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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Russia continues her aggressive course in Korean matters.

The boiler of a torpedo boat exploded at St. Petersburg Thursday, killing six persons.

The anti-foreign feeling in China is increasing, and in some sections the situation has become very serious. Seventy native Christians have been killed recently in one district.

Mary Brannigan, 24-year-old clerk in a New York department store, was shot and killed Wednesday by Edward Hall. The girl had refused to marry Hall, which caused him to kill her.

Gov. Smith, of Montana, Friday afternoon named Martin Maginnis as United States senator to succeed Wm. A. Clark. But Acting Gov. Grigg, in the absence of Gov. Smith, appointed Clark to succeed himself.

The house, in committee of the whole Friday, favorably acted upon a bill to appropriate \$200,000 to pay ex-Confederate soldiers for horses and other property taken from them, in violation of the terms of Gen. Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox. This is the first bill favorably acted upon since the civil war to pay Confederates for property taken from them.

A dispatch from Stockholm, Sweden, brings the news of an awful tragedy on board the Swedish steamer Prince Charles. A madman took possession of the boat, shot five passengers dead, then killed the captain and wounded six of the crew who tried to overcome him. The passengers and crew finally left the deck to the maniac, who lowered a boat and rowed away.

It appears from late mail advices from Manila that the officials of Bilibid prison at Manila are under investigation on a charge of exchanging and releasing prisoners and receiving bribes. It is alleged that prisoners were freely exchanged; that natives with money were allowed to employ substitutes to serve their term and that various other forms of corruption existed.

The usual South American revolution is on. The revolution is in Colombia. News from Colon tells of a victory by the government troops over the insurgents in a battle which began May 11th and lasted 70 hours. Gens. Leal and Herrera were among the killed, who are said to have been very numerous, the slaughter being described as "horrible butchery." Twelve hundred insurgents were taken prisoners.

Clark's Shrewd Move.

Charlotte Observer.

That was a shrewd move on the part of Senator Clark, of Montana, in resigning his seat in the United States senate while the governor of the state—Marcus Daly man—was absent in California, and immediately accepting an appointment from the acting governor—a Clark adherent. The senate committee on privileges and elections had decided that Clark was not entitled to his seat, and the senate was just about to consider the committee report, and would perhaps have unseated the Montana man. Now he holds his seat by appointment and not by dubious and fraudulent legislative election. It was a shrewd move on the checker board of politics, but it will not make Senator Clark any more an honest man or any less a bribe-giver and vote-buyer.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

A Superb Spectacle to Be Witnessed by the People of the South on May 28.

On May 28th the people of the southern states will have the rare opportunity to see the most superb spectacle within the whole range of natural phenomena: a total eclipse of the sun. The ordinary observer will see it best without instruments of any kind, and the grandeur and beauty of the sight will linger in his memory for years. To the professional astronomer seeking the solution of important and difficult problems connected with the mysterious structure and composition of the sun, the event will be one of intense interest, and will demand the utmost skill in the use of the most delicate and powerful instruments known to modern astronomical science. The most important observatories throughout the world will be prepared to study the eclipse from points of vantage in the United States or Africa.

The moon, an opaque body shining only by reflected light, is always accompanied by a conical shadow over 240,000 miles long; when our satellite passes exactly between the sun and the earth, the shadow sweeps over the earth's surface in a curved path. That the time of occurrence of an eclipse and the location of the course of the shadow can be so accurately predicted is one of the wonders of mathematics. To an observer within the shadow the sun is completely hidden and the eclipse is total. The path of totality on May 28th, 1900, begins in the Pacific ocean west of Mexico, passes across Mexico, and enters the United States at New Orleans at 7:30 a. m. It then proceeds in a northeasterly direction over Mobile, Montgomery and Raleigh, and leaves the United States near Norfolk, Va., at 8:53 a. m. After a long journey over the Atlantic, it touches Portugal, crosses northern Africa, and finally leaves the earth at the north end of the Red sea. The duration of the total phase varies from about one minute and twelve seconds at New Orleans to one minute and forty-two seconds at Norfolk, and all the astronomical work must be accomplished during that brief period.

