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## GENERAL NEWS.

Letters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Marietta (Ga.) paper mills have been placed in the hands of a receiver.

Early strawberries in Mississippi were considerably damaged by frost Friday night.

Dinamore, the hypnotist murderer, was convicted at Lincoln, Neb., Saturday, and sentenced to die.

The American Tobacco company has closed its cigar factory in New York, discharging 500 people.

It is reported in Washington that Grover Cleveland will in the near future announce his support of W. J. Bryan's candidacy for president.

An explosion in the Monongahela iron furnace at McKeesport, Pa., Friday, created one man, fatally burned two and badly injured two others.

Hester's cotton statement shows the total movement from Sept. 1 to March 16 is 8,005,807, against 9,749,151 last year and 10,009,551 year before last.

A French official says European powers would intervene in the South African war if it became apparent that the Boers intended to destroy the Johannesburg mines.

Taylor, of Kentucky, has decided, after conference with friends, to make another appeal to the president for assistance. He wants a few federal troops and also wishes McKinley to recognize him as governor.

The Facolet Mfg. Co. has purchased 50 acres of land two miles from Gainesville, Ga., and will erect a \$1,000,000 cotton mill. The mill will operate 50,000 spindles and make a standard sheeting for export only.

City Marshal Overby, of Cochran, Ga., was fatally shot Sunday by Deputy Collins, whose pistol was accidentally discharged while they were arresting a negro, Jackson, the negro, had shot his father, and his brother was assisting his escape.

Some administration officials are trying to induce Gen. Wheeler not to insist on the immediate acceptance of his resignation. This is in furtherance of the move to have congress authorize the president to retire him and Lee as brigadier generals in the regular army.

At Columbus, Ohio, Friday, a gasoline explosion at the residence of Jas. Weaver resulted in one death, five fatally injured, and one seriously injured. Gasoline was used in starting a fire, when the can of liquid exploded, wrecking the room and wrapping the victims in flames. They were all frightfully burned.

At Lewistown, Mont., Friday, William Wallace Calder was hanged for the murder of F. McRae and his sheep herder, over a year ago. Calder and his brother James murdered the men and cremated their bodies, taking McRae's sheep, numbering 8,000, to Big Timber, where they sold them. Calder's brother turned state's evidence.

A company, capitalized at \$5,000,000, has been organized in Georgia to mine gold in White county. It is claimed by the owners that the richest veins of gold ore east of the Rocky Mountains are located on the property. Among the incorporators are Gov. Allen Chandler, ex-Gov. Northen, F. B. Neal, F. E. Black and H. H. Cabaniss.

Citizens of LaRium, a fine residence suburb of the big mining camp of Calumet, Mich., have appointed a committee to rid the town of negroes. Colored men were almost unknown there until a sewer contractor brought in several car loads from Tennessee and Alabama 18 months ago. Several white girls have eloped with negroes, and constant trouble has led to this action.

In the United States the expenditure for public schools amounts annually to about \$200,000,000; in Great Britain and Ireland to \$88,000,000; in France to \$58,000,000, and in Germany to \$108,000,000; total for these four nations being \$450,000,000. This country stands the highest per capita, \$2.67; to \$2.20 for Great Britain; \$1.60 for France, and \$2 for Germany.

Maud S, the famous trotter, died Saturday at Schult's farm, Port Chester, N. Y. She was brought to the farm from New York a week ago, and it was intended to use her for breeding purposes. She was sick when she arrived and had been under the care of a veterinary surgeon. She gradually became worse and all efforts to save the life of the valuable animal were fruitless. Maud S was owned by the Bonner estate and was 25 years old. Her trotting record of 2.06 1/2 was made in 1885.

## REV. SHELDON'S PAPER.

He Finished Saturday and Leaves a Row Between Owners of the Paper.

Topeka, March 17.—Rev. C. M. Sheldon has retired as editor of the Daily Capital. His last, or Saturday edition, was sent to press at 5 o'clock this afternoon and dated Saturday evening, March 17. There is not a line of local, state or telegraphic news in the paper. Aside from Mr. Sheldon's farewell editorial, which expresses the hope that the desecration of the Sabbath by the publication of Sunday papers will soon cease, and the usual advertisements, there is not a line in the paper except selections from the Bible or discussion of Biblical questions.

