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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Much damage was done and many people injured by a cyclone in Jefferson and Walker counties, Alabama, Tuesday.

At Ogleby, Ga., a head-end collision occurred between two Seaboard Air Line trains. Engineer Neal was injured very badly.

Three miles of the main line of the Southern railway was washed out between Mount Vernon and Calvert, thirty miles above Mobile, Ala. The track has been rebuilt.

The Illinois Democratic convention instructed for Bryan, endorsed the Chicago platform and declared against imperialism. McKinley's administration was denounced.

Near Molena, Ga., Jordan Hines, a young negro, was pulled from his bed Monday night, taken about a mile from his home and shot to death by unknown parties. The cause of the killing is not known.

Tuesday night the residence of John E. Estridge, in Lancaster, S. C., was struck by lightning, after the family had retired. Two sisters, Misses Helen and Maggie, 18 and 15, sleeping in separate beds in the same room, were killed.

Joseph Hendricks, a white man, was killed at Kingsford, Fla., Monday night by a negro named Sam Smith. Smith committed the crime with an axe, almost severing Hendricks' head from his body. The negro at once took to the woods, with a sheriff's posse after him. He was captured late the same night, but a mob took the prisoner from the officers and shot him to death.

At Baltimore, Tuesday, Mrs. Louisa Klingelhoff, 30 years old, was instantly killed in an accident in the Isaac Robinson & Co. packing house. The woman and a companion were amusing themselves riding up and down upon a freight elevator. As the lift approached the fourth floor Mrs. Klingelhoff leaned over the side. Her head was caught between the floor and the platform and was almost severed from the body.

A desperate shooting affray occurred in the streets of Baton Rouge, La., Wednesday between Gordon Reddy and R. L. Askew, on the one hand, and the three Garig boys and I. E. Besson on the other, the result being that Askew was killed, Reddy fatally wounded and Ed Storking, a boarding house keeper, slightly wounded. Several members of the Louisiana legislature narrowly escaped being shot. All the parties were prominent. The shooting grew out of business troubles.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier says that in 1890 there was a great fraud practiced upon the state of South Carolina by the census bureau at Washington. He says that if it is repeated in 1900, that state will lose a member of the house of representatives, instead of gaining one, which it is fairly entitled to. He says that an analysis of the census of 1890 shows mathematically that 100,000 was deliberately deducted from the total figures of South Carolina's population in the census office at Washington in making up and reporting the population of the country in 1890. He gives the analysis in detail. It is a great crime against a state for a central government to thus deal with it. It is without palliation or excuse.

BASEBALL.

Table of baseball standings for National League and American League clubs, including teams like Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, etc.

State League Games.

Tarboro won Wednesday's game from Raleigh, 8 to 5. At Charlotte Durham had an easy victory, 11 to 1.

STANDING OF STATE LEAGUE.

Table showing the standings for the State League, including teams like Raleigh, Durham, Statesville, etc.

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.

ABE MIDDLETON'S CIRCULAR.

A Stupid Lie Which Discloses the Desperation of the Negro Party.

Wilmington Messenger. The Republican managers have just gotten out a circular in which these words occur:

As a separate and distinct proposition they abolish article VI of the present constitution, which guarantees to every male citizen of the State, over 21 years of age, the elective franchise. After abrogating this constitutional guarantee, they proceed to adopt an entirely new article to the State constitution, providing for an educational qualification containing a grandfather clause. Then, by section 5 they undertake to instruct the court how it shall construe the several provisions for suffrage, with directions if any part of the entire scheme shall be declared unconstitutional, all shall fall together, clearly indicating that the legislature seriously apprehended that the grandfather clause would be declared unconstitutional. If the courts follow their instructions and declare, as directed in section 5, that the whole of the proposed amendment regulating suffrage shall fall together, it leaves us without any constitutional provisions regulating the right of suffrage, article VI having been abrogated. This would leave the legislature with full power, at its will and discretion, to require and fix property, educational and other qualifications with unlimited restrictions.

Of course, the Republican managers have sense and intelligence enough to know if the court should hold that the constitutional amendment is unconstitutional, that the attempt to repeal article VI of the present constitution would be ineffectual, and that article would remain in force. It does not require a lawyer to know this, for every white man with a thimble full of brains knows that if the amendment falls, the section of it which repeals article VI will fall as a part of it. Knowing this, as of course they do, why did these tricksters issue this circular? There is but one answer, and that answer convicts them of a low, petty purpose, and desire to deceive the people and fool them into voting for the negro. It would be charitable to attribute this circular to stupidity, were it possible, but the Republican managers are not stupid.

