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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The privations of the American troops on the march to Peking were terrible.

The government's receipts for August were \$811,443 less than the expenditures.

The preliminary poll of Indiana by the Democrats indicate 30,000 majority for Bryan.

By his victory over McCoy, Corbett made \$31,000, being his part of the receipts.

Jeffries says he is willing to fight Corbett or Fitzsimmons after time for training.

The next contracts for carrying mails on star routes will prohibit speculations in this matter.

At Cardiff, Wales, 50,000 striking colliers have returned to work, the company having acceded to their demands.

On Sept. 1st 44 cotton mills at Fall River, Mass., shut down till Sept. 10th. These mills employ 17,500 hands.

Two of the big factories involved in the cigar makers' strike in New York have given in to the demands of the strikers.

Hester's annual cotton report places the crop for the year just ended at 9,436,416 bales, against 11,274,840 for the preceding year.

The Northwestern Life Assurance company, of Chicago, and the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association, of New York, have consolidated.

At Centre Hill, Fla., Luke Merritt and S. M. Dixon became involved in a quarrel over the division of crops. Each secured a gun and each shot and instantly killed the other.

Twelve leaders of the mob which destroyed the public buildings in Akron, O., during the riots which grew out of the late attempt at lynching, were arrested Friday night.

The plant and yards of the Otter Creek Lumber company at Hamilton, W. Va., were burned Saturday with 12,000,000 feet of lumber. Loss \$250,000, nearly covered by insurance.

The steam marine ways at Tampa, Fla., were completely destroyed by fire Friday, and also two small schooners and several nearby houses. The total loss was \$30,000, with \$2,000 insurance.

Gen. French has liberated 2,000 British prisoners in the Transvaal. They were the prisoners removed from Pretoria when the Boers left the capital. They were poorly clad and many in a half starved condition.

Mrs. Annie Day Hayes, a pretty young actress, committed suicide at Valdosta, Ga., because of the failure of the amateur play "Bibi" which she had arranged and presented for the benefit of the Grady hospital in Atlanta.

David Stinton, considered to be the wealthiest man in Cincinnati, died Friday, aged 93 years. His fortune is estimated at \$20,000,000. His only heir is the wife of ex-Congressman Charles P. Taft, proprietor of the Cincinnati Times-Star.

The state department has made public the proposal of Russia as to evacuation of Peking and the proposition based thereon of our government to the other powers of Europe. Our government by this move places itself in the favorable position of almost dictating the course to be pursued.

GROWLS OF DISCORD HEARD.

England and Germany Not Ready to Withdraw, It is Said.

London, September 2.—The continued absence of news from Peking, the latest dispatches from the Chinese capital being now ten days old, is arousing some anxiety; but as the country between Peking and the coast is known to be swarming with armed bands of Boxers, it is not surprising that couriers are not able to reach Tieu Tsin. Shanghai reports are to the effect that heavy French reinforcements are landing at Taku. Li Hung Chang, it is stated, has told a diplomatist that Russia, considering the mission to Peking accomplished, has agreed to request the powers to follow her example and withdraw their ministers and troops. The French consul, however, declares that such a request to France is entirely improbable.

A special dispatch from Berlin says it is reported that Germany has rejected the Russian proposal for the withdrawal of the troops and has made a counter proposal that Russia shall retire, leaving the other powers to follow their own course.

According to a news agency's reports there is not much doubt in London official circles as to the attitude of England. It is pointed out that the withdrawal from Peking at the present moment without a definite understanding with the Chinese government would be simply courting a recurrence of recent events. No undertaking by Li Hung Chang would compensate for the difficulties of further negotiations from the coast. Until the powers receive a direct assurance from the Chinese government England is not prepared to withdraw her troops.

NORTH CAROLINA'S WEALTH.

Her Natural Resources Rich Beyond Popular Knowledge.

It is expected that a closer acquaintance with the great Pan-American Exposition to be held at Buffalo next year will convince the people of North Carolina of the wisdom of being represented by a proper state exhibit. Where there is one reason for the state's representation at Paris there are a score of good reasons why it should have an exhibit at Buffalo. The great markets into which this state sends her products are the cities of the United States. The state is seeking, not settlers speaking a foreign tongue, but Americans from any state who are looking for grand opportunities for investment or for engaging actively in profitable lines of business. Many of our own people do not realize that they have one of the most productive states in the Union and one of the richest in natural resources.

