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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Sharkey knocked out Joe Choynski in two rounds at Chicago on Tuesday night.

On June 1st one of the big steel trust mills in Terre Haute will shut down indefinitely.

James A. Robinson, the well-known circus man, died in Philadelphia last week, aged 50.

In the late municipal election at St. Paul, Minn., 2,000 German Republicans voted with the Democrats.

A collision of trains on the Plant system at Hardeville, S. C., Wednesday morning, killed John Jackson, fireman, and injured six other employees.

The Bingham faction of the Republican party in Alabama has nominated a state ticket. The Vaughn faction will, it is understood, soon put another ticket in the field.

A serious clash occurred Tuesday near Cumberland, Md., between union and non-union miners, who have been on a strike, on the latter attempting to return to work.

The Montgomery, Ala., conference for discussion of the race problem at the south, convened Tuesday. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert delivered the opening address.

On May 5th, Capt. Watson and 60 men of the Chinese battalion at Wei Hai Wei were attacked by 3,000 Chinese. The latter were repulsed with no casualties to the British force.

Advice received from Samoa announce that the American flag has been hoisted over the island of Tutuila, amid great native rejoicing, and that the chiefs have made a formal cession of the island to the United States.

Jim Howard, charged with firing the shot that killed Goebel, took the cars at London, Ky., Wednesday, saying he was going to Frankfort to surrender to the authorities. He says he will have no trouble in proving his innocence.

The defalcation of C. W. Neely, of the Cuban postoffice service, as ascertained so far, amounts to about \$75,000. The cabinet decides that our government is responsible to Cuba for this loss. Neely will be returned to Cuba for trial.

The Democratic national committee is confident that 800 of the 966 delegates to the Kansas City convention will be instructed to vote for the nomination of William J. Bryan. This does not mean that the others will be opposed to Bryan, but simply are not instructed to vote for him.

More horrible grows the story of pestilence and misery in India, from the awful famine. A telegram from London states that about 93,500,000 persons are sweltering their squalid existences away amid pestilence and misery that shows no signs of abating, and that while hundreds of thousands of pounds of gold have been thrown into the country, all this charity is merely a drop in the ocean, judging from the latest advices.

Conestoga, Pa., bears the marks of a double cyclone, which occurred Tuesday night. The clouds moved from opposite directions, and when they met the fury was terrible. The barns of S. P. Handwork and James Livengood were blown down, and in the former one four cows were crushed by falling walls. The station building of the Wilmington & Northern railway was picked up bodily and carried 50 yards to a meadow, where it was dropped and smashed. Many trees and fences were destroyed and railway travel was blocked for hours.

### Virginia's Crew Rescued.

New Orleans, May 8.—The Morgan liner, El Paso, which arrived early today from New York, brought with it Second Mate Willoughby M. Moore and 14 of the crew of the wrecked British steamer Virginia, which went to pieces on Diamond Shoals recently.

[We published an item yesterday that the mate and four men were rescued. It should have been 14, thus accounting for the number who took to the boat.]

## NIGHT BELLS.

### Various Kinds of Help to Be Invoked Through Their Aid.

Of night bells of one sort and another there will be found in cities many. There is, for instance, the drug store night bell, which is old and familiar. In large cities there are nowadays more drug stores than formerly that keep open all night, but the drug store night bell is still an institution. Inside the window there is a light so placed that its illumination serves at once to give a glow to some highly colored jar of water—time honored emblem of the apothecary—and make that serve as a sign and to show to those who are seeking it, when they shall have come near, the location of the bell.

Likewise is the undertaker's night bell old and familiar and to be found in numbers, with a light so placed within as to reveal it plainly.

A peculiarly modern night bell is the plumber's night bell, for whose coming into existence there are two reasons—one the multiplication in cities, for the equipment of dwellings in accordance with modern ideas of comfort, of pipe and plumbing of all sorts, for steam heat and water and gas, and so the multiplication of emergencies arising out of the use of them; the other being the modern way of not putting things off till tomorrow, of following always a beaten track in doing things, but of being ready if called upon for work at any time, day or night.

The night bell that probably is to be found in most limited number and then only in great maritime cities is the night bell of the wrecking company. Even in this big town there is perhaps but one such night bell, but there is at least one, which may be found placed in the wall outside of a wrecking company's office, in a water-side street, with a painted sign on the wall beside it, in the usual familiar words, "Night bell," a place where one can go to get help for vessels in distress by night as well as by day.—New York Sun.

