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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Old bonds to the amount of \$260,000,000 have been exchanged for the new 2 per cents.

In the Indiana town elections the results were generally favorable to the Democrats.

Mr. R. F. Bass, a prominent citizen of Danville, Va., was killed by an electric car in Norfolk Wednesday.

At Chicago, Tuesday, Mrs. M. J. Neven was drugged and robbed of \$70,000 by her son Thomas, aged 17, who left with a woman 28 years of age.

John W. Gates, chairman of the board directors of the American Steel and Wire Co., has been served with a summons in a criminal proceeding for alleged wrongful action as an official of the company.

The joint resolution continuing the present administrative officials in Porto Rico in office until the appointments are made under the civil government law, was signed by the president Tuesday afternoon.

The president has issued a proclamation extending for six months, from April 11th, the time allowed Spanish subjects in the Philippines to designate their allegiance, in accordance with the treaty of Paris.

Capt. Oberlin M. Carter has the unenviable notoriety of being the biggest thief the United States army has ever had. He got half a million dollars for his share, and the Gaynor and Green obtained \$1,500,000.

The U. S. supreme court resumed its hearing Tuesday of the Kentucky governorship case. W. O. Bradley, former governor of the state, was the only speaker. He appeared for Taylor. The court took a recess until the 14th inst.

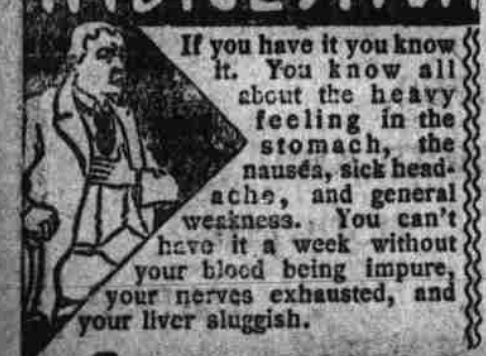
The house on Wednesday passed the Nicaragua canal bill, 225 to 35. The words "defense provisions" were substituted for "fortifications." During the discussion Hepburn and Cannon almost came to blows, the "lie" having been passed.

At Huntington, W. Va., Tuesday, while returning home from school, Minnie, aged 10, and Ollie Allingworth, aged 12, quarreled with Mayme Merritt, aged 10. The Merritt child was knocked down by her schoolmates and trampled upon. She is still unconscious. Physicians believe her fatally injured.

At Webb, Miss., Tuesday night, Robert and William Chambers, prominent young men, were shot and killed by T. B. Abbey, a reputable citizen. The Chambers went to Abbey's plantation and instituted a search for some negroes. Later they met Abbey, and, in an altercation, the latter shot and killed them both.

A state conference of gold standard leaders will soon be held at Indianapolis, Ind. Great interest has been added to the proposed gathering by the fact that it may start a boom for Admiral Dewey for the presidency by appointing a committee to wait upon him and solicit his acceptance of a nomination at the hands of the national gold Democratic organization.

At Frankfort, Ky., Tuesday afternoon, Judge Cantrell granted a change of venue from Franklin county, in the cases of Harlan Whitaker, John Davis, Caleb Powers, W. H. Culton and "Tallow Dick" Combs, charged with conspiracy with the murder of William Goebel. The place to



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which the change will be granted has not been determined on. An effort will be made to remove the cases to eastern Kentucky counties, outside of this judicial district, but this cannot be done, and the cases will go to either Scott or Bourbon counties.

The anniversary of the battle of Manila bay was celebrated with great pomp and ceremony in Chicago on May 1st. Fully 600,000 people were along the line of march of the parade, and for four hours the admiral was busy bowing acknowledgments of the cheers that met him from all sides. When the parade entered the thickly crowded streets down town, the admiral met with his real reception, and it was most enthusiastic. The cheers made practically a continuous roar. The sidewalks were packed from curb to wall and windows along the line were crowded. No other guest of the city of Chicago has ever been given such a welcome.

FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

Two Hundred and Fifty Men Killed By a Mine Explosion. Eighty-Five Bodies Recovered.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 1.—A terrific explosion occurred today in the winter quarters of the Pleasant Valley company's coal mine at Schofield, on the Rio Grande Western railroad, near Colton, Utah, by which, according to reports, over 100 people were killed and many injured. It is reported that 90 bodies have already been recovered.

The cause of the explosion is attributed to the blowing up of a number of kegs of blasting powder.

