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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The bubonic plague is reported to have made its appearance at several ports of the Red Sea.

Fire, on Wednesday, caused a loss of \$75,000 in the big mattress and iron factory of Chas. H. Rogers & Co. in New York.

In Elizabeth county (Va.) court Judge Lee sentenced Dick Phillips, convicted of murdering Artilleryman New, to be hanged May 25.

There was an anti-Bryan dinner in Brooklyn Wednesday night, about 150 participating. A letter from Grover Cleveland was read.

Work has been resumed on a small scale on the Croton dam at New York. The new workmen are guarded from the strikers by 1,350 soldiers.

The Sharon (Pa.) Firebrick Works were destroyed by fire Wednesday night, causing a loss of \$50,000, with little insurance. Over 100 men were thrown out of employment.

The national league base ball season opened Thursday. The scores were Philadelphia 19, Boston 17; Pittsburgh 0, St. Louis 3; Chicago 13, Cincinnati 10; Brooklyn 2, New York 3.

A dispatch says that nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance corps, when offered Mausers on their arrival at Pretoria, tore off their red cross badges and took up arms for the Boers.

Louisiana went Democratic almost unanimously under her new election law, the grandfather clause. The state senate is unanimously Democratic, and the house will contain at least 100 Democrats, out of 105 total membership.

Two Russian admirals and 42 other Russian naval officers of high rank are reported to have been arrested at Sebastopol, owing to irregularities in the construction department, and to embezzlements amounting to millions of roubles.

William Bell was perhaps fatally shot Wednesday night in Hampton, Va., by a soldier named Kimpton from Fort Monroe. Bell was with a friend when they met Kimpton. A row occurred, followed by the shooting. Kimpton was arrested.

Guam is the ideal place for the lazy man. Everything the people need to eat grows spontaneously, the weather is warm and they don't need any clothes, so there is no use for stores, markets or any other outshouts of modern civilization.

The Herald says Senator Platt told his friends that in Washington last week a prominent western senator told him that Admiral Dewey was going on the Democratic ticket with Bryan as the candidate for vice president, and the western senator said that if this was the case it would be absolutely necessary for the Republicans to take time by the forelock and nominate Gov. Roosevelt for vice president. Senator Platt added that he did not think it conceivable that Admiral Dewey would accept a nomination for the vice presidency on the ticket with William J. Bryan.

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## A UNIQUE CEREMONY.

### Gloucester's Annual Funeral For Her Lost Fishermen.

With each returning February there is held in the ancient walled town of Gloucester, Mass., a ceremony solemn in motive, impressive in form and absolutely unique in origin and character. It is Gloucester's day of mourning for her sons who, during the preceding 12 months, have gone down to death on the distant fishing grounds. Headed by the clergy and commonalty and by bereft relatives, the people of the town march in long and slow procession to the appointed place of meeting, where, during the remainder of the brief winter's day, in chant and prayer and formal addresses, the sorrow in which all share finds fitting and touching expression.

Everybody who lives in Gloucester is interested in the fishing industry, and so it falls out that the city's life is about equally made up of intervals of joy and sorrow. When summer opens, the general tone of public feeling is bright and hopeful, but at the end of the season, as the fishers come in, some with flags at half mast, others bearing fateful news, the whole town is depressed.

All the residents show a concern in the sailors who are lost and in the welfare of their families. Even the citizens of fortune in Gloucester, who suffer no personal bereavement, have been brought closely into touch with the poor fishing families through repeated tragedies at sea. The scenes in the fishing quarters during the late fall and winter months, when news of death is brought by almost every returning boat, are most pathetic. Sometimes the news comes with a shock; at others, wives and children wait for weeks in anxiety, and never know the details of the fate of their loved ones.—Truth.

**The Courage of Hawks.**  
One female bird in her first season took 32 rabbits, 3 hares and 2 magpies, and in the next year 210 rabbits, 2 leversets, 11 partridges, 4 magpies and 2 squirrels. A goshawk will go on catching rabbit after rabbit, or take five or six birds in succession, for they do not tire like falcons. Nothing comes amiss to them. Hares, landrills, pheasants, rabbits, waterfowl, ducks, rats, stoats, weasels, mice, even a hedgehog is not despised.

Their headlong courage is simply astonishing. They will charge into a quickset hedge till they have to be cut out, or dive among rocks and bowlders. Captain Bland of Draycott, near Stoke-on-Trent, had a goshawk which stuck to a hare till it twice rolled head over heels. Then the hawk flew after it again and was shaken off, while the hare escaped into a flock of sheep. The same bird, pursuing a rabbit, flew right down a large hole in the side of a quarry and dragged the rabbit out of it. The "smash" with which a big hen goshawk goes into an evergreen tree after a pigeon sounds as if a football had been violently kicked into the branches.—London Spectator.

## BRYAN AND LIBERTY.

### Capt. O'Farrell Applauds Senator Hoar's Speech, but Dissents from His Advice. Favors Bryan and Liberty, Opposes McKinley and Imperial Tyranny.

