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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

There are five cases of yellow fever among the American troops in Santa Clara, Cuba.

At New York all grades of refined sugar were advanced 10c a hundred pounds on Wednesday.

The transport Meade arrived at San Francisco from Manila Wednesday night with Maj. Gen. Otis.

The Populists of Alabama have nominated a full state ticket, including Rev. Samuel M. Adams, of Chilton, for governor.

The senate committee on privileges and elections on Wednesday adversely reported the house resolution to elect senators by a direct vote of the people.

There was a horrible accident at the Waltham, Mass., bicycle track Wednesday. In the motor race one of the machines swerved in, causing another to go over the bank to avoid collision, killing two of the riders.

At Hagerstown, Md., the Maryland monument to the men of both armies who fell in the battle of Antietam was formally presented to the federal government Wednesday. There were many veterans of both sides present, as were the president and several members of his cabinet.

It is reported that forest fires are raging in the Rainy river districts of Canada, and already millions of dollars worth of timber has been destroyed. Efforts were made to prevent the flames from reaching the districts in which millions of feet of cut logs were stored, but they were unsuccessful.

At Danville, Va., Wednesday, while a force of colored men were engaged in excavating for the new Reynolds tobacco factory, a portion of the high embankment under which they were working fell and caught two men. Henry Scott was caught by the legs and quickly gotten out. John Anderson was buried, and when found life was extinct.

At Frankfort, Ky., Thursday, Judge Cantrill directed Circuit Clerk Ford to issue a bench warrant for the arrest of former Gov. Taylor. The warrant is based on an indictment secured several weeks ago, charging Taylor with being an accessory to the assassination of Goebel. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff John Suter.

A dispatch from Bombay says: An unprecedentedly severe epidemic of cholera has broken out in the northern districts of Bombay presidency, especially in the famine camps. The deaths have increased 40 per cent. within three days. In the Kaira district there have been 4,330 deaths in seven days. The government has made a special grant of £1,000 to cremate the dead immediately.

There has been heavy fighting between Chinese troops and Boxers, with results unknown. The warships of several foreign nations have assembled at Taku, China, and landed troops, but the Chinese government refused to let them pass to the interior. The Russian troops passed the Taku forts and reached Tien Tsin on Thursday afternoon. It is still rumored that foreign troops will be opposed at the first gate of Peking, the Chinese capital.

Eight Americans Killed at San Miguel.

Manila, May 31, 5 a. m.—On Tuesday night the insurgents rushed San Miguel, province of Bulacan, Luzon, garrisoned by three companies of the thirty-fifth volunteer infantry. They swept through the surprised town, shooting right and left, killing five Americans and wounding seven. Capt. Cha. D. Roberts and two privates are missing. No Filipino dead were discovered.

San Miguel is only a few miles from Manila.

While a band under the escort of troops of the forty-sixth infantry was moving from Ilang to Silang, within 35 miles of Manila, it was attacked by Ladrones, three of the party being killed.

Some Good Advice.

Geronimo, the old Apache chief, gives this advice to his people: "Better follow white man's trail; Apache's trail no good any more."—Augusta Chronicle.

A similar injunction will be appropriate for Senator Butler and Chairman Holton's consideration after the August election in North Carolina, to-wit: "Better follow white man's trail; negro's trail no good any more."

Baseball.

THURSDAY.
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Chinese Empire Collapse at Hand.

Raleigh Post.

Since Russia entered upon the construction of the Siberian railway the world has regarded the movement as leading directly to Russian absorption of a more or less large slice of the Chinese empire. The railroad is approaching completion to the Pacific boundary of the czar's dominions, and the ownership of the Manchurian or northern province of the Celestial empire is practically a necessity. The time seems to be ripe for the seizure.

So far, however, the other world powers have prevented the dismemberment of the empire, more because each is fearful the other may get more than itself than any special interest in the maintenance of the benighted government. Heretofore an aggressive move on the part of Russia in the accomplishment of its ulterior purpose would have precipitated a war with several nations for which it was not prepared. While engaged in building his great railway the "man that walks like a bear" has not forgotten careful preparations for "keeping his powder dry," and ready. He is about as ready for the inevitable conflict as he may hope to be hereafter. But he does not make the move himself—does not himself apply the match which is to start the conflagration.

Internecine strife has been fomented and is now in full operation, growing and spreading, exhibiting at once the utter helplessness of the Chinese to defend their government and maintain its integrity. The significant feature of the outlook is that it is not a rebellion against the established authorities, but a fanatical assault by native Chinaman upon all foreigners. This affords not only Russia the excuse she has been waiting for, but compels other governments to hasten to the protection of their subjects and all other rights guaranteed by treaties, and this in turn still further serves Russia's plans of entering upon and absorbing the territory within its "sphere of influence" and most necessary to the accomplishment of her purposes. When England, or France, or the United States, or Japan land troops or marines to protect the respective interest involved Russia is also justified in landing marines or marching troops, already near at hand, across the border, and, once on the ground and in possession, nothing but war will dislodge her. Neither will the other powers retire so long as one remains or attempts to hold any portion of Chinese territory.