The work of rescue is going on and everything possible is being done to relieve the suffering and ascertain the number of dead. Superintendent Sharp, of the coal company, and Superintendent Welby, of the railroad company, have gone to the scene on a special train. Of the dead nine men already have been identified and six of the severely injured have been identified.

A special from Schofield states positively that there have been eighty-five dead bodies taken out of mine No. 4. There were 250 men at work in the two mines, Nos. 1 and 4. The balance of the miners are dead. The explosion is supposed to have occurred in No. 4 and extended by a connection to No. 1.

Salt Lake, May 2.—A special from Schofield says: "At this hour 201 bodies have been recovered from mine No. 4. It is now known that between 300 and 400 men entered the mines, and it is also known that a great majority of them have been killed in the powder explosion of yesterday."

"Among the dead are twenty young boys who acted as couplers and trap boys. In the Hunter family alone seven are missing. A large number of the dead are married men. Just how the catastrophe occurred it is not known."

"At Pravo a mass meeting has been held for the relief of the families of the victims and \$3,000 subscribed."

South Platte Higher Than in Years.

Fort Morgan, Col., May 2.—The South Platte is the highest in six years and is three-quarters of a mile wide. The long dike connecting bridges over the two channels is under water and washed away to a depth of ten feet in several places. The Platte and Beaver canal is washed out just below the bridge, and the Morgan canal washed out at the head-gate, as is also the Bijou canal. The bridges at Orchard and Snyder are impassable. There is no way to cross, and travel is tied up. Higher water still is feared.

Angora Goats.

Raising Angora goats will without doubt soon become an important industry in sections wherein the clearing of land must precede agricultural operations, says the Portland Oregonian. Cheapness is a prime requisite in making lands that are in a state of nature ready for the plow or for seeding to pasture grasses. Experiment has proved that a flock of goats combine for land clearing purposes cheapness and thoroughness and, furthermore, that they pay their way and more during the process. According to estimates presented at the industrial convention held at Dallas recently, the practically waste lands of eastern Oregon are capable of supporting 1,000,000 Angoras without infringing upon any other industry, whereas there are at present not more than 35,000 of these animals in all this wide range. The creatures increase rapidly, are sturdy and healthy, produce a profitable fleece and require a minimum of care. Certainly these qualities should commend the Angora to the favorable consideration of land owners who have suitable ranges for them.

The Savage Bachelor.

It is not often the savage bachelor descends to the use of a pun. It is beneath his dignity. But the sweet young thing, the other half of the sketch, asked him this morning what was his objection to woman in politics. "Every single one of 'em is a ring candidate right now," said the savage bachelor.—Indianapolis Press.

ADAMS NOMINATED.

The Republican State Convention Names a Ticket of Pritchard's Selection. James F. Parrott, of Kinston, Nominated for Secretary of State. Pritchard Endorsed for Vice-President. The Convention Composed Mostly of Federal Office-Holders.

Raleigh, May 3.—The Republican State convention adjourned yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock for an hour, but did not meet again until 8:30, when speech-making was again indulged in, J. J. Britt, of Mitchell, and Spencer Blackburn and J. R. McCrary being the ranters.

Spencer Blackburn ranted at an awful rate, claiming that his fighting the Democrats the past ten years was better work than nine-tenths of the preachers have done, saying "the preacher preaches salvation to all; I preach human liberty to all."

Having thus tagged and priced himself, he likened the Democratic party to the giant Goliath and the Republican party to David, the shepherd boy, with a sling and a stone.

"We are going to clean 'em up and give their carcasses to the birds of the air," he announced violently, his head, arms and feet flying through the air like a windmill. "Mr. Aycock and his crowd of candidates have been up in our mountain country. They've got no business there. Let them stay down in Halifax and the other negro counties where they belong."

Mr. Z. V. Walsler was elected permanent chairman.

Senator Pritchard dominated the convention absolutely, though federal office-holders did the physical part of the job, the senator manipulating the strings from the rear. The program was cut and dried Tuesday night and everything went through by acclamation.

The following ticket was nominated mostly by acclamation:

Governor—Spencer B. Adams, of Guilford county.

Lieutenant Governor—Claudius Dockery, of Richmond.

Secretary of State—James F. Parrott, of Lenoir.

State Treasurer—L. L. Jenkins, of Gaston.

State Auditor—Thomas S. Rollins, of Madison.

Attorney General—Z. V. Walsler, of Davidson.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—N. C. English, of Randolph.