### A Piece of Pure Luck.

The discovery of the famous Trojan mine in Calaveras county, Cal., is curious as an illustration of pure luck and doubtless has heartened many a discouraged miner. In January, 1865, Henry Becker, a German, and John L. Trimmer, a Connecticut man, two poor, ragged, discouraged mining prospectors, went into the mountains of Calaveras county to cut oak wood for fuel. They expected to make something like \$30 or \$40 each per month during the winter by the sale of the wood. They made their home in an old abandoned miner's cabin. A heavy fall of snow had covered the ground to the depth of two or more feet.

One day the two men built a great bonfire of brush. The heat melted the snow and left an area of bare earth. Becker determined to make an oven out of the hot ground, and, securing a haunch of deer meat, he began the digging of a hole in which to bake it. At the depth of two feet he came upon a bed of rock. He had been a prospector too long to resist the temptation of examining the rock, and, accordingly, before placing the meat in the hole he broke off a piece of the rock.

Then, after the venison was buried and roasted, he examined the broken bit of rock carefully by the light of his cabin candle. To his very great astonishment, it proved to be what miners call live rock, assaying \$600 to the ton. For several months Becker and Trimmer kept their great find a secret. In the meantime gathering information concerning the dip angle and length and breadth of their new discovered ledge. Within a year from its discovery this mine had made Becker and Trimmer rich.—Philadelphia Times.

### Vegetable Ivory.

In the forests of the Pacific slope in Ecuador abounds the species of palm which bears the nuts known as "vegetable ivory." The nuts are exceedingly hard and white. Germany takes two-thirds of the product, and the rest goes to the United States, France and England. The harvest is in the rainy season, and great rafts loaded with the nuts are sent down the swollen rivers. Those engaged in the industry are Indians and mixed races. The unpeeled nuts bring, in the native markets, about 60 cents for 100 pounds.

### Hat Tail Tendons.

Among the many materials for sewing up wounds are the strong sutures that can be obtained from the tail of the rat. By proper manipulation a bundle of six or six tendons per tail can be obtained and can be used as they are, being easily threaded.

## THE WAR IN AFRICA.

### British Are Now Advancing in Great Force. Opposition is Expected South of the Vaal River. Heavy British Loss Up to May 5.

London, May 9.—Although the British expected considerable opposition as the difficult drift of the Zand river, the latest advices from Smaldeal, Orange Free State, indicates that the federals are not yet ready to make a determined attempt to stem Lord Roberts' advance. The latter's front, indeed, is so wide and overwhelming in numbers that it is difficult to see how the Boers can help being ousted out of Virginia Siding as they were out of Smaldeal, even if they elect to give battle.

The same considerations would probably affect the situation at Kroonstadt, hence the belief that the real opposition will be encountered south of the Vaal. The repairs to the bridges over the West river and the Vaal are expected to retard the general march from Smaldeal and Fourteen Streams for three or four days, when Gen. Buller will also be ready.

The general idea is that Lord Roberts will direct his right on Harrismith in order to get in touch with the Natal army coming through Van Rensan's Pass. A dispatch from Maseru, dated May 8, says the Boers have deserted both Ladybrand and Ficksburg in a panicky condition, owing to reports that the British had occupied Senekal, thus threatening their retreat to the Transvaal. Gen. Buller is making the transport preparations for an advance.

The war office announces that the total casualties in South Africa up to May 5, were 17,217.

### AMERICANS ATTACKED.

#### Big Force of Filipinos Surround a Garrison of 20. Rescued After Two Days' Fighting.

Manila, May 8.—A force of rebels, on May 2, attacked 20 men of company I, of the Forty-fourth regiment, stationed at Barotac, Iloilo province, on the island of Panay. Three of the Americans were killed and seven wounded. The enemy, estimated by number 400, surrounded Barotac and attacked the place on all sides. After two men had been killed and four wounded the American commander sent for men to try and get through to communicate with the remainder of the company at Dumangas. Of the four men, one was killed and three wounded. The latter managed to return to Barotac. A friendly native finally brought news of the fight to a company of the Twenty-sixth, who succeeded in relieving the garrison of Barotac on the night of May 3. The enemy's losses were heavy.

