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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The feat of sending 12 messages simultaneously over a single wire was recently accomplished in Paris.

Hon. J. M. Stone, for ten years governor of Mississippi, died Monday morning, after a short illness, of erysipelas. At the time of his death Mr. Stone was president of the Starkville Agricultural and Mechanical College. He was born in 1830 and served in the Confederate army.

Miss Annie McIlvaine, an aged lady of Belair, Md., was aroused early Sunday morning to give aid to a man who said he was suffering with toothache. When she went to the door she was assaulted by a negro man. Lewis Harris is in jail, having been identified as the assailant.

The Merchants' National Bank of Rutland, Vt., closed its doors Monday, and the cashier, Charles W. Mussey, is under arrest, charged with the appropriation of the funds of the bank. He had left the state and was arrested at Albany, N. Y. It is announced his shortage amounts to \$145,000.

The Southern fast mail was wrecked between West Point, Ga., and Opelika, Ala., Monday morning. Express Messenger Oelin and W. B. Blount, baggage master, were killed and several persons injured. The baggage car, mail coach and two day coaches were thrown from the track.

Work was begun Saturday on digging the underground rapid transit railway system in New York. The underground railway tunnel will be 21 miles in length, and will involve the expenditure by the city of more than \$36,000,000. The contract time for completion is unlimited and about 10,000 men will be employed.

At Chicago, Michael Fleming set fire to a bed Saturday night, upon which his wife was lying, with the intention of causing her death. She was frightfully burned and will die. The couple had quarreled early in the evening and Fleming had vainly tried to borrow a shotgun with which to kill his wife. When arrested he said it was nobody's business what he did in his own home.

It is estimated that the damage from an ice gorge which formed in the Raisin river, at Monroe, Mich., last Thursday and did not break until Saturday night, will be at least \$80,000. The gorge was broken with dynamite, but formed again and flooded cellars in the business and finest residence districts. When the gorge broke it left ice piled as high as the second stories in the flooded districts. It is reported that seven miles of ice is loose between Dundee and Monroe.

The War Cloud in the East.

Wilmington Messenger. The news as to the situation in China looks grave, even ominous. In Washington there is anxiety in official circles over the eastern question. American ships—five or six—are in Chinese waters or ordered there. The large British fleet out there is mobilizing and other war ships are on the way. Such preparations mean trouble of some kind. Russia is plotting as usual, and is prepared for a row if necessary to carry out her plans. Is it a foregone conclusion that the United States must have a war if England has one with Russia, or with Russia and France united? Is that down in the books? Will congress agree to plunge into another costly war. Already the Spanish and Philippine wars have cost the people over \$300,000,000. London news says that "serious alarm is felt there over the Anglo-Russian crisis." Britain's great war ships are ready to move. England is counting on help from both Germany and the United States, it is stated. There is a heavy war cloud hanging over China that is black with fate.

Robber Paper Trust

Asheville Citizen. The price of white paper was again advanced 25 per cent. on March 1. This is the effect of trust rule in the United States. The paper trust has the publishers at its mercy, and unlike the merchants they cannot force the consumer to pay the advance but must stand the robbery alone.

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TAYLOR WANTS HELP.

Making Strenuous Efforts for Federal Intervention.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—Although Taylor strenuously denies it, he is making supreme efforts for federal interference in Kentucky affairs. Lieut. Gov. Marshall is in Washington, and has an engagement for a conference with Attorney Gen. Griggs today. After that meeting something from Washington will drop in the Kentucky row.

A letter was received from Senator Deboe today, which said that by Wednesday there would be a big change in the attitude of the federal authorities. Federal interference will come in the shape of an order from Secretary Root to Gov. Beckham to return all militia arms belonging to the United States government to the arsenal at Frankfort and to disband his army if Beckham seizes the state house when the state court of appeals decides the agreed gubernatorial case.

Senator Deboe Denies a Report.

Washington, March 26.—Senator Deboe, when seen at the capitol this afternoon in regard to the statement that federal action was likely to be taken in Kentucky affairs, said there was no truth in the report, so far as he knew. He said that the dispatch from Kentucky was all newspaper talk.

The Cost of Imperialism.

Charlotte News. An exchange gives some of the figures in the cost of imperialism. Cost of war with Spain, \$229,841,299. War with Filipinos in 1899, \$64,617,267. Estimated cost of war with Filipinos in 1900, \$100,885,934. Probable cost of United States army in 1900, \$125,000,000. Annual increase of army and navy expenses, \$100,000,000.

The annual cost of North Carolina's part in this is now \$2,000,000 a year, enough in a single year to establish every institute the State needs, and almost enough to put the State out of debt in a twelve-month. The total cost to this State of the war with Spain, the war with the Filipinos and the added expenses has been about eight millions of dollars to the close of the present year.

Of course we do not pay this tax directly. If that were required we would soon have a revolution on our hands. But eight millions is our part of the indebtedness, and what we will pay indirectly.

And this enormous expense is only the beginning of imperialism. We are just at the threshold.

Carried Her Point and Pet.