Chairman Corporation Commission—C. A. Reynolds, of Forsyth.

Corporation Commissioner—J. A. Francks, of Swain.

Commissioner of Agriculture—Abner Alexander, of Tyrrell.

Commissioner of Labor—Thos. S. Malloy, of Rockingham.

Electors—A. H. Price, of Rowan, and J. C. McCrary, of Davidson.

Delegates to the national convention are Jeter C. Pritchard, James E. Boyd, E. C. Duncan and Chas. McNamee.

Mr. James F. Parrott, of Kinston, was placed in nomination by Mr. J. E. Cameron.

The platform adopted reaffirms the national platform of 1896, endorses the administrations of President McKinley and Gov. Russell and denounces the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State, whereby it is proposed to eliminate the ignorant negro vote. Following is the plank in regard to trusts:

"We are opposed to combinations of capital when they become destructive to the rights of individual citizens, and such combinations should be suppressed by adequate statutes enacted by the legislatures of the several states, or by congress if the resulting evils are beyond the power and jurisdiction of the states."

The convention endorsed "without condition and with enthusiasm" the administration of President McKinley, and instructed its delegates to vote for his re-nomination. Also the delegates are instructed to vote for Senator Pritchard for vice-president.

All nominations were made by acclamation, there being no contest for any places except electors and delegates to the national convention, all of which show that they have little faith in electing their State ticket, but do believe that McKinley will be elected and want to be in when the federal patronage is dished out.

The convention was composed almost

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exclusively of federal office-holders and postmasters. The negro was excluded almost entirely, there being only about 25 colored delegates on the floor of the convention. The negro was recognized in no way whatever. Only one of them made a speech.

Though every man present had an office to seek or a personal interest to serve there was a woeful lack of enthusiasm in the body, which rested all day like a pall upon its proceedings and not even a speech by Senator Pritchard or Jim Boyd could dispel it.

But there was nothing to jar the placidity of the meeting; no rude voice was raised for liberty and no dissenter from boss-rule disturbed the harmony of the moment.

The nominee for superintendent of public instruction, N. C. English, is the Populist nominee, and was nominated, so it was stated, "to show the Democrats there is no politics in education."

The foul-mouthed Pritchard slandered the good people of Wilmington for protecting themselves from negro rioters. But to the credit of the convention, this slander met no applause.

TWENTY SOLDIERS SLAIN.

Small Force of Americans Quartered in a Church Resisted Fierce Assaults for Five Days.

Manila, May 2.—The American garrison at Catubig, Island of Samar, consisting of 30 men, belonging to the Forty-third regiment has been attacked by rebels. Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder were rescued.

Details of the Struggle.

Washington, May 2.—Gen. Otis has so far not reported to the war department the casualties sustained by the American garrison at Catubig. The officials believe that the general is holding back the news with the object of supplying with it the names of the victims of the siege.

The loss reported in killed is the most severe suffered by the forces since the beginning of the insurrection, but even so, the officials at the war department could not but express their admiration for the endurance and courage displayed by the little garrison. The department is not informed as to the composition of this particular garrison, having only a rough statement from the commanding general of the disposition of each regiment among certain islands, without particulars of the location of each company.

The officials at the department who have seen service in the Philippines are not surprised at the fact that an officer with eight soldiers was able to raise the siege. They say that the Filipinos were probably disheartened at the extent of the punishment inflicted upon them by the garrison before the relieving party came near, and then they supposed it was but the advance guard of a formidable force and ran off.

The Americans were quartered in the Catubig church, which the enemy, numbering several hundred men, surrounded and fiercely attacked. The Americans fought for two days and then the rebels managed to ignite the roof of the church and it burned away and finally fell upon those inside the edifice. The walls remained intact, however, and were used as a shelter by the besieged Americans for three days longer, the enemy attacking the building on all sides at once.

The Americans continued firing from the windows and doors of the church and did great execution among the Filipinos. It is estimated that over 200 of the latter were killed, many dead bodies being removed from the scene of the fighting.

After five days resistance by the Americans a lieutenant and eight men arrived from Laoan and engaged the besiegers who thereupon retired.

The fortunate arrival of these reinforcements prevented the annihilation of the American forces entrenched in the church, who had repeatedly declined to surrender when ordered to do so by the Filipinos.

The ten survivors were without food, had little ammunition and were physically exhausted when relieved.

This fight has encouraged the Filipinos, who are now acting in an aggressive manner and threatening that section of the coast, particularly the town of Catamba, whence the garrison probably will be withdrawn to Laoan.