### We Would Enjoy the Novelty.

Oxford Ledger.  
Bro. Herbert, of THE KINSTON FREE PRESS, is one of the progressive newspaper men of the Tar Heel State. He has recently put in new machinery and type, enlarged his paper, and bids fair to have a bank account, as the wide-awake business men of Kinston appreciate a good newspaper.

### Quick Arrow Shooting.

The Maya Indians have acquired extraordinary dexterity with the bow and arrow, which, with the spear, is their only weapon, though the boys before they are strong enough to draw the bow often use a sling made from a strip of rawhide, with which they kill squirrels and small birds. The bows are about five feet long, made of a thin, tough strip of cuboon palm, well seasoned. The arrows are usually carried in a tiger skin quiver and can be used with marvelous rapidity, as the following incident will show:

A chief of the Imcondones of my acquaintance named Canek had been on bad terms with his father-in-law for some time. One morning while hunting in the bush he espied the old man in an ansa tree gathering the apples. He at once fired an arrow at the man, striking him through the chest and while the body was falling placed another arrow in the neck. Fortunately for himself he managed to reach the nearest Spanish settlement before any of the murdered man's relatives could overtake him.—Chambers' Journal.

### The Newly Elected Alderman.

When a politician has just been elected a member of the council and the directory men comes around next day and asks him what his occupation is, he has to struggle with himself sometimes not to answer. "Statesman."—Somerville Journal.

### Wrangling in the Chry.

"Way can't you be obliging?" cried the facetious music rack. "The bells play when they're tolled. Come, give us a tune!"  
"No," grumbled the organ in deep silence; "I'll be blown if I do!"—Philadelphia Press.

## TRENTON ITEMS.

May 8, 1900.

Mr. J. B. Pollock, who had been clerking at Newbern, returned home Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Hammond and Miss Pearl Williams attended church at Lee's Chapel Sunday.

Miss Sallie Benson, who had been teaching in Hyde county, returned home Saturday.

Farmers are somewhat behind in their crops. Some are not through planting cotton yet.

Mr. W. H. Haywood, of Kinston, made a short visit to his parents Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. T. C. Whitaker and Mrs. R. A. Whitaker went to Newbern Friday and returned Saturday.

We had a heavy hail storm in this section last Thursday, doing considerable damage to potatoes, cabbage and gardens.

The M. E. Sunday school is in a flourishing condition at this time. They will hold their annual picnic next Friday on the river.

There was no service in any of the churches here Sunday. It was the regular time for the Baptist, but the pastor is taking a rest.

## JASON ITEMS.

May 8, 1900.

Miss Helen Hardie spent Wednesday in LaGrange.

Mr. B. H. Hardy is erecting a dwelling near here.

Miss Essie Uzzell, of near Goldsboro, is visiting here this week.

Mr. Hugh Bryan, of Institute, made us a short visit Sunday evening.

Tobacco plants are scarce in this section, and farmers are getting uneasy.

Mess. Kirby Phelps and Herman Hardie spent Sunday with Mr. Milton Creech.

Mr. Jas. Sutton and Miss Marie Smith spent Saturday and Sunday in Buckleberry.

Rev. Mr. Langston will fill his regular appointment at Newbern's church next Sunday.

Mr. Noah Sutton was called off Sunday to the burial of his niece, Miss Julia Hill, near Falling Creek.

We had a "magic lantern" show here Friday night, and all who attended pronounced it very good.

## Sons of the Confederacy.

Mr. Enton: I notice that there has been established in the city of Raleigh a permanent organization of the Sons of the Confederacy. I am very glad to see this important move and hope that the example will be followed in other cities and communities.

I suppose all sons of the Confederate veterans would like to become members of these societies wherever established; but under the rules adopted by the organization many would be ineligible.

It requires that an applicant must fill out a blank prepared for the purpose, and proof must be submitted showing the service of an applicant's father (or other direct ancestor) in the military or naval department of the Confederate government. My father was a member of the 8th Reserve and I have made a diligent search for his name in the roster of the N. C. troops, four volumes of which are on file in the court house, and I can not find his name on record. These records are very imperfect as any one will see who will examine them. I hope that our next legislature, which is to assemble soon, will make an appropriation sufficient to have the roster of the N. C. troops revised. There are many veterans now living who could give correct information as to the missing names. If there is any cause for which I would be willing to be taxed it is to help raise the appropriation above referred to, and I believe I express the true sentiment of all sons and daughters of the Confederate veterans. There are many of us who are sons and daughters of the American Revolution but the records were either destroyed or never written, hence we cannot claim that honor.

