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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The bubonic plague has appeared in the island of Cozumel, off Yucatan.

Five hundred Spanish and ten American seamen were recently rescued on the northern coast of Luzon, says a dispatch from Manila.

The Republican caucus of the Kentucky legislature has decided to ask congress to take action regarding the election laws of the southern states.

A passenger train ran into a washout at Plainville, Conn., Thursday, and sent over an embankment. Four passengers were killed and a number injured.

After being under consideration for ten days, bill the providing a form of government for the territory of Hawaii was passed by the senate Thursday without revision.

Fire in a New York tenement house, Thursday morning, burned three children to death. A dozen or more people were rescued in a semi-conscious or unconscious condition.

Prominent Republicans at Indianapolis, Ind., are very outspoken in opposition to a bill which fixes a tariff for Porto Rico, and great fear is expressed that it will give the Democrats a decided advantage in the coming campaign.

Leonard R. Owens, former deputy postmaster at Marion, S. C., and appointed to the postmastership several months ago, was arrested Wednesday evening on charge of embezzlement. The shortage said to be in the thousands. Owens failed examination, numbers of prominent Democrats going on his bond.

At Selma, Ala., Wednesday, Jacob Furth, of New York, a traveling salesman, was shot and killed by Dr. Cawthon, a druggist. Furth refused to pay for a glass of lithia water ordered, claiming it to be of an inferior quality.

\$100,000 FOR THE SLAYER OF GOEBEL.

The Appropriation Made by Party Vote. Conflicting Appointments Made.

Frankfort, Feb. 28.—The Ward bill, which appropriates \$100,000 to be put in the hands of a committee to be expended in an effort to detect and convict the assassin of Gov. William Goebel, was passed by the house by a strict party vote of 52 to 35.

The Republican senate today confirmed a dozen appointments made by Gov. Taylor of officers for the various asylums and other charitable institutions. The Democratic senate at noon confirmed a batch of appointments by Gov. Beckham for these places.

Unknown persons stripped the state capitol building of the emblems of mourning which the front of the building was draped on account of the death of the late Democratic Gov. Goebel.

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."

STIRRED UP BY MORMONS.

North Carolina Preachers Denounce Their Teachings. Tar and Feathers.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 28.—Many sections of North Carolina are at present much stirred up by the teachings and visits of the Mormon elders, who are traveling about the State, trying to gain converts.

The Protestant ministers in many places are denouncing the Mormons in burning language from the pulpit, and in some instances have denounced the elders face to face.

Near Lemon Springs at a recent church service, Rev. E. A. McLeod, in a special sermon, uttered a scathing denunciation of the Mormon doctrine, characterizing the sect as adulterous, and as "latter day sinners."

The two elders waited outside for the preacher, and entered into a discussion with him. They admitted that they would teach polygamy if not hindered by the civil laws, and said they had only ceased the practice because compelled to do so by the law of 1890.

AFRAY OVER TWO FLAGS.

Five Mexicans and Three Americans Killed.

Guaymas, Mexico, Feb. 28.—Washington's birthday a shooting affray occurred at Pilares de Tierra, in which three Americans and five Mexicans were killed.

The Mexicans had charge of the affair, and raised the American flag above the Mexican, to the complete satisfaction of the Americans.

Supt. Danforth told the Mexicans that they would have to shoot him before they could haul down the American flag.

Five Mexicans were killed, and the dance which was to have followed was a failure, as no Mexicans attended, and there were less than half a dozen Americans in condition for dancing.

GLENFIELD ITEMS.

February 28, 1900.

Miss Cora Moore and brother, Hugh, spent Saturday in Kinston.

Miss Nannie Barwick, of Ft. Barnwell, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Mary Booker returned home Tuesday, after spending some time in Kinston.

Miss Lizzie Moore spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Mollie Hardy at Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lassiter spent several days the past week with her parents near Fremont.

Mr. Rufus Moore and Miss Sallie spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting relatives at Bucklesberry.