A big row is brewing among the stockholders of the paper because of the Sheldon edition. A majority want to continue The Capital as a Christian daily paper, modified somewhat, and a meeting is to be held Monday to determine the matter. Gen. Hudson, editor-in-chief, and Dell Keyser, business manager, regard such an effort as ridiculous and declare that they will have nothing to do with it.

F. O. Popenoe, who conceived the Sheldon idea, believes that the paper can maintain a big circulation by continuing as a quasi-religious paper. As a newspaper the Sheldon Capital has been a failure, and is so regarded by nine-tenths of its readers here.

## FATAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

The Preacher Was Deaf and Now The Doctor Is Dead.

Petersburg, Va., March 17.—Dr. W. S. Temple, of Brunswick, who was shot by the Rev. J. E. Riddick, a Methodist minister, last Sunday morning, near White Plains, in that county, died this afternoon at 5 o'clock, of his wounds. Last Wednesday a week ago Dr. Temple called to see Mrs. Riddick who was quite ill. After his departure Mr. Riddick, in a conversation with his wife, understood her to say that Dr. Temple had used language unbecoming a gentleman in her presence. This so preyed on his mind that it caused him to shoot the physician. It is now said that Mrs. Riddick was misunderstood by her husband, who is dead.

## A Special House Committee on Trusts.

Washington, March 16.—Chairman Ray, of the house judiciary committee, today appointed the following special committee on trusts: Mess. Ray (Rep.), of New York; Jenkins (Rep.), of Wisconsin; Overstreet (Rep.), of Indiana; Littlefield (Rep.) of Maine; Terry (Dem.), of Arkansas; Lanham (Dem.), of Texas; Elliott (Dem.), of South Carolina.

This special committee will consider all bills and resolutions relating to trusts.

## The Bottle at Ship Launches.

Down to Charles II's time it was customary to name and baptize a ship after she was launched, sometimes a week or two after. The old Tudor method used for men-of-war was still in use. Pepys' "Diary" shows that the ship was safely got afloat; after which some high personage went on board with a special silver "standing cup," or "flaggon" of wine, out of which he drank, naming the ship and pouring a libation on the quarter deck. The cup was then generally given to the dockyard shipwright as a memento.

When did the present usage of naming and baptizing a ship before she is sent afloat come in? I trace the last explicit mention of the old method to 1664, when the Royal Katherine was launched (see Pepys). The first mention of smashing a bottle of wine on the bows of an English man-of-war that I have found is in a contemporary newspaper cutting of May, 1780, describing the christening of H. M. S. Magnanime at Deptford, but nothing is hinted that it was then a new custom.—Notes and Queries.

## Old German Wash Lists.

The old German housewife had a strange way of keeping track of the clothes she gave out to be washed. It was nothing less than a pictorial and perpetual wash list. There was no possibility of making such an error as to mistake the abbreviation Sh. for shirts or St. for stockings. She had pictures of each article and simply wrote down the number of each thing opposite its picture with a piece of chalk, which was erased when the thing was returned and used again on the following week.—Cleveland Leader.

## RELIEF OF MAKEKING

Persistently Rumored but Not Yet Confirmed. Only Transvaalers to Be Sent to St. Helena. Boers' Numbers Exaggerated. Soon to Advance on Pretoria. Boers Admit Their Cause Is Hopeless.

London, March 17.—It is persistently reiterated that Makefeking has been relieved, but the war office has no confirmation of the rumor.

## Dundonald's Skirmish.

Lady Smith, March 16.—Lord Dundonald's cavalry patrols reconnoitered the Free State border of Basutoland, to DeBeer's Pass, where a slight skirmish occurred, in which two British were wounded. The Boers were also encountered in strength at Van Heenan's Pass and Tintwas Pass.