Capt. Patrick O'Farrell has written a letter to Senator Hoar, asking for copies of his great speech of Tuesday last. Capt. O'Farrell says in his letter:

"I am an old-time Republican, and an abolitionist at that, who fought during the late civil war for the principles of Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. I want your speech for the facts therein. They show the duplicity and treachery of William McKinley, for whom I spent eight weeks on the stump. Your speech shows further that the next election will determine whether we shall retain our liberty or do as Rome did, go into the imperial business. I must, however, dissent from your logic and from your advice to continue to support the Republican party as long as it marches under the banner of imperialism.

"I honestly believe that, in order to preserve liberty, it is essential that the honest and manly Republicans who still adhere to the declaration of independence and the constitution should use all their efforts in the next campaign to defeat McKinley and the Republican party by supporting William J. Bryan, who, no matter how we Republicans may differ with his free silver and tariff theories, yet can agree with him on the greater and paramount question of imperialism. The question is, whether we shall continue as a republic or go into the colonial business and convert the stars and stripes into an emblem of imperialism.

"Again I say, as an old-time abolitionist who shed my blood on the battle fields of this country, fighting for liberty, I must protest against your theory and advice, that I should become the slave of party by continuing to support it right or wrong. The cry in the coming campaign should be: 'Bryan and republican liberty' against 'McKinley and imperial tyranny,' and I have every confidence that liberty will win."

## NEWMAN'S HORRIBLE DEATH.

### Further Particulars of the Suicide at Gold Hill.

Charlotte, N. C., April 18.—Particulars of the suicide of Mining Engineer J. J. Newman at Gold Hill, N. C., by the use of dynamite, reached here today. Newman wrote a diary before making preparation to kill himself, saying that the last entry was ten minutes before the end. He then put his watch and diary fifty yards away and went into his office, tied five sticks of dynamite together, laid himself upon the floor, put the explosive upon his breast and lit the fuse. The explosion tore his head from the body, blew one arm fifty yards away and wrecked the building. In his diary Newman requested that his remains be interred without a coffin at the foot of a certain large tree in the neighborhood. His request, it is said, will be carried out. Newman was a well known mining engineer and a brother of President Walter George Newman of the Union Copper Mining company, which has extensive works at Gold Hill, N. C.

## Useless Expenditures.

Raleigh Post.  
One of the most costly luxuries that the McKinley administration has developed is the commission, high jointed and disjointed. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money have been spent on these new institutions, a large majority of them created as subterfuges, to trifle with and fool the people at their expense. We defy any one in this or any other nation on earth to show one particle of good rendered either this country or the Philippines by the first-Schurman commission. Yet the following is the itemized statement of the cost of that junket as rendered by the president himself to congress:

Compensation of \$10,000 each to Commissioners Schurman, Worcester and Denby, \$30,000; per diem allowance to commissioners after their return to the United States, \$5,285; secretary to the commission (compensation \$8,500; per diem \$3,360) \$12,220; transportation, \$13,867; household expenses in Manila, \$9,252; clerical services, \$31,701; miscellaneous, \$14,998. Total, \$117,185."

And in addition to all this the president recommends "that provision be made for the payment of the naval and military members of the commission (Admiral Dewey and Gen. Otis) for their services at the same rate as that paid to other members. He says they have received nothing for their services in excess of their regular salaries."

Why should either be paid extra? They were at no additional expense, both were on the ground in the performance of their respective duties and draw a large salary.

Is there no limit to the patience of the tax payers? There seems to be none to the wastefulness of their taxes by the Republican administration.

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## A FEMINE FAILING.

### Difficulty Many of the Sex Have in Telling Right From Left.

"I saw by a paper last week that a colored woman was excluded from testifying in court because she didn't know her right hand from her left and was therefore esteemed too ignorant for her evidence to be of any value," said an observant man yesterday. "Now, do you know I don't believe one woman out of six knows her right hand from her left without stopping to consider the matter."

"I was standing in the foyer of a theater the other day at a matinee watching the audience, mostly feminine, as it passed in. Well, each maid handed her check to the usher, and he called out 'First door to the right' or 'Second door to the left,' as the case might be. With hardly an exception those girls turned in the wrong direction; then they'd pause to consider, exclaim, 'We're going the wrong way' and skurry back again.

"This happened so often that I spoke to the usher about it.

"They always do it," he replied laconically. "I usually point so they'll know the way, but I've neglected to do that today. They're all right if they stop to think, but they never do think."

"I myself know an intelligent young woman who has to make a little motion as if she were writing with both hands before she can determine the right one, and she declares that all her acquaintances are affected in like manner, so perhaps this is a general feminine failing, and the colored witness was unjustly excluded."—Baltimore News.

## Saved the Bank's Money.

"Whenever I buy anything," once said Russell Sage in telling the story. "I make it a rule to talk with the salesman. I am a member of a great many different boards of directors in a great many lines of investment, and I often find this information of great service. Some time ago I went into a large clothing store to buy a suit of clothes at a low price that I had seen advertised. I bought the clothes for \$14, I think, and in talking with the clerk I found the lot had been sent to his store from a big manufacturing concern to be sold on commission. I got them for less than cost. Now, I have kept a general store and understand that business, and there is no money in that sort of thing.

