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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Panuco, a Mexican town, has been entirely destroyed by fire and 2,000 people are homeless.

At Norfolk, Va., Monday, Bill Jenkins shot George Williams fatally because of a quarrel over 40 cents.

Gen. Wheeler has tendered to Gov. Johnston his resignation as a member of congress from Alabama.

M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, was refused a seat in the U. S. senate Tuesday by the close vote of 33 to 32.

Fighting day and night is reported from South Africa, about the beleaguered British camp at Wepener, with the British loss very heavy.

Members of the "Boxers" society on Saturday massacred many Chinese Catholics near Pao Ting Fu, in the province of Pechili, southwest of Tien Tsin, China.

After devoting next Monday and Tuesday to hearing argument in the Kentucky governorship case, the U. S. supreme court will take a recess until the 14th of May.

The waters are subsiding in the rivers of the states further south, and railroad traffic, which had been suspended in many places for a week or longer, will soon be resumed.

News has been received at Constantinople from Beyrut, Syria, to the effect that the Turkish torpedo boat Schamyl blew up in that harbor April 21st, resulting in the loss of 23 lives.

At Yokohama, on Friday last, Admiral Renney succeeded Admiral Watson in command of the Asiatic squadron. Admiral Watson will start home on the F. Timore in a few days.

The departure from St. Petersburg for Africa of a body of aeronauts to make a military balloon service for Transvaal is announced. They took necessary balloons and accessories with them.

Information has reached Washington to the effect that the Japanese government itself, and without waiting request from the United States, is about to take steps to restrict the immigration of Japanese coolies to the United States.

In a 50 mile race between automobiles in Long Island a few days ago, in which gasoline, steam and electric machines were entered, the electric led the steam by 15 minutes, making the run in 2 hours, 35 minutes, which is getting over ground pretty fast.

The indications point to a rush of immigrants to this country this year. A Chicago agent of a steamship and immigration company estimates the number at 600,000, of whom 200,000 will be Swedes, Danes and Norwegians, and 100,000 Germans.

At Clarksburg, W. Va., Monday, the 17-year-old son of James Wiseman met an awful death. He was leading a cow and led the rope around his body. The cow became unmanageable and ran, killing the boy almost instantly. Every bone in his body was broken.

Immunity Hall has decided to send a delegation of from 450 to 600 to the Kansas City convention. It has taken orders on accommodations for 600 persons in Kansas City hotels, and it is likely to find the full quota. Two special trains will be used by the delegation.

Senator Chandler, from the senate committee on privileges and elections, Monday submitted to the senate the report of that committee in the case of Senator Clark, of Montana. "The finding of the committee is that the election to the senate of William A. Clark, of Montana, is null and void, on account of bribery, attempted bribes and corrupt practices by his agents, and of violation of the laws of Montana defining and punishing crimes against the elective franchise."

Taylor, the Kentucky gubernatorial claimant, it is reported, will return to Kentucky and stand trial, but this is thought to be doubtful. Jim and Berry Howard, indicted for the murder of Gobel, say they will never be taken by the authorities. They are entrenched in the mountains with over 100 fighters, who swear the accused men shall never be arrested. Capt. John Powers, also under indictment, was discovered in the mountains Tuesday, guarded by 10 mountain men. Beckham is said to be anxious to send militia to the mountains.

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, "Boecher's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but always inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended in many years by all druggists in the world. Put up by the Boecher-McCain Drug Co.

tains to arrest the Howards and Powers, but no company has volunteered for the service. The men cannot be arrested unless they surrender voluntarily or unless one or two regiments are sent, and then the task would be uncertain, as there are so many places of security from capture which the fugitives can seek.

Late reports from the famine districts of India say that the misery existing there is indescribable and unparalleled, and that the present relief is inadequate. They add that the mortality among the cattle is also so severe that the authorities are trying to adapt farm implements so that human power can replace that of bullocks. Such a drastic measure had never before been necessary, even in the greatest scarcity of animals. It is announced also that the natives are developing ugly feelings, and are attacking Europeans. A great crowd Friday murderously attacked a party of soldiers at Shahpur, the military center of the northwest provinces. The soldiers were rescued with difficulty and in an unconscious condition. One district lost over one million cattle out of 1,300,000 head, and almost numberless human beings were found dead from starvation. In addition, children were found wandering in all directions, homeless, naked and emaciated, and cases were reported of children being sold. The official reports fully confirm the worst stories of the terrible nature of the distress.

STRIKING A MATCH.

Showing How Little Things May at Times Decide a Man's Fortune.

The truth of the saying that little things may oftentimes play an important part in men's affairs when the men least expect it was illustrated one day recently.

