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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

There were 12 deaths from excessive heat Friday in Chicago.

A German named Workman hanged himself Friday at Petersburg, Va.

The Russian government announces that it will give Japan a free hand to apply military force in China.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, has been re-elected chairman of the national Democratic executive committee.

During a fierce squall at Cleveland, O., Saturday the yacht Idler was capsized and sunk, and six lives were lost.

At London, Eng., Saturday, American athletes won 8 out of 13 amateur events for the championship of Great Britain.

The fire at the Standard Oil company's works at Bayonne, N. J., caused a loss of \$2,400,000. The company insures its own property, a fund being set aside for that purpose.

The experiment made in Charleston, S. C., some time ago to run a cotton mill with negro labor proved a failure, because, although there are 35,000 negroes in that city, enough of them could not be induced to work in the mill to keep it going.

Commissioner of Patents Duell states that the past fiscal year has been a most prosperous one for the patent office. The cash receipts have been \$1,358,228.35 a larger sum than received in any previous fiscal year. The number of patents issued is also the largest in the history of the office, numbering 26,540.

A crowd of angry German farmers, living in and about Niles, Ill., in order to avenge the death of the German ambassador in China, attempted violence Saturday night to a Chinese peddler. They chased the man with pitchforks and other agricultural implements, but he escaped into the woods at Norwood Park. The place was surrounded by the pursuers, but, after an hour's search, the pursuit was given up.

As the result of a political argument, Randolph Hutton was fatally shot Friday night by his brother-in-law, C. P. Darlington, editor of the Randolph Enterprise, of Elkins, W. Va. The tragedy occurred at Hutonsville, the terminus of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburg railroad, below Elkins. There had been hard feeling between the two men for some time. Both were in a saloon, where the absorbing topic was Bryan and free silver. Darlington is an enthusiastic Bryan man. After words with Hutton, who is a strong Republican, Darlington went out and fired through the window with a 44-caliber Colt's revolver. One ball entered Hutton's side, just below the heart, and the other the thigh, taking a downward course to the knee.

After Stevenson's nomination for vice-president at Kansas City there were indications of a storm in the silver Republican convention. It was not until Towne himself appeared and appealed to the convention not to nominate him, but to concentrate their forces, that the delegates calmed down, and the vice-presidential nomination was referred to the national committee. Later the committee unanimously decided to endorse Stevenson. And at an early hour Saturday morning the conference committee of the Democrats, silver Republicans and Populists reached an agreement which solidifies the three parties for a vigorous and harmonious campaign. By this agreement the political efforts of the three parties will be conducted without overlapping and without friction, and it is expected that splendid results among the voters will be thereby achieved. An advisory committee of three members from each of the three parties was appointed, and this committee will have the mission of working to effect fusion wherever possible on state and congressional tickets.

A GRAIN OF COMFORT.

Consul Goodnow's Information From Chinese Capital Accepted With Reserve.

Washington, July 7.—A dispatch received by Secretary Hay from Consul Gen. Goodnow this morning states that the foreign legations in Peking were standing July 3, and that the Chinese were trying to starve out the inmates.

The dispatch is as follows: Shanghai, July 7.—Legations Peking standing July 3. Attacks of Boxers slight. Seem disposed to resort to starvation methods.

GOODNOW. Government officials have already had official advices from Rear Admiral Kempff and others stating that the American, German, Italian and French legations had been destroyed several weeks ago. Some doubt exists as to Mr. Goodnow's knowledge of existing conditions in the Chinese capital, and there is a disposition to accept the good tidings with great reserve.

STEVENSON SURPRISED

When Informed of His Nomination For Vice President.

Minneapolis, July 6.—The news of his nomination at Kansas City was given to Adlai Stevenson at the summer cottage of his son-in-law, Rev. M. D. Hardin, at Lake Minnetonka, by the Associated Press representative.

Said Mr. Stevenson: "This comes as a great surprise to me. I was not a candidate at any time and never expected to be nominated; but of course I shall accept the call of my party. Endorse the platform? Of course I shall. How else could I accept? I believe the Democrats generally will support the ticket. I had expected to do some campaigning anyway, but now I shall do a great deal more."

