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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Sweden is negotiating a \$10,000,000 loan in this country.

There are now in Glasgow eleven cases of bubonic plague and five suspects.

A Union Pacific passenger train was held up by bandits west of Rawlins, Wyo., Wednesday night.

In the second primary in South Carolina, Gov. McSweeney leads the race for governor by about 3,000 over Hoyt, prohibition candidate.

According to the London Daily Mail an order was placed at New Castle Thursday for 70,000 tons of American coal for the Mediterranean.

James J. Corbett has challenged Jeffries to fight just as soon as a match can be arranged and a battle ground found. They will fight out west.

The constituents of Congressman Boutelle, of Maine, have renominated him, although he is in a lunatic asylum, with little hope of ever recovering fully his mental equilibrium.

William Black, colored, was hanged in the jail yard at Belair, Md., Friday for rape. Black would have been lynched, had he been caught by the country people when he committed the crime.

Former Senator Gorman, on his way to Maryland from his vacation, had a short conference with Messrs. Croker and Murphy. He said he expected to take part in the campaign later on.

The British prisoners at Mooit Gedacht (on the railroad east of Machadodorp) have been released by the Boers and are marching to join Lord Roberts' forces at Watervalboven, near Machadodorp. President Kruger and his chief officials are at Nelspruit, about 60 miles from the Portuguese border and on the railroad between Pretoria and Delagoa Bay.

Thoreau's Mother's Ghost.

"Besides Thoreau and his mother, the house (at Concord) has had for its occupants A. Bronson Alcott and family, including his distinguished daughter, Louisa M., the author," writes Samuel S. Kingdon in The Ladies' Home Journal. "To them sometimes came the ghost of Mme. Thoreau. Those who know Mme. Thoreau and her habits confirm the description given by a servant, who left the house because of the visitation, in every detail; her tall, gaunt figure, her big, white cap, her stealthy step, her quiet comings, her noiseless goings.

"When seen, she invariably stood in the doorway, her great cap well adjusted, her neat handkerchief, half unfolded, tucked securely into the waistband of her full dress skirt—pausing a moment on the threshold, looking anxiously about, then stooping and running her finger along the edge of the mopboard, to see if perchance a speck of dust had found lodgment there. Proceeding to the workroom, she glanced in, then glided to the fireplace, stooping over it and motioning with her hands as if in the act of covering the coals with ashes.

"In life, it should be said, the two prominent characteristics of Mme. Thoreau were an abhorrence of dust and a dread of fire. Satisfied on these points, the spirit would disappear. Unlike other ghosts, this one always appeared in the daytime."

His Simple System.

"How were you able," said the poor man, "to acquire such an immense fortune?"

"By a very simple method," replied the wealthy citizen. "When I was poor, I made out I was rich, and when I got rich I made out I was poor."—Columbus (O.) State Journal

Perhaps you have noticed that the man with five grown up daughters never brings home a fashion magazine of his own volition.—Somerville Journal.

Ayer's Pills

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FREEDOM FOR ALL MANKIND.



"The real destiny of the nation is to establish the principle of liberty for the whole world."—Bryan.

The Dogskin Wouldn't Go Round.

Hungary swarms with barristers. It is the greatest ambition of the Hungarian peasant to make one of his sons an advocate.

The son of a small farmer in the neighborhood of Budapest was sent by his father to the law school of that town, but, either from lack of parts or the necessary application, he was plucked in the qualifying examination.

Not daring to return to the paternal abode empty handed after all the money that had been spent on his education, he conceived and executed the plan of forging a legal diploma. The father was not, however, so ignorant as not to be aware that such diplomas are always written on parchment—kutya-ber (dogskin)—in Hungary.

"Why is your certificate not made out on kutya-ber?" asked the old man.

"The fact is, father," coolly replied the youth, "there are more barristers than dogs in Hungary, and so there is not enough kutya-ber to make diplomas for us all."—London Answers.

The Brevity of Ballarat.

It was in Ballarat that Mark Twain found the local language so puzzling at first, the good people of the place deeming life too short to dawdle in their talk.

The mayor called on the American humorist and laconically said, "K'm." Then when Mark Twain gave him a cigar he simply said, "Q."

Subsequent inquiry revealed that these terms were Ballaratese for "welcome" and "thank you."—London Chronicle.

No Shattered Ideals.

"So she has gone home to her mother, has she? Don't you know, it's the saddest thing on earth to think of a trusting, fond woman awakening to find her ideals have been shattered, that she loves him no longer, that her idol has feet of clay?"