This is not the first transparent attempt they have made in the campaign to fool and deceive the people during this campaign, but it is the most bald-faced and unblushing display of unmitigated demagoguery and knavery of all their efforts in this direction.

This circular is probably the production of A. B. Middleton, the cunning negro politician who is assisting Chairman Holton in running the Republican campaign from Greensboro. Verily it has all the earmarks of negro composition; there is nothing white about it. It is black, bungling and stupid.

The purpose of the Republican managers to mislead and deceive the people is further evidenced by the tommyrot they are indulging in concerning the instructions to the court. They know perfectly well that there is absolutely nothing in the amendment in the nature of an instruction to the court. One has only to read the provisions of the first and fifth sections of the amendment to see that there is no instruction, but a clear, emphatic and unmistakable declaration of the intent of the legislature in submitting it and of the people in voting for it. It is a well known principle of law, that if the intention of the makers appears from the context or from the language of an act or constitutional provision, that the court must observe it. If the intent is not expressed, the court must look to the context for the intent. If the court must follow the intent of the makers of a law when it appears from the context, there is all the more reason why the court must observe it when it is expressed in the law itself.

Before the amendment was changed, the Republicans claimed that the intent that it should stand or fall together was not clear. Now that it is made clear, they make the ridiculous argument that this expression of intent is an instruction to the court.

A man who asserts that this clear expression of intent is an instruction to the court, if he knows what he is talking about, either stultifies himself, or confesses his purpose to deceive.

The Wedding Ring.

Many believe that the loss of a wedding ring means that the husband's love will be lost in turn. If the ring is broken, the husband will soon die.

In Ireland it is a general belief that to rub a sore with a golden wedding ring will cause it to speedily heal.

The wedding ring is supposed never to tarnish, and if it does become dim it is said to be a warning that love also is tarnished and dim.

A Treacherous Jewel.

If a faded turquoise be dampened, its color is temporarily restored. The orientals utilize this quality by carrying a stone in their mouths and deftly slipping it into their hands to display it. Dealers in Meshed guard against such deceptions by retaining a stone a few days before purchasing, as the turquoise is the most treacherous of jewels.

DESPERATE PLIGHT

Of Admiral Seymour. He is Now Entrenched Eight Miles From Tien Tsin, Fighting Desperately. Has Had 63 Killed and Over 200 Wounded. Relief Column on the Way.

Berlin, June 27.—The German consul at Che Foo confirms the contents of the message from Vice Admiral Seymour, which reached Tien Tsin Monday, saying he was then eight miles westward of that city, terribly harrassed, could only hold out another two days, and had 63 men killed and over 200 wounded, and adds that the admiral asked for the dispatch of a relief column of 2,000 men. This column left Tien Tsin during the morning of June 25th under Russian command.

THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH LEAD.

They Enter Tien Tsin First, Followed by the Other Troops.

Che Foo, June 26.—The Americans and British entered Tien Tsin, first silencing the guns of the arsenal and breaking through the Chinese lines. The foreigners were close behind. The Russians lost four killed and thirty wounded. The losses of the other nationalities were small. Admiral Seymour's force is about ten miles from Tien Tsin. It is surrounded by Chinese troops and boxers and harrassed by sick and wounded. It is reported that all foreigners were sent from Peking with a weak Chinese guard, and it is assumed that they are with Admiral Seymour. One thousand Japanese are landing at Taku; 2,000 more are expected tomorrow when a battalion of French troops is also due. The foreign admirals have appointed Capt. Wise, commander of the Monocacy, to be commandant at Tong Ku. The Netherlands cruiser Holland has left Java for Che Foo.

Missionaries Reach Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, June 26.—The steamer Sam Chui arrived today from Wu Chau, on the West river, with a number of lady missionaries. She reports that the other Europeans are preparing to leave Wu Chau, as the natives are conducting anti-foreign demonstrations.

England Keeps Secret Her Policy.

London, June 26.—Replying to a question of Sir Elyas Ashmead Bartlett, conservative member of the house of commons, today, as to whether the British government will arrange with Japan, as the only power able to act without delay, to send an adequate land force to China, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury and government leader, said it was undesirable to outline the nature of the negotiations in this connection; but he added, her majesty's government will welcome the dispatch of troops by any power which, owing to the proximity of its troops, may be able to act at once for the suppression of the disturbances in China.

The Brooklyn Sails.