OUR FIGHTERS FOR CHINA.

Nearly a Full Army Corps Ordered to Far East.

Washington, D. C., July 7.—Orders were issued by the war department today for the dispatch of 6,275 regular troops to the Philippines, with a view to their utilization in China.

These troops are intended primarily to relieve the volunteers in the Philippines, and will only be diverted to China in the event that circumstances demand it.

The force is made up of two battalions, each of the Fifteenth, Second, Fifth and Eighth Infantry; two squadrons, each of the First and Fifth Cavalry, one squadron of the Third Cavalry, and a company of engineers.

The entire fleet of transports at San Francisco and New York will be employed to carry the troops.

"Fricasseed Nightmare."

God has given us a capacity to enjoy food. That is not the principal object in eating. One goes to a dinner and after eating all that he really desires and more than is beneficial thinks he will add a little of the compounds they call dessert—the invention of the devil—and becomes uncomfortable and wretched. Most of the desserts we have might be called "fricasseed nightmare" or "escaloped indigestion." Eating becomes idolatry if it becomes unfitting for higher service. It is a crime to gorge and be uncomfortable or to induce a headache. I once attended a dinner at the invitation of a parishioner and was asked to accompany a lady to the table. I did not need to eat, but I offered to help her to whatever she desired, and she asked for chicken salad, remarking, "It always gives me a wretched headache, but I am going to have some." and I replied, "Then you may help yourself, for I will not."—Address by Dr. Pierson.

THE AMENDMENT.

Discussed by a Voter Who Once Had Doubts But Now Favors It, And a Few Remarks by the Editor.

TO THE FREE PRESS:—I have seen in newspapers and heard so much talk of the suffrage amendment to be voted on in August, that I, for one, without real estate, have given no little thought on the subject, not concerning myself, but I have four boys none of which will be 21 till after 1908, and there is a possibility, but I hope not a probability, of their not obtaining education enough to read and write, and if that would prohibit them the right to vote, I would vote for the amendment. Still it has been shown to any fair-minded, honest thinking man that such is not the case, and the amendment was not intended to disfranchise any white man. But if such was the case I would vote for it, because in the first place, if he has no education nor real estate, he has no personal interest at stake, unless it is in local or county officers, he may have some choice, but that is not for his individual benefit. The ignorant voter has been and always will be, only a tool for the office seeker. A man with an education might vote thinking perhaps he could get an office or a clerkship deputy, but a man with no education expects nothing for himself whatever, and when a man has no interest, he need not care who the officers are, if he be an honest law abiding citizen.

The uneducated do not, nor cannot, keep up with the political issues, and lots of them vote for measures they know nothing about; and it is with this class of people that more of the teasing, begging, and offering of bribery is done than any other class, which leads to campaign riots and often murder. I had made up my mind to vote for the amendment, before the last legislature met, when I understood that all persons would be prohibited from voting after 1908 who could not read and write, and I am sure I shall vote for it as it stands. Our campaigns will be more quiet, the people will stay at home and attend to their own business, instead of going to speaking. The race trouble will be quelled by this method quicker than any other means.

A VOTER.

[The amendment will disfranchise no native white man. Every white man who registers before 1908 can vote as long as he lives. The boys now growing up who become of age after 1908 must be able to read and write in order to vote, and any white boy with ordinary brains can learn enough reading and writing to qualify as an elector in three months. Any man who shall vote against the amendment for fear his boy will be disfranchised by the educational qualification, must be very cowardly (fearing his boy can't learn a little reading and writing in eight years) or give a false excuse for voting in favor of the negro side. As to property, there is no property qualification and there is not the least danger that there ever will be one. There are too many good and intelligent men and all white North Carolinians are too good lovers of liberty and justice to ever favor property qualification.—Ed. FREE PRESS.]

BASEBALL.

SATURDAY.