Both in agricultural products and possibilities and in mineral wealth North Carolina is one of the most favored states of the Union. All agricultural interests have rapidly advanced since 1890. The corn crop of 1893 approximated 30,000,000 bushels and that of 1894, 33,000,000 bushels. Much attention has been given to truck farming, and as much as \$750,000 worth of produce has been shipped from a single town in one season. Peanuts are extensively grown by our citizens, North Carolina having been at one time almost the only source of supply for the United States. Since 1870 much attention has also been given to grape culture, both for the manufacture of wine and the supply of the northern market with grapes. The climate and soil are especially adapted to the culture of the vine, and vineyards are found in almost all sections. It will interest many to learn that no state has within its boundaries so many of the plants used in medicine, the Atlantic slope of the Blue Ridge furnishing 2,500 varieties. One firm annually ships over 2,000,000 pounds, the dried roots, herbs and barks going to all parts of the world.

In the cotton year ending Aug. 31, 1899, the area under cultivation for cotton was 1,311,708 acres and the production 629,620 gross bales. For the year 1890-1900 the area was 1,220,000 and the estimated yield 103 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

The timber lands of North Carolina are one of its most valuable possessions. The great variety of soils and the wide range of climate give rise to a rich and varied forest growth. In the southeastern counties under the influence of the gulf stream are found the magnollas, palmettos, live oaks and other semitropical trees, while on the higher mountains of the west are the spruces and firs. The state abounds in pines, and from this tree is derived one of its most valuable products—that of turpentine. Out of 22 oaks indigenous to the United States, North Carolina has 19. It has all the light pines, four of the five spruces, six of the eight hickories and all of the seven magnollas.

The mineral wealth of North Carolina is as boundless as its agricultural and forest resources, and the further development of this wealth offers great inducements to capitalists seeking investment. They have no need to go to South Africa or the golden sands of Cape Nome. There are both gold and silver to be mined in paying quantities in North Carolina. Work is being pushed in the Greer, Cappel Hill, Summerville and other mines in Mecklenburg county; in several mines in Cabarrus county, at the Gold Hill, Dute's Creek, and one or two other points in Rowan county; at the Belle mine in Moore county, Portes mine in Franklin county, Mann-Arrington mine in Nash county and at points in Stanly and Montgomery counties.

In silver the most notable activity is at the Silver Hill mines in Davison county and the Troutman, near the dividing line between Rowan and Cabarrus counties. There was a notable gain in gold mining in 1898, the output being 4,064 fine ounces, valued at \$84,000.

Copper and iron mines are being worked, and quarrying is carried on upon an extensive scale. In 1898 there were quarried granite valued at \$79,730 and sandstone and limestone valued at \$0,100, total \$80,674. The copper ores found include native free copper, cuprite, azurite, malachite, red oxide, copper glaze and the green and blue carbonates of copper. There are several promising iron mines in operation. A company has recently been formed in Macon county to mine systematically for the gem rhodolite, also for the ruby, sapphir and other corundum gems.

ALTGELD ORES FRAUD.

Republicans Prepared to Steal the Election. Have Boogie to Burn.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld wants the Democratic national committee to organize a vigilance committee to watch the count of ballots next November. He declares that the Republicans are depending on fraud and crime at the polls to carry the election, and for that purpose have raised \$25,000,000, from the trusts. Democratic managers say they will keep a better watch this year than they did in 1896.

Mr. Altgeld made, in part, the following statement:

"In 1892 Cleveland carried Kentucky by about 43,000 majority. In 1896 Mr. Bryan got about 43,000 more votes than had been cast for Cleveland; so he evidently carried the state by about 80,000 votes, yet it was counted for McKinley. This was accomplished by means of false returns and wholesale frauds committed in Louisville and in the mountain districts, which were Republican.

"Careful examination of the returns from Ohio in 1896 showed there were from 50,000 to 70,000 fraudulent votes counted. In Indiana there were between 30,000 and 40,000 more votes returned than were legally cast. In Illinois every method of fraud was practiced that was known to man.

"In Chicago a careful comparison of the vote returned in 1896 with the votes of prior years shows that in the neighborhood of 72,000 more votes were returned than were honestly cast at that election, and for the entire state upwards of 100,000 fraudulent votes were returned. I do not believe the Republicans can practice frauds this year on such a wholesale plan as they did in 1896.

