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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

One hundred and thirty-five motormen on a street car line in Dayton, O., are out on a strike.

The Norwegian bark Johannes has been wrecked off the Island of Oesel, in the Baltic. Of her crew of 29 only 12 were saved.

A fire at the Tom's Creek mines, Wise county, Va., Wednesday, destroyed the tipples and other machinery to the value of \$100,000.

August H. Pless jumped from Brooklyn bridge Wednesday afternoon and was drowned. He had been flung by a girl to whom he was engaged.

A movement is on foot to invite the Confederate Veterans' association to attend the unveiling of the Grant statue in Statuary Hall next Saturday.

The Houston (Texas) Post finds that the acreage increase of cotton in Texas is 10 per cent., and estimates that the crop will not be less than 2,400,000 bales and it may be 3,650,000.

The Democratic convention of South Carolina met Wednesday, and was harmonious for the first time in a decade. Bryan was endorsed, and the national delegation was instructed to vote as a unit.

Assistant Attorney General Boyd has rendered a decision in the case of express companies, in which he holds that they are not liable to tax as brokers by reason of their issuing money orders and travelers' checks.

Fire at Greenwich, Conn., Wednesday night resulted in the total destruction of five business blocks, including the post-office building, Roman Catholic church, and considerable damage to other property. The total loss is \$175,000.

The first-class battleship Kentucky, twin sister of the Kearsage, was placed in commission Wednesday. She will immediately take on stores and ammunition. Capt. Chester, her commander, was in charge of the cruiser Cincinnati during the Spanish war.

Parties arriving at Meridian, Miss., from the interior of Nesoba county, Miss., bring information of the killing of Sam Hinson, a negro, by a mob of white men several days ago. Hinson was employed on the farm of Mrs. Eliza Adams and attempted to murder her.

Four Italians, three of them brothers, died at South Fork, Pa., Wednesday, and three others are in a critical condition as a result of drinking wood alcohol. A party of miners were picnicking and the supply of whiskey became exhausted. A gallon of wood alcohol was prepared with syrup and drank, with the above result.

A special from Augusta, Ga., says: It is announced here that Census Supervisor Smythe, in making his appointments of enumerators, has named 14 negroes, three of whom are women, to do the work in Augusta. Indignation is expressed by the citizens over this action, many declaring they will not submit to being interrogated by the black enumerators.

Lock Lynn Heights, a summer resort town of Maryland, is in a predicament. A practical joker put out a town ticket, composed entirely of negroes, which was elected by five majority. The people were busy, and very little interest was taken in the election, but no one thought the negroes would be elected. The latter declare they will serve, and Lock Lynn Heights will be the first Maryland town ever governed by negroes. The people are very much stirred up over the matter.

### Thompson Arrested.

Havana, May 16.—Warrants were issued this evening for the arrest of E. P. Thompson, the Havana postmaster; W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, and Edward Moya and George Mascaro, Cuban clerks in the stamp department, and by 7 o'clock all were lodged in the Vivac, the Tombs of Havana. This was done under the advice of the postal inspectors, who arrived today. It is considered now that Reeves is equally guilty with Neely.

### Base Ball.

THURSDAY.  
Pittsburg 3; Philadelphia 4.  
Cincinnati 2; Brooklyn 4.

### Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendix, Nervous Prostration, of Heart Failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and thus keep their work when feeling sick and get with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green August Flower, in liquid form, to make you realize there is nothing else in the matter with you. For sale by Female Sanitation League.

## ELOFF CAPTURED

By Baden-Powell; Also Kruger's Grandson. Rumors of Relief.

London, May 18.—The closing days of the drama at Mafeking have been marked by intensity of dramatic interest, as unexpected as it is out of proportion with the forces engaged. The news that the half-famished garrison was not only able to repel an attack, but to inflict such heavy loss in killed and prisoners as reported in the dispatch from Cape Town announcing the capture of Commandant Eloff, the grandson of President Kruger and 90 of his men, makes Great Britain more than ever proud of Col. Baden-Powell's little band and increases the national desire for their relief to a fever pitch. Lord Roberts and his large army at Kroonstad and Gen. Buller's thousands are almost entirely forgotten. Everyone is thinking or talking of Mafeking and the latest exploits of the defenders. Rumors continue rife that the relief of the place has been accomplished.

There was considerable speculation as to what Col. Baden-Powell would do with his ninety prisoners and whether the victory has not so depleted his force as to render him open to annihilation in the event of another attack by the superior Boer numbers. But Lord Roberts has already heard rumors that these have been cut off by the relieving column. Gen. Buller's making good progress in recapturing the railroad and driving the Boers out of Natal, the occupation of Dannhauser shows that he is meeting with little resistance on the part of the burghers.