Pittsburg 4, New York 3.
St. Louis 10, Philadelphia 6.
Cincinnati 5, Brooklyn 9.
Boston 11, Chicago 4.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

| | Won | Lost | Per Ct. |
|--------------|-----|------|---------|
| Brooklyn | 40 | 19 | .680 |
| Philadelphia | 35 | 28 | .564 |
| Pittsburg | 34 | 29 | .539 |
| Chicago | 31 | 30 | .508 |
| Boston | 28 | 33 | .459 |
| Cincinnati | 27 | 33 | .450 |
| St. Louis | 27 | 33 | .421 |
| New York | 21 | 37 | .362 |

State League Games.

SATURDAY.

Raleigh 5, Wilmington 2.
Tarboro 6, Statesville 2.

STANDING OF STATE LEAGUE.

| | Won | Lost | Per Ct. |
|-------------|-----|------|---------|
| Tarboro | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| Durham | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| Raleigh | 5 | 4 | .555 |
| Charlotte | 4 | 4 | .500 |
| Statesville | 2 | 4 | .333 |
| Wilmington | 2 | 6 | .250 |

Bryan on Stevenson.

Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—When the bulletin came announcing the selection of Adlai E. Stevenson, Mr. Bryan expressed his pleasure, and soon after dictated the following:

"Mr. Stevenson is an excellent man for the place. He supported the ticket in 1896, and can defend the platform of 1900. Towne would have strengthened the ticket in the states where there is fusion between the Democrats, Populists and silver Republicans, but the support given Mr. Stevenson shows that the convention thought Mr. Stevenson the more available man. The choice has fallen on one who is in every respect worthy of the position."

At Raysville, La., Friday, Sim Parker and Bell McSwayer, colored, were hanged. They murdered Dr. Frank C. Parnell in a Jewish manner last April.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GERRY'S TARTARIC CHILL Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a pleasant form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

GRAND WHITE RALLY.

All White Supremacy Clubs to Rally in Kinston on July 26th.

MR. EDITOR:—At a meeting of our White Supremacy club last Friday night it was determined that we would have a grand rally of all the clubs in the county at the court house in Kinston on Thursday, July 26, just one week before the August election. We intend making this the greatest event of the campaign in Lenoir county for the preservation of our civilization. On that day we invite the entire membership of all the township clubs to meet in Kinston with our club here and counsel together for the best interests of our cause. We will have a basket picnic and barbecue on the court house square, and the people will be addressed by some of the ablest public speakers in the State.

At night a mammoth torch light procession will be formed and will march through the city under the direction of mounted marshals—floats and transparencies will be arranged, and all the clubs will fall in line with their banners. Each township club will be invited to send one young lady at least to represent the townships in the float. The merchants and business concerns will be asked to close doors during the speaking in the day and the parade at night. Committees have been appointed and are at work already to make the day and night a magnificent demonstration of the intense interest the white people of this county feel in the outcome of the election and the adoption of the amendment.

The following committees have been appointed, who, together with the president of the club, will have charge of all arrangements.

On committee to take care of visitors from country, Geo. L. Kilpatrick.

On transparencies, Prof. E. B. Lewis.

On vehicles, J. G. Cox.

On basket picnic, W. S. Herbert, W. H. Taylor and E. R. Wooten.

On speakers, W. D. Pollock.

On barbecue, Jno. Braxton, J. B. Hill, Joe Tilghman and Jas. L. Daughety.

On uniforms, H. E. Shaw.

All committees are requested to report to me at once and make their arrangements to get to work systematically and in perfect harmony. Let us rally to this work at once. It will take a great deal of hard work to get everything in readiness by the 26th. We expect earnest and united activity and zeal.

PLATO COLLINS,

County Organizer of White Supremacy Clubs.

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 were 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.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

July 9, 1900.

Miss Ada Darden returned from visiting at Kinston Sunday.

Mrs. Royall, of Goldsboro, is visiting Mrs. G. F. Parrott.

Mr. Dempsey Wood returned from Morehead Saturday.

Mr. S. G. Kennedy visited at Coahoma Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. T. H. Sutton filled his regular appointment at Trinity Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Lynch, of Kinston, spent Sunday afternoon in our midst.

