It will be a beautiful marriage.

Rev. Mr. McDuffie, of University Station, has accepted a call to the Baptist church at this place. He has favorably impressed himself upon the people here.

Mr. Wm. Fields has purchased of Mr. Zeb Creech a stock of goods and the storehouse occupied by him. Mr. Creech received land in exchange and will move to his farm.

Mess. Wynn & Smith have just received a car load of horses and mules. These, with the horses constantly kept on hand by Mr. W. H. Harper, make it unnecessary for purchasers to go elsewhere.

Saturday is the last day we will make our fine photos, 15 for 15c. Come at once, while you get pictures for nothing.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A furniture factory with a paid up capital stock of \$20,000 was organized at Oxford Friday, S. W. Parker, president.

Gov. Russell has given Capt. George L. Morton leave to take a division of the naval reserves and go on a cruise to Charleston in the auxiliary cruiser Hornet.

A special to the Raleigh News-Observer from Canton denies the report that smallpox is prevalent there and in Clyde. There is not a case in either town, says the special.

Broadie Moring, colored, charged with killing his father, in Wake county, was released at Raleigh Monday on a writ of habeas corpus, evidence being introduced that the father is living.

The schooner "Jane C. Harris," from Washington, N. C., to Philadelphia, stranded just north of Cape Hatteras Sunday. The life-saving crew rescued the men from the vessel after a hard struggle.

Winfield Cundiff, colored, accidentally shot and killed himself near Mt. Nebo, Yadkin county, a few days ago. He was on a stump looking for a rabbit when he fell off, the gun exploded and the entire load took effect in his head, uncapping the brain.

Carthage Tribune: Mr. W. A. Mills, of West End, killed his big hog last Wednesday, and he tipped the scales at 684. This hog was only two years old, and was no doubt the largest hog ever slaughtered in this county. The hog was of the Essex breed and was named McKinley.

A suit was instituted at Raleigh Monday by Prof. Gerald McCarthy against the board of trustees of the A. & M. College asking for \$1,250, balance claimed on salary as State botanist. He alleges that he was elected for a term of two years and then dismissed, without cause, before the expiration of his term.

The negroes have decided to hold a big industrial and educational exposition at Piedmont Park, Winston, August 20th to 25th. Booker T. Washington, the noted educator and orator of Alabama, will be invited to make the opening address. A fair association has been organized and the officers say they propose to make the association the biggest thing of the kind yet witnessed in North Carolina.

Salisbury and adjacent country had a disastrous storm on the 20th. Much damage was done, says The Index. From all sections of the country reports come in of damage done by the storm. Trees were uprooted, buildings blown down, and damage to a very great extent done throughout the county. At Mr. Pole's house just beyond Town creek the occupants of the house became alarmed at the trembling of the house and vacated. They had barely left when the house went over with a crash. At the same time an outbuilding was also blown over.

A slick rascal worked the tobacco warehouse of Pope, Carrington & Co., at Durham, out of a check for \$81.17 during the sales Friday. A farmer by the name of L. Jenks, of Wake county, sold a fine lot of the weed, his sales amounting to the above mentioned amount. As soon as this tobacco was sold a white man, apparently Mr. Jenks, so the sales clerk thought, asked for a bill of his sales, which was given him. He then carried the bill to the office of the warehouse and was given a check on the First National Bank for his money. At the bank the thief presented his check and when questioned by the teller exhibited his bill of sale and the check was at once cashed. There is practically no clue as to who the thief was.

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 of the world. For sale by the Temple-Norton Drug Co.

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