Lord Roberts is still gathering his forces together previous to striking the Vaal river.

### One of the Best.

Baltimore News.  
At the meeting of the Southern Cotton Spinners' association on Wednesday, N. C., last week, it was mentioned in one of the speeches that "the crowning glory of cotton factories of the south is that they make the women of the rural districts wage-earners and self-supporting, and enable them to care for and support their aged and infirm parents in the decline of life." There are a number of good sides to the growth of the cotton industry in the South but this is certainly one of the best of them.

### He Had Too Many Names.

About two years before Mr. Sawyer retired from the senate his mail one morning contained a touching letter from a man in Maryland whose home had just been brightened by the arrival of a bouncing boy. The fond parent went on to tell that the boy would be named Philetus Sawyer Jones and expressed the hope that the child would grow up as honor to the name and the possessor of the fine traits of character that distinguished the generous hearted man whose name would be borne by himself.

Senator Sawyer went to the senate chamber with a warm glow in his heart and the determination to send that fond parent a nice big check. He felt so good that he showed the letter to Senator Allison. The Iowa man chuckled as he read it and produced a letter almost identical, except that the young prodigy was to be named William Allison Jones.

It was too good to keep, and they told the story to Senator Edmunds of Vermont. That stately old gentleman melted sufficiently to smilingly produce a letter of similar purport. Then there ensued a comparison of senatorial notes, showing that the youthful Marylander had been fairly loaded with distinguished names from Justin Morrill Jones to Don Cameron Jones. That Maryland infant received no birthday present.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

### Easily Managed.

House Hunter—But are you sure that the cellar is perfectly dry?

Real Estate Dealer—Oh, you may be sure of that! Never was a drop of water ever seen in it, even in the wettest kind of weather.

House Hunter—Sorry about that. Do you know I have a theory that a damp cellar is the healthiest thing in the world. In my opinion the water in a cellar absorbs noxious gases, and, besides, it so moistens the whole atmosphere of the house as to make it more grateful to the lungs.

Real Estate Dealer—Come to think of it, it was that other house on the other side of the street that has the dry cellar. The cellar in this house is never free from water. Really, sir, I think it will suit you immensely.—Boston Transcript.

### The Two Sides.

What the employer said: "Thank heaven, I've got rid of that nuisance at last. I had given him hints enough, but it was of no use, and finally I actually had to kick him out of the place."

What the paper said: "We hear that Mr. Benson Harding has severed his connection with the Brownstone Improvement company."—Boston Transcript.

## TO ORGANIZE CLUBS.

White Supremacy Organizations to Be Started at Once. Hon. Francis D. Winston in Charge of the Work. Object and Purpose of the Clubs.

Raleigh News-Observer.

Mr. Francis D. Winston, of Bertie county, is at the Yarrowborough. He comes here at the invitation of the executive committee, for the purpose of assisting in organizing White Supremacy clubs all over the State. During a conversation with him we learned the following facts about the work:

The organization of clubs will be pushed at once by means of an organizer in each county. These organizers will be appointed by the county chairmen, and they will be expected to visit every township in their county and arrange for at least one club there, and in the large townships more than one club will be organized. These clubs will be working bodies and not dress-parade organizations; through them the Democratic party will appeal to the good character and the highest aspirations of the people.

The State committee believes that a man can render the party and his race more service by belonging to a club, than by remaining outside. Every white man is urged to become a member of one of these organizations. The organizations in the cities will be in the wards and in the voting precincts. Each club will have a committee to look after the different parts of its work. The committee on registration will see that every voter is duly registered. The committee on campaign literature will distribute among the members and others, all literature sent out, which will contain a full discussion of the amendment. The committee on speakers will arrange for public speakings in every township under the auspices of the club. And the committee on challenges and polls will be given such duties as the name of the committee indicates.

I quote from the constitution, Article 2: "The purpose of the organization, will be to fully restore to, and make permanent in North Carolina the supremacy of the white race; to promote individual efforts in behalf of the party and its candidates on the part of the voters, and to bring the head of the organizations in the counties and State more closely and easily in touch with the township organizations, and individual party voters."

The qualifications for membership are outlined in the plan of organization as follows—Article 5: "Every white man who desires white government in North Carolina, and is willing to use every practical and honorable means to restore and permanently establish white supremacy therein, and who proposes to support candidates pledged to effect that purpose in the ensuing election, shall be eligible to membership in the township club."

It is the purpose of the executive committee to have at least one club in every township in North Carolina, in good working order, by the first day of June. Later on, an organizer will be appointed for each congressional district, who will have charge of the work within that territory.

