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GENERAL

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The town of Shabomire, Ill., was wiped out of existence by a cloud burst Wed-

The total extra allowances by the war department to officers on duty in Cuba amounts to \$37,500 a year.

A family of twelve mountaineers in West Virginia died from eating poisoned meat and flour which they had stolen. Director of Cuban Posts Rathbone had three of his household servants on the of-ficial pay roll drawing a total of \$1,500

Col. C. P. Atmore, general passenger agent of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon

of apoplexy. Julius Schroeter has been sentenced at New York to 12% years in Sing Sing for passing forged bonds of Virginia state on

a New York firm. David Ward died at Pontrac, Mich., Tuesday. He left a fortune of at least \$25,000,000, which he made mostly in lumber and timber land speculation.

Among the nominations sent by the president to the senate Tuesday was that of Thos. C. Fuller, of North Carolina, to be associate justice of the court of land

Tuesday was the most turbulent day of the St. Louis strike. There were sev-eral pitched battles and a dozen or more persons were injured, three of them fatally.

Mrs. Mamie Caddell was shot and instantly killed by Mrs. Lilly Gardner at Blocton, Ala., Tuesday. The murderess had been living with Caddell, her victim's

A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says Gen. Jose M. Hernandez, the revolutionary leader, has been captured by government troops. The revolution is now considered ended.

Rev. J. E. R. Riddick, who in March last shot and killed Dr. W. K. Temple, is on trial for his life at Lawrence, Va. There was no difficulty in securing a jury. It developed Tuesday that the defense would plead ineanity.

In the bill of expenditures by Maj. Rathbone, superintendent of the Cuban postal service, amounting to \$612,000, \$50,000 comes under the head of "miscellaneous," little matters that he didn't

On account of bubonic plague the San Francisco board of health has quaran-tined Chinatown, and that section of the city is now surrounded by a cordon of police, who refuse to allow any one to pass in or out of the district unless he is

provided with a proper permit.

A few days ago John Boyd, a farmer in A few days ago John Boyd, a farmer in Darlington county, S. C., had a quarrel with a negro on his place and tied him up and whipped him. Tuesday night Boyd was at supper when he was shot dead, the bullet piercing the window glass. A crowd of men with bloodhounds are on the track of the murderer, and a lynching is expected if he is caught. The negro who was whipped is supposed to have done the killing.

Venus Very Near.

New York, May 31.—Venus, which has en nearing the earth for some time, will reach its greatest brilliancy tomorrow, when it can be seen by the naked eye. It is now about 42,000,000 miles from the

Look at your tongue. Is it coated? Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are constipated. There's a reliable cure:



ASTRONOMER'S WAIL.

The Eclipse Not up to His Scientific Expectation.

Wadesboro, N. C., May 29.—What the eclipse will reveal of the mysteries of the sun, what the observations here taken sun, what the observations here taken will add to the sum total—a meagre sum total at best—of the world's scientific knowledge on the subject are secrets as yet locked up in the undeveloped photographic plates which were made in the 91 seconds when the moon shut off all the direct solar rays. So far as the risk the direct solar rays. So far as the vis-ual observations were concerned the gen-eral consensus of opinion among the scientists here is that the most remark-able feature of them is their barrenness. Prof. Young, of Princeton, was disap-pointed and frankly confessed himself to

"I feel like getting into a well and staying there," he remarked to one of the other observers who was speaking with him on the subject. "The corona was faint and the white prominences which have been one of the interesting features of other eclipses, were faint or entirely wanting. The coronet was pale and dimmer than on other occasions. The corona streamers which shoot out thousands of miles from the sun's surface were less active than they have been at other eclipses which have occurred at periods where the solar spots were nearer the "I feel like getting into a well and staywhere the solar spots were nearer the maxim. So all things considered, it was entirely a neutral and non-resultant eclipse so far as the observers with telescopes were considered. Fortunately, however, this does not tell all the story. The photographic plates have yet to however, this does not tell all the story. The photographic plates have yet to relate the history of the eclipse of 1900. The preparations for this feature of the observations were never before equalled in the history of eclipse observations. Without an exception the photographic machines worked almost to perfection. Of course the plates have not been developed as yet and will not be for several days to come. So the attitude of the scientists is that they are disappointed as to their virial observations and hopeful as to the records made by their photographic appliances."

