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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

W. F. Miller, of Franklin syndicate fame, is convicted of grand larceny.

The Atlanta Journal has changed hands, the price paid being \$276,500.

At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Rev. O. B. Wilson was killed by lightning while using a telephone.

The Southern Railway Co. has purchased the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Air Line.

At Keysville, Va., a negro who was about to be lynched, was allowed by one of the party to escape.

The Kentucky governorship case has been docketed in the federal supreme court and set for hearing April 30th.

The president has sent to the senate a statement of the cost of the first Philippine commission. The expenses were \$117,185.

J. C. Farrar, whose accounts as teller of the Waterbury, Vt., bank are said to be short \$25,000, was arrested Monday in Boston.

The pope has decided that the Roman Catholic religion shall not be united with politics, and a decree to that effect has been issued.

The U. S. supreme court has decided that the shipper, and not express company, must pay the revenue stamp tax on packages.

It is the talk that duelling may be revived in Louisiana between Gov. Foster and Senator Caffery. The latter called Foster a liar.

The butter-dish department of the Escambia Woodware Co., at Escambia, Mich., was burned Monday night. Loss, \$60,000.

Mrs. Louise Partridge is sent to jail on the charge of killing Rufus Wright, at Chicago. He is a member of the Morgan & Wright rubber tire firm.

The railway traffic is almost wholly suspended in some sections of Mississippi by heavy floods. Bridges and sections of track are washed away.

Hester's cotton statement shows the movement into sight up to April 13th to be 8,388,358 bales, which is 1,892,000 bales less than up to same time last year.

Tulane University gets another lift—Mrs. C. S. Tilton gives \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a library building, to be known as the "F. W. Tilton Memorial Library."

A drunken negro ran amuck on an excursion train in Kentucky. After felling a white man with a coupling-pin, he was shot to death and his body hurled from the train.

The proposition to elect senators by the people is doomed to die in the senate. It will be reported adversely from the committee on privileges and elections, if it is reported at all.

J. S. Williams, president of the Seaboard, says: "Our plans for formation of the Seaboard Air Line system, embracing between 2,500 and 3,000 miles of road, have been successfully completed."

In the mining town of Windber, Pa., four men were killed and two seriously wounded in a disorderly house. All were stabbed, it is supposed, by an Italian, who was soon after killed by a train.

A cyclone wrecked eight houses at Rayce, Tex., on Monday night. It is believed several lives were lost. A man in a buggy was lifted from his seat and blown 100 yards. Telephone and telegraph lines were destroyed.

The Spanish minister at Washington has returned to the mayor of Chicago the invitation he had received to the Chicago celebration of the battle of Manila. The mayor writes him a letter of apology and says it was sent through the ignorance of a clerk.

Gov. Johnson, of Alabama, has given out a statement on his defeat and congratulates himself that he received nearly 40 per cent. of the votes in the primaries. He praises the ability of Morgan, and says: "I am a Democrat, in victory or defeat, and shall acquiesce, as I have always, without a murmur."

At Croton Landing, N. Y., the first bloodshed as the outcome of the strike at the Croton dam, was the shooting from ambush of Sergt. Robt. Douglass while he was relieving guard. Great indignation is felt over the cowardly act. The strikers say they will not go back except at higher wages, nor allow others to take their places, and will resist soldiers if sent to help the bosses. The strikers are well armed with guns and pistols.

A snow, rain and wind storm prevailed

Saturday, Sunday and Monday in parts of Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Kansas. In the Cripple Creek mining district it has been blowing constantly for almost two weeks. Railroads are blockaded and mining operations seriously hampered. Similar conditions prevail in the Gilpin and Clear Creek county mining districts. The snow is from two to six feet deep on the eastern slope of the mountains. On the divide between Denver and Colorado Springs and in some mountain cañons trains are stalled in heaps of snow, which is so heavy that snow plows buck it with little effect.

BAGGING AND TIES GO UP.