"Oh, there was nothing of that sort in it. She loves him as well as ever, but she went back to ma because she was hungry."—Indianapolis Press.

Vigilance.

Stubb—Is that new prison guard vigilant?

Peen—I should say so. Why, some one told him the zee was escap'ed, and he grabbed his gun.—Chicago News.

PROSPECTS IN DELAWARE.

Democrats Will Win if They Keep Up the Present Pace.

Washington, August 30.—Col. Louis Schade, the well known German American editor, who has just returned from a business trip through Delaware, today said:

"The chances for Democratic success in Delaware were never brighter than they are today. I do not see how we can possibly lose if we keep up the work we are doing now. No man can give the Republican slogan, 'full dinner pails and prosperity' in Delaware this year.

"Nearly every factory in New Castle and Wilmington is at a standstill. The twelve great morocco leather factories which normally employ 5,800 men have been closed down by direction of the leather trust.

"The Diamond State iron foundries and the iron and steel rolling mills are closed on account of strikes. The Jackson sash factory and the weavers are idle, and, in fact, I may truly say that Delaware never before had so many unemployed workmen."

Democratic Prospects Brightening.

New York, Aug. 30.—Ex-Gov. William J. Stone, of Missouri, vice chairman of the Democratic committee, reached this city this evening.

He said: "I have come here to confer with the members of the sub-committee of the national Democratic committee and will open headquarters as soon as we can get the suitable rooms."

"Do you expect to be able to carry New York?" he was asked.

"We hope we will," he replied.

When asked if the national committee would take up state affairs, he said: "We shall use our efforts to carry this state for William J. Bryan. We will not worry about local affairs. We will not interfere."

As to the prospects Gov. Stone said: "The prospects for Democratic success are growing. I have every reason to be gratified and we shall work hard until the end of the campaign."

Tom Jones Hung.

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—Tom Jones, the negro preacher who murdered Ella Jones and five children, colored, was hanged in the jail yard here at 10:20 this morning. Only 50 persons were admitted as witnesses of the execution.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Sciatica, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. A 25c bottle for 15c. J. E. Hood

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SNOW HILL ITEMS.

August 31, 1900.

Hon. C. B. Aycock is here this week.

Miss Bessie Sutton, of Kinston, is visiting Miss Stella Grimsley.

Miss May Faircloth, of Greenville, is visiting Miss Pearl Herring.

There was a very pleasant sociable at Miss Irene Sylvant's last Friday night.

Mr. C. F. Koonce, of Kinston, spent several days with friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant and Mrs. Lou Pridgen left today to spend sometime in Asheville.

The Snow Hill Academy will open about Sept. 3d. Prof. F. L. Carr will again be in charge.

Several farmers in the Willow Green section have in the last few days lost several barns of tobacco by fire.

The cotton crop in Greene will be cut off one-third; the corn crop about half. The tobacco crop is generally good.

The Snow Hill Land Improvement Co.'s new brick building is nearing completion and will present a handsome appearance.

There will be a lawn party at Sunnyside, near Dixonville, on Sept. 7th, for benefit of the Baptist church at Dixonville. Refreshments will be served.

The railroad is surely coming. About 150 men are employed so far, and they have all the tools necessary for the construction of a road. Contracts for every mile of the road have been made.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Isaac Harris, colored, was tried at this term of court for attempted rape. He was found guilty. This makes his second attempt, so he will probably get the full limit of the law.

Jesse Anderson is being tried at this term for the murder of John Faulkner on February 16th, last. Messrs. C. L. Abernethy and Y. T. Ormond are assisting the solicitor in the prosecution, and Hon. C. B. Aycock, Messrs. L. V. Morrill and W. T. Dortch appear for the defendant. The case is attracting widespread attention.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 95

Too Much Burns.

Charles Mackay once told this story in connection with a Burns memorial: Mackay had promised to collect shillings for some monument to the honor of Burns, and he applied with confidence for a subscription to an Englishman who had represented in parliament for many years a certain Scottish borough.

"No," said Mr. Fortescue Harrison. "I am no longer in parliament, and I have now much pleasure in refusing to subscribe the shilling which in former days I should have been obliged to give. What I have suffered through Burns heaven alone can tell! First, I had to praise him in the most fulsome manner, without having read his works. Then I had to learn to recite portions of his poems by heart, and in doing so to give the verses as much as possible with a Scotch accent. I have had to walk without my hat and with the rain pouring down upon my unprotected head as leader of a procession in honor of Burns, and under these circumstances I refuse with genuine delight to give a shilling or any smaller sum to the object you have in view."