Marines of All Nations Hastening to Pekin.

can magines from the cruiser Newark have landed and reached Tien Taing. They were reported hastening at all speed to protect the American Embassy here. Detachments from French Romanness and the contract of Pekin, May 30.-Four hundred Ameriapeed to protect the American Embassy here. Detachments from French, Russian and Japaness marines, which were land-ed at Taku, and one hundred British marines are today following suit. The Imperial troops, sent to disperse the Boxers, found themselves hopelessly outnumbered, and several hundred were killed. Two guns and many rifles were captured, after which a greater part of the remainder went over to the rebels.

The Landing of American Troops Tien Teing, May 80.—One hundred and eight American marines with machine guns and a field gun landed last night amid great enthusiasm of the residents. It is believed the Boxers will disperse before the foreign soldiers without a fight. This place is no longer in danger.

Reform in Havana.

Havana, May 31.—Cock-fighting, which has for centuries been one of the chief sports of the island, is to be prohibited after tomorrow. Many professional sporting men made their living by breeding and fighting the birds.

How Mayne Reid Won His Bride. It was through his novel, "The Scalp Hunters," that Captain Mayne Reid won a bride. He was 30 years old when he met a damsel of 13, with whom he at once fell in love. The child took no notice of him, but he gave her the story to read, as effective a manner of courting in this nineteenth century as ever was Othello's in an earlier one. Two years later the young lady was at a public meeting where Captain Reid spoke on behalf of the Polish refugees. "An electric thrill seemed to pass through me as be entered the room," she said afterward, and when the meeting was over she went up to him. "I leave for London on the next train," he said hurriedly.

"Please send me your address."
"I do not know where," she replied with some embarrassment. He instantly handed out his card and was gone. A formal little note followed: "Dear Captain Reid—As you asked me to send you my address, I do so." By seturn of post came the answer: "Only say that you love me and I will be with you at once," and then the reply.
"I think I do love you."

"Well, suh," said the old time colored ne cryin in the wilderness, en no man spon ter my cry. I holier fer bread. n dey give me a Beigian block en 30 inys. En now look at 'em! 'Leckslm

Part of Roberts' Cavalry Within 20 Miles of Pretoria. End of War

London, May 29.—Lord Roberts' cavalry have flowed out beyond Johannesburg. A portion is understood to be at Zuurfontein, seven miles north of Johannesburg, and within 20 miles of Pretoria. Lord Roberts, although with a broken bridge at Vereeniging and a wrecked railway behind him, has somehow managed to get forward sufficient supplies for his large force.

As he has been able to do so much, it is considered possible that he will be outside of Pretoria Friday. The rapidity of his advance is thought an extraordinary achievement, even by grudging continen-

achievement, even by grudging continental critics.

The Boers, who were expected to fight along the line of hills known as Kipriversberg, abandoned the eastern end of the range, near Lord Boberts' advance line but they stood their ground on the extreme right, near Van Wyck's Bust, where they met Gen. French's turning movement. The fight continued all day; and the result is as yet mere conjecture. and the result is as yet mere conjecture.

Probably the Boer rear guard succeeded in keeping Gen. French off, and is now in the hills northwest of Johannesburg.

The Standard has the following ad-

vices from Pretoria, under Monday's date: "The Transvaal government has

date: "The Transvaal government has opened, or is about to open, peace negotiations. It has called a final inquiry to its agents abroad, asking whether any hope exists of aid."

Dispatches from Lorenzo Marques yesterday described President Kruger as "wavering, but demanding a guarantee that he shall not be exiled to St. Helena."

The fighting hypothem still continue to

The fighting burghers still continue to desert, and the total collapse of the Boer military organization is not far off. Bennet Burleigh, wiring from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vereeniging, on Sunday, says: "I doubt if President Kruger can muster 15,000 men, as many of the burghers have gone to their homes."

French in Contact With Boers. London, May 80 .- A d Roadek, Keep Station, just outside of Johannesburg, says that Tuesday night French's cavalry was reported at Zuur-fontein, just northeast of Johannesburg, in contact with a strong body of Boers and that a battle was expected any mo-

ROBERTS AT JOHANNESBURG. Gen. Roberts, who was bivouacked with his army in the suburbs of Johan-nesburg last night, will enter the town at noon today. He is expected to reach Pretoria Friday. Roberts' rush saved the mines, as positive orders for their de-struction had been issued. Roberts says they are intact.

