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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Chinese foreign office has with drawn its opposition to foreign guards in Peking.

Gen. Otis cannot land at once at San Francisco on account of several cases of smallpox on shipboard.

The tenth annual reunion of the Confederate veterans at Louisville adjourned Friday night. The meeting of 1901 will be held in Memphis.

Near Marietta, Ohio, four men were blown to pieces, four fatally injured and three crippled for life by the explosion of 50 quarts of nitro-glycerine.

Fifteen cases of smallpox and three deaths from the same are reported at Hampton, Va. The authorities of the town have the epidemic well in hand, and there is no fear that it will spread.

The seating capacity of the new convention hall at Kansas City, as it will be arranged for the Democratic national convention, has been officially approved. It makes provision for accommodating 22,260 persons.

A new style of ship is being built in Brooklyn, N. Y., called the "serpentship," which the designer claims will split the water at a speed of 80 miles an hour. She will be driven by a gigantic screw revolving around her.

The police commissioners of St. Louis have ordered the sheriff to swear in 2,500 deputies. The sheriff has begun the work, including in his list prominent business and professional men, one being a Presbyterian minister.

One thousand delegates attended the New Jersey Democratic convention on Thursday. The Republican party was denounced for fostering trusts. William J. Bryan was commended as worthy of the highest political honor.

A cigar-shaped train of six cars, with a 56-ton locomotive, on an experimental trip from Baltimore to Washington the other day made a record of 78 miles an hour, and the inventor believes it could make 100 miles with a locomotive that could draw another train 50 miles an hour.

The northbound Missouri, Kansas & Texas Flyer, over the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass railway, went into the ditch at Tanglewood, 10 miles north of Rockdale, Texas, Friday morning. The engine, baggage and chair cars turned over. Engineer Hines and Fireman Dickerson were instantly killed.

Negro Running Things.

Col. Abe Middleton, the one time dusky doorkeeper of the house under Republican fusion rule, in 1895 and probably in 1897, and until lately a conspicuous and noisy member of the Republican State executive committee, is, as heretofore announced, at Republican headquarters in Greensboro, running the campaign of that party, with the assistance of Mr. Chairman Holton and Senator Pritchard's chief clerk, Mr. Hyams. That Abe still occupies a front seat at the Republican Round Table the following from the Greensboro Patriot shows: "Abe Middleton, a well-known negro politician from Duplin county, is now assisting in the management of the Republican State campaign at the headquarters here. For recreation Abe drives about the city in United States Marshal Milliken's carriage."

BUTLER AND HANNA

Said to Be on Good Terms. Butler Is "In With" McKinley and Expects a Judicial Appointment, Knowing His Day in North Carolina Is Drawing to a Close.

Washington, May 30.—And, now, according to the story of the day, Senator Marion Butler is in high favor with the administration. 'Tis even said he smiles with pleasure at Mark Hanna, the official dispenser of patronage for the white house. Indeed, it is whispered that the senior senator from the Tar Heel State is to be taken care of before the end of his term, March 4, 1901. Why, it is an open secret that Butler and Pritchard are now hand and glove on all matters. In the language of the day, they have kissed and made up.

Said a prominent North Carolinian, who keeps posted on inside matters: "It's a little strange that you newspaper fellows here at the capital haven't caught on to the fact that Butler has made his peace with the administration and Pritchard. Why, the senior senator now dances in attendance at the white house. It was only the other day that Butler was in close consultation with the president. Just think of it! It must be that Mark Hanna has thrown a spell on the chairman of the national executive committee of the People's party. Perhaps the true secret of it is that Butler has his eye on one of the judgeships in Porto Rico, and the president, you know, will, in the very near future, make a number of such appointments. Butler, it should not be forgotten, is a member of the senate committee that is charged with the responsibility of investigating the Cuban postal frauds, and the men implicated in the Cuban postal scandals are more or less identified with the administration. Of course investigation will be non-partisan, and no guilty rascal will be allowed to escape. But that is neither here nor there. Now Butler knows very well that the amendment will be carried by a pronounced majority, and with the adoption of the amendment he will be shorn of all his political power in the State. This, in a measure, explains his change of front on the negro question. He has tied his political fortunes to Pritchard's kite. And knowing full well that his days are numbered, he has cast anchor to windward with the hope that he will land in some soft spot that yet remains in the gift of the president. Butler has fooled the people of North Carolina for a long time. He knows there are not more than 5,000 Populists now in the State. Why? Because the great majority of them have returned to the Democratic party. It is the knowledge of this fact that causes Butler, like a drowning man, to clutch at a straw. Lincoln was right when he said 'you can fool some of the people all the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time, and Butler now realizes that great truth. He can no longer fool the people of North Carolina. His fusion with the Republicans won't go, and no one knows it better than Butler."