The Laziest Man.

The laziest man in North America discovered himself the other evening in the swell bachelor apartments not far from Lafayette square where he lives. He was lying on a couch in his lounging room, smoking a cigar, when the cigar went out—that is to say, the fire at the end of the cigar departed. The man raised himself on one arm with great effort, and snapped the messenger bell that was installed over the couch. Then he reclined and waited. After about ten minutes there was a knock at the door, and a messenger boy entered.

"D'you ring, sir?" asked the boy.

"Yes, son," said the laziest man in the western hemisphere. "Just gimme a match off that table there, will you?"

The boy handed the man on the couch a match and waited. The man relighted his cigar and smoked on.

"D'you want me to go somewhere, sir?" asked the boy, fidgeting.

"No, that's all," said the man. "Take that half dollar on the table."

Then the boy went out, grinning.

That man ought to be on some government "commission" to investigate something somewhere.—Washington Star

Cuts and Bruises Quickly Healed.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm applied to a cut, bruise, scald or like injury will instantly allay the pain and will heal the parts in less time than any other treatment. Unless the injury is very severe it will not leave a scar. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains, swellings and lameness. For sale by J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Emory and Pearce are going to start a peanut factory at Weldon.

A man by the name of John Lale was killed on the Southern railroad near Hildebras, Burke county, on Saturday.

Judge McNeill, of Lumberton, tells the Wilmington Dispatch that the cotton crop in Robeson is cut off from one-half to two-thirds, and the corn crop fully one-half.

A twelve-year-old negro boy accidentally shot and killed himself at Wilmington Wednesday. He was playing with a broken pistol which was, of course, unloaded! He was looking down the barrel when it went off.

The Democrats of Person county did the graceful act of presenting a handsome gold-headed cane to Mr. Paul Kitchin, chairman of the Democratic committee of that county, in recognition of his services during the late campaign.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: Last Thursday just before sundown, a homicide occurred at Ed. Anderson's distillery on Hunting Creek. Jim Marlow was struck with a stick of wood on the side of the neck and shoulder by Jim Lewis, from which death followed in a few hours.

Congressman Bellamy announces that he will stump the Sixth congressional district vigorously. He will begin September 10th and visit all sections of the district, and do all in his power to remove dangers which might result from apathy or over-confidence.

Tilden Harrison, a farm hand of W. H. Johnston, of Davidson, has run away with the 14-year-old daughter of his employer, and the father is now searching the country for the runaways. Harrison is only 20 years of age, and no one had any idea that he and the girl ever met each other except casually.

Winston Sentinel: Captain Z. B. Vance, in charge of the recruiting stations, at Charlotte and Greensboro, has received orders from the war department to enlist all the able-bodied colored men he can get for army service in the Philippines. They are wanted for the Twenty-fifth infantry and other commands.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: It is said by business men here that the short crops will considerably reduce trade this fall. They estimate that the falling off in crops will be certainly 25 per cent. It seems that the corn crop is injured in the west, too, particularly in Kansas, and prices are apt to be higher. Far too many North Carolinians are corn buyers instead of producers.

Contracts were awarded Thursday by the war department for furnishing and transporting stone to build the \$148,000 sea wall around Fort Caswell to protect it against encroachment by the ocean. W. R. Bonsal & Co., of Hamlet, were the successful bidders. They will deliver seven thousand tons of large stone, and six thousand of broken stone. W. A. Sanders, of Wilmington, gets the contract for transporting the stone to Fort Caswell.

The agricultural department's bulletin for August is out. It is an industrial number. It contains a register of cattle, swine, sheep and poultry, with names and postoffices of owners. It also contains a list of 264 cotton mills, 16 woolen mills and 3 silk mills—a grand showing for North Carolina. Gaston leads in cotton mills, with 24. Alamance following with 20, while Cabarrus has 12, Cleveland 14, Cumberland 11, Guilford 12, Lincoln 12, Mecklenburg 16, Randolph 14, Richmond 14. All the 264 mills are in operation. There are cotton mills in no less than 47 of the 97 counties. A list of miscellaneous industries is given.

Slaughtered 2,000 Boxers.

Taku, August 31.—An intercepted letter from the Viceroy of Peking Fu, who commanded at Tien Tsin during the fighting there, says that the Boxers are fighting the Imperial troops. They are besieging that town. The Viceroy reports that the Taotai of the City of Tsangchow on the Grand Canal invited two thousand Boxers to a feast, and while the Boxers were eating and their weapons were stacked the Imperial soldiers by his orders fell upon them and slaughtered all.

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