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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Thirty-two thousand British troops are now on the sea on their way to South Africa.

The Republican senators are striving to harmonize and are holding caucuses to try to relieve tariff complications.

Rev. Dr. Alexander G. Brown, one of the foremost Methodist preachers in Virginia, is dead. He was born in that state in 1833.

Senator Beveridge has offered a substitute to give Porto Rico free trade with the United States, but denying it our constitution.

Senators Platt, Aldrich and Teller are in Cuba Monday. They are a commission appointed to look into the needs of the island.

Ten thousand Porto Ricans assembled at the governor general's mansion in San Juan recently to petition for relief. The crowd was orderly.

The U. S. supreme court has upheld the Texas anti-trust law against the Water-Pierce Oil company, a member of the Standard Oil trust, upon the ground that the state imposed a condition which the oil company had accepted, and hence was without ground of complaint.

The full program at Savannah, Ga., in honor of Dewey was prevented by rain Tuesday. The admiral suffered an attack of cholera morbus from drinking a single glass of the "Chatham Artillery punch," a local brew, and eating a small quantity of chicken salad. He soon recovered, however.

The war department received a cable message Monday from Gen. Davis, commanding the department of Porto Rico, saying that the condition of the inhabitants of Porto Rico is distressing, and the suffering so general and widespread over the island that he will require at least 500 tons of food supplies weekly until further notice.

The Filipino junta is again becoming active in Manila. Arms have recently been smuggled into Luzon from China. Hostile natives are reporting organizing in several of the conquered provinces. Trains are run under heavy guards. The guerrillas are becoming more active. There is treason among municipal officials on all sides. The Spaniards encourage the Filipinos to continue the struggle.

The mutilated bodies of E. C. Stout and his wife, who lived on a farm near Nesquehanna, Columbia county, Pa., were found buried under the snow in their barnyard Monday. In the same yard where the bodies were discovered a savage bull is kept with a number of other cattle, and it is the supposition that while at work in the yard, Mr. Stout was attacked by the brute. His wife, it is presumed, came to his assistance, and both were gored to death.

James C. Hite, a prominent oil man at St. Mary's, W. Va., was shot dead Monday by Attorney Joseph C. Nowland, upon whom he was advancing with a drawn revolver. At the last term of court Hite's wife sued Nowland for alleged improprieties toward her. Nowland alleged blackmail and won the case. Monday, while sitting in his office, Nowland saw Hite approaching, through a glass door. Nowland says he cautioned Hite to stay out, and when he continued to advance, Nowland fired three shots, the last one piercing Hite's heart.

Just before his death Dr. Temple, who was shot by Rev. J. E. R. Riddick, in Brunswick county, Va., stated that if his assailant was insane, he wanted him confined in a lunatic asylum; if not insane, he wanted the extreme penalty of the law meted out to him, and if he escaped on a technicality, he wanted his (Temple's) friends to deal with him as they thought best. Sunday night, the officers at Lawrenceville, fearing mob violence, took the prisoner out into the woods, where they kept him until morning. A special from Temple's friends only ask that Riddick be given a speedy trial. Riddick received the news of his victim's death very indifferently, simply saying that his family was avenged.

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NEXT NEWBERN FAIR.

April 10-21. A Big Attraction Secured. Famous Streets of Cairo as Exhibited at the World's Fair.

Newbern, March 20.—The board of directors, aided by the untiring efforts of President Dunn and Mr. Geo. Green, the efficient secretary of the association, have secured one of the greatest and largest attractions ever placed on a fair ground in this State. It will be the good fortune of all visitors to see the same in its entirety from April 16th to the 21st, inclusive. The attractions consist in what is known as the Great Southern Carnival and Midway Co. They will bring about one hundred strange, odd and remarkable people from the Oriental lands. In that big company there will be Turks, Arabs, Syrians, Algerians, howling and whirling dervishes, sword fighters, magicians, native singers and dancers, both male and female. There will be startling revelations of Oriental life; peaceful scenes and past-times of the sultan's domains. Visitors will have an opportunity to see how those people actually exist, live and amuse themselves in their own country. There will be entire families, from the old grey-headed grandfather to the toddling tot whose infant footsteps have just left the cradle.

