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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Representative Levy, of New York, on Thursday introduced a bill to repeal the war revenue act.

The trial of Col. Colson, in Kentucky, charged with the murder of Lieut. Scott and L. W. Demaree, was begun Thursday.

Gen. Carrington has arrived at Beira, Portuguese South Africa, to begin his march into the Transvaal through Rhodesia.

The poorest man in Finley county, Kansas, lives in a \$23,000 house. That is what the poor house cost, and he is the only inmate.

In the Goebel murder case indictments have been found against John W. Davis and Green Golden, and it is rumored, against Gov. Taylor.

Home Crawford, a negro, was legally executed in the county jail yard at Hawkinsville, Ga., Thursday for the murder of Johnson Pate, colored.

A lot of Chicago business men have begun a crusade against the cigarette. They pledge themselves not to employ any person who smokes these things.

R. H. C. Hill, of Baltimore, representing the R. G. Dun mercantile agency, was killed Thursday by falling from a sleeping car of a Pennsylvania Railroad train.

The fight of the telegraph operators over the Southern seems to be unchanged, both sides claiming victory. Operators on the Atlantic & Danville division went out Thursday.

In Mississippi the railroads will not be able to resume operations for several days on account of the floods. Several trains are water-bound, and immense damage has been done.

James Francis Smith, the American district telegraph boy, who is bearing to President Kruger a message of sympathy from Philadelphia and New York school-boys, arrived in Paris Friday, on his way to South Africa.

Representative Hepburn, in charge of the Nicaraguan canal bill, announces that a definite arrangement has been reached by which the bill will be considered by the house May 1 and 2 and passed. The provision for fortifications is cut out, but a clause looking to defense remains in.

The house on Friday adopted the committee's proposition for two battleships, three protected cruisers and three armored cruisers, all to cost \$28,000,000 for hulls and ultimately to cost with armament \$50,000,000. The house refused to provide for establishing an armor plate factory.

The Republican estate convention which met at Montgomery, Ala., on Thursday broke up into two factions in consequence of a disagreement, resulting in a row, in which pistols were fired and one man was seriously hurt. The governor ordered the convention out of the state house in consequence of the disorderly proceedings.

The recent session of the South Carolina legislature changed the law requiring railroads to provide separate compartments in coaches of white and colored passengers. The new act provides for separate coaches and establishes a uniform rate of 3 cents per mile instead of first and second class fares. The railroads complain that the change has cost them considerably.

The engine and five cars of the east-bound fast train went through a bridge near Cochrane, Ind., on Thursday night. Engineer Geo. Crane and Fireman Frank Reynolds were killed and brakeman C. W. Hook was probably fatally injured. One of the wrecked cars was loaded with whiskey, which caught fire and burned the bridge as well as the wreckage.

Advices from Bolton, Miss., state that Henry McAfee, a negro accused of an attempted assault upon a Mrs. Saunders, near Brownsville, in Hinds county, was hanged by a mob in front of the Brownsville school house. He entered Mrs. Saunders' room, but was frightened away, and captured a few hours later by citizens who went in pursuit. The lynching followed.

The treasury department has completed the arrangements for the retirement of Porto Rican money and the substitution of American currency. James A. Sample, chief of the issue division of Treasurer Roberts' office, and W. P. Watson, of New York, an expert accountant, have been selected to go to Porto Rico to make the exchange and will leave before May 1st.

All Ferrough Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the state department Thursday and had a 10 minutes conversation with Acting Secretary Hill about the claim of the United States for indemnity on account of the damage done to American property during the Armenian troubles. It is said that the United States government will now insist for immediate payment from Turkey.

If troubled by a weak digestion, loss of appetite, or constipation, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Every box warranted. For sale by J. E. Hood.

COAST LINE CONSOLIDATION.

Atlantic Line Stockholders Ratify the Deal. New Officers Elected.

Richmond, Va., April 19.—The stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line of Virginia met this morning and ratified the action taken by the board of directors at the meeting in Baltimore yesterday, which was to consolidate the various lines, save the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac, composing the system and to change the name to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company.

The election of officers resulted: W. G. Elliott, formerly president of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad, president; H. Walters, president of the Atlantic Coast Line of Connecticut, first vice president; Alexander Hamilton, former president of the Atlantic Coast Line of Virginia, second vice-president; C. S. Gadsden, former president of the Atlantic Coast Line of South Carolina, third vice-president. The number of directors was increased to 12.

In order to become final, this action will have to be ratified by the companies of the system south of here, and for that purpose meetings will be held Friday and Saturday.