## Transport's Sailing Delayed.

Cape Town, March 17.—The departure of the transports with the Boer prisoners for St. Helena has been delayed on account of the fact that seventy Boers have been sick, including many infectious cases. The authorities are striving to complete the isolated hospital by Wednesday and the transports will probably sail that day.

## Transvaalers Only To Go.

London, March 17.—A dispatch from Cape Town, dated today, says it has been decided to send only the Transvaalers to St. Helena, the authorities finding it difficult to prevent conflicts between the Free States and the Transvaalers.

## Will Embitter Germany.

Berlin, March 16.—The Berliner Tageblatt, which prints the announcement from London that it is reported there that the British cruiser Thetis will search the German steamer Kaiser to capture the Boer delegates who are seeking European intervention, expresses the belief that any such action would seriously embitter the relations between the peoples, as well as between the governments.

## Boers' Numbers Exaggerated.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail publishes an interview this morning with Mr. Cecil Rhodes, in which Mr. Rhodes declared that there had only been thirty thousand Boers in the field altogether, and that the mercenaries were only about 15,000. The number of Boers, he said, had been exaggerated in order to explain the British reverses.

## Soon to Advance on Pretoria.

London, March 17.—With the railway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will in a few days be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria. His deep political intuition, combined with his bold strategy, is having the result desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State, which are rapidly calming down.

Makefeking is now the only point for anxiety and as it is known that a force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass.

The latest advices respecting the surrender of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each composed of forty cars, and all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender; but he pretended that he was going to visit one of the outposts, and at midnight took a carriage which was waiting for him outside the town and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

## Kruger Annexes Free State (?)

Bethulle, Orange Free State, March 15.—It is understood here that President Kruger two days ago annexed the Orange Free State to the South African Republic.

## Admit Their Cause Is Hopeless.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Friday, March 16th: "Entrenching is proceeding on the Vaal River at Vereyong. "Late arrivals from Pretoria say that the Boers themselves now admit that their cause is hopeless. Gen. Lucas Meyer refuses to fight again and has returned to his farm. Gen. Schalkbarger has also returned and the burghers are going home by hundreds."

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LEXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVER'S signature is on each box. 25c.

## CAPITAL POLITICAL CHAT.

A Prominent Republican Opposes Organized Opposition. Prominent Populists Retiring. The Attitude of the Negro.

Raleigh, N. C., March 19, 1900.

A Republican of prominence from the eastern part of the State said today that he violently opposed his party's having any organization in the east for the August election, and assigned as a reason that to organize would only make the whites more determined to carry the election. This was a delicate way of expressing his belief that the Democrats would certainly win.

The fact is that the Republicans so far have no plans and no candidates. It is always their custom to select their men beforehand, make up a slate in fact, but this year they are at sea, and offices appear to go begging. They know Democratic nominations are equivalent to elections. Not a Republican can be found who has any idea who will be his party's nominee for governor. Out of dozens asked, not one has answered with any degree of positiveness. Some say in a vague way, Richmond Pearson, while others say he doesn't want the nomination but does want to go to congress from the Ninth district.

Complete as was Republican Chairman Holton's downfall and collapse two years ago, Republicans are saying he will be re-elected chairman.

Speeches are in progress in many counties and wildly scattered. The amendment is the sole topic. The plan to make all else subordinate to it is being carried out by the Democrats. The Republicans are putting some speakers in the field, but they do most of their work by bushwhacking, taking single voters or very small groups. It will be a costly campaign for them, but of course their national committee will help them, as it did in 1896, when it gave \$60,000 for North Carolina. In a few cases Populists are speaking, but a very few. Senator Butler is practically the only Populist to make any sign, barring the nine members of the State committee who met here in January and fulminated against the amendment.

Some of the Populists, who in 1896 and 1898 were prominent in politics, will this year retire. State Auditor Ayer, ex-chairman, is one. The Populists who are trying to drive their people against the amendment have discovered that they cannot carry out their plans. Enough hints have been dropped to show them what the convention will do—that is, leave the amendment to the individual view of the Populists.

If one asks people from the country in central and eastern North Carolina the question, "What do you hear the white Republicans saying on the question of the amendment?" the reply is, "They are divided; some for and some against it." A politician would declare they were all against it.

