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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The U. S. supreme court has decided the inheritance tax law to be constitutional and valid, but that it applies to legacies only, and not to the estate as a whole.

The store of Levy Brothers, general merchants, at Newport News, Va., and two adjoining residences were entirely destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Loss probably \$75,000.

The executive committee of the Southern Educational association have decided to have the next annual convention of the association in Richmond, Va., on December 27th, 28th and 29th.

Chas. A. Goodloe, white, a clerk in the Richmond postoffice, has been bound over to federal court in the sum of \$4,000 for rifling the mails. A decoy letter and several other purloined letters were found on his person.

At Butte, Mont., Saturday, Chas. Paulsen shot and killed Alex Tate, and shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Alex Tate, and then committed suicide. He charged Mr. and Mrs. Tate with being responsible for the separation of himself and wife.

There was another negro riot in the "Rockets" section of Newport News, Va., Sunday night, because a policeman shot a negro who resisted arrest and tried to grab his pistol. The negro threw bricks and shot pistols into a theater in which the policemen had taken refuge. The chief of police finally overawed the rioters.

The New York India famine committee has issued an appeal to the citizens. The appeal asserts that despite the systematic aid furnished to 6,000,000 of people in India, at least 6,000,000 more are starving. The appeal, which is signed by the officers of the India famine relief committee, says that America ought to send at least \$1,000,000.

At Marlinton, W. Va., Frank Reed, a negro of Salisbury, N. C., was shot and killed by John Robinson, of Charlotte, N. C. They were working on a new railroad. The men fought over an old feud. Reed made at Robinson with an open knife, and the latter fired three shots into his heart. Robinson gave himself up to the authorities, and is now awaiting a hearing.

It is said that the entire plant and business of the Gillette-Herzog company, of Minneapolis, Minn., will pass into the hands of the American Bridge company. The consideration is understood to be not less than \$1,000,000. It is believed that the Minneapolis plant will be closed, and that the stock and machinery will be moved to one of the other plants of the New Jersey concern.

At Camden, N. J., Sunday, fire broke out in a market house and destroyed that building, 10 stores and 50 small dwellings, rendering 250 people homeless. Boys either accidentally or purposely set fire to a large pile of tarred lumber, which had been stored in the market house by the Bell Telephone Co. They were playing there shortly before the fire began. Loss \$200,000, partly insured.

Officials of some of the railroads running out of Chicago have a novel idea under consideration. It is that of having religious exercises on their through Sunday trains. The plan is to have the exercises held in the dining car at some convenient hour between breakfast and luncheon, to have the racks supplied with Bibles and hymn books, and for the singing to be of the congregational character.

Francis Schlatter, the "divine healer," was prevented Saturday night from operating on the streets of Parkersburg, W. Va., by the police dispersing his audacious. On Sunday Schlatter opened up at Terra-plin Park, just beyond the city limits, and during the day had thousands of visitors. Quite a number declare Schlatter healed them by "laying on of hands," and some big voluntary contributions were given him.

Alex Whitney, aged 25 years, a popular young man of Augusta, Ga., was shot and killed on a street car Sunday evening by William Willis, a negro. Willis, with another negro, entered a crowded street car and one of them sat in Whitney's lap, whereupon Whitney struck the negro, and Willis shot and killed Whitney. The negro murderer was overpowered and placed in the hands of officers. Officers undertook to carry the murderer to a place of safety, but a mob overpowered them and lynched the negro Monday morning.

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CELEBRATIONS CALLED OFF.

Supreme Court Disappoints Both the Beckham and Taylor Adherents.

Frankfort, May 14.—The failure of the supreme court to hand down a decision in the governor's contest case today was a great disappointment to both the Taylor and the Beckham governments.

The Taylor authorities here were confident of a decision, and so strong were their hopes that they had arranged for a celebration in advance.

The Beckham government and adherents, if anything, were more confident of the success they expected from the decision of the supreme court, and had likewise prepared to celebrate.

Every precaution had been taken to prevent a clash between the soldiers.

The progress in the alleged conspiracy cases, so far as making further arrests is concerned, is likewise stopped. Taylor's friends here doubt whether he will return to Frankfort unless the decision is favorable to him. The indictment against him will not be made public until the case is decided.

BULLER'S ADVANCE BEGUN.

British Take Boers' Position in the Biggarsberg Mountains.

London, May 14.—A special dispatch from Stone Hill Farm, Natal, dated today, says:

"Gen. Buller's advance commenced Thursday when he left Ladysmith in strength. When within two miles of Helpmakaar the Boers opened a heavy artillery fire and the British guns replied, while a portion of Buller's troops worked round the Boer flanks. The British attack was pressed home Sunday. Bethune on the right outflanked the Boers, whose splendid defensive positions on the Biggarsberg were practically taken.

"Gen. Buller's march subsequent to the attack was carried out without a hitch. The British are still pushing on."

How Lincoln Won His Wife.