The sun is an immense globe of fire; not as we see it through dense haze at sunset, with sharply defined outline, but in reality possessing streamers or appendages extending millions of miles beyond its surface. These streamers are only visible during a total eclipse of the sun, and constitute the "corona." The approach of the moment of totality is extremely impressive. The color of daylight changes, darkness increases gradually; the jet-black outline of the moon encroaches on the dazzling disk of the sun until only a rapidly diminishing crescent of light remains. As long as even a hair's breadth of this crescent exists, the corona is invisible, but presently a black shadow is seen to approach swiftly over the surface of the earth, the sunlight completely disappears, and, as if at the command of some weird spirit, in an instant the corona bursts into view, magnificent in extent, indescribable in beauty and impressive beyond compare.

Our Year in Indiana.

News-Observer.

The people of Indiana are determined to keep their state pivoted. It gives the state power and patronage, for one thing, and otherwise makes for its distinction and prosperity. In one campaign the use of "soap" there became a national scandal, in another "blocks of five" was the particular form bribery took, and in 1896 Hanna carpeted the state with silver dollars. But like Oliver Twist the floaters in Indiana are always ready to say, "Please, sir, I want some more." No matter how much money has been spent and no matter what the issues, Indiana has not twice successfully given its electoral vote to the same party, as this statement taken from the New York World shows:

	Majority.
1872—Grant, Republican.....	22,515
1876—Tilden, Democrat.....	5,515
1880—Garfield, Republican.....	6,641
1884—Cleveland, Democrat.....	6,512
1888—Harrison, Republican.....	2,348
1892—Cleveland, Democrat.....	7,125
1896—McKinley, Republican.....	18,181

This statement also shows that the majority either way is not large. The apparent majority in 1896 was not real. It was procured by corrupting election officers in the chief cities. This year the Democrats will be on their guard, and, anyhow, it is fore-ordained and decreed, judging the future by the past, that the electoral vote of Indiana will be cast for the Democratic candidate for president.

"Black Death" Spreading in Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., May 17.—Two hundred and thirty-five cases of the bubonic plague have thus far been officially reported. Of these 70 have proved fatal. A second death from the plague has occurred at Rockhampton, Queensland.

Plague at San Francisco(?)

San Francisco, May 17.—President of the Board of Health Williamson was asked tonight concerning the report that there had been five deaths from bubonic plague in the past week, and that the fact had been suppressed by the city authorities. He said: "I will neither confirm nor deny the report."

MAFEKING RELIEVED

Boers Forced to Abandon the Siege and British Relief Column Enters Mafeking. British Expect an Early Close of the War.

London, May 19.—No business is being done on the exchanges today. All London is wildly celebrating the relief of Mafeking and the success of British arms in South Africa.

London, May 18, 9:16 p. m.—Mafeking has been relieved.

The dispatch of the Associated Press announcing the relief of Mafeking was posted outside the mansion house and the news rapidly spread. A large crowd collected and at this hour all the streets in the neighborhood are already resounding with cheers.

Pretoria Gets the News.

Pretoria, May 18.—It was officially announced today that when the laagers and forts around Mafeking had been severely bombarded the siege was abandoned, a British force from the south taking possession of the place.

President Steyn left here for the Free State last night. Addressing a crowd on the platform he urged them to be of good cheer.

It is reported that 5,000 British troops have surrounded Christiania and that the Landrost and other officials have been taken prisoners.

Boers Forced to Retire.

London, May 18, 10:15 p. m.—From the mention of the laagers in the Pretoria dispatch it is understood here that prior to the raising of the siege of Mafeking the Boer laagers around that place were vigorously bombarded by the British relief column and that the burghers were practically compelled to abandon the siege.

The End Draws Near.

London, May 18.—Details of past operations received today tend to confirm the view that the end of the war is within measurable distance. From Kroonstad comes a story, attributed to excellent authority, to the effect that a peace party is being formed at Pretoria, while reports from Pretoria itself indicate discouragement at the recent reverses and the possibility of an early suing for peace.

Base Ball.