"We feel that these crimes can be prevented. I believe that if our people will form vigilance committees in every precinct of this country, make a careful list of all the legal voters and then take a position inside the booths when the counting is in progress and see that there is no false count made and that the votes cast for the Democratic ticket are not counted for the Republican candidates and that there is an honest return, then we will sweep the country from one end to the other, and the Republicans will not be able to carry eight states in the Union."

The Diplomatic Line-Up.

Charlotte Observer.

The diplomatic difficulties in the settlement of the Chinese problem are multiplying. The world has been startled by the proposition of Russia to withdraw troops from China and by the immediate acceptance by the United States of that proposition. Japan will probably fall in with it. England is taking a day off to consider it, no doubt, trying to figure out what Russia's game is and quoting the Kipling couplet to herself:

Make ye no truce with Adamzad,
The bear that walks like a man,
While Germany is thrown into consternation, because she is hurrying a big army and a big generalissimo to China to avenge the murder of her minister, and the Russo-American proposition knocks her plans in the head. The indications are that Russia made the proposition through jealousy of the power and prestige accruing to Germany by reason of the acceptance by the powers of Field Marshal Von Waldersee as commander-in-chief of the allied forces in China. Emperor William immediately swelled up and talked out of his mouth in his usual impulsive, impetuous way and now he is paying the penalty of his rashness.

Russia may be willing to withdraw from Peking but nobody believes she has any idea of giving up Manchuria, which her armies have just conquered, having been attacked by the Chinese troops soon after the Boxer riots broke out. But the Russian proposition suits the United States very well. We do not want to keep troops in China and we could very easily fall in with the Czar's government's scheme. It has resulted in the yoking together for the moment of the two most powerful and compact nations on the face of the globe. And by the way what a wheel horse we are, anyhow. Further developments will be watched with world-wide interest.

Substitute For a Pocket.

Now that the ordinary pocket in one's frock is either hopelessly absent or uselessly placed one puts new bags to hang at one's side or carry in one's hand with a positive thrill of delight. The latest and daintiest idea is to have them made of suede dyed to match the color of the frock you have on and, with fine, long, gold chains attached, to be worn twice round one's wrist.

The building of the Fairbanks Scales company at New Orleans was destroyed by fire Friday night. Loss \$200,000. Keifer Bros.' factory adjoining suffered a loss of \$100,000, and the Morris building was damaged \$50,000. Loss fully covered by insurance.

Large sun spots, astronomers say, caused the extreme heat this summer, and doctors declare nearly all the prostrations were induced by disorders of the stomach. Good health follows good digestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. If you have indigestion or dyspepsia it will quickly relieve and permanently cure you. J. E. Hood.

WORKING FOR HIS STATE.

W. E. Porter Wishes to Have It Well Represented at Buffalo.

Each county in North Carolina should vie with the rest in making preparations for a display of their products at the Pan-American Exposition. The Exposition authorities will have prepared a very large bound book, which will be put in a prominent place for the purpose of giving every province, county or territory of each country or state the privilege of entering therein descriptions of geographical position and the adaptability of soil, climatic advantages, water, water power, timber, important rivers traversing territory, and manufactories. In fact, everything will be included in that book that would be of interest and general advantage for the county or province making application and taking advantage of this liberal offer. This book will be placed in a position so that visitors at the Exposition may examine its pages, thus bringing before them at a glance the advantages of the counties that are so fortunate as to secure space in this valuable book. We understand from the authorities that the cost will not be exorbitant for the insertion. It will be for the people to say whether they will take advantage of this liberal offer or not.

We can see at once the great good that might be accomplished, at small cost for our different sections of the state, in presenting the advantages and resources of North Carolina. We could truthfully say that our state possesses a variety of soils, productions and climatic advantages not possessed by many other countries.

We would first present to the reader the adaptability of our soils for the different crops and products. Reference could be made to the western portion of our state and its suitability for all kinds of grasses, grains, stock raising, etc.; the Piedmont section for tobacco, cotton and all the different cereals; and the eastern section for turpentine, rice, lumber, manufactories and fisheries. We would thus present to a very large clientele our various advantages and enterprises, thereby encouraging the most desirable class of immigration to our state. We could easily show that North Carolina would be as desirable a country to live in as any state in the Union, and it is as easy a place in which to procure a good living and a competency as any country on the globe. Shall we take advantage of this offer? I cannot think that our grand old state will take a single step backward, but it will try to keep pace with or in advance of our sister southern states. We notice that some of our southern states are putting forth every effort in this direction, and we should not for a moment think of permitting our state to lag. "Progression, onward and upward," should be our motto.