Consolidation Endorsed by W. & W. and S. Railroads.

Wilmington, N. C., April 20.—Special meetings of the stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon and Southeastern railroad companies were held here this afternoon, 98 per cent of the stock being represented. The action taken by the board of directors at Baltimore, on Wednesday, with regard to the consolidation of all the roads composing the Atlantic Coast Line system into one corporation was unanimously endorsed.

The name of the new line will be "The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company," with a mileage of 1,770 miles and an additional mileage of 800 controlled by lease or joint ownership, making a total of approximately 2,600 miles.

Besides the officers named in yesterday's Associated Press dispatches, the directors will be: B. F. Newcomer, Baltimore, Md.; E. B. Borden, Goldsboro, N. C.; George Howard, Tarboro, N. C.; Donald McRae, H. Walters and J. W. Norwood, Wilmington, N. C.; Michael Jenkins and Waldo Newcomer, Baltimore, Md.; Fred W. Scott, Richmond, Va.; D. W. Lassiter, Petersburg, Va.; H. B. Short, Lake Waccamaw, N. C.; and J. J. Lucas, Society Hill, N. C.

Jas. F. Post will be secretary and treasurer, and the general offices continued at Wilmington. There will be no new mortgage and the present bonded indebtedness will not be increased.

Section Masters and Engineers to Strike.

Charlotte, N. C., April 20.—It is reported here this morning from a very direct source that the section masters on the Southern will go out tomorrow, Saturday, at noon. This, of course, would almost necessarily involve the engineers.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box, etc.

New Name of the Fox.

Once there was a wily old fox that was too fond of grapes. One day, the New Year's of all the foxes, he swore off from eating this fruit lest his embonpoint increase beyond reason and he be called fatty, a term of derision. But his appetite for the luscious bunches grew too strong, and he bled him to a grape arbor. A heavy bunch of grapes was hanging high up on the vine. He jumped and jumped, but could not reach them. After he had exhausted himself to no purpose and he was sure he couldn't reach the grapes he said: "No, I will not eat them. I made a resolution not to do so. What a virtuous fox I am!" And he went off to tell his friends about his self denial.

Moral.—Virtue is always a comforter when vice becomes impossible.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Valet; His Opportunity.

The Comte de Brienne, talking of the violence of some masters toward their servants, said that on one occasion, having corrected his valet for some grave dereliction of duty, he had forgotten the matter when the next morning, while shaving him, the man suddenly held the razor to his throat, saying, "Whose turn is it today, M. le Comte?"

"A moi toujours; continue," was the calm reply.

"He finished shaving me, and we were mutually pleased with each other," but relations became somewhat strained after such an incident, and the comte gave him 100 louis and his dismissal. "Never beat your servants, young men," he concluded; "your lives are at their mercy, and you would find it hard, as I did, to owe it to one of them."—Cornhill Magazine.

What She Always Says.

It makes no difference how little a boy is, when his mother scolds him she always says, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself—a big boy like you!"

CUBAN STATISTICS.

Negroes Number But 32 Per Cent, And the Spanish Much Less. Census Figures on Which Suffrage Is Upheld.

Washington Post.

Gen. Sanger has made public the compendious results of the Cuban census, taken under his direction. The figures are very instructive, and in the opinion of the war department officials, fully justify the decision of the administration to allow municipal suffrage in Cuba at this early stage.

The officials are gratified to find that the native Cubans constitute so large a portion of the population; that the whites so greatly outnumber the blacks, and that so large a proportion of the native population can read and write. In their opinion, there seems to be no room for the objection that the proposed basis of suffrage would result in turning the island over to the control of Spain.

The total population of Cuba is 1,572,797, including 815,205 males and 757,592 females. There are 447,372 white males and 462,926 white females of native birth. The foreign whites number 115,760 males and 28,458 females. There are 111,898 male negroes and 122,740 female negroes. The mixed races number 125,500 males and 145,305 females. There are 14,664 males and 163 female Chinese. The population of Havana city is 235,981, and of the province of Havana, 424,804. The population of the province of Matanzas is 202,444; of Pinar del Rio, 273,664; of Puerto Principe, 88,234; of Santa Clara, 256,536, and of Santiago, 327,715.

Of the total population of the island, 1,109,709 persons are set down as single; 244,351 as married; while 181,787 live together by mutual consent. There are 85,112 widowed persons.