Upon how far the claims of the respective governments to territory or privileges may conflict depends the question of war between the powers. The collapse of the Mongolian empire is at hand.

FOUNTAIN HILL ITEMS.

May 31, 1900.

Miss Mamie Barker visited friends in Grifton last Sunday.

Mr. Jim Odham, of Grifton, was visiting Mr. Mack Odham last Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Dail, of near Ormondville, was visiting Miss Myrtle Odham last Sunday.

Mess. Frank Johnson and Leon Jones, of Pitt county, were visiting friends in this section Sunday.

Misses Ada Abbott and Mamie Phillips were visiting Miss Sallie Freeman last Saturday and Sunday.

Mess. John Watford, Will Wooten and Richard Jackson visited friends in Kinston Saturday and Sunday.

County Democratic Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic executive committee, held in Kinston on May 19th, the committee requested the white electors of Lenoir county to assemble themselves at their usual place of meeting on Saturday, June 2d, to nominate town constable and elect delegates to represent them in the county Democratic convention which meets in Kinston on Saturday, June 9th, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of nominating candidates for the house of representatives, sheriff, register of deeds, treasurer and other county officers.

In the county convention each precinct is entitled to the following number of votes:

Kinston No. 1, 10, No. 2, 4; No. 3, 3; Falling Creek, 4; Moseley Hall, west, 3; east, 4; Institute, 4; Vance, 3; Neck, 3; Sand Hill, 3; South West, 3; Neuse, 3; Woodington, 3; Trent, 6; Pink Hill, 4.

J. W. GRAINGER, Chairman.

The Old Shipplasters.

Probably the greatest profit ever enjoyed by the government as a result of the destruction of money was in connection with the fractional currency or shipplasters issued during the civil war.

The total amount issued was \$368,724,079, of which \$6,880,558 has never been presented for redemption.

A large amount has been preserved as curios by collectors, and occasionally even now it is offered for redemption.—Indianapolis News.

Prompt Answer.

"My friend," said the long haired passenger to the young man in the seat opposite, "to what end has your life work been directed?"

"To both ends," was the reply. "I have the only first class hat and shoe store in our village."—Chicago News.

FALL OF PRETORIA

Announced by Early Dispatches But Later Contradicted. Expected to Fall June 2d. Entrance of Johannesburg Delayed 24 Hours by Request.

London, May 31, 2 a. m.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from the Earl of Roslyn, who was a prisoner at Pretoria, but who, as a civilian, appears to have been released:

"Pretoria, Wednesday, May 30, 11:40 a. m.—Pretoria will be occupied in about two hours, without resistance. The president has gone to Watervalboven. Burgomaster De Souza is authorized to receive the British. He, with an influential committee of citizens, including Chief Justice Gregorowski, has been appointed to preserve life and property during the interregnum. Everything is quiet, but crowds are waiting expectantly in Church Square for the arrival of the British.

"Fearing a possible disturbance and bloodshed among the prisoners of war at Watervalboven, United States Consul Hay and Leigh Wood insisted upon 20 officers being liberated on parole to go to the men. Their action cannot be too highly praised. I was permitted to accompany the officers. Everything was quiet."

May 31, 3 a. m.—Yesterday at noon the British were only about two hours march from Pretoria and the Boer military forces had abandoned the city. This intelligence comes from the Reuter agency at the Transvaal capital and from the Earl of Roslyn, in a press dispatch. The two messages left about the same time.

Most of the London morning papers treat the war as ended. Some of the more cautious critics think that guerrilla warfare is likely to be carried on for some time in various parts of the conquered territory. Although the Boer forces are dissolving, Lord Roberts, apparently, has not yet taken any considerable quantities of artillery, arms or stores. Large bodies of Boers must still be somewhere in the field.

A dispatch from Lourenco Marques dated Wednesday, says: "Commandant Kraus has surrendered Johannesburg to Lord Roberts. By tonight's train from Pretoria arrived a few Greeks, who say they were told to leave Pretoria Tuesday. They affirm that the train in which they left was shelled by the British, and that half of the train was cut off, the remainder steaming away. This incident probably occurred at Elandfontein Junction. Passengers from Pretoria assert that the town is utterly demoralized. There is a mad rush for the coast. Five train loads of fugitives are expected here tonight."

By the release of the British prisoners at Waterval a full brigade will be added to the army of Lord Roberts as there were 77 officers and 4,182 privates among them.