North Carolina has made more history and written less than any State in the Union. Very truly yours,

J. B. DAWSON.

Kinston, N. C., May 9.

## Pearson-Crawford Contest.

Washington, May 9.—The house spent five hours today in discussing the contested election case of Pearson against Crawford from the ninth North Carolina district, and when it adjourned at 5:15 the case was continued until tomorrow. The speakers today were Mr. Roberts, of Massachusetts, for Pearson, and Mess. Miers, of Indiana, and Kitchin, of North Carolina, for Crawford. Mr. Linney was quite active in asking questions but was knocked out every time by Miers and Kitchin.

Tomorrow both Crawford and Pearson will speak, and Roberts will close for Pearson.

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## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The Proximity Mills at Greensboro locked out their 500 employes Tuesday morning, in order to forestall a threatened strike. A labor union was recently organized at the mill.

Lexington Dispatch: "Chaney" Goss, a colored woman of Thomasville, who has been in Lexington for some time, was so badly burned last Wednesday night as to cause her death 24 hours later.

The grand lodge Odd Fellows were entertained an hour at Winston Wednesday with a concert by an orphan class from Goldsboro. An invitation to hold the next session of the grand lodge at Asheville was accepted by acclamation.

Tarboro Southerner: Saturday night some one broke into the stables of Thad. Ellis, near Crisp, and stole a valuable horse. The animal was not missed till Sunday morning. Since then no trace of it has been found, nor any clue to the thief.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly has completed the program for its session at Morehead City. One of the features will be an address by Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the agent of the Peabody fund. The State Music Teachers' association is to hold its annual convention at the same time.

Reidsville Review: Mrs. Frank Ward, an estimable lady who lives on Mr. R. C. Saunders' place, near Lawsonville, died Monday morning. She had been very sick with smallpox, and her death was expected for several days. A daughter of Mrs. Ward is very critically ill with the same malady.

The Democratic candidates on the State ticket closed their itinerary together at Washington Tuesday. They touched both the western and eastern sections of the State and received great ovations everywhere. Now they divide up into twos and visit other towns where they have not been.

Wilmington Star: Toomer and Shivar, the two negro religious fanatics in jail, are reported in a critical condition as the result of depriving themselves of food in conformity to the teaching of their "Master," Percy, of Dominica. They have not eaten food now in fifteen days and are too weak to stand.

Lexington Dispatch: John A. Rickard, a respected citizen of Churchland, purchased a horse last Saturday and while hitching it to a wagon, the horse kicked, striking Mr. Rickard such a blow in the breast with his feet as to cause instant death. Four of his little children were with him when he was kicked, and saw their father die.

Goldsboro Argus: The blue grey horse of Mr. John Grantham while passing over the railroad track Monday got his shoe caught between two rails and the whole hoof was torn from the leg. It was an unusual accident and was a pitiable sight to those who were looking on. No one was driving the animal which had trotted off while Mr. Grantham was in the field paying pea pickers.

At Raleigh Tuesday there was a hearing of the case against A. D. Baker, who is charged with having shot his wife in the head, with intent to kill her. She is in the hospital and refused absolutely to testify against him. He was then released on merely nominal bail. George Hunt, the man who brought Mrs. Baker to Raleigh and who lived with her, is in jail, but will give bail. The woman has nearly recovered from what appeared to be a fatal wound.

Mr. H. L. Stevens, of Warren, reports the strawberry season in Eastern Carolina a great success. "The people in my section are happy as a result of the unusually fine berry season," Mr. Stevens remarked. "The strawberry crop is a large one, and good prices are being commanded in northern markets for shipments. Truckers in our section began to ship April 20, and I learn that Norfolk truckers will not be able to place their crop on the market until the 15th. This gives us an advantage of some 25 days. This year's crop will bring over \$1,000,000 to our county, which is the largest berry-shipping county in the State."

### "Hain't Answered Yit"

Charlotte News.  
Up to this morning 27 Republicans and Populists have "answered" Mr. Aycock's great convention speech, and "hain't answered yit," as Bill Hawkins remarked.

### 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, "Bocher'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 our bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Murston Drug Co.



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