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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

More missions in southern China have been destroyed.

Collectors of customs on the Pacific coast are ordered to allow no shipment of arms to China.

Our government has arranged for mail service for our troops in China. The postage rate will be the same as domestic.

Li Hung Chang says some of the members of the legations have left Peking for Tien Tsin. He is angry at the skepticism of the consuls.

At Canton many Chinese are caught smuggling arms and ammunition. China is making extensive preparations in southern provinces for war.

A semi-official statement from Washington says the Philippine war is nearer the end than is generally supposed. That's what we have been hearing ever since the islands were "pacified" about a year or so ago.

The state department has received a dispatch from Consul Gen. Guder, Panama, announcing the collapse of the revolutionary movement; that the Liberals unexpectedly surrendered, and that quiet now prevails at Panama.

Gen. Sternberger says that one hundred additional medical officers are wanted by the surgeon general for duty in the Philippines and China. Only graduates of reputable medical colleges, with some experience and under forty years of age, will be accepted.

John Victor Bowers, son of Clagett S. Bowers, of Hagerstown, Md., was killed Thursday by a bullet from a target rifle, fired by his thirteen-year-old brother, Roy Bowers, while "playing war." Roy did not know the gun was loaded when he pulled the trigger. The ball entered his brother's forehead above the eye, and he died fifteen minutes later, before a physician arrived.

The rioting in New Orleans of Wednesday night was continued Thursday, but Thursday night the authorities had about restored order. The police force was reinforced by 500 special police and 1,500 soldiers. The toughs of the city had begun a general war on the negroes for the killing of two policemen by the negro desperado Charles. One person was killed and several were wounded.

A dispatch, July 26, from Manila says: At Oregueta, in northern Mindanao, two soldiers entered a native store for the purpose of buying food. While there one of them was killed by a bolo and his head severed from his body. The other escaped and gave the alarm. A company of the Fortieth infantry stationed at Cagayan, repaired to Oregueta and killed eighty-nine natives, thirty of them being in a single house.

At Summersville, W. Va., Thursday Joseph Drennen, a prominent and wealthy lumberman, was crushed to death by a log in the following manner: He had hitched his horse, and finding some of his logs in a dangerous position, went with a handspike to move one of them, and place a chock under it. The log got beyond his control and rolled over him, passing over his body from the feet up, and resting upon his head. Almost every bone in his body was broken, and his head was crushed flat.

THE WOMEN RESENT IT.

It Is an Insult to Them to Dub Negro-Loving Butler as "Mary Ann."

Lumberton Robesonian.
A good Democratic lady who heard the great speech of Bob Glenn yesterday said she liked all of it but his allusion to Senator Butler as "Mary Ann." She said that if an opportunity offered she would tell Mr. Glenn that the ladies resented this placing of Butler in the list of females. The good women of North Carolina have no more love for him than have the men, and the calling of him "Mary Ann" by speakers and writers is a reflection upon the ladies, who are as loyal and devoted to the State and the cause of white supremacy as the men. It sounds unpleasant to female ears to hear themselves spoken of in highest terms of praise (as they deserve) and in almost the next breath to have the most detestable character in North Carolina referred to as Mary Ann. The Robesonian is sure that Mr. Glenn and other speakers mean no disrespect to the ladies and believes they had never thought of the matter in the way alluded to above.

Longevity of Whales.

Some light was thrown upon the subject of the vitality of whales by finding one of these animals in Bering sea in 1896 with a "toggle" harpoon head in its body bearing the mark of the American whaler Montezuma. That vessel was engaged in whaling in Bering sea about ten years, but not later than 1854. She was afterward sold to the government and was sunk in Charleston harbor during the civil war to serve as an obstruction. Hence it is estimated the whale must have carried the harpoon not less than 36 years.