Misses Verna and Ollie Hill, of Fountain Hill, Kate Lamb, of Fayetteville, and Kate Sheetz, of Wilmington, are visiting at Mr. Dempsey Wood's.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles. "Boesche's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but always inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The penitentiary executive board's report shows extremely fine crops.

Master J. G. Williams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Williams, was killed at Wilmington by lightning last Friday.

Henry M. Wilson, of Baltimore, has been elected textile instructor in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh.

H. F. Seawell, Populist, was not allowed to speak at Laurinburg Saturday, owing to a dirty attack he had made on the people of that section.

Eight miles from Charlotte on Friday night Cy Spiers, colored, killed Mary Tilton, also colored. The motive for the deed is supposed to be jealousy.

At Charlotte Friday night Chas. Knox while drunk was attacked by another negro. His skull was fractured, one of his fingers bitten off, and he also received other injuries.

Dr. W. P. Exum, who was the Populist candidate for governor in 1892—a prominent Populist and citizen of Wayne county—declares for the amendment, and will make two or more speeches for it during this campaign.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: Senator Butler is now spending about half his time here. He looks worried and backed and has little to say. His headquarters here, in the Academy of Music building, are crowded with clerks and people sending out circulars and speeches.

Chapel Hill News: The largest yield of wheat we have ever known to the acre in this section, was made by our enterprising townsman, Thomas F. Lloyd. Mess. W. D. Neville, M. A. McCauley and Henry Lloyd threshed his crop Tuesday and it measured up 54 7/8 bushels. He sowed twenty bushels.

A telegram from Greensboro Saturday night states that a negro named Eli Wharton, made a boast in the presence of reputable white men at Whitesett, N. C., that if the amendment was carried, every house in Whitesett would be burned and that white men would be called out and shot and that women and children would be put to death. This conversation was overheard by Mess. J. D. Oldham, George Davenport, T. G. Boone and O. M. Ipgold, all responsible and trustworthy gentlemen.

Monroe Journal: A turkey gobbler is entitled to a great many privileges and affects some peculiarities. We heard of one a few days ago that is the maternal center of a flock of guineas. He found a guinea nest some time back and being out of a job at once appropriated it and began sitting on the eggs. He was faithful to his self-imposed duties until the eggs were hatched and is now faithfully performing a mother's function in caring for the little birds, which he does pompously but to perfection.

Chairman Simmons and Maj. W. A. Guthrie spoke at Ellerbe Springs, Richmond county, July 4, to an enthusiastic and tremendous audience of at least 5,000 people. A procession was formed at Rockingham and rode out to the springs, twelve miles distant, the line of horsemen being a mile and a quarter long. There were 1,000 ladies present, representing all parts of the county. The enthusiasm and interest were unbounded. This gives an excellent idea of Democratic zeal and interest in this most memorable campaign.

A special, July 6, from Mt. Gilead, says: R. N. Page, Democratic candidate for the house, had an appointment to speak at Walker's, near Wadeville, last night. Several young men from Wadeville were going on the lever car to hear him. Some one placed an obstruction on the track for the purpose of killing the registrar. Three of the young men are crippled, one badly. Strong suspicion rests on some parties. The day of reckoning for the opponents of law and order will be sure and swift. The negro is not blamed but his white allies will be held to true account for all such acts. R. T. Gaitly, Democratic poll holder of Steel's township, near here, was shot and badly wounded by a negro last night. The culprit has not been captured.

At Greenville Saturday morning Mr. A. L. Blow, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, was assaulted by two negroes, Sam and Grant Brown, and his face beaten with a pair of knucks, in the hands of Sam Brown. One of the assailants escaped. The other and another brother, who interfered with an officer trying to make an arrest, were captured and lodged in jail to await Sept. court in default of \$500 bond. A crowd of white men armed with Winchester assisted in making the arrests. The Reflector says: The people here were indignant over the assault and excitement ran high for a while. To see the best citizens armed with guns and rifles surrounding the house goes to show that they do not intend to be run over by negroes and are not going to submit to it.

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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.



Under a spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands.—New York Evening Journal.