ROBERTS' GREAT MARCH. ROBERTS' GREAT MARCH.

Roberts' men marched 21 miles Monday, although on half rations, and captured Elasfontein or Germiston. This prevents the Boers facing Buller and from retreating toward Pretoria. Roberts' position should also hamper the movement of the Boers' big guns from Pogwani Hill and Laningsnek. The news of Roberts' practical occupation of Johannesburg caused an upward movement in stocks today.

White Supremacy Speakings. There will be speakings in favor of White Supremacy at the following times

and places:
At Woodington school house, Thursday
night, May 31st, by J. T. Askew and W.
W. Carraway.
At Sutton's store, Falling Creek township, Thursday night, May 31st, by N. J.

At Parrott's school house, Neuse town-ship, Friday night, June 1st, by J. Q. Jackson and Plato Collins.

At Airy Grove school house, Vance township, Friday night, June 1st, by W. W. Carraway.

At Bouse's school house, Neck township, Tuesday night, June 5th, by H. E. Shaw.

Shaw.

At Lagrange, Saturday, June 2d, at 1 p. m., by L. V. Morrill and T. D. Warren.

At Tyndal's store, Pink Hill township, Saturday, June 2d, at 2 p. m., by Dr. J. M. Parrott and J. C. Wooten.

At Daughety's voting place, Sand Hill township, Saturday night, June 2d, by Y. T. Ormond.

At Institute, Saturday, June 2d, at 2 p. m., by N. J. Rouse and T. C. Wooten.

The chairman of each township executive committee is requested to interest himself in getting out all the white people to bear the discussion of the amendment, and all who favor white supremacy are earnestly requested to bestir themselves and aid in every way possible to get out a full attendance of all the white people in each community.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS. The Tenth Reunion in Louisville,

Louisville, Ky., May 29.—The tenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will begin tomorrow at 12 o'clock in the splendid new hall erected for this occasion by the people of Louis-

The ex-Confederates and the other vis-itors have found Louisville swathed with bunting, the stars and bars of the Con-federacy predominating. Tomorrow's proceedings will be merely opening exer-

Gen John B. Gordon, the commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Vet-erans, arrived today from Shelbyville. Gen. Gordon went at once to the head-quarters of Adjutant General George

Moorman.

The hour for the great parade of Friday, which had waited on Gen. Gordon's coming, was fixed for 2 o'clock p. m.

The social features of these reunions, made so interesting by the large number of sponsers and maids of honor that are present promises to be expecially promise. present, promises to be especially prominent at this meeting. In all about 3,000 young women have been appointed sponsers and maids of honor and between 2,000 and 2,500 of them are expected to be present, a large number having already arrived.

The Census Taking.

Washington, May 31.—The principal work of taking the general census begins in earnest tomorrow, and will be completed within a month. The census records of this country are considered the most complete of any nation. The first census was taken in 1790, and was very unsatisfactory. The census is taken under a special provision of the constitution. There was a national outery of disapproval in 1790, but in 1810, however, the census was satisfactory, and there has been little dissatisfaction since. there has been little dissatisfaction since. You are required to give your name, age, nationality, wealth, occupation, and tell if you are married or single, or whether you have any chronic disease, whether your property is mortgaged, and to whom, and other apparently impertinent questions, the answers of which are, however, not to go beyond the "census doctor." Cotton and live stock and other statistics will be collected by experts. In Alaska the enumerators will use dog teams, and the work will not be completed until October, notwithstanding it was commenced some time ago. was commenced some time ago.

Nearly 55,000 men are employed as

The count of the population will be The count of the population will be hurried through so as to complete it by the time congress convenes, in order that a proper apportunment bill may be provided for at the next session of the national legislature. The work of compilation, tabulation and printing will follow, and this alone will be a work of great magnitude. It is hoped to finish the principal part of the cencus work within the next two years. That done, the special subjects connected with the industrial and sociological inquiries will be taken up and disposed of as fast as possible. A much more thorough supervision and much more thorough supervision and enumeration will be undertaken than ever attempted heretofore, involving, of course, an extraordinary expenditure, with a view of a more thorough count of the population in the larger cities. It is not unlikely that the cost of the census when completed will be between \$15,000,000 and \$16,000,000.

The Country Printer's Report.