In connection with this fact William H. Dall gives an account in The National Geographic Magazine of a discussion with Captain E. P. Herendeen of the United States National museum of cases of whales that have been supposed to have made their way from Greenland waters to Bering strait and to have been identified by the harpoons they carried. While it is very likely that the whale really makes the passage an uncertainty must always be allowed, for ships were often changing ownership, and their tools were sold and put on board of other vessels, and harpoon irons were sometimes given or traded to Eskimos. It therefore becomes possible that the animal was struck with a secondhand iron.—Popular Science.

Humors of the Law.

In a recent bankruptcy case, in speaking of justices of the peace, they are said to be "officers by no means infallible, frequently innocent of law and actually sometimes known to construe the abbreviation affix designating their office, 'J. P.' to mean 'judgment for plaintiff.'"

A federal court, in explaining that the functions of a charge d'affaires were not shown by the literal translation of the terms, illustrated by saying, "To appoint a person chief builder could not be understood to invest him with the ecclesiastical functions of the pontifex maximus."—Case and Comment.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

May Suffer for Their Offensive Interference With the Election in North Carolina.

Raleigh, July 26.—State Chairman Simmons today received a letter from Senator Money, at Washington, in which he says: "I received your letter enclosing a copy of the statement made to the president concerning pernicious activity of federal employes in the State canvass. I spent some time this morning with the civil service commissioners, trying to ascertain to what extent they had authority to interfere in the matter. We went over the different statutes and regulations. I enclose you the executive order issued in 1898, although I presume you have a copy of it. Some of the departments, I understand, have issued similar orders to their employes. The case you mention of the United States attorney is a very gross one, and should have immediate attention. The civil service commissioners had received but had not read your letter to them when I called to see them. They will ask for affidavits to support the statements made therein; I do not recollect what date the election comes off, but I fear they will have little time to do anything. If there can be proven such flagrant violations of the civil service rules as appear in your statement, then the commission will demand the removal of the offenders from office.

"The commission promised me to write you very fully upon the subject, and I hope they will do so today. The president is not in the city, or I would call upon him. He is not expected here for some time.

FUSION STATE TICKET.

Butler's "Ethiopian," Misnamed "Caucasian," Announces Who The Bosses Allow Fusionists to Vote For.

Raleigh, July 27.—Senator Butler's paper, the Populist organ, today prints what is called the "co-operative ticket," that is the fusion ticket, for State officers as follows: For governor, Spencer B. Adams; lieutenant governor, H. F. Sewell; secretary of state, Cyrus Thompson; Auditor, Hal W. Ayer; superintendent public instruction, N. C. English; attorney general, Z. V. Waiser; commissioner of labor and printing, J. N. Hamrick; commissioner of agriculture, J. M. Mewboorne; corporation commissioners, C. A. Reynolds and A. S. Pence.

The Caucasian (should be named "Ethiopian") also publishes a long letter from Cyrus Thompson, who was nominated by the Populists for governor, withdrawing in favor of Adams. Cy predicts fusion success, especially in capturing the legislature and says it is of more value to Populists to re-elect Butler as U. S. senator than that he (Thompson) should be governor.

Aycock One of the Finest.

Richmond, our "City on the James," is getting ready for a red hot campaign this fall. The Democrats opened the ball inviting David Bennett Hill to speak during the campaign, and he accepted. This was followed by an invitation from the "McKinley and Prosperity Club" of the city to Theodore Roosevelt, and he has accepted, and now The Times, of that city, of yesterday, says: "There is talk, too, of bringing here Charles B. Aycock, who will be elected governor of North Carolina on the 2d of August.

"Mr. Aycock is one of the greatest stump speakers in the country, and would draw an immense crowd.

"The Republicans expect to have Senator Julius Caesar Burrows, of Michigan, one of the ablest men in the upper branch of congress.

"Richmonders may, therefore, prepare to hear some of the most noted orators, on both sides, in the country."

And our next governor will prove to be the best orator of the quartette. Richmond shows judgment in selecting drawing cards.

Exposed His Corruption.

Nobody can believe that The Caucasian of Butler is honest in opposition to the amendment who will read one paragraph in The Caucasian, published in September of last year. It then said:

"We do not believe that any good and satisfactory reason can be given for having two distinct sections, when one would have removed all trouble. With only one section and in the event of the grandfather clause being declared unconstitutional, then the educational qualification would also have been defeated and no white voter's right would be in danger."

At the session of the legislature these two distinct sections were consolidated in such a way, to quote The Caucasian, that "no white voter's right would be in danger." And still The Caucasian opposes the amendment.

Why? Because Butler has sold out to the Mark Hanna crowd. That's the plain, simple reason. If he were honest he would support the amendment since it has been changed to meet his objection. Failure to do so exposes his corruptions.

LAST!

—Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from rheumatism. By taking Rheumatoid now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. E. Head.

LOG JAMS.

The Force They Exert and How They Are Broken Up.

"A log jam is one of the most formidable problems we have to encounter in our line of business," said a Mississippi lumberman. "How they begin is difficult to explain: A few dozen logs will become wedged for an instant in a narrow part of a stream and in less time than it takes me to tell it hundreds of others will come swooping down and pack themselves in an intricate, close knit span, reaching from bank to bank, and almost as solid as a rock. The force they exert is something marvelous. During one jam in my section I saw a lot of logs plunge under the edge of the blockade, and a few seconds later they pushed their way up through the very middle of the pack, tossing timbers as big around as a man's waist into the air like so many toothpicks. The noise they made as they drove through the mass was simply deafening. It sounded as if the solid earth was being torn up by its foundations. When the logs passed under the jam, they were evidently caught in such a way as to still further obstruct the imprisoned stream and were hurled upward with all the irresistible energy of millions of gallons of rushing water.

"The breaking of a jam is a very ticklish operation and seems to be largely a matter of instinct with old rivenmen. The lines and angles of strain in such a blockade are so complicated that the best engineer in the world is apt to go wrong in indicating the proper point of attack. A veteran lumberman, on the contrary, will often take a long look at the mass and then point out the 'key log.' The key log is the timber on which the strain centers, and when it is blown out or pried out the pack, in almost every instance, will break up of itself. I had an old fellow in my employ a few years ago who could locate a key log nine times out of ten. He couldn't read or write, knew nothing about engineering and was unable to explain how he arrived at his conclusions. He said it 'came kinder nuch'ral.'" —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Close Call.

Once I sailed these seas, where are the cannibals, with a corpulent captain. Whenever a chief came on board the first thing he was sure to admire was the proportions of our gallant tar, and the chief would feel him and smack his own lips and turn up his own eyes at the prospect of so much fatness—going to waste, as one may say. These attentions our skipper very much disliked.

Well, one day both boats were absent trading, and it fell suddenly calm. "The old man" (the forecaste name for a skipper) and self were the only whites on board. The strong currents caught the vessel and carried her on to the rocks, and we could get no bottom a hundred yards from the shore. The underflow from the waves kept her from striking. The natives gathered on the cliffs, as ravens to a carcass, waiting for the catastrophe. I took off all my clothes, and we waited and waited for some two hours, the natives recognizing the captain and telling him plainly they would eat him at last.

The strain on our nerves may be imagined. At last the captain's gave way. "Goodby, G—, old fellow," he said. "Those beasts will have me in the ovens at once. You may escape—you are thin. If you see my old girl again, tell her I was thinking of her at the last." This was said with a gulp and a quiver in the voice. But just then the two boats came round the point, having at last heard our stern guns, and we were saved.—"Among the Man Eaters," by John Gaggin.

Found.

"Put this in your 'lost and found' column," he said, handing a slip of paper to the clerk. The latter read: "A purse containing a considerable sum of money and valuable papers. Finder will keep money and return papers."