"See that young man over there," remarked an insurance friend of his, pointing to one of his clerks working away industriously at a desk in another room. "Well, he got his place in my office through the striking of a match, although he doesn't know it."

"I was standing at the entrance of this building about a month ago waiting for a friend to come down the elevator, when that young man approached me with a letter of recommendation and an application for employment. I had made it known a few days before that I needed another clerk, and he had heard of it. However, I had almost made up my mind to take on a young man who had been to see me the day before and was about to tell the last applicant so, when he pulled a cigar from one of his pockets to light a cigar he had been smoking, but which had gone out.

"Sorry, sir," he said, balancing himself on one foot, while he lifted the other so as to admit of his striking the match on the heel of his shoe. "Sorry, for I would like very much to work for you, and I think I would have made you a good clerk."

"The match striking incident made me think so too. Right at the young man's elbow was a great Italian marble column upon which were the marks showing where many matches had been struck by vandals too utterly indifferent to the rights of others to refrain from indelibly stamping their vandalism upon property to restore which would have cost hundreds of dollars. It would have been the most natural thing in the world for many a man to have scratched that match on the marble column, and the fact that this young man chose to use the heel of his shoe instead showed that he was thoughtful and conscientious, two very excellent traits. I was so impressed that I told him to come and see me, and the result of the visit was his securing the position. And his month in my office has shown that I made no mistake in sizing him up."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Bits of News For Both.

Two girls met in a dry goods store the other day. They had evidently not seen each other for some time, as the trend of their conversation proved.

"What good times we used to have at the lake!" said one.

"Yes, I like our own resorts," replied the other, "better than on the coast. Oh, say, where is my old flame Perry? I think the world of that boy."

"Oh, he's married!"

"You don't say! Who to?"

"Me."

"Well, of all things!" replied her friend, flushing.

The conversation drifted, but a short time later reverted to its old channel.

"Say, Hetty," remarked Perry's wife, "did you meet Johnny — out in San Francisco?"

"Yes, I met him in Los Angeles."

"Poor fellow! I feel sorry for him. He is a bachelor yet, I suppose?"

"No, he's married."

"You don't say! Who to?"

"Me."—Salt Lake Herald.

N. C. POPULISTS.

Senator Butler Says They Are for Bryan and so Instructed.

When Senator Butler's attention was called to the special in Saturday's Post from Raleigh, he said: "I spurn Skinner's charge with the same contempt that the People's party State convention spurned it on last Wednesday. It seems that he went to the convention for no other purpose than to make an attack on me. I did not dignify him by noticing him or replying to him. I did not have to. The convention hissed him off the platform, and unanimously voted down every proposition that he made."

When Senator Butler's attention was called to the other part of the communication, to the effect that the Populist convention was not for Bryan, but was for McKinley, he said:

"The convention unanimously instructed its delegates to vote for the nomination of Mr. Bryan. Had it not been for the Populist vote, Mr. Bryan would not have gotten the electoral vote of North Carolina last time, and it will be the Populist vote that will give it to him this time. The Democratic party cannot and will not carry the State for him."

Senator Butler further said that he was satisfied that Dr. Thompson, the People's party candidate for governor, was misquoted in some respects in the special referred to.—Washington Post.

A lot of the delegates to the convention were federal office-holders and those hoping to hold federal offices. There is no doubt that many who masquerade as Populist leaders are nothing more at heart than McKinley Republicans. The Populist leaders in Lenoir county prefer McKinley to Bryan.

Those Populists who favor Bryan rather than McKinley will vote for Bryan electors. The Populist bosses are doing all they can to fool as many honest Populists as they can and will so act as to aid McKinley in North Carolina, but in spite of Butler and the other Republican sneaks, North Carolina's electoral vote will be given to Bryan. The Democrats are in the majority in North Carolina, and after next August the white people will control the State. Butler and Pritchard and their gang of revenue doodies won't be in it at all so far as State politics are concerned.

BATTLE AND BLOOD.

Otis' Account of Recent Fighting in the Philippines.

Washington, April 24.—Gen. Otis has cabled the following account of recent engagements in the Philippines:

"Manila, April 24.—Early morning of 27th several hundred Tagalos and Vizayans attacked battalion Fortieth infantry at Cagayan, north coast Mindanao; our casualties two killed, 11 wounded; the enemy's loss 53 killed, 18 wounded and captured in that city, besides other losses suffered on retreat. Young reports from northwestern Luzon several hundred natives, influenced by Aguinaldo's bishop, Aglipak, attacked his troops at several points and in turn had been attacked. Their loss in attack on Batoc, 15th inst., 106 killed, and during the entire fighting 15th to 17th, 383 killed; our loss during period two killed, four wounded. Young has plenty of troops and will have little further opposition. Affairs at other Luzon points improving, local residents and inhabitants of towns giving information and rendering assistance, troops now taking possession of interior small islands."