I have had the pleasure of being in the city of Buffalo for some time, and have been in close touch with the Pan-American officials. I find that they are exerting every effort within their power to make this Exposition a grand success. Every official is a man of the highest character and ability and of high social standing, and not one stone will be left unturned to make the Exposition what it purports to be—a great and grand Exposition. And as your representative here I have been doing all in my power to arouse an interest among the leading citizens of our state by correspondence in reference to this opportunity to display our products to such an advantage that it will prove to be a fine thing for our state. I have written letters and mailed maps, circulars and prospectuses into nearly every county in the state, and any one desiring any of the literature descriptive of the Pan-American Exposition can procure it by advising me at 22 Dart street, Buffalo, or by writing to the director general direct. I will be pleased to hear from any one in my state in reference to the matter.

W. E. PORTER,
Vice President for North Carolina, Pan-American Exposition.

This old world at best is only an avvil and life a sort of Pictonian blacksmith, that, with varying blows, strikes us into form. The blow that hurts us most may shape us best.

I never listen to calumnies, because if they are untrue I run the risk of being deceived, and if they are true, of hating people not worth thinking about.—Montesquieu.

The emergency bags sent by a church society to Kansas soldiers in the Philippines contained among the necessities a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the well known cure for piles, injuries and skin diseases. The ladies took care to obtain the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, knowing that all the counterfeits are worthless. J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Capt. C. W. Jeffreys has been elected superintendent of the Tarboro Knitting mills.

A Populist McKinley club has been organized in Swift Creek township, Wake county.

The Jonesboro Cotton Mill company is having new machinery put in the mills, which will increase its capacity.

The demand for the production of the Roxboro cotton mills is so great that the mills are now running from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Dr. T. M. Smith, of Polkton, was in the act of decapitating the head of a chicken, when he had the misfortune to cut off his thumb.

A resolution was adopted by the press association recommending that an independent paper mill be established by the newspaper men of the State.

Amicable relations have been resumed between the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia and they will fight on the field of football in Richmond this fall.

There was much wailing at Salisbury on the part of a negro who applied an hour too late to get license to marry his girl. A successful rival had already got the license and had doubtless "got the coon and gone on."

The Roanoke-Chowan Times says that cotton in that section is cut off fully one-half if not two-thirds, late corn is ruined and the hay crop is a failure, and in the opinion of many, the peanut crop will prove almost a failure.

Jim Lunsford killed Bud Lunsford in Madison county Thursday. The men were cousins and quarreled on account of an old feud. Jim Lunsford escaped. Tom Randall, who is alleged to be an accessory, was captured and jailed.

Tomlinson Manufacturing company, known as the Archdale Shoe Factory, in Randolph county, has closed indefinitely. It was established fifty years ago, and the Asheboro Courier says that it has been for years the principal support of the village.

The trial of ex-Congressman Fowler, George Butler, a brother of the senator, and 15 other Populists for criminal libel was begun before Justice of the Peace J. F. Woodward, at Warsaw, Saturday, and on a request by the defendants the case was postponed until Sept. 10th.

Tarboro Southerner: Within the last week or ten days W. H. McNair, on his farm a few miles from here, has lost fourteen head of grown cattle from tick fever. A majority of these died last Friday and Saturday, when he sent for Dr. Curtis, State veterinary surgeon, who came out and yesterday made an examination. He gives it as his opinion that the cows died of tick fever. Mr. McNair says that by looking closely under the hair of the animals innumerable ticks can be found. These he believes came from Martin county on cattle brought from that place by Perry Jenkins. Prior to the arrival of these Mr. McNair's cattle had none of these parasites on them. The Martin county cattle had them and have them, but they had become immune.

AN ADDRESS TO DEMOCRATS.

To Organize Bryan and Stevenson Campaign Clubs.

Raleigh, N. C., August 31.—Today an address to the North Carolina Democrats was issued, signed by State Chairman Simmons, National Chairman Daniels, Julian S. Carr, president of the State association of Democratic clubs, and E. C. Smith, vice president of the national association of Democratic clubs, calling a State convention of clubs at Raleigh September 26th.

The address says that on account of the recent election and shortness of time they deem it advisable to begin the organization of clubs before September 15th and recommend that clubs be formed in cities on the night of September 14th and in the country September 15. It is recommended that White Supremacy clubs now existing be organized for the present national campaign into Bryan and Stevenson clubs, and also that there be a county club composed of chairmen of precinct clubs.

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.

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