For a Non-Partisan Bench.

Baltimore Sun.

The movement which has been inaugurated in West Virginia for the election of a strictly non-partisan supreme court will be watched with interest in other states. The Republicans and Democrats of West Virginia have come together in this matter and are determined to carry out the purpose which they have in view. They will hold conventions, nominate the best men for judges, no matter to what party they belong, and then go to the polls and vote for them. The movement meets with the hearty approval of right-thinking people, irrespective of party. It is a plan that has been in contemplation for some time, but no definite steps have been taken until now. The desirability of a non-partisan judiciary is evident to all who have given the matter any consideration. West Virginia is getting in touch with the best opinion of the time on the subject, and it is gratifying to note that the people are so heartily agreed upon the matter.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The summer session of the Peabody Normal College, of Nashville, Tenn., will be held in Asheville.

The attendance at the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh is now greater than ever before. The home is in fact full to the limit.

The senate committee on Tuesday favorably reported Senator Butler's bill appropriating \$80,000 for a public building at Durham.

The floods in the State last week were greater in the Deep river than elsewhere and destroyed much property. That river rose 35 feet. The rise occurred within five hours.

At Charlotte Wednesday an extra passenger train ran into a shifting engine and some cars, killing Chas. Mickle, a fireman. A. R. Syfan, engineer, had his ankle sprained, and G. W. Isaacs, baggage master, had his leg injured and ankle hurt.

Shelby Star: Columbus Wilson, a middle-aged white man, was killed last Thursday on the Southern Railway near Grover. The man was sitting on the crossties, apparently asleep, and the engineer did not see him in time to stop the train. The engineer made every effort to get the man off, but to no avail, and the engine struck him, killing him instantly.

Greenville Reflector: Mr. L. B. Mewborn, a prominent farmer of Swift Creek township, lost his dwelling by fire Tuesday morning. It originated from a defective flue between the ceiling and roof of the kitchen. Most of the furniture was saved except that in the kitchen. The fire would probably have been extinguished had not the water in the well given out so soon.

The Southern Cotton Spinners' association has invited the Chinese minister at Washington to be a guest of the association at its annual banquet in Charlotte May 11th. He is said to speak English perfectly, to be a pleasant after-dinner speaker, to possess knowledge of trade, coming from a race of merchants, and it is probable the association may gain some knowledge of the kinds of cotton goods suitable to the Chinese trade, etc.

Monroe Enquirer: We like the way the Democrats are starting out in this campaign. There is preaching of good old Democratic doctrine, not one syllable of compromise on a single principle nor of fusion with any party for any office. There is a spirit of independence, a ringing declaration of uncompromising, open battle to the opposition. That is the kind of campaign we like. It has the right ring to it, and in the language of Shakespeare or somebody else who knew what he was talking about, "It is the proper stuff."

Charlotte Observer: The Mitchell Mirror tells us that Pat Holtman, of the county aforesaid, was snapping his pistol "at the different children in the yard where he was." Tuesday of last week, and Dock Gage, aged 13, was, amongst others, an object of his sport. As he pulled down on young Gage the pistol fired and the boy received the ball in the side of his head, making a wound an inch and a half long and causing concussion of the brain. We are informed that his recovery "is not impossible," and it is to be hoped the little fellow will get well, but we have to confess that right now we are less interested in his fate than we are with what they are going to do with Mr. Holtman. If that gentleman is not permitted to do time on the public roads of Mitchell county the entire criminal law of the State had as well be repealed.

FILIPINOS' LATEST SCHEME.

Small Bands of Horsemen Organize to Harass the Americans.

Washington, May 2.—Recent mail advices to the war department from the Philippines indicate that the latest plan of the insurgents is to organize into mounted bands of 100 and harass the American forces wherever possible. These bands will be scattered throughout the islands and will be in daily communication with each other as far as possible by means of scouts, who will carry orders to govern the concerted movements and all information concerning retreats, reinforcements, etc.

According to The Liberal, the organ of the Filipinos, a complete plan of military strategy will be drawn up "as a result of which the Americans will soon suffer."

That paper declared that the present war, far from being over, is really more vigorous than ever.

It is reported that a strong insurgent camp is being organized in the Zambales mountains by a prominent general, and that nearly all the towns of the provinces, whether occupied by Americans or not, continue to pay taxes for the sustenance of the Filipinos in arms and the prosecution of the struggle.

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