They Want "Brer Cuffy" to "Lie Low" for a While.

Raleigh Post. We refer elsewhere to the report of THE KINSTON FREE PRESS of the Republican county convention, in which it states that three-fourths of those present were negroes, but no negro delegate was chosen to the State convention. They were assigned to the local district conventions.

Our Warrenton correspondent says that at the Warren county Republican convention last Saturday not a white man was present, yet they chose only white delegates to the State convention.

The colored voters are obeying strictly the orders of Senators Butler and Pritchard in not sending any colored delegates to come in contact with their brethren from the west, but this will not fool the honest white people of the State as to the dominating influence of the negro over that party. If these delegates from these counties are white, it is seen they get all their authority for attending from the negro and are responsible to him for their positions and any or all power it possesses.

By the way, there are some 1,600 negroes out of 3,500 Republican voters, all told, in Buncombe, yet out of about forty delegates appointed to the State convention not one is a negro. Heretofore Col. Lusk and Collector Barkin and others have "loved" to honor several of the colored contingent with such appointments. This trick will not work. If they are going to insist that universal negro suffrage is a good thing and should continue regardless of the experience of the past, they should show some courage and sense of gratitude by recognizing his full equality and fellowship in all their party movements.

Good printing at low prices. The Free Press furnishes it.

Why Bryan Should Be and Will Be Elected.

New-York Journal.

Mr. Bryan should be and will be elected, because it is no longer mere party success, but the national welfare that demands his election.

The country wants a truly Democratic, a truly American president—a man who represents the American idea of equality—a man who stands for equal rights, equal opportunities and equal conditions for all.

We have had enough snobbery in our government; we have had enough corruption. We must make an end of a government that stands for privileges to the powerful, for favoritism to the fortunate—that heaps blessings upon the rich and burdens upon the poor.

We must make an end of a government that distinguishes between the social positions and even the geographical positions of its citizens. We must return to American ideas—to the principles of Washington and Jefferson.

Conducted on these principles this country has the greatest future of any that history tells of. Conducted on these principles it will include all the western hemisphere and dominate the whole world.

But we must not rot before we are ripe. The Journal is the leading advocate of expansion, but only that the Union may grow and the advantages of liberty, equality and opportunity be extended to the greatest number of people. A country that governs its new possessions as subject provinces does not expand, it merely encroaches.

The Journal is in favor of the election of an American president that American expansion may become possible. We must remain true to the American spirit—the spirit of Washington who said: "Every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest should be indignantly frowned upon;" the spirit of Jefferson, who demanded "equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political; peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations—entangling alliances with none;" the spirit of Lincoln, who declared that this government could "not endure permanently half slave and half free."

As the best representative of this spirit, fitting head of a nation that has citizens, but not subjects, The Journal will support William Jennings Bryan for president of the United States.

Upland Rice.

Every farmer living east of Hillsboro or Charlotte who has any naturally moist land, should plant a little rice upland this year. Recent reports from Alabama claim a yield of 70 bushels of rough rice per acre and two tons of straw. The present market price for upland rice, in chaff, is 65 cents per bushel. The crop is as salable as cotton. The United States imports more than half the rice it consumes, although there is a duty of 2 cents per pound. The straw, when well cured, is nearly as good as baled timothy for horses and mules.

Rice with shells removed, but not polished, is a strong food and far more wholesome than corn meal for inhabitants of a warm climate. As a fattening food for fowls and pigs, rice has no equal. There are on the market several excellent hand and power machines for removing the shell or husk from rice. These cost from \$50 to \$200. The larger sizes are suitable for grist mills—the smaller for farm use.

For uplands the white Carolina seed is best. It should be soaked 24 hours before planting and then be dropped in freshly made drills 20 inches apart and covered 2 inches deep. Cultivate with a shallow scrape. One hand weeding will be necessary. The crop must be kept as clean as cotton. Cut the crop as soon as the seed is in the tough dough stage. Tie in bundles and shock as wheat. Thrash from shock as soon as the straw is completely cured. The grain should be aired once in the sunshine before being put in bins to prevent heating.

One bushel of rough rice or paddy will sow one acre. The seed will cost about \$1 per bushel. It can be bought of any commission merchant in Wilmington, N. C. The Worth Co. is reliable.

In the neighborhood of Raleigh, rice seed should be sown between May 1st and May 15th. The crop should be fertilized with stable manure or cotton seed meal and kainit.