For the first time in the history of the Newbern fair, the large concourse of visitors that annually congregates there each spring, will witness a vivid reproduction of the famous streets of Cairo as it was given at the world's fair; taken part in by the same people who made that exhibition on the mighty highway of nations famous. There will be special night performances during the entire time and it will be certainly a fascinating scene, with the bright lights flashing on the gaudily bedecked costumes characteristic of these people, with the strange and weird music playing, and with the sound of the tom-tom keeping time to the sylph-like movements of the dancing girls, far-famed in song and story. In the great enclosure will be native attendants, careful drivers to assist the visitors, especially the ladies and children in camel and donkey rides up and down the irregular formation of the noted street.

With all these marvelous attractions placed at our very door-way, it is safe to state, that this, the coming spring, will mark a new era in the history of the Newbern fair and industrial exhibition; and as one great feature added, there will be placed in the permanent show building, which will be entirely renovated and remodeled for the occasion, Prof. Chas. W. Clinton's "Colossal Columbian Carnival" of trained and wild animals. The astounding aggregation of animal actors, daring trainers, fearless male and female rulers of the animal world, will give startling revelations of the past-times and amusements that were once the sport of the Roman rulers, in a large iron arena so constructed and arranged that each and every person visiting will have a clear and unobstructed view of the entire performance. There will be turned loose, untamable lions, ferocious boar hounds, hungry wolves and docile lambs; and the famous trainers entering the dens, there will be given a vivid illustration and verification of the famous Biblical text, "the lion and lamb shall lie down together." There will be dancing bears, monkey clowns, beautiful trained doves, and in fact, representatives from every family of the animal world, to startle, entertain and amuse the visitors.

Of course you are coming to the Newbern fair, and I would advise you not to miss the great wild animal show, for about the first thing your friends will ask you when you return home, will be whether you paid it a visit or not. It will be the sensation of the entire fair period, and probably cater to more admiring thousands than all the other shows put together.

The cities of Newbern and vicinity can certainly congratulate themselves and extend their grateful thanks to the gentlemen named above for being so successful as to secure this monster aggregation. We are looking forward to a royal good time and can assure our readers that they will not be disappointed.

The business man who says he will not advertise because his grandfather—also a business man—didn't would seriously object to a proposed abandonment of other attributes of modern progressiveness. Advertising is as indispensable to business as are railroads and steamships and clerks. Grandfathers of the present generation would have advertised as moderns do had they known how; and they did advertise to the best of their ability.—Philadelphia Record.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVES' TARTARIC CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a palatable form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

URNS STATE'S EVIDENCE.

Kentucky Republicans Excited Over This Report as to Golden, and Threaten to Lynch Him if It Is True.

Cincinnati, March 19.—Mr. T. C. Campbell, representing the brothers of the late William Goebel in the prosecution of the assassin of Mr. Goebel, was here today fresh from a conference with his associates held at Lexington.

He said that so far as now known the assassin was not yet arrested, and added that the assassin would be arrested whenever a force of 3,000 armed men could be had to go to a certain county in eastern Kentucky. He said further that the attorneys for the commonwealth claim to have proof to establish a conspiracy for the assassination, but he made the assertion that this conspiracy was not charged against the Republican leaders, but was against what is known as the anti Goebel party. He further said it includes men who were officials prior to the late election and men who thought they became officials after the late election.

Frankfort, Ky., March 19.—Caleb Powers, John Davis and William H. Coulton, charged with being accessories to the murder of William Goebel, were arraigned today for trial before Judge Moore. The commonwealth was not ready, and by agreement the trials were set for next Friday.

Ex-Gov. John Young Brown made a demand for a list of witnesses for the commonwealth, but this was refused by the prosecution on the ground that publicity might cause some of them to avoid being summoned.

Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin and County Attorney Polgrove refused to either affirm or deny the story that Sergeant Golden had made an alleged confession of knowledge concerning the Goebel assassination.