Mollified.

The head of the household was late getting home. He was very late. It was long past midnight. Indeed the little clock on the hall mantel had just struck 3 o'clock when he came walking in. He had been out with the boys, and his wife reproached him.

"Why, it's early yet. It's not late." Just then the clock sounded one, two, three.

The wife looked at him with grim rebuke. He caught her eye and jerked out this reply:

"Well, now, if you want to believe that darned \$1.50 clock before your dear husband, it's all right."

It was a similar occasion, only more so. At this time he was a little drunker than usual. His step was unsteady, but he had not lost his courteous manners. She met him at the front, weeping reproachfully.

"Oh, John," she pleaded, "what makes you do this way?"

"You are—hic—so awfully pretty—hic," he said, making an extravagant bow and kissing her, "that I like to—hic—to see you double."

And she put him tenderly to bed, bathed his forehead the next morning and forgot about the scolding she had fully determined to administer to him. —Missouri Excelsior.

The Magical Mirror.

An ordinary mirror of any size or shape, a piece of French chalk, pointed so that it can be used to write, and a silk handkerchief are the requisites. Draw upon the mirror, with the chalk, any design or words you choose. With the handkerchief wipe the glass lightly until it is perfectly clear and no writing or design is apparent. Having all this prepared beforehand, show to some one and request that he breathe gently on the face of the glass, when he will see—a picture of his future wife, for the design drawn will show very distinctly. This can again be wiped off, and if breathed upon the design will be again visible.

KRUGER HAS DEPARTED.

Beyond That, However, Little Is Known Concerning Affairs About Pretoria. Boer Capital Moved to Middleburg.

London, June 1, 8:35 a. m.—Belated messages from Pretoria confirm the reports of the departure of President Kruger with his cabinet and staff officials Tuesday night and the selection at a meeting of citizens of a committee to administer the city provisionally.

Since these telegrams left Wednesday, nothing apparently has reached Lorenzo Marques by telegraph from Pretoria. Possibly the wires have been cut, or possibly the Boer censorship at some intermediate points intercept telegrams.

The present seat of the Boer government, according to a dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated May 31, is Middleburg, but it will probably be shifted further east.

The Boers lately confronting Lord Roberts appear to have gone eastward also, toward the Lydenburg region. The defenders of Laing's Nek, when their position becomes too perilous, will probably trek straight northward toward Lydenburg. When this concentration takes place there will possibly be 20,000 men who may hold out for a time, with scattered bands of guerrillas elsewhere.

Boers Massing For a Desperate Stand.

London, June 1, 3 a. m.—Mr. Prevost Battersby, in a dispatch to The Morning Post from Germiston, dated yesterday, says:

"The enemy fought a rear guard action and retired from the south to the north of the town with their pompons and artillery in the morning, and withdrawing their riflemen through the town in the afternoon.

"We captured nine engines and over a hundred wagons. Two trains left tonight for the Vaal. We succeeded in cutting the line in three directions and imprisoning all the rolling stock in Johannesburg. It was a splendid piece of work and the enemy were astounded at the rapidity of our advance."

Another correspondent, telegraphing from Germiston, says: "The Boers are massing six miles south of Pretoria for a new and desperate stand, with a front of 12 miles."

DEFIANT BOER TALK.

The Struggle Will Not Be Given Up Until Liberty Is Gained.

Boston, May 31.—"Even if the whole country is taken and the leaders imprisoned, the war will cease only for a time, and it will be renewed again and again, if need be, until we get our liberty," was the dramatic utterance of M. A. Fischer, one of the Boer envoys, when shown the bulletin from London announcing the impending surrender of Pretoria by the Boers.