The plan of organization and constitution and by-laws has been prepared by the executive committee, and it is a very succinct statement of the plan, purposes and work of the club. These are being distributed to the various counties.

It is proposed to have, later on in the campaign, one day set apart as white supremacy-club day. On that day every club in the State will be in session, and will hear an address on the constitutional amendment and the supremacy of the white race.

These clubs are formed somewhat on the plan of the white government unions of two years ago. They were a most potent factor in the last campaign, and the clubs this year will be equally so.

I quote you the preface to the constitution:

"Our State is the only community in the world with a majority of white voters where it is seriously proposed to take the control of the public affairs of the State out of the hands of the white people and commit them to a political combination, composed chiefly of negroes and dominated almost entirely by negro influence."

By united effort of the good people of the State, irrespective of party, in 1898 the State was rescued from negro rule, and the amendment to the constitution, to be voted upon by the people in August, is submitted for the purpose of forever removing the danger of recurrence of negro ascendancy in the State.

The necessity of continued co-operation of the white people of the State for self-protection is shown by the fact that the party that betrayed the State, and which for this and its other short-comings was hurled from power in 1898, is again seriously asking the people to restore it to the control of the State, and actually indulges the hope that, with the aid of 120,000 negro votes, sold by a bribe, it may succeed in regaining control of the government.

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## LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.  
LAGRANGE, May 17, 1900.

Mr. J. K. Alridge opened a barroom here Tuesday.

Dr. J. W. P. Smithwick is having his new residence tinned.

Dr. O. L. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Taylor spent Wednesday in Snow Hill.

Mrs. S. I. Wooten and son, Ray, are visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Dr. J. M. Hadley and wife left Wednesday for Portsmouth, Va., and Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. John Willis Sutton has begun the erection of a nice dwelling on Washington street.

Mr. John B. Peel has opened a grocery in Dr. Hadley's store, on the corner of Caswell and Railroad streets.

Mr. W. R. L. Pearsall has moved his stock of groceries into Mr. Simeon Wooten's wood store, and has employed Mr. Archie McNeill. Mr. Pearsall has improved the appearance of his store by having the front painted.

The closing exercises of the public school begin tonight with an address by Supt. C. H. Mebane, and will close tomorrow night with a concert. At this writing there is some doubt about Mr. Mebane being here, as a telegram from his secretary stated that he was in Newton.

Mr. Gray Britt, of near here, died Tuesday night of Bright's disease of the kidneys. The remains were interred Wednesday. Mr. Britt was 38 years old, and was a man whose influence for good still lives. He leaves a widow and two children, with other relatives and friends, who mourn his untimely death.

## GLENFIELD ITEMS.

May 17, 1900.

Mrs. Staton Sugg, of Kinston, is spending this week at her father's, Mr. J. J. Moore.

A good rain would refresh everything greatly, and is much needed by the crops, especially tobacco.

Mr. J. D. Vause and Miss Ethel Edwards were baptized at Sugg's mill Sunday morning by Rev. C. W. Robinson.

Miss Emma Palmer, of Hookerton, and Miss Sallie Palmer, of Fountain Hill, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lizzie Moore.

Misses Mattie Albrighton, of Snow Hill, Mollie Hardy, of Institute, and Mess. Herbert Hill, Haywood Edwards, and Sam Curran spent Sunday at Mr. J. J. Moore's.

Rev. C. W. Robinson and family spent Saturday night at Mr. J. J. Moore's, and on Sunday he filed his regular appointment at Rainbow. He gave us a good sermon, as usual.

## ELEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

A Crazy Beaufort County Farmer Commits Suicide.

Washington, N. C., May 17.—Reading Sherrod, living about thirty-five miles from here, committed suicide Sunday, May 13th. He was about 45 years old, honest and industrious. On last Thursday he complained of a severe pain in the head, was exceedingly nervous, walked the yard all night and at times carried a gun, saying the yard was full of men who desired to kill him.

Friday he was some better but delirious at times. During Saturday night he rapidly grew worse, became crazed, locked the door of his room, put the key in his pocket, nailed down the windows, closing up his wife and child with him, having his loaded guns in the room with him and threatening to shoot. Early Sunday morning his wife managed to open the window, put her child out and then made her escape and sent for assistance. Several gentlemen went and endeavored to get him out of the room. He refused, and said some one wanted to kill him, said he desired the sheriff to come and protect him. A few minutes before the deputy sheriff arrived Sherrod fired the fatal shot. His wife and child made the alarm and the neighbors came and broke into the room and found the dead body. The load entered the head, blew out the top, scattering the brains and pieces of his skull all over one side of the room.

## A DOUBLE CHALLENGE.

After Refusal by the Democrats, Butler Challenges the Republicans to a Joint Debate.

