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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Fitzsimmons has challenged Jeffries to fight August 31st and posted \$2,500 as a forfeit.

Lightning splintered the Lutheran church steeple at St. Joseph, Mich., and destroyed ten barns.

Former Secretary of State Caleb Powers, convicted of complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel, was placed in the Louisville jail Friday.

A trolley car at Rochester, N. Y., Saturday morning, plunged down a 50 foot embankment. The car was crowded and twelve persons were injured.

The population of St. Louis, according to the count of the twelfth census, just completed, is 575,288. In 1890 the population of St. Louis was 451,770.

At the Coney Island club, New York, Friday night, Fitzsimmons knocked Sharkey out in two rounds. Sharkey was beaten into insensibility. About \$100,000 changed hands on the result.

An ante-bellum negro association, to comprise all the southern states, will be organized in Macon September 25th. The object is to discountenance the crimes of young negroes which lead to lynchings and to establish better race relations. Booker Washington will attend the convention.

At Pretoria Lieut. Cordua, the Transvaal army officer who was tried upon the charge of being implicated in the plot to kill the British officers and abduct Lord Roberts, and who was convicted by a court presided over by Judge Godfrey, was shot in accordance with the sentence Friday afternoon.

Louis Peck, the colored man who last Monday evening assaulted 4-year-old Christina Maas, at Akron, whose crime is responsible for the fearful rioting that occurred at Akron Wednesday night and Thursday morning, was Friday afternoon taken from the jail at Cleveland, where he had been received for safety, rushed to Akron, taken to the courthouse and within five minutes after his arrival at Akron was convicted of the crime and sentenced to the penitentiary for life at hard labor.

Two weeks ago George Murray, while working in a field near Lancaster, Pa., was bitten on the leg by a copperhead snake. His cries for help brought to his side his brother Jacob. He saw at a glance that his brother would die unless the poison was gotten from his system and he saved his life by sucking the venom from the wound. George has entirely recovered, but the brother who saved his life is in a critical condition, the snake poison having permeated his system. There is no hope for his recovery.

Complaint comes from south Georgia of scarcity of cotton pickers. Cotton is opening rapidly and few negroes can be found to pick it, even at 50 cents per 100 pounds. The cotton crop will be much shorter than reported unless labor can be found to pick it. As it is, the crop in south Georgia has been damaged materially recently. The rust has spread over the big cotton fields and is causing many of the bolls to drop off. The negroes have left the farms and gone to work for the railroads, lumber camps and turpentine farms.

A special reached San Francisco Friday that a terrific storm raged at Nome, August 7th. There was a heavy loss of life. The water front is lined with wreckage and stranded vessels of all descriptions. Out of 68 steam launches, it is reported only five remained afloat and of 72 barges all but 7 drifted ashore. Twenty dead bodies were washed ashore and taken to the morgue for identification. Five dead bodies were washed ashore at Topukuk, three miles north of Nome, the mouth of Nome river and eight in front of Nome camp; three, 12 miles below Bluff City and two below Topukuk.

Beet Sugar Industry.
There is no occasion for discouragement over the beet sugar proposition because the power factory in New York state has failed. Investigation made by American Agriculturist shows that at least two conditions served to prevent success with this factory. The plant was too small in capacity for profitable operation, and the farmers were somewhat averse in taking up the work of furnishing an adequate supply of beets. Meanwhile advices come to us from all directions of continued interest in this new money crop.

One of the Other.
"Doctor, what is my daughter?"
"Before I answer that question let me ask if you have reason to think she has had a love disappointment of any kind?"
"I know she has not."
"Then, madam, your daughter has the grip."—Chicago Tribune.

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HOW A GOVERNMENT CLERK SECURED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

After Getting the "Royal Word" From the Secretary of His Department He Had Fun With the Division Chief, Who Had Turned Him Down.

"The question of sick and annual leave," said a clerk in an up town department to a reporter, "is one of the utmost importance to government clerks and is one of their most precious privileges. I will tell you of an occurrence in my department which will interest fellow clerks especially."

"A clerk in my division put in an application for a few days' leave in the usual form in writing, to be O. K.'d by the chief of division and sent on its way to the chief clerk of the department. Not hearing from it and the time approaching for his departure he went to his chief and said:

"Mr. —, how about my application?"