Manila, June 27.—The United States armored cruiser Brooklyn, with 800 marines from Cavite, has sailed for Nagasaki, where she will coal, and from which port she will go to Taku.

The United States transport, with the Ninth infantry, and the United States gunboat Princeton will follow tomorrow.

Shooting at Snow Hill.

Greenville Reflector, June 27. Mr. Frank Carr, of Greene county, was here today and told us of a shooting that occurred at Snow Hill Saturday night.

Mr. Scott, foreman on the Snow Hill Standard, was going from Snow Hill out to the Standard office beyond the corporate limits of the town Saturday night when some one fired at him in the dark. Mr. Scott returned the shot, firing three times in the direction he supposed his assailant to be. Afterwards he thought it might be some of the boys of the town playing a joke on him and he returned to Snow Hill, but no one knew anything of it. He discovered a hole in his coat made by the bullet fired at him. No motive can be assigned for the assault except Mr. Scott is registrar for Snow Hill township and some one might want to get him out of the way.

Other People's Mail.

A new postoffice rule has just gone into effect imposing a fine of \$500 or one year's imprisonment on anyone who, through carelessness or otherwise, takes mail not belonging to them from the office and fails to return it at once. This applies to newspapers as well as letters and other valuable mail. People when taking their mail from the office should examine it before going out of the building; it will take but a moment, and will save a deal of trouble. To say it was the postmaster's fault will not do square under this ruling.

WHITE SUPREMACY.

Democratic Speakings and White People's Grand Rallies.

The amendment and other important issues will be discussed at the following times and places: Contentnea Neck—Rose Sharon school house, Thursday, July 5, at 11 o'clock.

Mewborne's X Roads—Friday, July 6, at 11 o'clock.

Coahoma—Kelly's Mill, Saturday, July 7, at 11 o'clock.

Institute—Wheat Swamp church grounds, Monday, July 9, at 11 o'clock.

LaGrange—Monday night, July 9, at 8 o'clock.

Trent—Deep Run, near church grounds, Tuesday, July 10. Grand rally and barbecue dinner.

Sand Hill.—Daughety's, Wednesday, July 11, at 11 o'clock.

Falling Creek.—Sutton's Store, Thursday, July 12, at 11 o'clock.

Pink Hill.—Tyndal's store, near Davis' place, Friday, July 13, at 11 o'clock.

Woodington.—School house, Saturday, July 14.

Neuse.—Parrott's school house, Monday, July 16, at 11 o'clock.

Kinston.—Monday night, at 8 o'clock, July 16.

Three other big rallies and barbecue dinners will be announced later, giving time and place.

Everybody is invited to be present at these speakings. Take your wives and daughters with you for they are interested in white supremacy and good government.

We will have quite a number of the best speakers in the State at these appointments, among them are Capt. W. B. Shaw, of Henderson; Col. F. D. Winston, of Bertie; Hon. D. W. McLean, J. R. Uzzle, Esq., Hon. Claud Kitchin, Hon. J. A. Bryan and others. Our local speakers and county candidates will join in the canvass.

J. W. GRAINGER, Chm'n Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

NEW REGISTRATION.

An Entire New Registration is Required. Books Open Thursday, June 28th, and Close July 21st.

Beginning on Thursday, June 28th, the registration books will be opened and every elector must register, as an entire new registration is necessary.

The books open at 9 o'clock a. m., on above date and close at sunset Saturday, July 21, 1900.

The books are to be kept open each day (except Sunday) between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and sunset.

On Saturday, June 30, Saturday, July 14, and Saturday, July 21, the registrar is required to attend at the polling places in his precinct with his books for the registration of voters.

The registrar is required to attend at the polling place in his precinct on Saturday, July 28, 1900, for the purpose of allowing an inspection of his books and entering any challenges that may be made.

But challenges may be made on the day of election.

No registration can be allowed after July 21, 1900, unless the person offering to register has become qualified since that date, and in that event he may register on election day.

JASON ITEMS.

June 25, 1900.

Mr. Gilie Parks, of near Goldsboro, was in our village Saturday.

Miss Sophia Mewborne, of LaGrange, is spending a few days here.

Mrs. H. E. Hardie and sister, Miss Helen, visited near Shine Tuesday.

Prof. and Mrs. George Mewborne and daughter, of Atlantic, N. C., spent last week here.

Mrs. Emmah Hadley has returned home, after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Jno. L. Phelps, who has been very sick.

Dr. Parker and brother, Master Tommie, of near Trenton, are visiting at Mr. R. H. Hardie's this week, as also is Mrs. Mary Anderson, of Pitt county.