Raleigh, May 16.—As soon as the Populist State convention adjourned State Chairman Marion Butler challenged the Democrats to a joint debate on the franchise amendment. The Democratic chairman declined on the ground that the Populists had declared that was no issue with them.

Ten days ago the Democratic State chairman challenged the Republicans to a joint debate. As yet no reply has been received. It is ascertained that the Populist chairman also sent a challenge to the Republicans for a joint debate.

It is conjectured that this is a plan to force a joint debate on the Democrats with the Populists or else have none at all, as the Republicans and Populists are working together.

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## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The next meeting of the North Carolina Corporation Commission will be held on May 24th.

The Republican convention of the 8th district nominated Spencer Blackburn by acclamation for congress. This is Linney's district.

Oliver M. Pendergrass, son of Mr. P. M. Pendergrass, of Durham, was killed at Calbayog, Philippine Islands. He was a sentry on duty when attacked by bolomen.

The St. Louis Republic notes the death of Mrs. Minnie Lawrence Siegrist, long a reigning belle of that city. She was born in Wilson, North Carolina, and was the only daughter of Dr. J. J. Lawrence, who has become a millionaire in St. Louis.

Greenville Weekly: We hear that near Winterville, this week, a large moccasin was killed. It appeared so swollen that a post mortem was held. The result was that 47 fish, mostly pikes, some being seven inches long, were found to have been swallowed by his moccasanship.

Wilmington Messenger, 17th: News was received here yesterday of a shooting affair which took place at Hamlet Tuesday night. Mr. John Galven, a Seaboard engineer, was shot in the legs with buckshot by a Mr. Strickland of that place. The cause of the shooting was not ascertained.

Wilmington Star: Mr. Nathan W. Humphrey, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Verona, Onslow county, died very suddenly Wednesday morning, from some affection of the heart. He had been working about sunrise and walked a short distance back to the house, sat down and died in his chair.

Raleigh News-Observer: It is a fact not generally known, but it is none the less true, that North Carolina has an automobile line. It is an extension of the Transylvania railroad and runs from Brevard to Sapphira—a distance of about ten miles. The road for it is now being graded and macadamized and soon the machines will be put on.

Frank Drake, Morgan Hawn and James Drake were found guilty at Lenoir Wednesday of an attempt to burn the store of James Drake at Hickory in March, 1897. The court sentenced Frank Drake and Morgan Hawn as accessories to four years each; James Drake, as principal, to ten years in the penitentiary. The motive for the crime was three thousand dollars insurance on less than a thousand dollars worth of goods.

Durham Herald: Wiley Whitfield, a white man, was found at the old Mangum saw mill place on Green street, in a stupor. Beside him lay an empty laudanum bottle. He probably attempted suicide, as he said his leg hurt him, as a result of a wound he received in the army and he thought he would end his miseries. Some time ago Whitfield tried to shuffle himself off this mortal coil by the laudanum route and this second attempt seems to indicate that he is in earnest.

Fayetteville Observer: Thomas Fort, the young railroad clerk and operator, charged with attempting criminal assault on Mrs. Jas. B. Driver, wife of the superintendent of Cumberland Mills, at Hope Mills Friday night, was proclaimed an outlaw from the court house door by order of Magistrates C. P. Overby and J. T. McKay. It is said that a few friends of Fort have been shielding him from capture at the hands of the posse who have been hunting him night and day. Later—Fort has surrendered to the sheriff.

The taking of testimony in the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. The Corporation Commission before the standing master of the United States circuit court, ex-Judge James F. Shupperd, was to have begun Wednesday at Raleigh. On motion of counsel for the telegraph company, the hearing was postponed until June 18, at which time witnesses will be examined in New York. Officers of the Western Union will testify at the hearing in New York. This is the case involving the assessment of the property of the Western Union in North Carolina for taxation for the present year. The company is fighting the assessment of the commission.

Mr. John Birdsong, of Raleigh, and Miss Callie Sims, of Franklin, were romantically married at Hillsboro Thursday. The groom is a student of the A. & M. College and the bride a student of the Baptist Female University, and they are 19 and 18 years of age respectively. They went on a Sunday school picnic to Occochee farm, near Hillsboro. They walked over to Hillsboro and were married. The Raleigh News-Observer says several members of the faculty and of the board of trustees of the Baptist Female University were present at the picnic, and as soon as they heard of the affair they held a consultation, and it was decided to bestow a banquet on Mrs. Birdsong at the college, where she now is, under the strict surveillance of the authorities. Mr. Birdsong also returned, and is at the home of his parents. The bride's daughter, a Baptist minister at Franklin, Mecon county, who has been telegraphed for.