Mr. Fischer declared that at the time of his departure from Pretoria, three months ago, there were two plans of action which had been determined upon in the event of the approach of the British to Pretoria. One was to concentrate all the Boer forces inside the city and leave the rest of the country open to the British until the fall of the city. The other was to evacuate Pretoria, after a slight show of resistance, to enable supplies to be collected, and then the army was to scatter to the mountains and enter upon a guerrilla warfare, which would continue till the last man was killed.

The Worst Bandits.

Charlotte Observer. The administration papers have been telling us a good deal about the bandits in Cuba, for whose suppression a strong army is supposed to be needed. About the worst bandits Cuba has seen in a long time are the West Point dudes and political plugs sent to Cuba by McKinley.

His Only Conundrum.

The old pilot of the little steamer, Maid of the Mist, which used to carry passengers quite up to the foot of the falls of Niagara until the mist from the falling waters drenched the clothing of every one on board, used to perpetuate one solitary conundrum each trip. It always commenced and ended the same.

Moving his hand along the sides of the pilothouse and examining the woodwork minutely, he would look up mysteriously and remark:

"I say, stranger, do you know what this boat is made of?"

"Made of? Why, pine and oak, isn't she?"

"No, sir."

"Hemlock?"

"No."

"Tisn't cedar, is it?"

"Oh, no!"

"And then the old pilot's eyes twinkled and his mouth whistled a crazy tune.

"Well, iron perhaps?"

"No."

"What in thunder is she made of, then?"

"She's Maid of the Mist, stranger; Maid of the Mist."

Then the pilot accepted his morning cigar.

THE CHURCHES.

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

Methodist Church.

Morning service: Come and hear, then go to the doer and find blessings in doing. Read James 1:21, and The Epistles of Jude before coming to church.

Evening subject: "A Great Woman and Her Work for God." A sermon by request of the "Woman Home Missions and Local Aid society." Their friends invited to hear it. Service at 6 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Epworth League at 4:30 p. m.

Christian Church.

Morning subject: "The Lord's Supper; How Often Should it be Observed?" Evening subject: "Not Condemnation, but Salvation."

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Tomorrow is the first Sunday in June, which is Children's Day. Each member of the Sunday school has been given a small jug to fill with money, if possible. Every member is especially requested to be present at Sunday school tomorrow.

Episcopal Church.

Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services held in the grand jury room.

Presbyterian Church.

A special service has been arranged for the children in the morning. Regular preaching in the evening. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Baptist Church.

Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. J. E. Hutson, of Richmond, Va., who is conducting a series of revival services. At 10 o'clock he will talk to the Sunday school.

At night the ordinance of baptism will be administered by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

The Chapel.

Sunday school at 9 a. m. Preaching in the afternoon. Prayer meeting every Friday night.

Christian Science.

Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

DOVER ITEMS.

June 2, 1900.

Mr. Seth West went to Newbern and returned yesterday.

Spring chickens and eggs are unusually scarce here this season and bring fancy prices.

It is said that the potato crop in this section will be very short, on account of dry weather.

Miss Hattie Dawson returned from Ayden this morning, where she had been attending the commencement.

Mr. G. V. Richardson, one of our justices of the peace, says he has concluded to resign. It is thought probable that Geo. B. Wilson will be appointed in his place, if he will accept.

Mr. W. M. Tyndal has had his new building dressed with a coat of priming, which makes it look more "town-fied," and when the finishing coats are put on it will be an ornament to west Dover street.

Our farmers complain of the scarcity of labor. Where lumber manufacturing is the chief industry farmers have many difficulties to contend with, as they cannot afford to pay as much for labor, nor work by the hour system, as the lumber mills do.

As the trucking season is nearing the end, Mr. Seth West will in a few days discontinue operations at his truck package factory. This business has been the means of support for a good many hands in this community which will be missed when it ceases. Mr. West will continue to operate his saw mill a few miles in the country.

On Wednesday, May 30, the pure little spirit of Nena Lizzie, the babe and only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Broome, was borne to heaven. Our heart is led out by sad experience in sympathy for the bereaved father and weeping mother, but we bid her to let her tears be dry. Remember, mamma, that your little babe was a sufferer here, but now,

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast;
There by his love overshadowed,
Sweetly her soul's at rest."

Blessed be the Lord, aunt Sudie and Thomas and Schley were at the golden gate to greet her and bear her to Jesus' arms.

Baseball.

FRIDAY.