Of the total population, according to citizenship, 20,478 are Spanish; 1,296,367 are Cuban; 175,811 are in suspense, 79,526 are of other citizenship, and 616 are unknown. The Spanish by birth number 129,240. Of the children ten years of age and over, 49,441 have attended school. Of the total population 443,426 can read and write, and 19,158 have a superior education.

Is Butler a McKinleyite?

Harry Skinner said at Raleigh recently: "I believe Senator Butler is at heart a McKinleyite. I believe Butler wants to give the North Carolina electoral vote to McKinley. If he is honestly and sincerely for Bryan why does he seek to place obstructions in the way of polling the full Bryan strength in North Carolina?"

Though bitterly fought by Senator Butler at every point the foxy leader could not prevent the election of Col. Skinner as a delegate to the Populist national convention, which meets in Sioux Falls May 9th. Col. Skinner, who was chosen as a delegate by his district, was asked what course he would pursue at the national convention with reference to the nomination of Col. Bryan. Col. Skinner replied:

"I am going to Sioux Falls and I am going to support Wm. J. Bryan."

"I am going to ask the Populist national convention to instruct Butler to take down the electoral ticket in this State if he is sincerely in favor of Bryan. In other words I propose to disclose Senator Butler's hand in the nation as I think I have done in the State. If he is for McKinley the world shall know it and he shall not deal doubly or by indirection any more."

OVERWORK

You know all about it. The rush, the worry, the exhaustion. You go about with a great weight resting upon you. You can't throw off this feeling. You are a slave to your work. Sleep fails, and you are on the verge of nervous exhaustion. What is to be done? Take

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

For fifty years it has been lifting up the discouraged, giving rest to the overworked, and bringing refreshing sleep to the depressed. It is the best nerve tonic you can take.

31.00 a bottle. All druggists.

"I have used Ayer's medicine for more than 40 years. I am sure your Sarsaparilla saved my life when I first took it, 40 years ago. I am now past 70 and am never without your medicine."

FRANK THOMAS, P. M., Jan. 24, 1895. Enon, Kansas.

Write the Doctor—If you have any complaint whatever, write us all about it. You will receive the best medical advice free. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Epworth League at 10:15 a. m. 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.—A continuation of the revival services. A welcome for all.

Christian Church.

Morning subject: "The Necessity of Faith." Evening subject: "Saving the World Without the Cross."

Episcopal Church.

Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services will be held in the grand jury room.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Baptist Church.

Morning subject: "Some Lessons From Christ's Resurrection." Evening subject: "What Is Involved In Following Jesus." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

The Chapel.

Sunday school at 9 a. m. Preaching in the afternoon. Prayer meeting every Friday night.

Christian Science.

Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

Held in Kinston Today. Delegates Elected to State, Senatorial and Congressional Conventions.

The Republicans of Lenoir county held their convention at the court house here today to elect delegates to the State, senatorial and congressional conventions. The convention was called to order at 1 o'clock by Mr. Benj. Sutton. A permanent organization was perfected, with Mr. John Fields, Jr., as chairman, and Mr. Jas. F. Parrott, secretary.

Two delegates and two alternates to each of the three conventions were unanimously elected as follows: STATE CONVENTION.—Jas. F. Parrott and J. E. Cameron. Alternates—Starr Hicks, colored, and Dan Wiggins.

CONGRESSIONAL.—Mess. John Fields and Albert Miller. Alternates—L. S. Smith and Henderson Nunn, both colored.

SENATORIAL.—S. R. Dunn and E. A. Simkins. Alternates—Spencer Dixon and John Edmundson, both colored.

The convention endorsed the administration of President McKinley, from the first of its dawn to the present time, and for four years more.

About 100 were in attendance, about three-fourths colored.

An Appeal to Democracy.

Raleigh, N. C., April 20th, 1900.

To the Democrats of North Carolina:

We are engaged in a campaign of education. We want every white man in North Carolina to understand the amendment. We want no white man in North Carolina to be misled by the miserable falsehoods and misrepresentations that our enemies are circulating with reference to this measure. It is certain if the white people of the State do understand the amendment, its effect upon the State and the individual citizen, they will give it such a majority as no measure submitted to the people has ever before received in the history of the State, and will give the ticket representing this measure the most decisive majority of recent years.

To print and distribute literature and to circulate papers and to defray other necessary expenses of such a campaign as we are now engaged in is expensive and requires ready money. Your committee is practically without funds. Indeed, for the last three weeks it has been borrowing money to meet current expenses.

The committee takes this method of appealing to the Democrats and all the friends of good government and white supremacy in the State for contributions to pay the legitimate and necessary expenses of the campaign. We feel sure this appeal will not be in vain.

