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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

War is about to break out between two chiefs in British Zululand.

The gold bill is now a law, McKinley having signed the bill Wednesday afternoon.

There has been a sweeping advance in the price of broom corn, which is now worth about \$160 a ton.

Floods in the rivers of Illinois are doing great damage to property, and caused many families to flee to the hills for safety.

A Washington dispatch says applications for charters for national banks with \$25,000 capital are reaching the treasury at the rate of from eight to ten a day.

An attempt was made to play "Sappo" at Kalamazoo, Mich., Tuesday, despite orders from the city council to have it suppressed. The play was stopped by the police.

News from Mafeking, up to March 9th, shows that the besieged were suffering greatly. It was believed that Col. Plumer, who was then only 57 miles away, would soon raise the siege.

Fire, which originated in the drug store of P. E. Holton & Co., at High Springs, Fla., swept through the town, destroying 23 buildings and causing a loss approximating \$50,000. There was very little insurance. Only seven business houses are left standing in the town. Fifteen stores and offices were burned.

The house military committee has ordered favorable reports on the bill to establish a national park on the site of the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Salem Church, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House, in Virginia; also a bill to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Stone River, in Tennessee. The Fredericksburg bill refers to many historic points which are to be within the park, including the spot where Stonewall Jackson was fatally wounded and Gen. Barry was killed, the battlefield contested by Grant and Lee in May, 1864, and "Bloody Angle," etc. Both bills provide for commissions to execute the plans of the parks.

### BUTLER WRIGGLES OUT.

As Usual He Claims the Report Did Not Correctly Represent Him.

Washington, March 13.—In the senate today Senator Butler, of North Carolina, said that the report of the colloquy between himself and Mr. Aldrich had not correctly represented him. This report stated that Mr. Butler evaded a direct answer to Mr. Aldrich's question as to whether or not he (Butler) was in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Mr. Butler then restated his position as given during the colloquy. In closing, he said he was in favor of the coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States, independent of any other nation.

Mr. Aldrich replied briefly, saying that the press account of the colloquy was a fair and accurate statement of what occurred. He had asked the (North Carolina) senator six or eight times if he was in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States alone, and had not received a direct answer. Mr. Aldrich said he was glad to get today a statement from Mr. Butler that he was now in favor of such free coinage.

## QUIET IN KENTUCKY.

Legislature Adjourned. Gens. Collier and Castleman Agree to Await the Action of Court of Appeals.

Frankfort, March 13.—The legislature of Kentucky adjourned sine die today. A conference between Adj. Gens. Collier and Castleman resulted in a perfect understanding being reached.

Taylor will continue to act as governor. Beckham will make no move toward securing possession of the state buildings until after the court of appeals has decided the disputed governorship.

The legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the use of Gov. Beckham in organizing the state militia.

Among the more conservative element in each party the opinion prevails that the worst is over, and that when the court of appeals renders its decision the danger of civil war in the commonwealth, which has been terribly imminent, will have passed away entirely.

To the Democratic leaders, with a full understanding of the situation, only one cloud appears on the political horizon—that is Gov. Taylor's future course.

Gov. Taylor will not outline his plan of action, beyond the statement which he made to the Associated Press correspondent today, that he would "continue to act as governor."

Republicans in Gov. Taylor's confidence, however, say that he will remain in Frankfort in the discharge of his duties until the court of last resort passes upon the question at issue. Then, if the decision be against him, he will step out at once and turn over the state buildings to Gov. Beckham.

The Republicans will make every effort to carry the dispute into the federal courts in case the decision of the Kentucky court of appeals is against him, but failing in this, they will consider the question settled.

The Democratic leaders assert that they will cheerfully abide by the decision of the court of appeals; but should the decision be in their favor, they will insist on the occupancy of the state buildings, "peaceably if possible, but forcibly if necessary," as it was expressed today.

The conference between Adj. Gens. Collier and Castleman lasted a greater part of the afternoon and a tacit agreement was made to allow matters to remain in statu quo at present. By this the Republicans understand that no further arrests will be attempted and no prosecutions made of the state officials or the state militia serving under Gov. Taylor.

### The Coming Newbern Fair.

Newbern Journal. Beginning April 16th, the 18th annual exhibition of the Newbern fair and race meet will take place.

In place of the customary mid-winter fair, in February, which has been the season for holding the annual Newbern fairs, the date this year is changed to the spring season.

In this change, the visitor to the fair need not think that there is to be any less attractive features, for every department will be full, and the open air features will be largely increased.

While February has often proven most seasonable, in weather, for holding the fair, it has at times been quite the reverse, and these unseasonable years have made it impossible for visitors to come here, who had to come from a distance, although the weather in this section was pleasant.