Pittsburg 4, New York 6. Chicago 7, Philadelphia 2. Cincinnati 2, Boston 9. St. Louis 3, Brooklyn 8.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Philadelphia	22	11	.667
Brooklyn	19	14	.576
St. Louis	18	15	.548
Pittsburg	20	17	.541
Chicago	18	17	.514
Boston	12	18	.400
New York	12	20	.375
Cincinnati	12	21	.364

White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 10c. It cures pain. J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

It cost Raleigh \$6,697 to combat smallpox the past year.

The first brick was laid for the first building at the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh Wednesday.

A respectable colored man, John Young, a brickmason and Democrat, died at Oxford Wednesday. The negroes positively refused to bury him, on account of his politics, so a number of the leading citizens of Oxford took charge of his remains and gave the good negro a decent burial.

The State has chartered the Goldsboro Illuminating and Traction company, for the manufacture and sale of all kinds of light and motive power. A. H. Edgerton, W. T. Yelverton, J. L. Borden and others are the incorporators. The capital stock is fixed at \$15,000 with privilege of increasing it to \$100,000.

Raleigh Post: Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, the Republican nominee for governor, was asked yesterday what truth there was in the report that he was to withdraw from the gubernatorial race in favor of Cy Thompson, whom it was declared would become the fusion nominee. "None whatever," Judge Adams replied, "I am up to stay," he continued, "and will take up my canvass Saturday. There is no truth in the report."

"The early strawberries we have been receiving at Pittsburg," says The Post, of that city, "come from North Carolina, and as a rule they are good fruit and carefully and cleanly shipped. Some idea of the small-fruit interest of that State may be had from the fact that the crop of strawberries shipped this year has amounted to 12,000,000 baskets, and has been sold at an average price of not less than ten cents, making it the most profitable as well as the largest crop of berries ever shipped from the State. It makes the crop worth \$1,200,000. The figures are reliable, as they are the railroad company's statement of shipments.

The legislature will be strongly urged, at the special session this month, to pass the Vance Textile School bill. This measure embodies the establishment of a textile school in connection with the A. and M. College and an appropriation of \$10,000 for the building and equipment of the same. The petition urging the passage of this bill will emanate from the trustees of the A. and M. College. The only feature of the bill which the trustees do not approve is the provision for a separate governing board for the textile school. The trustees will suggest that this be done away with and the management of the textile school be under control of the A. and M. College trustees. There are several expert mill men on the board of trustees.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Jake F. Newell, of Cabarrus county, reports a serious runaway accident near Rocky River on Monday, in which Miss Ida Flow had both of her arms broken. Miss Flow was in a buggy with her cousin, Mr. Will Flow, en-route to Concord. As they were going down the long hill to the river at Black's mill, some part of the harness gave way and the buggy ran against the horse, who dashed off in a gallop. The buggy was torn to pieces and the occupants were thrown to the road. Mr. Flow was badly bruised, but not seriously hurt. Miss Flow did not escape so lightly. She was picked up unconscious and was carried to the home of Dr. S. A. Grier, who found that both of her arms were broken between the wrist and elbow.

Confederate Officers Elected.

Louisville, Ky., May 31.—All the officers of the United Confederate Veterans were elected this afternoon by acclamation. The list is as follows:

Gen. John B. Gordon—general commanding.

Lieut. Gen. Wade Hampton—Army of Northern Virginia department commander.

Lieut. Gen. S. D. Lee—commanding army of Tennessee department.

Lieut. Gen. W. L. Cabell—commanding trans-Mississippi department.

The Hawaiian authorities declare the Hawaiian islands free from infection by the bubonic plague since April 30th, at which time the quarantine was raised.

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 Bilelessness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, 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 that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Narston Drug Co.

Thin Hair

Lots of people have thin hair. Perhaps their parents had thin hair; perhaps their children have thin hair. But this does not make it necessary for them to have thin hair.

One thing you may rely upon—

AYR'S HAIR VIGOR

makes the hair healthy and vigorous; makes it grow thick and long. It cures dandruff also.

It always restores color to gray hair,—all the dark, rich color of early life. There is no longer need of your looking old before your time. If your hair is falling out and you are threatened with baldness, our Hair Vigor will check the falling at once.

Write the Manufacturer.

He will send you a book on The Hair and Scalp free upon request. It tells all and explains all the benefits you expect from the use of the Vigor. Write the Author at once. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayr, Lowell, Mass.