It is said by a cynic of the masculine gender that a man never yields when he knows he is in the right nor a woman when she is equally certain she is in the wrong. In an Amsterdam avenue car the other day, while the conductor was forward collecting fares, a woman, followed by a large English bulldog, entered and seated herself.

"Madam," said the conductor, "dogs are not allowed in these cars."

"I am going to Fifty-seventh street. Here is my fare," was the answer.

"I cannot take it, madam. It is as much as my position is worth to let that dog ride in this car."

"Here is my fare."

"I must enforce the rule. It would be better to get off quietly; otherwise I shall have to call an officer."

"I've taken the dog in these cars before."

"Only dogs that can be carried are allowed to ride in these cars."

"Come, darling, get in mother's lap," she said to the beast, and after considerable effort she succeeded in dragging "darling" upon her knees. She flashed a look of scorn at the conductor and exclaimed, "Now, aren't you ashamed of yourself?"—New York Herald.

Doubled Him Up.

A prominent western clergyman, W. W. White by name, was a member of a learned society in which there were several members who were fond of quibbling. During a speech he had been annoyed by their interruptions almost beyond the point of endurance. At last he said, "I trust I will not be troubled again until my speech is finished."

Before he could begin another sentence one of his chief tormentors arose and said, slowly and solemnly:

"Oh, doctor double-u, double-u, double-u. We love to trouble you, trouble you, trouble you."

The doctor sat down.—Kansas City Independent.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The "Seaboard Knitting Mills," of Henderson, have been chartered. Capital stock \$50,000.

Confederate veterans say the gathering at Raleigh July 4th, at the unveiling of the Vance statue, will be the largest ever seen in North Carolina.

The brick mill of Maj. H. L. Grant, on the edge of Goldsboro, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Loss fully \$5,000; insurance \$1,500. Fire thought to have been incendiary.

The State has chartered the Southern Sawmill and Lumber company; capital, \$500,000; principal offices at Philadelphia and Lumberton, N. C. The Atlantic Seaboard company, of Philadelphia, owns all the stock, except three shares.

The two-story tobacco stemmy of the Woodard Tobacco Co., at Spring Hope, was burned Saturday. The building cost about \$3,000 and was insured for \$2,000. It contained about \$14,000 worth of tobacco, insured for \$12,000. Part of the tobacco was saved.

Wm. F. Wade, foreman of the carding department in the Wayne cotton mill, at Greensboro, was instantly killed Monday afternoon by being thrown from a shafting while trying to put on a belt. His head and arms were fearfully mashed. He leaves a wife and several children.

Asheville Citizen: Just as western North Carolina is getting over its small-pox scare comes the horrible rumor that if Ewart is not confirmed for the federal bench he will invade the Democratic party and become one of it—will get into its midst, so to speak. Let Ewart beware. If he tries to break into the Democratic party a shot gun quarantine will be established. There is a limit to Democratic patience.

JOHN T. BRITT

For Commissioner of Labor and Public Printer.

To the Editor: There are few men in the State who for more than a quarter of a century have worked more faithfully and effectually for Democracy and White Supremacy than Col. John T. Britt, editor of the Oxford Public Ledger. The fight instituted in 1874 and unyieldingly prosecuted ever since was made against very great odds. At that time Granville county was one of the blackest negro strongholds in the State, having a negro majority of 600 to 800.

To overcome this majority and to place that grand old county on the white list was the labor that the Public Ledger applied itself to; and at the expense of actual boycotts and threats of personal violence and every conceivable meanness. The negro was marshaled to fight this Democratic organ—all to poor effect beyond the cutting off from the paper some 300 subscribers within a few months.

To the Public Ledger more than to any other factor belongs the credit of a county redeemed from negro rule—for Granville county now stands boldly and defiantly where she rightly belongs—in the Democratic ranks—thanks to the efforts of John T. Britt.

In recognition of, and as a token of Democratic gratitude, his nomination and election to the office of commissioner of labor and public printer, would be, to put it mildly, a merited compliment, creditable alike to Colonel Britt and the party he has served so well.

Apart from this consideration, he is a practical printer of life long experience, a thorough business man, deservedly popular among the editors of the State and the people alike.

J. B. HUNTER.
Blue Gables, Durham County, N. C.

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 in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

March 26, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Wood spent last Thursday and Friday at Goldsboro.

Mrs. S. Jourdan, of Durham, who had been visiting in the neighborhood, returned home Saturday.

Mr. W. I. Herring and children, Mr. Becton and Miss Hattie, spent Saturday and Sunday at Seven Springs.

Mrs. Bettie Whitfield died last Monday night at 9 o'clock, of asthma. She was 39 years old. She had run faithfully the course set before her, fought a good fight and has gone to her eternal reward. She was a charming Christian lady, beloved by all who knew her. The funeral was held Wednesday, at 1 o'clock, at the Whitfield burying ground, near LaGrange. Rev. T. H. Sutton conducted the last sad rites. She leaves six children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their great loss. We extend condolence to the bereaved ones in their sad hour of affliction.

THE INSANE OF THE STATE.

An Appeal in Their Behalf By State Board of Charities.

Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—Today the State board of charities issued an appeal to the people of North Carolina in behalf of the insane who are now without hospital care in the State. The facts to which public attention is thus directed have been definitely ascertained. In Morganton hospital there were at last report 783 patients. The women's department is full with 144 applications up to June 1st, and only seventy-two could be admitted. By September the rejected number was 108. There are 445 patients in Goldsboro hospital. It is overcrowded, and there are 412 patients in the Raleigh hospital. Additions to the building give room for 440. The superintendent of the western hospital presents reasons for believing that at least 500 insane are now uncared for in the western district, 300 of whom should be in a hospital.

The board of charities finds there are 110 white and 56 colored insane in the county homes, also 64 white and 38 colored epileptics, 93 white and 61 colored idiots, while in jails there are 17 white and 8 negroes insane, 11 white and one negro epileptics, 2 white and 4 negro idiots and in private care 148 white and 38 negro insane, 44 white and 8 negro epileptics, 42 white and 18 negro idiots; total mentally insane, 537 white, 239 colored; grand total 766.

The board says the number represented in private care is very greatly less than the actual truth.

The board urges the building of inexpensive cottages at asylums for "colonies" of insane, in a mile or two of the present institutions.

The cost of the Raleigh and Morganton hospitals is about \$900 a bed and of the Goldsboro hospital \$500. The average throughout the United States is about \$1,200 a bed. Cottages on the colony plan at Morganton cost but \$200 a bed.

The board says: "We do not dwell upon the possibility of being subjected to the lash of a brutal jailor for an unconscious offense or of penning and feeding like wild beasts at a so-called home, instances of which were laid before us. Humanity shudders at the reflection that such things exist in this State. But the people are entitled to know the whole. The darkest element is contained in the fact that of 108 single women in Morganton hospital 27 were debauched and many of these had illegitimate children. Some of these were respectable before being victims."

The board urges enlargement at Goldsboro and addition of lands for cottage system at Raleigh.

The board calls on the governor of the State, the judicial officers, county boards of visitors, legislators, county officials and the press and on every good citizen to aid these unfortunate insane.

READY TO SWEAR TO IT.

The Star Insists on the Republican Campaign Boodle Story.

Washington, March 26.—Senator Hanna and Representative Payne, both having jumped on The Star report that the Porto Rican tariff bill is the result of a dicker, The Star this afternoon comes back in this sledgehammer fashion:

"The interview was had, as reported, in The Star Friday, with a Republican member of the house who supported the Porto Rican tariff bill with his vote. It was written a very short time after the conversation between the representative and The Star reporter closed. This fact can be supported by the oath of the man who wrote the interview, who is perfectly willing to take oath to it."

INTO TRANSVAAL.

British Cavalry Have Entered the Transvaal. Churchill Advises Sending Still More Troops. Free Staters Now Show Enmity Toward Transvaalers.

London, March 26.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, from Kimberley, dated March 25, says: "Dispatches brought in here report that a force of British cavalry has entered the Transvaal, and penetrated to a point eighteen miles north of Christiansburg. The British forces at Fourteen Streams are being strengthened. A movement northward is expected soon."

Winston Churchill, in a dispatch to the Morning Post says: "It is imperative to continue shipping troops to South Africa. The stream should never cease until the Boers surrender unconditionally. At the end of the war Great Britain will possess the finest army in her history. This, however, must not lure the nation from the fertile fields of trade and commerce into the stony wastes of militarism."

TOTAL OF BRITISH LOSSES.

The total British losses, exclusive of the invalids sent home, are 16,418 in killed and wounded and missing.

Spenser Wilkinson's article in the Morning Post today is a bare summary of Saturday's news. Except for the "occurrence," as Lord Roberts calls it, which resulted in the killing of Lieut. Lygon and the wounding and capture of Lieut. Col. Crabbe, Lieut. Col. Cedricton, and Capt. Trotter, the campaign presents no new features. The mishap to the guard's officers is a testimony to their bravery, but not their discretion. They met a party of five Boers, whom they tried to capture. The Boers took refuge on a kopje, where three of their comrades were hidden, and within five minutes every member of the British party was hit.

LATE ALLIES BITTER FOES.

A Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated Friday, March 23, says: "The late allies are now bitter foes. So strong is the popular feeling here that, were it desirable, a large body of Free Staters would take the field immediately and fight against the Transvaalers."

Plumer's Forces on Half Rations.

London, March 26.—Gen. Methuen appears to be awaiting transportation, and, with Col. Plumer's forces on half rations, there now seems little likelihood of the immediate relief of Mafeking, though neither from this quarter nor from Lord Roberts or Gen. Buller is there any direct news today.

THE BOER EMISSARIES.

Their Chief Mission is Said to Be To President McKinley.

London, March 26.—In circles here that are in touch with Boer rules it is declared that the three delegates who left Lourenzo Marques on a German steamer, March 18, are bound on a special mission from President Kruger to President McKinley. They will make short stops at Berlin and Brussels, it is asserted, but they hope to accomplish more in the United States than in Europe. The Boer element here is very mysterious about this mission to Mr. McKinley; but give out hints that great things are expected from it.

Gen. Otis suppressed a newspaper at Manila and imprisoned the editor for publishing articles inimical to the military government.

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