Owing to the disagreeable weather the farmers of this section have been unable to make much progress on their farms.

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

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LADYSMITH RELIEF.

Buller Returns From Ladysmith And Reports Boers Leaving in Hot Haste. Boers Probably go to Reinforce Those Facing Roberts. Boers Repulsed at Mafeking. London Went Wild Over The News.

London, March 1.—7:02 p. m.—Gen. Buller telegraphs as follows:

"Nelhorpe, March 1.—5:20 p. m.—I have just returned from Ladysmith. Except a small guard north of Surprise Hill, the whole of the enemy lately besieging the town have retired in hot haste, and to the south of the town the country is quite clear of them.

"The garrison were on half a pound of meal a man per day and supplementing the meat ration by horses and mules.

"The men will want a little nursing before being fit for the field."

Boer Losses at Jamestown.

Sterkspruit, Cape Colony, Feb. 28.—The Boers admit that their losses when Brabant captured Jamestown, were 50 killed, 128 wounded, and 300 missing.

CAN BULLER TURN TABLES?

Boers May Escape Him and Reinforce Those Facing Roberts.

London, March 1.—Lord Dunderdall is assumed to have made a wide turning movement eastward, skirting Bulwana Hill, and Gen. Buller may reasonably be expected to be in Ladysmith with the bulk of his forces by tonight.

While it is generally realized that Lord Roberts' strategy is mainly responsible for the relief of Ladysmith, there is a feeling of anxiety lest his plans suffer from the hordes. Buller might let slip into the Free State.

The significance of Gen. Kitchener's presence at Arundel is not yet explained. But, wherever he goes something is likely to happen and developments may shortly show strategic plans as interesting as those which culminated in the defeat of Gen. Cronje.

Boers Repulsed at Mafeking.

London, March 1.—A special from Cape Town says that a telegram has been received there from Mafeking announcing that the Boers made a severe and protracted assault on Feb. 17th, but were driven off at all points.

38,000 More Men for Africa.

London, March 1.—In the house of lords today Secretary of State for War, the Marquis of Lansdowne, speaking of the relief of Ladysmith and the capture of Cronje's army, said:

"Two recent successes will not be made the pretext for the relaxation of our efforts. In the week ending March 3rd eight transports will leave England carrying 4,700 men; during the week ending March 10th, fifteen ships, carrying 11,800 men will leave for South Africa, during the week ending March 18th, eleven ships with 9,000 men will sail, and during the week ending March 24th nine ships with 8,900 men, are to sail.

LONDON GROWS DELIRIOUS.

British Howl Themselves Hoarse Over Ladysmith's Relief.

London, March 1.—When the news of the relief of Ladysmith became generally known London literally went mad with joy, and throughout England the scenes witnessed have no parallel in the memories of this generation.

The strain that for 118 days had kept the nation in terrible anxiety was removed. The lord mayor showed at a window out of which hung a huge city imperial volunteer flag, and the crowd yelled itself hoarse.

Tons of fireworks are being bought in preparation for elaborate celebrations tonight. In several provincial towns effigies of President Kruger and Gen. Cronje were paraded through the streets and maltreated.

Over 1,000 university and college students paraded the streets of London singing "Rule Britannia" and cheering.

Why and How an Undertaker Should Advertise.

By Observations. In yesterday's FREE PRESS we read that Pyle is dead and that he made a pile of money by advertising—he made it by manufacturing and selling soap powders—but that is another story.

Mr. Webb is entirely too modest. Deeming his services worthy to the public he should not hesitate to tell it, to emphasize it, to bring it before its mind. If he has an article to sell—an article of such general utility and value as a coffin—he should advertise it by all means and depict its merits and qualifications.

The Free Press, kindly and rightfully offers its columns—for pay—to the purpose, and Mr. Webb should use them freely. Thus the good people of the town and county might be informed of the use and beauty of his wares and his desirability to serve them, with pleasure and dispatch.