Trusts Have Absolute Control of Both Articles. Very Heavy Advances in the Prices of Both Articles Announced.

Savannah News.
The cotton planters of the south may again have to resort to cotton sheeting as a covering for their cotton, and to seek some substitute for ties to hold the bales in shape. These needful supplies are now entirely controlled by the trusts. Last year there were half a dozen competitors in each line. This year there are none. One concern has absolute control of all the cotton bagging in the country, and another has absolute control of the cotton ties.

The American Manufacturing company, of New York, controls the cotton bagging of the country, and the American Steel Hoop company, which is included in the great Federal Steel Trust, controls the tie output. The latter is a comparatively recent amalgamation of several concerns. The Ludlows, of Boston, Mass., are still in the cotton bagging business, but they are in close alliance with the American Manufacturing company and make exactly the same terms and prices.

The result is seen in the changed quotations. For several months the quotations on ties and bagging have remained practically unchanged. Today's quotations will be found to differ considerably from those which have been in force heretofore. An increase of about 2½ cents a yard has been made in the price of bagging, and it is not unlikely that there will be further increases. The trusts have in fact given notice that a further increase in prices may be expected in June.

While nominally the bagging business is being conducted both by the Ludlows and the American Manufacturing company both send out the same price list and make exactly the same terms. Both declined to sell any bagging for this year's crop until this week, and both opened at the same prices. Their terms are spot cash and no credit.

All the cotton ties used in the United States are now made by the Federal Steel company as agents for the American Steel Hoop company. The latter is an amalgamation of the several different concerns which were engaged in the hoop and tie business last year. The result of the amalgamation was felt immediately. From 60 cents, the price at which most of the ties were sold last year, the price immediately jumped to 75 cents, from which it was run up to \$1.25, at which price ties have been quoted for the last several weeks. The latest dictum makes the prices \$1.81 spot cash and \$1.36 for August delivery. This is to merchants in large lots. To farmers the cost will be 8 to 10 cents a bundle more.

With the complete control of the business now enjoyed by the bagging and tie trusts it can very easily be seen that these concerns are in position to squeeze the farmers of the south at their pleasure. For several years the cotton planters have secured these supplies at reasonable prices, but this will evidently not be the case this year. Being protected by a heavy tariff against foreign competition and having knowledge of the fact that the farmers of the south are in a more prosperous condition than for several years past, and with the assurance of a large demand for the present year, the two trusts realize that they have the planters at their mercy, and that the time is ripe to multiply their profits. It will be alleged, of course, that higher prices for the material entering into these products account largely for the increased prices. There will be just enough truth in this to lend color to the assertion, but it is easy to predict that cotton growers of Egypt, India and the rest of the world will pay no such prices for their baling materials this year as will the southern cotton planters.

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BOERS IN RETREAT.

Their Commandos Withdrawing in Several Directions. The Siege of Wepener Raised. The Boers Relying on American Intervention.

London, April 17, 4:15 a. m.—Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandos that have been making mischief in the southwestern part of the state. The net has not yet been drawn, but at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing. A Daily News correspondent says that some are going north and others south, while a Morning Post representative says it is not known what the Boers are doing.

Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein is that the dispositions of Lord Roberts are such as to enable him to concentrate a large force rapidly at any point. The Boers being aware of this, are presumed to be thinking now chiefly of retreat.

The investment of Wepener, according to a special dispatch from Bloemfontein, has absolutely been abandoned. According to a Betheny dispatch the Boers are unable to retreat northward because the British strongly hold all roads.

Diverse reports come from Natal, one asserting that the Boers have retired beyond the Biggarsburg range, and another saying that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London waits confidently for almost immediate announcement of news favorable to the British. Doubt exists, however, as to any rapid, continuous advance toward Pretoria, chiefly on account of the lack of horses, many of which die in the long voyages.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated yesterday, says: "The Boers have raised the siege of Wepener and have left Rouxville. A majority of them have undoubtedly retired north, with the exception of a body of about 6,000, now reported to be going toward Bethulie."