But the fair of 1900 will not have to meet such weather conditions, as are likely to prevail in February.

In the indoor exhibits, there will be the usual fine displays of oysters, game and fish, as well as the exhibits of fine arts, agricultural and fine stock and poultry.

In the outdoor attractions, the fair of 1900 will prove especially attractive.

The race meet will have trotting and running races, the contestants being the leading horses to be found on the racing circuits in the south.

The streets of Cairo, with elephant, camels, donkeys and Egyptians, will be an open air attraction of pleasing novelty, and a feature which will be of interest to every visitor.

Daily balloon ascensions, with other open air sights, will be given this year.

In addition to the fair and the social pleasures of Newbern, the visitor will find the April season a most delightful one in Newbern.

The truck farms will show this great industry, and the drive-ways will afford the visitor the delight of riding in any way he or she may select.

The visitor to the Newbern fair of 1900 will find it a most attractive and enjoyable one in every particular.

The chief officer and four of the crew of the Norwegian steamship Frammes have been picked up at sea. The steamer was wrecked on the Bahamas.

## IN BLOEMFONTEIN.

England's Colors Afloat Over Free State's Capital. Boers Withdrawn. Inhabitants of Bloemfontein Cordially Welcome the British.

London, March 14.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein and that the British flag is flying from the top of the capital.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"Bloemfontein, March 13, 8 p. m.—By the help of God and by the bravery of her majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken command of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State. Mr. Frazer, member of the late executive government, the mayor, the secretary of the late government, the landrost and other officials met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices.

"The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood, and all seems quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

The above dispatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the war office until 7:30 p. m., Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before 9 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraph not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening. Extra papers are already out on the streets, and the night crowds of London are singing patriotic songs and engaging in patriotic demonstrations.

### THE BOERS DISAPPOINTED.

Reitz Says the War Must Now Be Fought to the Bitter End.

Pretoria, Monday, March 12.—Via Lourenco Marques, Tuesday, March 13.—Lord Salisbury's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn causes bitter disappointment; and State Secretary Reitz says it means that the war will have to be fought to the bitter end.

### LEONIDAS' DEATHLESS SPARTANS.

300 Men Under Delary Hold the British Hosts at Bay All Day.

Pretoria, March 13.—A dispatch from Bloemfontein says that in view of the military situation the seat of government may be removed to Kroonstad.

Commander Delary's report of the fight at Abraham's Kraal, Saturday, says:

"The British were estimated to number 40,000 men. Their first assault was repulsed. Only two Boers were wounded. The second assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. These hills were of great strategic importance. Appreciating this, I and 300 men defended the position from nine in the morning until sundown. The burghers fought like heroes and three times repulsed masses of the British, who kept relieving their tired men. Every attempt to storm was defeated. At sundown there were not fifty yards between us. The British lost heavily. No accurate returns of our loss are available."

### WILL NOT REACH PRETORIA.

Kruger Says the Boers Are United and Will Fight to the Death.

New York, March 14.—A dispatch from President Kruger to The Evening Journal, dated Pretoria, March 13, 8 p. m., via Berlin, says:

"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defense, on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

### Revised Casualty List.

London, March 14.—The war office has issued a return showing that the total number of casualties in South Africa has been 14,919, exclusive of 955 men, who were either accidentally killed or died from disease.

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## HERALD SQUARE OPERA CO.

Fine Performance of "Said Pasha" Last Night. The "Chimes of Normandy" Tonight.

The Herald Square Opera Co. played "Said Pasha" at the opera house last night. A good sized audience was in attendance and was somewhat surprised at the excellency of the performance. A good show had been expected, but the entertainment furnished last night was by far the best that has been in Kinston for a long time.

The entire company ably performed their different characters. The singing of all the company was good, but the singing and acting of the two leading ladies, Etta Stetson, as "Alti, Queen of Altari," and Mae Glover, as "Serena," the pasha's daughter, stood out as distinct stars.

Probably the best character among the men was T. F. Callahan, as "Haded," an adventurer. His companion, "Nocky," impersonated by Geo. J. Williams, ably seconded him in the ridiculous phases of the performance and kept the audience in a pleasant humor.

Harry Carter, as "Hassen Bey," officer of Turkish patrol, deserves high praise. Both his acting and singing were fine.

The whole performance gave entire satisfaction to the audience. The company will play the "Chimes of Normandy" tonight, and no doubt will be greeted by a large audience.

### Negro Woman Shot.

Alverna Brown, a colored woman, was shot Tuesday about noon by Fernie Brown, a colored man.

A colored family named Brown live as tenants on the land of Mr. J. W. Grainger, near his residence on Vernon farm, on the outskirts of Kinston.