"Don't you think," suggested the clerk, "that it would be well to say, 'No questions asked?'"

"No," replied the other. "But you might say, 'No questions answered.' I'm the finder."—Philadelphia Press.

Vitality.

Because one's parents and grandparents lived to be nearly 100 does not make it certain that their descendants will do likewise, for the inheritance of vitality may all be dissipated in 20 years of high living. A small stock of vital force well taken care of may last twice as long.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The freight depot of the Seaboard Air Line road at Henderson was destroyed by fire Thursday.

The Asheville military company tenders its services to fight the Chinese if there is a call for volunteers.

Greensboro Telegram: Growing crops in Stokes county have been considerably damaged by hailstorms.

In Caswell county nearly all the Populists have returned to the old Democratic fold, and beat the Democrats in enthusiasm for the amendment.

Chatham Record: On last Monday night lightning struck the barn of Mr. John A. Thompson, in Baldwin township, and killed his son, Robert, twenty-one years old, besides killing a cow and mule and destroying his entire barn.

Charlotte News: Mr. Clarence Keuter, who got in last night from a trip down the Air Line, was telling this morning of a safe blowing and postoffice robbery which occurred Sunday night at Grover. The postoffice is in the store of Mr. C. F. Hambricht. A Mr. Hambricht, but not the owner of the store, is postmaster. The postoffice money and stamps were kept in the safe in Mr. C. F. Hambricht's store. The store was opened and the safe blown open about 2 a. m. The robbers cleaned out the safe, getting about \$200, \$80 of which was in stamps. The safe was blown literally to pieces. There is no clue to the robbers.

News and Observer: Tom Jones, the negro who is condemned to hang here on August 31, for killing his paramour and her daughter and then burning the house with the dead bodies and four live children in it, seems never to have realized his condition. He sits in his cell, silent but in apparently pleasant humor. He seldom speaks unless spoken to, and then usually he smiles in an idiotic sort of way. He has thus won the sympathy and pity of all the prisoners, as well as the jailor and other officials who occasionally visit him. He is evidently half witted, if not an absolute idiot. His execution will be in the jail yard and will be witnessed by only a few persons to whom tickets will be issued.

Don't Tell The Colored Brother. Wilmington Star.

It would be amusing if it was not disgusting to see the way the Populist machine in Raleigh is giving the colored ally the cold shoulder while it is using him all it can to secure votes for Marion Butler's candidates for the legislature.

The following is a copy of a circular received at Fayetteville a few days ago, which we find in The Observer, for which, however, it was evidently not intended:

Hon. Cyrus Thompson will speak at Fayetteville, in your county, on July 28th. The various township chairmen and precinct committeemen are being notified of this fact today, and we bespeak your best efforts to secure for the speaker a good audience. He has something to say that will interest every one who hears it. Give your neighbor a cordial invitation to go out.

I would suggest that no effort be made to secure the attendance of the colored voters.

Posters announcing the speaking are sent you by this mail.

Yours respectfully,

HAL W. AYER, Vice Chairman,
R. H. DAVIS, Secretary.

Why are these miserable tricksters so anxious to keep the negroes away from their meetings? Do the negroes embarrass them by their presence, by making their meetings look more like negro than white men's meetings and thus making respectable Populists feel out of place? Cyrus Thompson and the rest of them are making speeches for the negro, appealing to the negroes and to white voters against the effort to establish and perpetuate white supremacy in North Carolina, and yet they try to keep the negro away from their meetings, to fool the white Populists who object to fraternizing with the negro.

All the time these sneaks are doing this Marion Butler has been fusing with the negroes, and urging his followers to fuse with them, to secure the election of men to the legislature who will vote to return him to the senate and give him another \$30,000 pull. Can people with an ordinary amount of common sense be fooled by such cheap, transparent trickery? Not much.

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 allays 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.



"DIS AM A QUER ROAD, SURE 'NUFF."
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.