The Daily News has the following from Reddersburg, dated Friday: Gen. Cherriside saw the rear guard of the Boers disappear southeast in full retreat. The enemy appear to be in strong force 14 miles east of Reddersburg. They are falling back before our advance guard."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Standard, telegraphing Monday, says: "The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basutoland border. The Basutolas are marching parallel with them along the frontier watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment."

Relying on American Intervention.

London, April 17.—The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, April 15th, says: "The tone of The Standard and Diggers News show that the Transvaal government is relying strongly upon American intervention. Great results are expected from the campaign of Mr. Webster Davis and from the presidential contest."

BRITISH WILL ADVANCE.

Gen. Roberts to March at Once Toward Pretoria. Boer Activity Forces Him to Move.

London, April 17.—At last Lord Roberts seems to be on the eve of making his main advance toward Pretoria. Unless all the usually reliable sources of information and all the indications smuggled past the censor are at fault, the British army within a few days will be marching southward. After many premature and unfounded reports that have purported to tell of this move, there is naturally, even in the best informed quarters, considerable hesitancy in definitely settling upon the day Lord Roberts is likely to leave Bloemfontein, but there is a settled

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impression that it will take place either at the end of this week or the beginning of next. The long, weary wait of the Free State capital has apparently effected a much-needed rehabilitation, though it is probable Lord Roberts would still further have delayed his advance had not Boer activity forced him to put his forces in such position that today unless they advance, they must quickly proceed northward, the strategic advantage will be lost. The supposition is the advance will be made in parallel columns, west of the railroad, the Third and Eighth divisions sweeping northward, the extreme force amounting to 75,000.

BOERS STILL INVEST WEPENER.

But it is Said the Attacks on the Town Grow Weaker.

London, April 17.—11:10 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, April 17th:

"Our force at Wepener is still surrounded, but it is reported that the enemy are attacking in a very half-hearted manner and are anxious about their communications, hearing that forces are approaching Wepener from two directions—one under General Rundle, via Reddersburg and another under General Brabant with General Hart's brigade in support, via Rouxville."

GOEBEL ASSASSINS.

Grand Jury Indicts Howard Brothers for Murder and Five Other Republicans as Accessories.

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—At 4 p. m. the Franklin county grand jury returned the first indictments against parties in the alleged plot to murder William Goebel, and names the principals in the assassination. Berry Howard, former representative of Harlan county, and his brother, Jim Howard, of Clay county, are charged with murder. Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, his brother, John L. Powers, superintendent of schools in Knox county, former Secretary of State Chas. Finley, Henry E. Youtsey, private secretary to Republican Auditor Sweeney, Auditor's Clerk W. H. Culton, Holland Whittaker, of Butler county, and Wharton Golden, are charged as accessories. Golden is the chief witness for the state and Culton and Youtsey are both under arrest and are said to have made confessions and it is believed will be made state witnesses. Caleb Powers is under arrest with Whittaker, while John Powers, Finley, Berry and Jim Howard have not been arrested.

The grand jury is continuing its sessions and is expected to return a number of other indictments against parties connected with the alleged plot before the last of the week.

Filipino General Surrenders.

Manila, April 17.—Gen. Montenegro, one of the insurgents' best fighters, has surrendered to Col. Smith in the mountains near Calaling, in the province of Pangasinan, where, with Gen. Macabulos, he had been trying to reorganize the Filipino army. Col. Smith, with five companies of the Seventeenth regiment, nearly surrounded the force of Montenegro, who discouraged by the impossibility of making his men stand against the Americans, surrendered. Gen. Macabulos escaped. The insurgents have attacked San Jose, in the province of Batangas, and Santa Cruz, on the lake, fruitlessly.

A Mean Man and His Hen.