Mr. Lincoln used to take great delight in telling how he gained a knife by his ugly looks. That has been published, but I have not seen another in print telling how he gained his wife. Mrs. Lincoln was a beautiful lady, attractive, sharp, witty and relished a joke even at her own expense. She was staying with her sister, Mrs. Edwards. She had not been there long before everybody knew Miss Mary Todd. She often said: "When a girl, I thought I would not marry until I could get one of the handsomest men in the country, but since I became a woman I learned I can't get such a man, which has caused me to change my mind. I have concluded now to marry the ugliest looking man I can find."

Later on Lincoln came to town. She had never seen him before she met him on the street. She was told who he was and went home and told her sister she had seen her man, "the ugliest man I ever saw, Abraham Lincoln, and I am going to set my cap for him."

That became a common saying in street gossip. When they were married, instead of taking a bridal trip, they went to the Globe hotel, owned by the writer and occupied by a tenant. They took board at \$4 a week. When he got able, he bought a lot for \$200 and built a four room house costing less than \$1,000. When he received \$5,000 from his great railroad case, he spent \$1,500 of it in putting a second story on his house, and there he lived until he went to Washington.—Thomas Lewis in Leslie's Weekly.

The Zulus carry their wounds to the hills and expose their wounds to the air, having found by experience that that is the quickest way of curing them.

Kentucky furnished more soldiers, Confederate and Union, than any other state according to population.

CUBAN P. O. FRAUDS

Director General Rathbone to Be Retired. He Cut a Big Swell in Havana at the Government's Expense. A Regular Republican Carpet-Bagger Rioting in a Fine House, With a Fine Carriage and Footman.

Washington, May 14.—An order will be issued today relieving from duty Mr. E. G. Rathbone, director general of posts in Cuba, under whose administration the frauds recently disclosed have occurred. He is held responsible for extravagance in the department and for the loose business methods that have characterized the conduct of postal affairs on the island, resulting in an embezzlement of funds estimated at \$100,000, and thus bringing shame and humiliation upon the American government in Cuba. He is not charged with, or suspected of, any complicity in these frauds, but the postmaster general and secretary of war are convinced that his unfitness for the highly responsible position has been clearly established. The order relieving him may take the form of suspension, but it is the understanding that he will have no further connection with the Cuban government. A reorganization of the department of posts will follow upon a new basis that, it is believed, will preclude the possibility of similar frauds in future. The pending investigation, though postoffice inspectors are to be used, is under the war department.

Rathbone's power was great. He could appoint and remove postmasters, fix salaries, and make contracts at will. Everything connected with the postal service was intrusted to his hands. It is true that he was required to make periodical reports to the governor general, but these merely showed the receipts and disbursements—nothing more. Gov. Gen. Brooke was an easy going ruler, and there was no interference with the department of posts.

Rathbone rented a house at \$3,000 a year. This rental was charged up against the Cuban postal revenues. The house needed repairs, and they were made. It needed refurnishing, and the new furniture was provided. The director general soon had a carriage and team of horses; likewise a footman. He began to entertain. The functions at the home of the director general of posts became one of the features of official life in Havana. He cut a social figure second only in importance to the governor general. Mr. Rathbone's salary at that time was \$4,000—only \$4,000—but, then, the house was provided, his allowances were liberal, and he succeeded in worrying along. A per diem personal expense allowance of \$5 helped him to make both ends meet, and when he traveled—and he traveled a good deal—all his expenses were paid. One of his trips to the United States cost the Cuban government over \$1,000.

Director Gen. Rathbone's second lieutenant, or official next in importance to Treasurer Neely, was Auditor Reeves, the Tennessee man assigned to service in Cuba by the war department upon the recommendation of the postoffice department. Neely had charge of the funds and Reeves had charge of the accounts. How well this combination worked is revealed by the admitted shortages of \$69,000 in 1899 and of \$36,000 in 1900, up to May 1.

While Director Rathbone could fix salaries at will, and allow anything in the way of expenses that he deemed reasonable, he hesitated to raise his own salary. Therefore, he applied to the postmaster general for an increase from \$4,000 to \$6,500. The application was made some months ago. The increase was finally allowed late last year, and was dated back three months on account of the delay in acting upon the matter in Washington. Taking into consideration his salary of \$6,500, his free house, and many other allowances, no cabinet officer in Washington has ever fared as well as he.

DEPUTY KILLED BY ROBBERS.

Comes Suddenly Upon a Fugitive and is Shot Down. Man Hunt in Progress.

Emporia, Kan., May 13.—Hundreds of men on foot, on horseback, and in all kinds of vehicles, are scouring Neosho Valley tonight for two alleged bank robbers, James Murphy and E. F. Estell, who are charged with having, last night, shot and killed Deputy Marshal Edward Roberts, one of a party which had been pursuing them for several days.

It is alleged that on May 9th, Murphy and Estell robbed a bank at Marysville, Kan., and since then a posse of deputies has pursued them, travelling over 150 miles. About midnight last night the two men were found by Roberts and a companion, who had become separated from the pursuing party. Before they recognized the fugitives, one of them had emptied both barrels of his shotgun into Roberts, killing him instantly. Roberts was but six feet from the gun, and the shot tore a big hole in his chest. Murphy and Estell again fled south. They are supposed to have stolen a horse and buggy.