The young people in and around here had a "social gathering" at Mr. Hugh Hardie's Saturday night in honor of Miss Helen Hardie and her company, Miss Esther Mewborne.

Mess. B. F. Aycock and Fred L. Carr, our next representative, will speak here Saturday, June 30th. They will explain the amendment in full. All white people should come out and hear the speeches.

GADEZ ITEMS.

June 25, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Isler visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Katharine Wooten returned yesterday from visiting in Kinston.

There will be preaching at Haskins' Chapel next Sunday afternoon.

Crops are looking exceedingly well in this section. The farmers seem much encouraged.

Rev. J. M. Benson will begin a protracted meeting at Shady Grove on the second Sunday in July.

Lynwood and Shady Grove Sunday schools will have their annual picnic at Shady Grove on Saturday, July 7th. Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of Kinston, will deliver an address.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Specimens of apples from Watauga county on exhibition at the Paris exposition won second prize.

Monroe voted Monday on the question of issuing bonds for a graded school. The measure was adopted by a large majority.

Fire broke out in Scotland Neck at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning and burned five new houses near the Cotton Mills, rendering 26 people homeless. Loss \$2,850, insurance \$1,650.

On Tuesday a carload of new supplies from the government arrived at the State arsenal for the State guard. Among them were 400 tents, complete, 800 blouses, 300 ponchos and 600 campaign hats. The State has requisitioned for stores to the valuation of \$23,000.

The Republicans of Nash county held their convention Wednesday. It consisted of 63 negroes and four white Republicans. A "committee of arrangements" consisting of six negroes and one white man arranged the ticket and endorsed part of the Populist ticket. It was a big day for the coon party.

Greenville Reflector, June 27: News comes to us over the phone of an explosion at the Ayden Lumber Co.'s plant in Ayden, in which two negroes were badly scalded and one struck over the head by a falling smoke stack. The explosion blew two of the boilers out of position and also tore down the smoke stack to the plant. It was caused from a defective pipe in one of the boilers. The explosion occurred at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Greenville Reflector: Tuesday at Williamston Mr. John Harrell and a friend started hunting together. Just beyond the limits of the town they stopped for a conversation with another party, and while standing there Mr. Harrell's gun slipped off his shoulder and fell in such a way as to cause it to discharge. The entire load struck Mr. Harrell in the abdomen. The accident occurred about 11:30 o'clock, and four hours later Mr. Harrell died.

Gastonia News, June 26: Will Blalock, colored, undertook to whip his wife Sunday afternoon at Bessemer when Oscar Coppedge, also colored, interfered. Blalock drew his pistol and fired at Coppedge, missing and attempted to fire again but his pistol failed to fire. Coppedge returned the fire, the first ball taking effect in his assailant's side and the next two entering near the heart. Blalock died yesterday about 11 o'clock. Coppedge surrendered to officer D. K. Tate and was placed in jail at Dallas yesterday afternoon. The public sympathy is of course in Coppedge's favor.

Charlotte Observer: Two of the Confederate veterans of this city who attended the recent reunion at Louisville, returned with this story: They were in conversation with a bar tender and the talk was upon the reunion, when the bar-keeper said: "My sympathies are on the other side, but I can't help noting the difference between you fellows and the members of the grand army of the republic, who held their reunion here two years ago. You fellows pay for what you get. They came here each with a shirt and a two dollar bill, and didn't change either while they were in the town."

Haywood Council, a 55-year-old negro, who committed rape on the ten year old white child in Chatham county about one year ago, was captured Tuesday and given a hearing before a magistrate. He was committed to jail Wednesday. This is his third attempt at rape on white children, and the officers had to hide him in the woods Tuesday night to keep him from being lynched. Only last week Council was tried for the rape of a little white girl, an orphan named Lilly Certain, in New Hope township. The trial was before two partisan Republican magistrates and though the evidence as to the guilt of the negro was exceedingly strong they released him. The trial and its result caused great indignation in that section and has made many White Supremacy votes.

South Haters.

Mr. John R. Morris has an excellent article in Sunday's Charlotte Observer showing that hate of the south was evidenced in every way in the recent national Republican convention from the selection of Lodge, of force bill fame, as chairman, to the infamous platform that brands advocacy of the amendment to eliminate the negro from politics as "revolutionary." Mr. Morris has done a good service by his letter. There is no place for a self-respecting southern white man in the Republican party as now constituted, and no southern man who believes in White Supremacy will vote for McKinley and Roosevelt next November.

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