London, May 31.—The following dispatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the war office:

"Johannesburg, May 31, 2 p. m.—Her majesty's forces are now in possession of Johannesburg, and the British flag floats over the government buildings."

Kruger's Capture Rumored.

London, May 31.—The Westminster Gazette says it is rumored tonight in a quarter likely to be well informed, that President Kruger had been captured by the British six miles beyond Pretoria.

The war office here knows nothing about it.

Rundle's Fight at Senekal.

Cape Town, May 31.—Gen. Rundle has defeated a Boer commando at Senekal. His casualties were 45 killed and many wounded.

Why Roberts Did Not Occupy Johannesburg Sooner.

London, May 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts under date of Germiston, May 30th:

"In answer to a flag of truce I sent to Johannesburg this morning, the commandant came to see me. He begged me to defer entering the town for 24 hours, as there were many armed burghers still inside. I agreed to this, as I am most anxious to avert the possibility of anything like disturbances inside the town and as bodies of the enemy are still holding the hills in the immediate neighborhood from which they will have to be cleared off beforehand."

Pretoria Has Not Fallen.

London, May 31.—Lord Roberts' latest dispatches shed a somewhat different light on the military situation. Before they were received celebrations were organized in the country towns in honor of the fall of Pretoria. In Chester a public holiday was declared, while at Dover, Portsmouth and many other places in the provinces, flags were flown and rejoicings were general. Pretoria, however, is not yet in the hands of the British, though there is no reason to doubt the authority of the report that Kruger has evacuated the place and the municipal

pality is ready to surrender when confronted by superior numbers.

Though the British seem certain to reach Pretoria within a day or so they are not likely to occupy it without fighting. Lord Roberts' forces will be placed to the south, west and north of surrendered Johannesburg. These units will probably be reconcentrated while Gen. French makes an advance.

Pretoria should be reached by June 2d, opposition or no opposition. Gen. Brabant's loss of 40 men is striking evidence that the annexation of the Free State by no means implies its pacification.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.
LAGRANGE, June 1, 1900.

The Oliver house, next to Mr. D. C. Murchison's, is being repaired and enlarged.

Miss Blanche Murchison, who had been teaching in Henderson, returned home Monday.

Misses Mamie Dawson, of Newbern, Ina Kinsey, of Wilson, and Mayme Dawson, of Kinston, attended the marriage.

BODDIE-HARDEE.

A beautiful home wedding was celebrated in the parlor of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardee on Thursday, May 31st, at 10 o'clock a. m. In the presence of a few friends, with the sacred influences of home life, and sweet music, dispensed by Mrs. T. R. Rouse, the Rev. Mr. Humble, of Nashville, united in marriage Miss Pearl Hardee to Mr. L. W. Boddie, of Nashville, N. C. It was a sad, sweet occasion. Sad because of the taking away of a member of the household; sweet because it was the full fruition of love's betrothal. The bride is a most modest and retiring lady, but strong in character and of an easy, dignified manner. The groom is a man of successful business habits and a Christian gentleman whose religion does not teach him it is wrong to use any just means to secure the "Pearl of great price." The happy couple took the 10:32 train, while showers of best wishes, congratulations and rics were showered upon them. Lack of information in detail prevents a more extended account.

WILSON-KENNEDY.

On Tuesday night, May 29th, at the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kennedy, a reception was given in honor of the approaching marriage of Dr. O. L. Wilson and Miss Almota Kennedy. This assemblage of beautiful young ladies and gallant young men, with other friends, presaged what was one of the most beautiful marriages our little town ever witnessed. Promptly at 2:45 p. m., May 30th, the bridal party arrived at the Christian church, and, in the following order, entered, while Tannhauser's march pealed forth at the skilled and soft touch of Mrs. C. P. Barrow to the keys: Pages—Roland Fields and Alonzo Kennedy; ushers—Mess. G. S. Buck and R. B. Shaw; attendants—Misses Ina Kinsey and Blanche Murchison; Mess. Noe Creech and W. H. Taylor; Misses Rosa Creech and Mamie Dawson; Mess. Leon Fields and Geo. Hadley; Dr. O. L. Wilson, the groom, on the arm of his brother, Mr. W. T. Wilson; Miss Kennedy, the bride, and sister, Miss Mabel Kennedy. When the bridal party had passed up the snowy white aisle and through the white gates, a semi-circle was formed and Rev. D. H. Petree solemnly united the happy couple and invoked heaven's blessings. Standing amidst the beautiful flowers, with 22 wax tapers burning over the bridal arch, with the tri-colored lights on the altar, the windows and doors closed and a background of evergreen and beautiful flowers, the scene seemed ethereal—the tapes forming a halo which, at least, caused one to think of the halo of Him who alone is worthy to wear a crown. But this scene, like all earthly scenes, with its soft strains of "sweet and low" from the organ, passed—and the party departed, keeping step to Mendelssohn's old but ever new march. The bride and groom repaired to the depot and took the 4:09 train for Beaufort. The bride was gowned in taffeta silk, and the bridesmaids in white organdies over satin. The flowers worn and carried by the party were selected for their beauty. The presents were elegant, and showed the popularity of the bride and groom by the number received. The bride is one of our most charming young ladies and noted for her proficiency in music and art. The groom is an expert dentist and a man of force of character, and gentlemanly in his every act. They will continue to reside in LaGrange.