"A few weeks afterward this manufacturing concern applied to one of the banks I am connected with for a large loan. Their credit was apparently all right, but on the strength of what I had learned I told up that loan, and a short time later the concern failed."—Saturday Evening Post.

## Montana Sapphires.

There are in Montana sapphires of beauty and value, but they have never been systematically worked as have been the sapphires of the orient. True, they are light in color, but they have more brilliancy than the Asian sapphires and often exhibit dichroism, or double color, under different lights. The supposition that a sapphire should be dark blue is possibly responsible for the slowness of their acceptance in the market, but as a matter of fact sapphires are not of necessity blue; they are green, yellow, purple, white, and when they are red we call them rubies, for the ruby and sapphire are identically the same, save for a fraction of a per cent of coloring matter.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## Different Points of View.

Mr. Growells—What! You want a new bonnet? Why, I think the one you have is very becoming.

Mrs. Growells—Yes, and so do the neighbors. They think it is becoming very ancient and decrepit.—Chicago News.

## A Question of Advantage.

Man is distinguished from the beast by the power to speak his thoughts; the beast from the man by the power to keep his thoughts to himself.—Detroit Journal.

## Question Answered.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

At Oxford, Thursday, Horner School beat Oak Ridge badly playing baseball, score 9 to 1.

The Southerner says that leading capitalists will build a \$20,000 cotton mill at Tarboro.

There are 200 newspapers in North Carolina, and none of them are declaring dangerously large dividends, says an exchange.

The secretary of the State board of health says he looks for a spread of smallpox this year by reason of the large political assemblages.

Robert L. Lydie, of Haywood county, was murdered and robbed last Thursday night on "Soco," near the Indian Training School at Cherokee, by some Cherokee Indians.

The Republican convention of Edgecombe county met at Tarboro Thursday. The Southerner says it was a forlorn set of Republicans, only about 25 being present and all negroes.

Miss Esther Ransom, daughter of Gen. Matt W. Ransom, will be sponsor at the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans for the North Carolina division at Louisville, Ky., in May.

Aycock spoke to nearly 3,000 people Thursday at Asheville. Lukewarm Democrats were aroused to a sense of duty, and some Republicans were converted in favor of the amendment.

Pat Singleton, an escaped convict from the North Carolina penitentiary, where he was sentenced to serve 30 years, was caught Wednesday in Portsmouth, Va., and taken to Raleigh Thursday.

Hickory Times-Mercury: On the 5th instant there was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Bass another fine daughter. This makes five children born to them in April, and they are all girls, too. The dates are as follows: 3d, 4th, 5th, 13th and 25th.

Wilmington Messenger: It is with pleasure that The Messenger announces that work has been begun on the splendid James Walker memorial hospital, to be erected at a cost of \$30,000 and presented to the city and county by Mr. James Walker.

A case of wholesale stealing is reported from Mt. Olive, as having taken place on Saturday night. The store of Blount & Keel was entered, after the close of business, and 20 suits of clothes, half a dozen white shirts and half a dozen watches were carried off.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: In traveling through Nash and Edgecombe counties we have not noticed a single new tobacco barn going up. From all indications we should judge that the tobacco crop in this section will be reduced at least 25 per cent. this season.

Henderson Herald: Rev. J. D. Hufham, D.D., who has for a number of years been pastor of the Baptist church in this city, at the morning service yesterday tendered his resignation, to take effect September 1st. He resigned on account of a general decline in health.

At Hope Mills, near Fayetteville, Miss Fortner, aged 16 years, while lighting a fire in the kitchen, ignited her clothing and in an instant was enveloped in flames. In her agony and terror she dashed out of doors and ran here and there, until she fell, literally burned to death.

There was an unusual case in Louisville Wednesday. In the superior court there was a suit for divorce, in which the plaintiff was granted a divorce, with the right to resume her maiden name. Within an hour afterwards she had married one of the jurors who had helped to grant the divorce. She thus, in one day, was entitled to use three different names.

The first train from Jacksonville, Fla., over the Seaboard's new line, passed through Raleigh early Thursday morning. The train was a special, made up of six Pullman cars, and it carried winter tourists, who have been spending the winter in Florida, direct to New York. The movement of this train marked the opening of another big trunk line which links the north and the south.

In the coming Confederate reunion at Louisville, Ky., a company of 30 Cherokee Indians, from their reservation near Asheville, N. C., will participate. They constitute the remnant of a company which served with conspicuous bravery during the entire four years of the civil war, as a part of Gen. Thomas' Western North Carolina brigade. They are now part of the fourth North Carolina brigade, United Confederate Veterans.

Baxter Shemwell's case was argued before Judge Stevens, of the criminal court, at Winston Tuesday afternoon. His honor refused a motion to discharge Shemwell. He dismissed the habes corpus and remanded the defendant to the authorities of Tennessee. Shemwell's counsel gave notice of appeal from Judge Stevens' decision. The defendant was not present at the hearing and his bond for \$1,000 was forfeited. Judgment of nisi was given against Shemwell and his bondsmen, Major Robert Bingham, of Asheville.

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