Contributions can be sent directly to the chairman of the committee at Raleigh and will be duly acknowledged.

Yours truly,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman.

A mass meeting of citizens was held at Selma Thursday night and adopted resolutions of indignation at alleged false reports "propagated by the Raleigh Morning Post and by officials of the Southern Railway" as to lawless conduct of telegraph strikers and citizens at Selma. The resolutions express the belief that The Post is controlled by the Southern Railway. The resolutions commend the conduct of Mayor J. H. Parker and close as follows: "Finally, we declare to all that we are law-abiding citizens, of no more fierce demeanor than other mortals; that the reports published concerning what has taken place here are greatly exaggerated, and in many particulars entirely false; that we have been willing and are ready and prepared to protect the property of the Southern Railway, as well as the rights of others, and we will ever maintain this position."

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

It is said that the next president of the Baptist Female University at Raleigh will be a North Carolinian.

Billy Cagle, a white man, shot and killed a negro at Aseboro on the 13th inst. It is said the negro cursed and shot at Cagle.

The State charters the Davidson & Dunlap Mfg. Co., at Cauley, Chatham county. Its capital stock is \$9,000. It has power to build cotton and woolen mills.

Pitt county people interested in organizing a cotton mill at Greenville are requested to meet at that place on Thursday, April 26, at 2 p. m., to perfect permanent organization.

Col. John S. Cunningham, who was defeated for one of the leading places on the Democratic State ticket, was the first man to send a check to the executive committee for the campaign fund.

Raleigh cor. Messenger, 19: There was much talk today about the action of the Populist convention in sidetracking Bryan yesterday. Congressman Southland, of Nebraska, who came here to boom Bryan, expressed his amazement at what was done and said he had never seen anything like it.

The Halifax county Republicans held their convention Thursday. All present, except two, were negroes. Geo. H. White, negro, was endorsed for congress or anything he wants, and delegates to the State convention were instructed to use their influence to have H. P. Cheatham, negro, elected a delegate at-large to the national Republican convention.

At Raleigh Thursday there was a conference of Senator Butler and the Populist nominee at which it was decided to write the Democratic chairman a letter asking a division of time between the Populist and Democratic candidates for senator and State officers. R. B. Davis was requested to act as secretary to the State committee until such time as it regularly elects one. The selection of a permanent place for headquarters was left to Auditor H. W. Ayer. It was decided to open headquarters at once.

TAYLOR INDIOT.

It is so Reported in Frankfort, but The Fact Will not Be Known Until He Returns from Washington.

Frankfort, April 19.—Indictments were returned by the grand jury today against John W. Davis and Green Golden as accessories to the murder of Gov. Goebel. Green Golden is a cousin of Wharton Golden, who turned state's evidence. Davis was a policeman on the capitol square and tried to escape with Caleb Powers. The case against W. L. Hazlepp, who was accused of complicity in the Goebel shooting, was dismissed. It is persistently reported here to night that Gov. Taylor has been indicted by the grand jury, and that the indictment was returned today along with those against Capt. Davis and Green Golden, but that this indictment will not be given out until Gov. Taylor returns from Washington.

Judge Cantrill has fixed April 30th for the arraignment of Harlan Whitaker and "Tallow Dick" Coombs, indicted as principals in the Goebel assassination, and Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. Davis, indicted as accessories. The attorneys in the case will ask for bail and file petitions and affidavits asking for a change of venue. The date for the arraignment of the others has not been fixed.

GOING FORWARD.

Censored Dispatches Indicate That Roberts Is Moving Toward Pretoria.

London, April 20, 1.50 p. m.—The report of the fighting at Karee Siding, six miles north of Glen, may be the first news of the progress of the British advance on Pretoria, but even if this were only an unimportant skirmish there are many other indications that Lord Roberts is either starting or has already started for the Northern goal. A dispatch from Cape Town, under today's date, says the censorship restrictions have been greatly increased "owing to the movements of the troops." All the dispatches bear traces of the strenuous efforts of the correspondents to give their papers an inkling of what is afoot.

The Boers south of Bloemfontein are reported to be retreating. Large commands were seen April 19th, near Thaba N'Chu, moving to the north. Their progress was slow, however, owing to the terrible condition of the country.

By way of Pretoria comes a report that fever is decimating the Mafeking garrison and a letter from the mayor of Mafeking says Lord Roberts asked Col. Baden Powell to hold out until May 20th.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Groves' Tamarina Cure. It is simply iron and quinine in a pleasant form. No cure—no pay. Price, 75c.