Barboursville, Ky., March 19.—A report reaching here today that F. W. Golden had turned state's evidence in the Goebel murder case, caused great surprise. He was a close friend of Caleb Powers, doing a great deal of work for him during the recent campaign. It is said that he left here on a telegram from the attorneys for the prosecution to come to Lexington. When the news reached here that he had made a confession, friends of the accused parties became very uneasy and prominent Republicans said that if it should be true, "the trees would bear fruit that they never bore before."

Goebel's Assassin Named.

Louisville, March 20.—Sergeant Golden, of the state militia, who confessed to the Goebel attorneys a knowledge of the assassination, has named "a" assassin. The man alluded to is a mulatto named Combs.

Ex-Speaker Reed's Dream.

Washington Special to New York Evening Post, 17. Ex-Speaker Reed has been in Washington this week. As usual, his visit has been followed by reports of conversations with old friends, containing breezy comments upon the present policy of the Republican party. It is said that when he was lunching with Senator Beveridge, and the conversation turned upon the Porto Rican muddle, Reed was heard to remark: "You have got into just the trouble people always get into before they try to govern somebody else before they have learned to govern themselves."

Mr. Beveridge, who was all this time defending himself with spirit, finally reached the point where he charged the ex-speaker with "dreaming." "Yes," drawled Mr. Reed, "I did dream once—that the republic would last forever. But now I am waking up."

A \$6,000 company was chartered Monday to manufacture chairs at Franklin.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Bilio-ness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Instructive and Interesting Normal School for Sunday School Teachers.

Reported for THE FREE PRESS.

On Sunday, March 11th, Rev. B. W. Spilman, the corresponding secretary of the Sunday school board of the Baptist State convention, began a normal school for teachers with the Baptist church, which lasted for three days.

Sunday, at the 11 a. m. service, he preached an instructive and impressive sermon to a large congregation on "The Citizenship of Jesus," or "If He Lived in Kinston." In the afternoon from blackboard exercises he showed how easy it was for the teacher to gain and hold the attention of small boys and girls. For this kind of work Mr. Spilman has special aptness. Everybody gives attention when he is before them to entertain or instruct.

Sunday evening's subject was "The Bible as a Whole." After showing that the Bible was not simply a book, but a library made up of many books, he gave much valuable information as to how to study it and understand its teachings. In dwelling upon its origin his argument was most effective in meeting skepticism and infidelity. The large congregation was much edified by the discourse.

SECOND DAY.

On Monday morning at 10:30 a congregation smaller but not less appreciative, met to hear the instruction of Rev. A. H. Harnly, of the Newbern Baptist Tabernacle, on "The Superintendent." Mr. Harnly is a cultured gentleman and made a fine effort. The duties and qualifications of the superintendent are clearer to us and those who desire to head the best Sunday schools will know better how to manage them by his instruction.

A larger crowd greeted Mr. Spilman in the afternoon in the open conference on "Some Teachers I've Known." It gave the teachers an opportunity to see many defects in teachers and teaching and to magnify the desirable features of the class work. Those present will try to be better teachers for having been there.

Monday night was a red letter session of the Institute. Not because of the large attendance, for the rain greatly interfered with that, but for the greatest speech of the whole occasion by the superintendent on "Sunday School Leakage." It is much to say, when so many know how to appreciate all of Mr. Spilman's efforts, that this was the masterpiece of his series of lectures. The only pity is that so many did not hear it and can never appreciate it.

THIRD DAY.

At 10:30 a. m. Mr. Spilman gave a blackboard outline of "The Land of Palestine and its Physical History." Our study of the entire Old Testament will be enhanced by the information he gave us on the geography and history of the Canaanites and the Israelites and the causes of their constant troubles from the enemies of the north and south.

Following this exercise we had a most instructive exposition of the "Messianic Kingdom," by Rev. Hight C. Moore, from Middle Street church, Newbern. Mr. Moore exhibited the finest traits of the scholar and philosopher and made the students of the Bible feel that there were yet many interesting discoveries to make in the study of the kingdom of Christ. He is a fine speaker.

In the afternoon we had a unique address from Mr. Moore on "The Bible by Heart." This was a masterpiece and deserves to be considered more at length than space will allow here.

We only hope it will cause many of us to hide in our hearts more of the unchanged word of God.