Roberts was well known in Emporia, and the news of his tragic death caused intense excitement. Numerous posses were soon formed and began scouring the country. About 6 o'clock this evening the two men had been traced to within three miles of Emporia. Lynching will surely follow their capture.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRYAN.

Nomination of Towne in Line With the Nebraskan's Wishes.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—The Bee is authority for the statement that before the delegates to the Sioux Falls convention, who stopped off in Omaha, resumed their northward journey, the leaders were supplied with a memorandum in Bryan's own writing, outlining the plan they were expected to pursue on the vice-presidency, in alternative propositions to be preferred in their order. According to authority not to be questioned, this memorandum read as follows:

1. Refer to committee for conference with Democratic and silver Republican committees and with power to appoint.
2. Select several names for submission to Democratic and silver Republican conventions, and add to the list of names the words "or some other person equally committed to reform principles."
3. Nominate some man who will withdraw if not endorsed by the other two parties.

The final adoption of the third plan of Col. Bryan's of instructions will be taken to mean that Mr. Towne has been given a nomination merely to fill the time up to the Kansas City convention to prevent the position from being occupied by some one distasteful to Mr. Bryan.

Base Ball.

SUNDAY.

St. Louis 8, Brooklyn 0.
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 7.
Chicago 10, New York 9.

MONDAY.

Chicago 4, New York 0.
Pittsburgh 6, Boston 3.
Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 7, Cincinnati 4.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.		
	Won.	Lost.
Philadelphia.....	14	5
Brooklyn.....	11	7
Pittsburgh.....	10	9
Cincinnati.....	9	9
Chicago.....	10	10
St. Louis.....	8	10
New York.....	6	11
Boston.....	5	12

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The strawberry growers between Wilmington and Goldsboro have had a prosperous season. It is estimated that 200,000 crates were shipped the past week.

Mr. Will F. Davidson was injured in an elevator accident in Andrews' furniture store at Charlotte Saturday. His elbow, shoulder and three ribs were broken and he was seriously injured internally.

Newbern Journal: Frank Abbott was bitten Sunday morning by a dog, supposed to be mad, near his home on East Front street. The dog was bitten in the thigh. The dog was pursued and killed on West street.

The Linn Mills company of Salisbury was organized Monday with a capital stock of \$50,000. Its purpose is to manufacture cotton and woolen goods. A number of the prominent citizens of Rowan county are incorporators.

Mr. J. S. Worth, a prominent citizen and business man of Wilmington, died Sunday morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where he had gone for treatment. He was about 30 years old, and leaves a wife and three children.

In Chatham superior court damages to the amount of \$3,000 has been awarded C. D. Wilkie for injuries sustained in falling from a handcar, of which he was in charge as section master of the Raleigh & Cape Fear railroad. The case will be taken to the supreme court.

An oil portrait of the late Hon. George Davis, of Wilmington, N. C., who was in President Davis' cabinet as attorney general of the Confederacy, was presented by Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, to the Confederate Memorial Literary society, at Richmond, Va., Monday. The presentation took place in the North Carolina room of the Confederate museum, in which the portrait has been placed.

A special from Rutherfordton says that Mr. A. D. K. Wallace, formerly chief clerk in the secretary of state's office, is in favor of the constitutional amendment and will vote for it. Mr. Wallace was a Republican up to 1893, but since that time has been in the Populist party, which put him in the office he held. He has never been a Democrat, but strongly advocates the amendment and says it will carry.

The first crop bulletin of the season was issued yesterday by the State agricultural department. The report, which is based on returns from every county in the State, save four, shows that there is an increase in cotton average of 9 per cent. The report shows that farmers are not so well up with their work. There is a decrease in the amount of corn and other crops planted. Trucking and small fruit make a much better showing than last year.

Greensboro Telegram: The Lewiston, Idaho, Morning Tribune tells of a big mining deal, involving a quarter of a million dollars, in which a former Greensboro young man figured conspicuously. The deal referred to was the sale of the Big Buffalo Mine property, as the culmination of a big law suit. The chief attorney for the winning side was Judge Wallace N. Scales, a son of Mrs. E. H. Scales, of Greensboro, and the Idaho paper says he received as his fee \$10,000 in cash.

The laboratory of the United States fish commission, at Beaufort, will be reopened for work on the first of June, and will remain open until October. The laboratory is designed for research in marine biology (zoology, botany, physiology), and for the present, is open to men only. The collecting outfit is particularly good, including steam launch, sailboat, skiffs, dredge, trawl, seines, surface nets, etc. The indoor equipment embraces the usual apparatus, glassware, and reagents, provided by marine laboratories. The more important works on the systematic zoology and natural history of the forms that are found on this part of the coast, will be on hand; and the current numbers of the more commonly used journals will also be received. Naturalists working at the station will find a collection of identified forms, illustrative of the fauna and flora of the region, together with a record of breeding times and local habitat of the species.

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HAKUNA'S UNRIVALED SHOW.

—New York World.