Elector Wooten.

The Scotland Neck Commonwealth has the following to say of our townsman:

"The Democratic convention at Goldsboro last week made no mistake in choosing T. C. Wooten, Esq., of Kinston, elector for the second district. In his speech at the very late hour of the night, or rather early hour in the morning, seconding the re-nomination of Mr. Grainger, he impressed the convention with his strong presentation of Mr. Grainger's claims. He spoke with force and power, and was listened to with marked attention.

"Mr. Wooten as a lawyer stands well in the profession, is blessed with fine physical vigor, a strong and commanding voice, and wherever he goes in the district he will win votes for Democracy and white supremacy. Mr. Wooten will be heard throughout the campaign and his work will tell both for the amendment in August and for Mr. Kitchin's election in November."

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Four thousand people heard Toon, Gilmer and Overman speak at Windsor Wednesday. Bertie county will go Democratic, it is stated.

A negro outraged Mrs. Jaa. West in Flea Hill township, Cumberland county, a few days ago. A posse is in search of him and if caught he will be lynched.

The adjutant general has commissioned W. T. Old, of Elizabeth City, as commander of the naval brigade, to succeed Capt. George L. Morton, resigned.

The Democratic convention of the 8d senatorial district met at Kelford Thursday, and nominated S. J. Calvert, of Northampton county, on the 135th ballot.

The trial of the case of Marshall, the Wilmington lawyer charged with counterfeiting, has been again postponed until the December term of federal court at Raleigh.

Catawba county farmers grow large quantities of sweet potatoes and the Hickory correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says the acreage will be increased. Some of the farmers expect to raise 1,500 to 3,000 bushels.

Weldon News: As the northbound train came in this morning the cow catcher struck a dog at Barnes street crossing. Up went the dog in the air turning over and over and throwing him some 15 feet. As he landed he bounded off at a swift rate, entirely unharmed.

Lincolnton Journal: The fruit situation in this section this year is an anomalous one. There is a heavy peach crop, while the apple crop is a failure, a reversal of the usual condition. This is accounted for by the fact, as suggested by Mr. H. S. Robinson, that the big rains occurred while the apple trees were in full bloom.

Lenoir News: The Raleigh News and Observer last Tuesday, had the neatest take off of the eclipse that we have seen. It is a picture of the sun on which is printed "white rule," and just passing in front of that is a black globe with "negro rule" printed on it. Beneath is a partial map of North Carolina and the words "Will the eclipse be total?"

An important damage suit case was tried at Pamlico court last week before Judge Coble. A son of a Mr. Riggs was badly cut in the saw mill of Samuel Camden and suit was brought for \$20,000 for injury to the boy. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of the mill, on the ground that the boy had been warned and the accident was the result of carelessness on his part.

Commencement exercises of the A. and M. College at Raleigh were held Wednesday. There were twenty-five graduates. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the College it was decided to establish a manual training school, patterned after the one for negroes and Indians at Hampton Sidney, where young men can learn practical trades and become carpenters, plasterers, brick-layers, etc.

Dr. J. B. Shearer on Wednesday resigned as president of Davidson College, and Dr. H. L. Smith was chosen to succeed him. Dr. Shearer has presided over the institution for twelve years. His resignation takes effect one year hence, when he will go to Clarksville, Tenn., to take charge of a school there. Dr. Smith, the new president, is a young man, and is now professor of natural philosophy in Davidson College.

Kinston White Primaries.

To the White Voters of Kinston Township, No. 1 Precinct:

You are hereby notified that a Democratic primary will be held at the court house in Kinston for precinct No. 1, Kinston township, on Saturday, June 2d, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing delegates from the precinct to the county convention, which meets on Saturday, June 9th, to nominate county officers. Prompt attendance is desired.

E. B. LEWIS,
Chm'n Dem. Ex. Com. Precinct No. 1.

The white voters of precinct No. 2, Kinston township, are called to meet at the Coast Line depot on Saturday, June 2d, at 12 o'clock, noon, to elect delegates to the county convention.

J. M. PARROTT, Chairman.

Question Answered.

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