The meanest man in Illinois lives at Centralia. He put a large porcelain egg in the nest of an ambitious hen and found that the eggs she had afterward laid were increased in size. Then he put a goose egg in the nest, and the aforesaid hen laid an egg just as large. He was so well pleased with the scheme that he put a whitewashed football in the nest and waited results. When he went the next time to search for eggs, he found one as big as the football, but no hen in sight. Securing the egg, he saw engraved on it by hen photography these words: "I'm no ostrich, but I have done my best." Later he found the hen inside of the egg.—Enfield (Ill.) Clarion.

The advertisements that set people to thinking—that make them ponder descriptions of goods and statements of prices—are most certain to bring results to the advertiser. Every business man who advertises is amply repaid for the time and attention he gives to making his business announcements clear and convincing.—Philadelphia Record.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The A. & M. College shut out Wake Forest Monday playing ball, 1 to 0.

Mr. Geo. W. Bridgers, a good citizen of Goldsboro, died Monday, aged 72 years.

Carolina won the second game of ball from Tennessee at Chapel Hill Monday, 10 to 0.

J. J. Newman, of the Gold Hill mines, near Salisbury, killed himself Monday by blowing up his house with dynamite. He had been despondent lately. No cause is known for the deed.

Mr. Wm. Rose, who moved to Elizabeth City, about four years ago from North Dakota, was thrown from a wagon last Friday by his team running away, with the result that his neck was broken.

The Democratic State candidates all spoke at Winston Monday and were given an enthusiastic reception. Aycock electrified his audience. Many auditors termed him the second Zeb Vance of North Carolina.

Everything is in readiness for the Christian Endeavor State convention to be held in Raleigh next week, April 26-29, and every indication is that this will be in every way an interesting and helpful convention.

There is smallpox at Shelby. A negro named Moore contracted the disease, which seems to be of a very mild type, while working on a railroad in South Carolina. It is confined to his family as yet, but as they have mixed freely with outsiders other cases may develop at any time.

Judge Moore decides the fertilizer rate cases in favor of the corporation commission. This is the case in which ten tons is fixed as the minimum car load. This applies to all railways save the Carolina Central, which has its case in the Federal court. The railways will appeal, it is said.

Raleigh Post: Mr. A. B. Rowell, of Northampton county, was killed by a train on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, near Weldon, Friday afternoon. Mr. Rowell had been drinking, and the engineer stated that just before the train reached him he suddenly staggered upon the track and in an instant the engine was upon him. He was badly mangled.

Durham had another smallpox scare Monday. On Sunday several colored people were sent to the pest house broken out very freely with an eruption which the health officer pronounced well-developed cases of smallpox. Three other negroes, who had been domiciling with the eruption cases, were also sent to the pest house Monday. The situation is beginning to be serious; Dr. Brooks, the county health officer, detected two new cases Monday, and from the best attainable information, it looks now as though the colored graded school, situated in the negro suburb of Hayti, where these smallpox cases were discovered, will be closed for the term to avoid further spread of the disease.

STRIKERS CUT WIRES.

Western Union and Telephone Wires Cut. No Telegraph Communication With Asheville.

Raleigh, N. C., April 16.—Shortly after midnight Saturday night Southern railway telegraph strikers cut all the wires of that road, the Western Union Telegraph company and the Bell Telephone company west of here one mile, Pullen park. Eleven were cut. The wires were cut by an expert lineman or linemen, in such a way that they would fall across the trolley wire of the street railway. As a result when the current was put on yesterday morning, a number of telephones were burned out here as well as telegraph instruments west of here. It was a deliberate piece of deviltry and has not only put discredit upon the strikers, but has made the Western Union telegraph and the telephone people furiously angry. It is known that the strikers have with them some expert linemen and that the latter also did the cutting Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights between here and Selma. Other linemen have made this discovery.

Asheville is yet cut off from the world. The strikers cut the wires in wild places in the mountains. There are only Western Union and Southern wires there and not a word can get through. Selma was in some trouble yesterday, but last night and today was all right. At the Southern office here it was said that passenger and freight trains were running all right.

There was a vague rumor Saturday that the engineers and firemen would strike. Nothing of the kind has happened.