"Here it is on my desk. I have not sent it up. It is too early in the year to apply for that length of time, important business or not. You cannot be spared."

"My friend, who is a little fellow and a diplomat, grasped the situation at once. It happened that he had a personal acquaintance with the secretary, one of those rare instances where a cabinet officer has a personal acquaintance with one of his own clerks. They had met outside of the department, for the little fellow is a member of an influential family in the secretary's own district.

"He bowed and withdrew, but instead of going back to his desk he made a short cut up the corridors toward the secretary's room. Just as he was approaching the latter's private office entrance the secretary, in company with a couple of gentlemen, came out. Observing the clerk and his anxious, inquiring face, he paused, shook him cordially by the hand and exclaimed to his companions:

"Senator, here is a bright little fellow from my state who is the father of the biggest, cherubic faced baby you ever saw and the husband of the happiest of wife mothers. Look at him blush. Well, what's the matter now?"

"Why, I want to go away on business for a fortnight, and—"

"Well, you little rascal, why don't you go? I'll let you—only be sure to come back and don't get lost on the cars."

"The secretary's hearty laugh, in which the others joined, echoed in the marble tessellated corridors, and they passed on. The 'royal word' had been given.

"That evening at quarter to 4—he left it until last minute purposely—he went to his chief. It was his turn to rub it in.

"Mr. —," he said quietly, 'have you sent up my leave?'"

"I have not," replied the chief shortly. "I disposed of that question this morning."

"I thought that the secretary granted leave in this department. I was not aware that chiefs of division possessed that authority." It was war now. Both looked each other unflinchingly in the eye. Then the chief began to smell a little official mouse and resorted to browbeating, as is not unusual under similar circumstances.

"You are impertinent!"

"I beg your pardon," quickly interrupted the clerk, 'for a chief to say to a clerk that he is impertinent imputes a charge against him. I request that you withdraw that remark. It is no impertinence for a clerk to state a rule of the department to his chief, more especially when he appears to have forgotten it or is unaware of its existence. The secretary, and he alone, finally grants or disapproves applications for leave in all departments of the government. I have never before heard this authority questioned—"

"I don't question it," hastily interjected the chief, to whose nose the official mouse smell was each moment becoming more acute.

"By not submitting my application to those whose province it is to decide such questions you certainly do question it and exceed your authority. Approved or disapproved by you, they and not you pass on it finally, and furthermore, you know it."

LIBERTY BETRAYED.

Bryan Talks to Republicans. "What Shall it Profit us," He Asks, "If We Gain the Whole World and Lose the Spirit Which Prizes Liberty as an Heritage To All Men, in All Lands, Everywhere?"

Manhattan, Kansas, August 24.—W. J. Bryan began the day with a speech here at 10:30 a. m. The community is regarded as strongly Republican, but there was a large audience. Mr. Bryan said he preferred speaking to Republicans on the principle that it is always right to save "brands from the burning." He believed most Republicans would leave their party when convinced that they could serve their country better than by remaining in it. In the first place, he said, the Republican party had been a silver party, now it had become a gold standard party. It had supported the greenbacks, now it proposes to substitute a bank currency for the greenbacks. It had, heretofore, denounced trusts, now its leaders were found generally defending the trusts. Speaking of trusts, he asked what the individual Republicans, especially the Republican farmers, were getting out of the trusts. "We do not object to the honest accumulation of wealth," he said, "I want a government that gives every poor man the hope of being rich some day, a government that gives the rich man assurance that his children will be protected if they ever become poor. What I object to is a government that protects a few men in their robbery of the masses and then denounces everybody as an anarchist that does not like to be robbed. I want you Republicans to see what change has been made in the Republican party. You Republicans recognize that there has been a transformation in the purpose."

"If you cannot see the change that has taken place in your party's position on the economic questions, I am going to ask if you can see the change that has taken place in your party's position on these new questions that have come up since the Spanish war." (Applause.)

He declared that a policy of imperialism is impossible without a large army. "When the government comes from the people," he said, "the people will come from their homes to support it, but when you build on brute force you have got to have an army to prevent the people making faces at you."

"If we are to resort to imperialism in the Philippines in order to get the trade from those islands it is not reasonable to suppose that the same policy will be brought into requisition to get the trade of other countries?"