Those farmers who are hustling to get in a big cotton crop this year will do well to put in a patch of rice in order that there may be something to eat while waiting for the price of cotton to go up to cost of production.

GERALD McCARTHY, Botanist, N. C. Dept. of Agriculture.

Base Ball.

TUESDAY, April 24. Philadelphia, 3; Brooklyn, 0. St. Louis, 4; Chicago, 1. New York, 4; Boston, 3. Cincinnati, 3; Pittsburg, 3.

The postoffice at Youngsville was burglarized Monday night, the safe blown open and \$120 worth of stamps and \$20 in money and one registered package stolen. Also \$75 was secured by the thief or thieves from the postmaster.

To Cure a Cold is One Day. Take LEXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. W. W. Gentry's signature is on each box.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

At Durham Tuesday Trinity beat Oak Ridge playing ball, 7 to 3.

At Raleigh Monday the A. & M. College beat Oak Ridge playing ball, 5 to 3.

A new ice factory will soon be established in Raleigh by home people, with a capital of \$10,000.

A southern freight train was wrecked Monday near Marion, N. C., and the engineer badly hurt.

The grand lodge Knights of Pythias convened in Durham Tuesday. The attendance is very large.

Col. Julian S. Carr, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, of Durham, will take a large delegation to the Confederate reunion in Louisville. The men will be attractively uniformed.

Whiteville News: A negro named Stanley was shot at Lake Wacama last Saturday week by another negro named Skip Burns. Stanley died last week. Burns "skipped."

Wake Forest College was defeated in a ball game by Wofford College at Spartanburg, S. C., Monday. Score 7 to 3. On Tuesday Wake Forest was again defeated by Wofford, 1 to 0.

The Democratic State candidates met a rousing reception and welcome at Waynesville. The Democrats of that section and many Republicans are reported as favoring the amendment.

After an illness of one week Mrs. S. A. Woodard, of Wilson, died Monday. She was a woman of rare Christian virtues, and was admired by the whole community and loved by all who knew her.

Robt. B. Sudderth shot and killed Mordcai Small at Morganton. Sudderth is a hard drinker and Small was trying to carry him home when Sudderth became enraged and shot Small. He is in Burke jail.

Greensboro Telegram: The four white men who some time ago broke into the section house at Gullford College and stole a handcar have been tried in Winston and sentenced to four years each in the penitentiary.

At Scotland Neck Saturday night some one went to the stables of Charles Dickens, a good and inoffensive colored man, and shot and killed a good mule. He is at a loss to know the reason for the dastardly deed, as he was at peace with every one so far as he knew.

Newbern Journal: Nearly a serious accident occurred to Mr. H. E. Royall Saturday night corner South Front and Middle streets. The electric light was lowered and Mr. Royall came in contact with a live wire, which struck him on the face. He was made insensible by the shock and it was two hours before he recovered. Several burns in the face show where the wire came in contact.

Wilmington Messenger, April 24: J. W. A. Coburn, a young white man, was arrested yesterday morning by Captain John J. Furlong, of the police force, on a warrant issued by S. T. Carson, justice of the peace, of Bethel, Pitt county, on the charge of obtaining money under false pretense. Notification of the arrest was wired to Bethel yesterday and the sheriff wired back that he would come down for his prisoner today.

Judge Simonton has decided that the books of private corporations, not parties to the suit, cannot be opened for inspection in the investigation now before Standing Master Shepherd. The complainants—the railroads—have the right to show instances of undervaluation of the property of a corporation as well as individuals, but not expose the books and business of any to the scrutiny of the public. The taking of testimony at Wilmington has been postponed until next week.

The Southeastern Fire Insurance Tariff association at its meeting at Washington, D. C., last Friday adopted a resolution declaring that where states enacted laws similar to the North Carolina laws tending to reduce fire waste and levying equitable taxation, rates shall be reduced. Another resolution was adopted providing that the insurance companies shall inspect the water supply and fire appliances in cities and towns and if these are not up to the standard at the time when rates are given such cities or towns their rates shall be increased.

Raleigh cor. "Messenger: Chairman Simmons' reply to Senator Butler is greatly enjoyed here. The current comment is that it is very apt indeed. A Republican State official says he expected the reply, and added that now Senator Butler will challenge Chairman Simmons to a joint discussion of the amendment with him. Butler regards himself as the Populist nominee for the senate, his party having endorsed him. He also puts himself forward as the champion of the anti-amendment Populist machine, in accordance with the terms of the deal the machine has made with the Republicans. Revenue Collector Duncan says he considers that the Populist convention showed itself against the amendment. That was the Populist aim—to fight the amendment while pretending to take neither side in the matter.