Pittsburg, 11; Philadelphia, 4. St. Louis, 18; New York, 5.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Philadelphia.....	15	7	.682
Brooklyn.....	14	7	.667
Pittsburg.....	13	10	.565
Chicago.....	12	10	.545
St. Louis.....	10	11	.476
Cincinnati.....	9	11	.450
New York.....	6	14	.300
Boston.....	5	14	.263

Care of Churns.

I am frequently asked what shape or patent of churn to buy, says L. S. Hardin in Farmers' Guide. A churn should either swing or turn with a crank in order to reduce the labor to the minimum, and then the shape and motion should be adjusted to each other so as to get no more and no less motion to the cream than is necessary to get all the butter out of the cream. Too fast or violent or striking motion may hasten the butter's coming, but it will lessen the quantity and injure the grain. Too slow a motion will delay the coming and also lessen the quantity of butter. In other words, there is, as usual, a right and a wrong way to churn. No churn should be more than half full, or, better yet, one-third full, to get the best work from it, and this should be remembered when buying a churn, for its capacity is always reckoned by its full holding capacity, which is not its churning capacity. The vital point with the churn is to keep it fresh and sweet—never let the butter or buttermilk stand in it, but get them out and clean that churn at once, first with cold water and then with water that is red hot, and wipe it out dry with a clean cloth; then air the churn thoroughly, but not in the sun, where it will crack. Keep sticking your nose in that churn and see that it always smells sweet, and let the butter maker see you do it, so he will know you are after him.

Automobile Clubs Forming.

Automobile clubs are springing into life at a pace commensurate with the adoption and spread of the new locomotion. The Automobile Club of America has its headquarters at New York, and already Chicago, Boston, Cleveland and Philadelphia have completed the organization of clubs. The Cleveland club is to supplement the annual Memorial day bicycle track and road races by an automobile race.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Sciatica, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. A 25c bottle for 15c. J. E. Hood.

THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

Methodist Church.
Morning subject: "The Value of An High Ideal for Both This and the Life to Come."

Evening subject: "The Devil; Who He is; Where He Came From; What He is Doing; Where He is Going, and Who are Going With Him."

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.
Epworth League at 7:30 p. m.

For several Sundays to come the pastor specially requests a full attendance of the members as he will read and comment on our general rules for five minutes before each sermon.

Christian Church.
Morning subject: "The Blessedness of Those Who Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness."

Evening subject: "The Good Confession or the Old Time Experience—Which?"
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Episcopal Church.
Services both morning and evening.
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

The Rt. Rev. A. A. Watson, D. D., bishop of the East Carolina diocese, will conduct service for St. Mary's congregation Monday evening at 8:15 o'clock, and perform the rite of confirmation.

Services held in the grand jury room.

Presbyterian Church.
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Baptist Church.
Preaching both morning and evening.
Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

The Chapel.
Sunday school at 9 a. m.

Prayer meeting every Friday night.
Christian Science.
Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM HENRY MAY.
NEWBORN CAMP
UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS,
May 10, 1900.

COMRADES:—The God of battles has called from the strife of this world to a peaceful rest beyond the river, our beloved friend and fellow soldier, William Henry May.

He served with distinction as a member of Company H, Seventh North Carolina cavalry.

William May was a man, the remembrance of whose life, brings to us thoughts of most affectionate admiration.

As a soldier, he showed such qualities as men of gentle manners show on every field.

The gentlest heart, the finest courage, the tender affection which bound those who were near to him by ties of blood or friendship proved the generous impulses which moved his noble spirit and inspired their fond devotion.

Resolved, That in the death of our comrade William H. May, we part with a friend—kind, loyal and brave, whose going hence reminds us that we too will soon end our struggle here and follow him to the silent land.

Resolved, That this camp tenders to the loved ones whom our comrade leaves our affectionate sympathy, and tender condolences in their great sorrow. May God keep them in this world, and grant to him everlasting life.

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family, and our comrades, and be published in the Daily and Weekly Journal and Newborn Democrat.

W. R. BARRINGTON,
E. H. MEADOWS,
MATT MANLY.

NEW TOBACCO COMPANY.