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The Latrobe, Pa., Advance accomplishes a very neat presentation of city competition with country job printing offices. It calls attention to the fact that the city offices have been canvassing Latrobe for job work, and offering prices that the local offices cannot meet; and says that it is easy to say to the local printer that his prices are higher than city offices demand. The Advance goes on to remark:

"The furniture man in the city advertises goods away down, and we go to the local dealer and ask him about it.

"And he truly says: 'Inferior articles.'

"The city dentist says he will make teeth at half the price charged here.

"The local dentist truly says: 'Inferior work and material.'

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"The city tailor says he will make a suit for a whole lot less than the local

"The local tailor truly says: 'Not well

"The city grocer, dry goods man and others quote prices the local men don't touch; but the local truly remarks: 'Not the same goods.'

"The city doctor advertises to cure you for a small price, but the local physician simply and truthfully says:—

"Quack.'

"With a daily paper before us just now, we see all these things advertised, so we mow that printing is not the only commodity offered away down. Oh, no; not y a lot.

"The moral is: "The local printer is not the only pebble on the beach' who lossn't compete with the cut-throat

"Mr. Business Man, you don't compete accessfully either; why do you expect our neighbor in the printery to do so?"

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The State has chartered the Greenville Cotton Mill company,

Washington Messenger: News has just been received here of the burning of Hotel Pender at Ocracoke on last Friday. Mr. Credle, the proprietor, only saved a few beds. We have been unable to ascertain the origin at this writing. The sympathy of our community goes out to Mr. Credle in his heavy loss.

It is now but a little time to the meeting of the legislature. June 12th is the date. That will be a busy week. The work to be done is well mapped out. There will be a correction of an error in the franchise amendment striking out a declaration as to the "registered vote," so as to make ratification by a majority of the voters, and there will be an insertion of a section providing that it shall stand or fall as a whole.

The supreme court has declined to grant another trial to Tom Smith, the negro who killed one white man near Selma during Christmas of 1898 and came near killing another. This is Smith's second appeal, and second conviction of murder in the first degree. On first appeal he got a new trial. Though this is refused this time the court makes its convictor a heart for position for a complete the court makes its opinion a basis for petition for com-mutation, which will probably be asked and granted by the governor.

The supreme court has decided in the case of the board of education vs. the town of Henderson that all fines collected by towns and cities upon prosecutions for violation of criminal laws of the State must go into the common school fund and not into the treasury of the town or city. This has not been done heretofore in many towns and cities, and the decision means almost a revolution in the financial management of such operations. They will not only lose from their treasury these fines in future, but many of them will have to refund to the school fund such money thus col-lected in the past and turned into the

Charlotte News: "Enormous crowds," onsisting of more than a hundred peoconsisting of more than a hundred people, are attending the tour of Mr. Spencer Adams and the Black-and Tan candidates through the State. One of the large crowds was at Rutherfordton. Of this meeting the Vindicator says: "One hundred and sixty colored men without counting them twice (they will do that counting them twice (they will do that later), forty white Republicans and fusionists with a sprinkling of Democrats, who went in through courtesy, made up the audience which greeted the candidate for governor, giving his utterances wild and tumultuous applause according to the rare and tare of his address." The Asheville Gazette continues to publish accounts of the thousands that greet the candidates. the candidates.

Embalmers Must Have Certificate.

Macon, Ga., May 31.—The Georgia state board of embalmers meet here tomorrow. The board is the result of the en-actment of the last legislature making it unlawful to practice embalming within the state without having first passed the state examination before the board authorized and appointed by the state authorities. The first examinations are being made here today, and will be con-cluded tomorrow. Practitioners prac-ticing the art of embalming and sanita-tion without having a certificate will be persecuted.

Naval War College Opens.

Newport, R. I., May 31.—The course at the Naval War College begins tomorrow. A large class of the ablest men in the ser-vice will devote themselves for the next

vice will devote themselves for the next few months to the conditions which would arise in case of war against the United States on the Pacific Coast, Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines.

While other discussions and subsidiary questions will have attention, all the work of the experts will be directed to providing such a carefully considered campaign in the west as proved of great value at the outbreak of the war with Spain, when the War college had just completed its studies of the West Indies.

Underground Railway Ready. Paris, May 81.—All the stations have been completed and it is expected that a good portion of the underground railway will be put into operation today.

Question Answered.