The closing scene was upon us at night. Mr. Spilman made his last address to a good house on "The Art of Teaching." It was a very practical theme and handled by a master of the art. At the close of this address he answered many important questions that ought to profit those interested in the conduct of a Sunday school.

The institute was a great success. It is regretted that so few delegates attended from the neighboring schools.

The visiting pastors were: Rev. J. W. Ross, of Goldsboro; Rev. W. L. Bilbro, of Ayden; Revs. Hight C. Moore and A. H. Harnly, of Newbern. The only visiting superintendent was Mr. C. C. Clark, Jr., of Middle Street church, Newbern.

The Baptist church of Kinston and the entire community are brought under obligations to Rev. B. W. Spilman for his valuable work. It will greatly help to reconcile us to the mischief he did in robbing our flock.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form

The boilers of Chambers' saw mill at Southern Pines exploded Monday, killing one man.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed by George F. McCarty, of Oxford; liabilities \$8,543, assets \$102.

Mr. Charles P. Sapp, who up to last week was an editorial writer on The News and Observer, Raleigh, becomes the editor of The Norfolk Landmark.

Salisbury Truth Index: Probably the youngest telegraph operator in the world is Eugene McConnehaugh, nine-year-old son Mr. James G. McConnehaugh, of this city.

Charlotte Baptists last Sunday subscribed \$600 for the Baptist Female University in addition to \$3,500 already given that institution by Charlotte Baptists.

Prof. Samuel Way, instructor in modern languages and a member of the University faculty for the past five years, died of pneumonia at Chapel Hill Tuesday night, aged 29 years.

Mr. W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, has withdrawn from the race for the congressional nomination, leaving the county of Halifax free to give united support to Mr. Claude Kitcher.

One of the State convicts engaged in work on the East Carolina Railroad, near Tarboro, named J. C. Lashley, attempted to escape Tuesday and was shot by the guard and killed.

Louisburg Times: We learn that several "moonshine" stills have been "punched" in Franklin within the past two weeks. A white man was caught at one and two negroes at another.

High Point Enterprise: Mr. Elliott of this place has a model of a cheap attachment to be used at railroad crossings that will open and close the gates without any mistake and without man's help.

Wilmington Messenger: It is the purpose of the State board of agriculture to cause to be investigated the actual cost of making fertilizers. A sum of \$500 has been appropriated to this end. The matter is well worthy of public consideration. It is a pity the farmers do not give more attention to making their own manures.

Some of the Republicans are saying that Senator Pritchard is rather losing strength in this State. He has for some time been the whole Republican party in North Carolina. Some of the prominent Republicans are now talking as if Linney might be their nominee for governor. Some of them say they would be willing to see Cyrus Thompson, Populist State chairman, made their nominee for governor.

Winston Sentinel: A railway is now in course of construction from Brevard, Transylvania county, southwestward to a point near the South Carolina line, whence another company will build a very direct road to Atlanta. From Eastatoe, nine and a half miles from Brevard, the Toxaway company, which owns the hotels at Sapphire, is building a turnpike, fifteen and a half miles, to Sapphire. On this turnpike it will operate automobiles.

Wilson News: A terrible tragedy occurred near Elm City Saturday night, bringing grief to a happy home. Mr. Lee Greenwood had been taking pills containing arsenic, and by some unhappy mischance his little girl, aged about two years got hold of the box Saturday night. In a little while she became very sick and it was discovered that she had swallowed some of the pills. Immediately her father put her in a buggy and ran the horse to Elm City, taking the child to Dr. Chears. It was too late however, and in three minutes after reaching the physician the child was dead.

Raleigh News-Observer: A "black rain" fell in this county last Thursday morning. At least that's what folks are calling it for want of a better name—"black rain." No one has yet been able to explain the phenomenon, for no one has been found who ever before saw or heard of such a thing. The rain fell early Thursday morning in a belt extending, so far as is now known, from Louisburg, in Franklin county, westward by way of Wake Forest to Morrisville, in this county. It came from a cloud of such intense blackness that just before and during the rain, at Morrisville, lamps had to be lighted. The water that fell looked like rain water mixed with soot. Nobody has been able to offer any explanation for the phenomenon.