Then the speaker said:

"When an American boy dies for liberty his mother thanks God that he gave her strength to bear and rear a son for such noble sacrifices, but what American mothers want to raise boys at so much per head? That is what imperialism means. I believe in the expansion of trade, I want this country to extend her trade, but I would not put one American citizen on the auction block and sell him for all the trade of the Orient, if I had to buy it by his blood." (Great applause.)

Mr. Bryan asserted that the Republicans are evading the question of expansion and said that after having asserted over and over again that the silver question was dead, they resurrected it far beyond the predictions of Democrats. Important as was that issue it could not be used to prevent adequate discussion of issues of more pressing questions.

In closing Mr. Bryan said:

"The splendors of an empire have lured governments on to destruction in the past. We do not want the splendors of an empire. We want a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. That is glory enough for us. (Applause.) And when Republicans tell you what we are going to do and how we are going to reach out and go into lands for their exploitation, you remember that passage from the scripture and you can paraphrase it by an answer they cannot meet: 'What shall it profit us if we gain the whole world and lose the spirit which prizes liberty as an heritage to all men, in all lands, everywhere?'"

The canvass of returns of the vote on the August election shows that it was 27,000 less than in 1898, the falling off being in the negro vote. The white vote was very full.

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. 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 across the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.

Teachers' Institute Opened.

Prof. J. I. Foust, superintendent of the Goldsboro graded schools, came this morning to conduct the county teachers' institute. He opened it at the court house this morning. The institute will be held every day this week at the hours of 9 to 12 a. m., and 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.

About 30 teachers from the different districts in the county were present at the opening exercises. There is a great preponderance of the ladies to the men as teachers—the ratio being about 16 to 1 in attendance.

All interested in education should try to attend these meetings as much as possible. Prof. Foust seems to be a fine teacher and a very pleasant man. His lesson, exhibited on the blackboard this morning on the subject of "Arithmetic," was very instructive.

A larger number of teachers is expected to be present tomorrow.

NEWS FROM CHINA.

Russia Forbids Communication of Any Kind With the Chinese.
Rumor That Russia, Japan and Germany Declare War and Invite England and United States Out. France Jealous of German and Russian Friendship.

Washington, Aug. 25.—It is reported that there is a disagreement between the commander of the Russian forces in Peking and the other internationalists, and that the Russian commander has forbidden communication with the Chinese on the ground that Russia was technically as well as practically at war with China.

A Shanghai dispatch repeats the report that the Japanese troops pursued the dowager empress and the court and overtook them 80 miles southwest of Peking. The emperor, it is added, threw himself on the protection of his captors. The prisoners have not yet reached Peking.

In the engagement at Tien Tsin 1,000 American, British and Japanese routed 8,000 Chinese and killed 300 of them.

Declares War on China.

The Foo, Aug. 24.—It is rumored on good authority that Russia, Germany and Japan have declared war on China and invite England and the United States to retire.

A dispatch from Berlin says Germany's attitude towards the Chinese question has not been changed by recent events.

Dispatches from Paris say France has become jealous of Russia's leaning toward Germany in the Chinese matter, and thinks Russia is sacrificing her friendship in order to make closer friendship with Germany. Also, that France is in accord with the position taken by the United States.

The powerful Chinese viceroys are disposed to accept the new condition of affairs and assist to maintain peace. A telegram has been received from two of the most powerful central viceroys, stating that they intend to give their best efforts to maintain quiet throughout the central portions of China.

It is now known that four of the Yamen ministers and one court officer were beheaded during the siege because of foreign sympathy. The Chinese court is now stationed at Preotiyoru.

Rioting in southern China continues with burnings and other atrocities. A mob of Boxers has destroyed the Christian mission at Yatook on the Canton river and many native Christians were tortured to death.

It was Prince Tuan and not Prince Tuan who was captured by the Japanese.

His Touching Appeal.

"Can't I teach you to love me, Miss Genevieve?" pleadingly asked the young man.

"I fear not, Mr. Spoonamore," she answered.

"Then won't you please teach me how to teach you to love me?" he insisted eagerly.

This appealed to the essentially masculine or pedagogic element more or less latent in every woman, and she promised to take it under consideration.—Chicago Tribune.