The International Organized With a Capital of \$25,000,000.

New York, May 17.—The formation of the new opposition tobacco company has been practically completed, and articles of incorporation will be filed at Trenton, N. J., within a few days. The new concern will be known as the International Tobacco company.

It will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital of \$25,000,000, consisting of 125,000 shares 6 per cent. non-cumulative preferred stock and an equal number of shares of common stock, all of the par value of \$100 each. There will be no bonded debt.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The Sampson Democrat says the prospect is good for a fair crop of huckleberries in that county this year. The crop will not be a full one, but better than last year's.

Rev. John E. White has declined the presidency of the Baptist Female University, which was tendered him two weeks ago by unanimous vote of the board of trustees.

Congressman Atwater has introduced a bill in congress to macadamize the federal road from the national cemetery to the capitol building in Raleigh. An appropriation of \$20,000 is asked.

Editor Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder, has just returned from the Southern Baptist convention at Little Rock, Ark. He says the Baptist women of North Carolina led those of all the states in the matter of money collections.

Sampson Democrat: A rather novel marriage took place on Sunday, May 6th, in Piney Grove township. The contracting parties being Mr. Robert Atkinson, a veteran of seventy-eight, and Mrs. Martha Parker, of sixty summers.

The town council of Snow Hill has passed an ordinance requiring all stores and other business houses to close their doors promptly at 9 o'clock every night except Saturday night when they will be allowed to remain open until 11 o'clock.

Chatham Record: We are reliably informed that only four whites and nine negroes were present at one of the recent meetings held by the Fusionists in the western part of this county, at which speeches were made by two of the court house ring.

Representative Thomas has secured favorable action by the house, in committee of the whole, on his bill for the relief of St. John's Masonic lodge, of Newbern, for damage done their building by Federal troops during the civil war. The bill carries an appropriation of \$6,000.

The gavel which is to be used by the presiding officer of the Republican national convention at Philadelphia is to be composed of pieces of wood of historical interest from the various states. The piece from North Carolina is from the quaint little house in Raleigh in which President Andrew Johnson was born.


Dr. Richard H. Lewis, secretary to the State board of health, has given out some rather startling figures regarding the spread of smallpox in North Carolina. He says the epidemic began at Wilmington January 12, 1898, the first case being that of a negro millroad employe from South Carolina. Up to May 1, 1899, there were only 616 cases in the State. The report for April, 1900, shows that during that month alone there were no less than 606 cases.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: There are bets that the Populists and Republicans will juggle their State tickets within the next two weeks. The Populists say they will not begin their regular campaign until about June 10th. Perhaps they are waiting to get their uniforms furnished by Republican State Chairman Holton, who told your correspondent in the spring of 1896 that he intended to uniform the Populists and put them on the flanks of his Republican forces.

Charlotte News: Milas Hunter, colored, lives at Griffiths. He has a young son two or three years old. Some months ago the boy swallowed a whistle. The parents knew that he had swallowed it and expected that it would cause him trouble. It did not, however, the boy continuing in his usual health and happiness. Monday night he was taken sick and in vomiting, threw up the whistle. It was rusty and generally the worse for wear. The boy was all right next morning.

The Republicans of the third district held their convention at Clinton Friday but did not nominate a candidate for congress. White, a negro-loving Republican of Bladen, was put up as elector. There were about twelve white and thirteen negroes in attendance. The meeting was controlled by the negroes—the whites had to take a back seat. A negro from Craven county was secretary. They would not hold their convention in the court house, but went out on a back street and held it in the negro Odd Fellows' hall. The few whites that were there were postmasters and office-holders under Russell. The postmasters at Fayetteville, Warren and other places were there, but Abe Middleton controlled them. One white Republican was heard to say that it was the first convention he ever attended that was ruled by negroes, and that Pritchard's and Butler's speeches in the senate declaring no negro domination existed in North Carolina were untrue as to the third district.

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This liniment is for sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.



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Jan. 24, 1899. FRANK THOMAS, P. M., Essex, Kansas.

Write the Doctor—If you have any complaint whatever, write us all about it. You will receive the best medical advice free of charge. DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.