The attitude of the negro on this question is interesting. It is passive. He sees what is sure to happen. Jim Young says the negroes care nothing about registering or voting, feel little or no interest in the election, and want the white people to settle the franchise matter, the negroes merely wishing to be let alone. The white Republicans want the negroes to keep out of conventions, keep in the background in fact, but to register. Young, speaking for the negroes, says there will be few, if any, in the conventions. The question is whether this is of their own motion, or whether it is not a following of the wishes of the white Republicans.

## A PALMER-BUCKNER SCHEME.

Ex-Governor Stone Thinks Gold Democrats Planning to Control The Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., March 16.—Ex-Gov. William J. Stone, Democratic national committeeman from Missouri, said today he believed there was some truth in the statement that there is a movement among eastern Democrats to elect Tom L. Johnson, of Ohio, chairman of the national committee and eliminate silver from the platform. Gov. Stone said:

"Some sort of a scheme is on foot, although I am not able yet to say exactly what it is. From information that came to me at Washington and since, I gather that the end which the Palmer and Buckner Democrats are trying to attain is the capture of the organization of the party. Their scheme seems to be to get into the convention as delegates and with as little noise as possible, but by means of adroit manipulation, control as many delegations as possible with the ultimate object of controlling the convention and capturing the national committee. They will be for Bryan but they want the organization."

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

There is a movement on foot to build a trolley car line from Durham to Chapel Hill.

Nathan Stevens, a white man of Louisa, committed suicide Saturday by taking two ounces of laudanum.

The State has chartered the Vivian cotton mill at Cherryville, Gaston county, and authorized it to have as much as \$2,000,000 capital.

Troy Examiner: Some of our farmers are going wild over the cotton question. They say they will plant more and fertilize heavier than ever before.

The labor commissioner has completed his list of newspapers in the State. It shows a large increase during the twelve months. There are now nearly 200 Democratic papers.

The Warrenton Record is five years old. Under Editor McDowell's wise management its subscription list has increased from 158 to 550. It is a good paper and we wish it continued success.

Democratic State Chairman Simmons says the number of speakers to be put in the field this year will exceed any ever sent out before. They will sweep the State from sea to mountains.

Bakersville Mirror: Last Thursday morning Wilson Buchanan, who was working at the railroad in the lower end of the county, was drowned while crossing the "narrows" of Toe river in a canoe.

The smallest tug boat in Norfolk harbor, the Nellie, has been sold by Capt. Wm. Hancock to a lumber firm at Morehead City for \$1,800. She is to be used in Cove sound, in the lumber trade. She draws but four feet of water, and is, therefore, adapted for the service in the shallow waters there.

At Graham, one day last week, several young white boys became engaged in a quarrel, and Tom Pickard, aged 13 years, threw a piece of coal chunker at Harry Vincent, aged 15, striking him over the right eye and inflicting a very painful wound, which caused Vincent to be unconscious and continued to his bed several days, and finally resulted in his death.

The hide, bones and head of a magnificent buffalo have been received at the State museum at Raleigh, and will be handsomely mounted. The hide, bones and head of an elk have also been secured. The last record of buffaloes in this State was in 1750, when they were seen crossing the Catawba river in what is now Iredell county. Persons now living have killed elk in Watauga and Ashe counties.

## VANCE STATUE ACCEPTED.

North Carolina Legislature's Committee Approves Sculptor Elliott's Model.

Washington Post, March 17th.

The joint committee from the legislature of North Carolina and the Citizens' association of Raleigh, N. C., arrived in this city yesterday morning and during the forenoon visited the studio of Mr. Henry Elliott, where they viewed the plaster model for the statue of the late Senator Vance, which they hope to unveil at Raleigh during the month of May. The members of the committee expressed their approbation of the work of the sculptor, and formally accepted the cast.

The casting will be done in New York, and it is expected that this work will take about two months. After some finishing touches, which will take a few days, the model will be ready for casting.

## 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, "Boscher'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-Marron Drug Co.

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