Working hand in hand with the newspaper and the doctor should materially increase his trade. Ladies might patronize him more freely, were he to advertise a reduction sale of stylish coffins.

Further, Mr. Webb, as patentee of the celebrated ice shaving machine, might combine the two departments and give the grateful public a coffin with an ice shaving attachment or a refrigerator burial case or something or other of a refreshing nature.

While making a dash to escape, Lonnie Logan, one of the six men who, on June 2d last, robbed a Union Pacific train of \$84,000 in cash near Rock Creek, Wyo., was shot and killed by detectives who had tracked him from Cripple Creek.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The next Raleigh fair will be held Oct. 23 to 27.

Tarboro is talking about building another knitting mill.

Scotland Neck has subscribed \$40,000 to a cotton factory.

The State has chartered a \$150,000 cotton mill at Troy.

A Wake county man with 10 children has married a woman with 16.

The Winston Brick and Tile company, with a capital of \$11,000, has been incorporated.

The jury at Washington found Jesse Greene guilty of murder in the second degree, for killing his mistress, Mattie Moore.

It is now apparent that the legislature will be urged to transact considerable business at its session in June. It is asserted that it will attend only to such matters as the constitutional amendment.

The State guard tents, which were in the tobacco warehouse burned at Raleigh Wednesday, cost \$2,200. They were insured for \$2,000. New ones will be ordered at once so as to be ready for the encampment. There was tentage for one regiment.

Mr. John Cane, section foreman, fell from the top of a coal elevator at the Atlantic Coast Line docks at Wilmington Thursday morning with fatal results. Every bone in the victim's body was crushed, as well as his internal organs, yet he lived three hours and was conscious to the end.

Miss Lottie Cress and Mr. Obadiah Beaver, of China Grove, were married last Thursday night. On Tuesday the new bride left her husband and went south with Mr. John Miller. The Salisbury Truth-Index says that the deserted husband is trying to locate the faithless bride by telegraph.

The State superintendent of public instruction sends an important letter to county superintendents, saying he has decided that the special \$100,000 appropriation to public schools must go to the benefit of children direct without any reduction by commissions to county treasurers or other officials.

Rev. Mr. Stringfield, agent for the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, has collected in cash \$60,000. The indebtedness is now \$25,000. The pledged aggregate \$10,000. Another building, a dormitory, must be erected this year, to accommodate 150 more students, making 300 in all. The building will cost \$15,000.

At Wilmington there was considerable excitement Wednesday about the reported lynching of an impudent negro woman, a negro cook who had attacked and thrown to the floor Mrs. C. W. Woodward. The negro woman escaped but was captured by a party of citizens on the sound and thrashed within an inch of her life.

A novel and interesting case was argued in the supreme court at Raleigh Wednesday. An engineer on the Atlantic Coast Line sued for reinstatement and damages on the ground that he was appointed during good behavior and under the noted decision in the case of Hoke versus Henderson he had a right to the position during good behavior. This is the first application of that case to civil life.

Concord Standard: On last Saturday night two children went upstairs in the home of Mr. John Kerns, near Salisbury. Soon a report from a gun was heard and when the family rushed in they found Alvin Kerns, the 4-year-old boy, shot in the neck and his face badly burned. His death was almost instantaneous. The other child was the son of Mr. C. J. Edney. It was another "unloaded" gun case.

Fayetteville Observer, Feb. 28: A forest fire, covering an area of a mile in length and half a mile wide, has been raging this afternoon, starting near the silk mill and ranging along Branson's creek up to and beyond the Shepherd house. But for the wide road back of the residence of Judge Buxton and the Lilly house and the large cleared area around the Tolar and Shepherd houses, together with hard fighting by 50 or 60 men, all these fine old mansions would have been destroyed. As it was, five out-houses on the Shepherd place were burned, and the fences of all were partly destroyed. The Tolar house caught once, but the flames were extinguished. At 4 o'clock the fire was well in hand.

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