Not Enough Pin Money to Go Round.

Ostend.—Pa. I want a dollar to buy a set of toupins.

Pa.—Well, you just don't get it! It's all I can do to keep your mother in pin money.—Chicago News.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of Green's Tasterless Cat. Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No cure—no pay. Price, 25c.

With the approach of the fall season when business in all branches is to take on new life our merchants and other business men should not overlook the importance of advertising. In the struggle for the dollar, which is becoming harder and harder each year, the importance of advertising as an aid to getting your share should not be ignored. Successful men in all branches of business who have tested every known mode of advertising almost unanimously agree that the local paper is by far the best.

You will never find any other pills so prompt and so pleasant as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Joe Bellamy, a colored steamboat hand, was drowned at Wilmington Friday.

Gov. Russell has commissioned W. B. Council judge of the superior court of the 10th district.

Gen. Julian S. Carr in a signed article has announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship.

Halifax has become the banner county, having given a Democratic majority of 5,740 at the recent election.

The Elizabeth City cotton mill, operating 8,600 spindles, is installing \$40,000 worth of additional machinery.

Dr. Cy Thomson is quoted as having decided not to vote for anybody for president or vice-president this year.

The Nashville Graphic says there is talk of building a railroad to Castalia by Capt. T. S. Emrey's lumber company.

One concern at Southern Pines has shipped over 3,000 crates of peaches this season. They also ship as much as two car loads of grapes per day.

Chief of Police W. M. Bright, of North Wilkesboro, while arresting a man Friday afternoon, was stricken with heart disease and expired in a few moments.

Robt. Ray Hunter, aged 8 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hunter, was drowned in a pond near Graham Friday afternoon. The lad was fishing and accidentally fell in the water.

The State election board prescribes the size of the ballots for use at the November election as follows: For congressman, 3 by 1 1/4 inches; for electors, 3 by 7/8 inches. White paper will be used. No device is allowable.

J. L. York, said to be a native of Randolph county, was arrested at Fayetteville Friday morning on the charge of using the U. S. mails for obtaining goods by fraud. He had been in Fayetteville several months, representing himself as conducting the "National Mfg. Co."

The new tents for the State Guard, drawn from the war department, are drab-colored, a much better color than white. The new clothing issued is of excellent quality. The next legislature will be urged to build an arsenal. The matter will be pressed to a successful conclusion this time.

On account of the Hendersonville hotels not being able to give accommodations, the meeting of the State press convention was postponed from the original date set, and will be held at Asheville on Wednesday and Thursday, August 29th and 30th. The Niagara excursion will leave Wednesday, Sept. 20th.

Bad Conditions of the Crops.

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Today the State crop report was issued by the agricultural department. It is one of the most interesting and important ever issued and shows a very bad state of affairs. It says: "The crop prospects are not encouraging. Little or no improvement can be expected. In early June all the crops were smiling. July showed a decrease, which was greatly augmented in August in many sections. The summer has been a phenomenal one; excessive rains in some places, followed by drought, in other sections unbroken drought for two months, and in some small areas favorable seasons. It is under these unusual conditions very difficult to make a satisfactory estimate of the condition of crops. Cotton is estimated at 78 as to condition, the United States estimate being 80. Corn is 75, government estimate 82. But the government report was on returns to August 1, while ours is on much later returns and during the interval there was a steady decline. All the crops are far from promising. It is surprising to note the difference in the returns from different counties. Some show average crops, others a decrease to three-quarters or even one-half an average crop. Lots of private reports show an even worse condition in a few parched counties. As to tobacco, the government issued no report for June. In July the figures of both the government's report and ours was 90. For August the government's figures are 80, while ours are 81, and this, taken in connection with the decrease in acreage means that this great crop is in yield and quality only 70 per cent. of last year's. But since most of the counties sent in their returns conferences held by letter and in person with leading growers in the sections most affected by the drought show that 65 per cent. more nearly represents a true comparison. This includes early damages to plants, decreased acreage and decline in quality. As stated, cotton is 70 per cent., and this shows a decline of 14 per cent. from the August report. As to the other crops the percentages of condition are as follows: Field peas 82, sweet potatoes 82, sorghum 80, cabbage 70, apples 74, grapes 89."

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