The father with several sons, live in one part of the house. A married son, with his wife and child, live in another apartment.

About four weeks ago Fernie Brown had a quarrel with his married brother, Levy Brown, over a water dipper that was used by the family, because he objected to the child of his brother drinking from the dipper. At this time Fernie Brown cursed and threatened to shoot his brother. He also cursed the wife of his brother. It seems that since then bad feelings have prevailed between the several parties.

On Tuesday while the woman was in her room alone, with the exception of her child, the report of a gun suddenly rang out and she received seven small shot in her left hip. The wound, which was not a dangerous one, was dressed by Dr. J. M. Parrott.

When the woman's husband arrived, he approached his brother and asked the reason of the shooting. Fernie claimed that the shooting was accidental, but has told different tales in explanation of the act.

Fernie Brown was not arrested until this morning. He was lodged in jail and will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon before Justice J. G. Cox.

### SENATOR DEBOE MARKED.

It Is Charged That He Was Accessory to the Goebel Murder.

Frankfort, March 13.—Today it was said that United States Senator Deboe will be arrested on a warrant charging him with being an accessory before the fact to the murder of William Goebel. Twenty five others will be indicted. The charge made against Deboe is that he attended meetings at which the best methods of putting Goebel out of the way were discussed. Deboe is at Washington.

### The Schooner Breaks Up.

Norfolk, Va., March 13.—The schooner Lizzie S. James, ashore on Hatteras inlet bar, has broken in two near the main mast, is full of water and will be a total loss. The car load of lumber, including the deck load, is still intact and unless bad weather sets in will be saved. The schooner rests on what is known as the "south breaker," where the sea is always rough.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. MEANLEY, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by J. E. Hood.

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## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

President Winston intends to take the cadets of the A. & M. College to the Newbern fair in April.

Republicans at Raleigh have begun talking about Richmond Pearson as their nominee for governor.

A negro was boldly walking the streets of Charlotte Tuesday, his face all broken out with smallpox. He was arrested and taken to the pest house.

Fayetteville Observer: A great deal of counterfeit coin is in circulation in Fayetteville, especially dollars and half dollars. The dollars are a splendid imitation, and can only be detected by the absence of the ring of the genuine.

Charlotte News: Jim Beyers, colored, who on Sunday afternoon, March 26th, 1899, shot and killed Fannie Gillespie, colored, at the home of his father, George Beyers, near Davidson, was captured Monday morning at 3 o'clock at the house of his mother-in-law, in the same neighborhood, by Constable Victor Fesperman and Mr. T. M. Carr, and brought to Charlotte and jailed.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger, March 13: A Populist said today that Senator Butler was dealing with the Republicans now as if he could carry 60,000 votes against the constitutional amendment, while as a matter of fact he cannot carry 10,000 and those who do vote against it would do so any way. Butler or no Butler. After the inevitable victory of the amendment the Republicans will drop Butler.

Troy Examiner: At the next term of our superior court, Arch McIver will be again tried for the killing of James Howie. It will be remembered that McIver killed Howie in July, 1898, and he has been in jail here ever since. McIver was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged by Judge Shaw at the January term, 1899, but his counsel succeeded in securing for him a new trial.

Wilmington Messenger, March 14: A murder was committed some time yesterday afternoon just east of the city limits, nearly opposite the entrance to the national cemetery. The victim was Ed Wallace, a negro man about 40 years of age. The name of the perpetrator of the foul deed is still unknown. The negro's head was found to be terribly gashed by severe blows with some rather blunt instrument.

Washington Gazette: Mr. D. W. Gaskill, of Blount's Creek, sends us an account of the death of Myers Tripp, one of the most highly respected colored men of that part of Beaufort county, in the 65th year of his age. At the breaking out of the civil war, he went to the front as cook in company B, Fortieth North Carolina regiment, commanded by Capt. W. H. Tripp, and served in that capacity during the entire war. Mr. Gaskill says he was faithful and honest, and will be missed by the people of his neighborhood.

### Teachers' Assembly to Meet in Morehead.

The executive committee of the Teacher's Assembly met at Greensboro Tuesday night and after a session lasting several hours decided to hold the next session of the Assembly at Morehead.

There were two bidders for it—Morehead and Wilmington. The advantages afforded and the inducements offered by both places were fully discussed, and finally Morehead was selected.

### Would Shrink a Sight.

Durham Herald.

The Topeka Capital starts out under Editor Sheldon's management with a circulation of over 200,000, but we are afraid that if he were to continue for any length of time the circulation would bear a striking resemblance to the old negro's catfish.

### 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, "Bosche'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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