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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Secretary Long expresses a willingness to take the Republican vice-presidential nomination.

In a pistol fight at Alexandria, Va., Saturday night, Dr. J. N. Parker shot and killed Veto Antonella, a tailor.

Seven hundred coal miners have struck for higher wages in the Piedmont, W. Va., section of the Elk Garden mining region.

Further returns from Saturday's primaries in Alabama show that Senator Morgan has now a sweeping victory, carrying all but six counties, and possibly all but four.

Mrs. Rosa Danberry was raped by George Thomas, a negro, near Hardeesville, S. C., Sunday. The negro was captured and sent to jail, after a mob was persuaded not to lynch him but to let the law take its course.

A special from Waterbury, Vt., says that John C. Farrar, teller of the Waterbury National Bank, is missing, and that there is a defalcation of \$25,000 of the bank's funds.

Charles, the sixteen-year-old son of John Grove, was shot and instantly killed at Indian Springs, Md., Sunday, by the fifteen-year-old son of John Cline.

Oswald S. Hawkins, the Roanoke, Va., real estate agent, whose trials for forgery have attracted so much attention, and which resulted, a few days ago in opposing counsel in the case coming to blows in open court, is at last a free man.

A through freight train on the Southern Railway struck a mule and was wrecked while running at full speed near Huntsville, Ala., Saturday. The engineer, Percy Armstrong, and the fireman, Sandy Osborne, were killed, and five of the train's crew were seriously injured.

Julius Koster, a bricklayer of New York, recently inherited \$300,000 from his brother's estate in Germany, was found dead Sunday, swinging from a rope in an empty water tank on the roof of his house.

Shortly before midnight Saturday two tramps with white handkerchiefs tied over their faces, stopped at the house of two sisters, Kate and Johanna Sullivan, living four miles west of West Toledo, O.

The Negro Party. The negroes have been ordered to take "a back seat" in the public gatherings of the party.

The Best Blood Purifier. The blood is constantly being purified by the lungs, liver and kidneys.

THE WHITE SUPREMACY LEADER.

Aycock gets the nomination, He was everybody's choice; The terrified have spoken, And in no uncertain voice.

We have nominated Aycock, And the enemy he will rout; He is backed by the gang that Butler wants, The negroes to help drive out.

Charles B. Aycock's nomination Is rough on the black and tan; They want so bad to match him, But they can't produce the an.

When we rid our good old State Of Butler's fusion crowd, Carolinians can whoop with joy, And of their State feel proud.

COTTON CROP FIGURES.

Census Special Agent Appointed to Obtain Returns from the Gins.

There is probably no single fact the knowledge of which is more interesting and important to the southern people, than the amount of the cotton crop.

It is proposed to apply this process in taking the twelfth census, the field work of which is to begin on the 1st of June.

BY SWORD AND FIRE.

Capt. Dodd Inflicts a Blow Upon Filipinos.

Manila, April 16.—Capt. Dodd, with a squadron of the Third cavalry, recently surrounded a village in Benguet province, and surprised 200 insurgents.

LANGUID Many a schoolgirl is said to be lazy and shiftless when she doesn't deserve the least bit of it. She can't study, easily falls asleep, is nervous and tired all the time.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla Hundreds of thousands of schoolgirls have taken it during the past 50 years.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla Write the Doctor—If you have any complaint whatever, write us all about it. You will receive the best medical advice free.

TO RAISE SIEGE.

Two Columns of British Approaching Wepener. McKinley Will Allow Boer Sympathy Resolutions by Republican Convention to Pacify German Vote. Boer Friends at Norfolk Favor Expansion.

London, April 16—4:30 a. m.—Wepener is the center of interest in South Africa. An attempt is being made to relieve the besieged garrison under Col. Dalgely, who have been engaged with the Boers since Monday last.

The Times correspondent at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Sunday, says: "Wepener is still holding out. It is reported that a force of Boers, with sixty wagons, are marching to reinforce the besiegers, and are now in the vicinity of Dewetsdorp.

Report of British Victory.

London, April 16.—The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Sunday says: "An unconfirmed report is in circulation here that Gen. Brabant has inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Boers at Wepener, capturing guns and taking prisoners."

YIELDING TO BOER SENTIMENT.

Mr. Smally Says the Administration Is Alarmed About German Vote.

London, April 16.—The Times' New York correspondent sends the following: "If, as must be admitted, the presidential election is the final word on every question legislative raised in Washington, then the German vote is the final word with reference to the presidential election.

BOER FRIENDS ARE EXPANSIONISTS.

Cheers for "The Flag For All Oppressed" And Our Action in Cuba.

Norfolk, Va., April 15.—The great mass-meeting of Boer sympathizers at the academy of music here this afternoon

developed a strong expansionist spirit. Representative William Alden Smith evoked the wildest applause when, speaking of the propriety of American intervention in behalf of the Boers, he declared that "no true American had ever regretted our action in Cuba."

Secretary Van Sicklen, of the National Boer Relief association, spoke at length, predicting the defeat of the English. He said the South African republics had every right to expect the friendship of America, the greatest republic, and he said England's professed friendship for us should not interfere with our duty to mankind.

ROBERTS TO ADVANCE

Thursday With an Army of 80,000.

Cape Town, April 16.—Gen. Roberts has completed his preparations for an advance on Kronstadt. Thursday next is the day set for the march northward, although no official announcement has yet been made.

LAGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.

Mr. L. W. Boddie, of Nashville, spent Sunday here. Mrs. Bruce Payne, of Durham is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson. Mr. Simeon Wooten is shipping and realizing good prices for asparagus.

REPOSE ITEMS.

April 16, 1900.

We are having nice weather now. Mr. Ivey Collins will preach at Christian Chapel Sunday. The farmers in this section are about through planting corn. Mr. R. W. McGowan and daughter, Miss Blanche, of near Kinston, spent Sunday at Mr. W. B. Nunn's.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form

At Durham Monday Trinity College beat Horner School playing ball, 6 to 3.

At Winston Monday the N. C. University beat the University of Tennessee playing ball, 6 to 4.

A vast crowd was reviewing a colored baptizing at Newbern Sunday afternoon, when a section of a small bridge, connecting the yacht club building with the shore, gave way precipitating about 25 white people in the river.

The Democratic State candidates, except Dixon and Gilmer, opened the campaign at Burlington Monday. Aycock made a grand speech, arousing unbounded enthusiasm.

North Wilkesboro Hustler: While returning from Henderson's saw mill, Rance Jarvis, the 16-year-old son of Mr. Wiley Jarvis, was driving down a hill near Roaring river with a load of lumber on the wagon, he was putting on the brake by placing his foot upon the brake rope, which broke, causing the team to run away and also throwing him in front of the wheels, which in passing over him crushed the back part of his skull and spattered his brains upon the ground.

There was a double killing Saturday afternoon at Swan Quarter, Hyde county. The trouble began between a negro and Capt. McKinney, aboard a schooner. The negro fired at McKinney five times, but McKinney was protected by the mast. The negro then reloaded the revolver and attacked Capt. John Flowers.

Tarboro Southerner: Blount Bros., of Bethel, are after a man giving his name as J. W. A. Cohoon. He claimed to be selling school desks. He purchased a suit of clothes from these merchants and gave a check on the Bank of Tarboro, which had no funds belonging to him.

The catalogue of the University of North Carolina for the academic year 1899-1900 has just appeared. It is a well printed and attractive book of 123 pages from the University Press of Chapel Hill.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers neyer thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness.