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## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The treasury department is notified that the Indians along the coast in Alaska are starving.

In West Virginia 1,200 men who voted against Bryan in 1896, have made affidavit to vote for Bryan this year.

The Tunis Lumber company of Norfolk has failed, and a receiver has been appointed. It is believed the company will pay all its debts in full.

The weather in India is now promising for the crops. Excellent rain has fallen in the famine tracts and the winter sowings are practically assured.

The steel bark American, laden with mahogany, is a total wreck on French Reef, Florida. The crew was saved, but the vessel will prove a total loss.

During the Austrian military manoeuvres, on the borders of Galicia and Bohemia, a big gun exploded, killing four men outright and fatally wounding eighteen others.

The Democrats and silver parties in Nevada have united on a state ticket. The silver party denounced Senator Stewart for declaring for McKinley and demanded his resignation.

The war department has issued orders to Gen. Chaffee to prepare to evacuate Chinese soil and a number of transports have been ordered to Taku; still the government has not positively decided to withdraw troops from China.

There was a big hurricane at New Orleans Friday. Owing to the warning of the weather bureau many vessels escaped destruction, but the damage done otherwise was great. The Metairie bridge was destroyed by a sea tornado. Telegraph and telephone wires were also blown down. Surgeon-in-chief Bosold at Fort St. Philip and Engineer Quim were drowned. The Grand Island and other gulf islands suffered greatly. Houses were unroofed and several vessels in the harbor were blown ashore. Probably many lives are lost.

**Wealthy, but Couldn't Write.**  
"Hotels entertain a good many people who can't write," said the clerk of a large hotel, "and the bad pen comedy is enacted quite frequently. Of course the clerk has to be very careful not to let the guest suspect that he is on to the dodge, for such folks are very sensitive about their educational infirmities."

"I once knew a man who paid \$1,200 a year solely to keep hotel clerks from knowing that he couldn't write his own name. He began life as a day laborer, drifted out west and made a fortune through leasing a supposed worthless mine in Montana. When he accumulated about \$150,000, he sold out and started in to travel and have a good time. He was naturally shrewd, but he had never had a particle of schooling, and dodging registers at new hotels became the chief worry of his life."

"At first he used to tie up his hand in a handkerchief and pretend it was hurt, but he realized that the trick was pretty transparent, and at last he employed a young newspaper man at \$100 a month to travel with him as his 'secretary.' The ex-miner never sent or received any letters, he didn't care for reading, and the secretary's one and only duty was to sign hotel registers. They would walk in together, and the young chap would say deferentially, 'Shall I do the registering for us both, colonel?' 'If you please,' his boss would reply, and he would thereupon write, 'Col. — and secretary, Montana.'"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Funny Freaks of Yvette Guilbert.**  
Mlle. Yvette Guilbert in the heyday of her American success was in splendid spirits. In crossing a certain district on Sunday she was unable to get a bottle of claret.

"If I give it to you, madame," said the waiter, "I shall have to go to jail."

"Then go," said Mlle. Guilbert cheerfully, "but first get me my claret."

One afternoon in Chicago two blank cards were sent up to her by callers desiring her autograph. On the one she wrote, "Yvette Guilbert is a very good singer," and on the other, "Yvette Guilbert is a very naughty singer."

"Now," she said airily as she dropped them on the tray, "let them choose wheech is wheech."

Her wisdom was of a worldly description. "For who will give me bread when I no longer please by my songs, the dear public? No. Therefore I come to America, and I come high."—Saturday Evening Post.

You can spell it cough, cold, cough, sniff, sniff, cough or sneeze, but the only harmless remedy that quickly cures it is One Minute Cough Cure. J. E. Hood.



MALCOLM D. WHITMAN.

Malcolm D. Whitman, who recently won the tennis championship of the United States for the third successive season and thereby gains permanent possession of the handsome trophy emblematic of the title, now says he will retire from the courts. He says he does not like the hard training necessary for a season's campaign. But next season he will probably be seen again behind the nets, just the same.

## THE STATE'S INDUSTRIES.

**A Wonderful Growth Along Many Lines in Twenty Years.**

The manufacturing industries of North Carolina until 1880 were limited, but since that time the spindles and looms for the manufacture of cotton and woolen fabrics have been largely increased, tobacco factories have been established and enlarged and the culture of silkworms has occasioned the establishment of a silk-making industry.

In 1896 the number of cotton mills in the state was 167, looms 25,000 and spindles approximately 1,000,000. Over 15,000 persons were employed in these mills, and the capital invested was over \$15,000,000. There was a noteworthy advance during 1899 in cotton manufacturing. New plants put into operation numbered 23 and new spindles 230,168, with an estimated capitalization of \$8,000,000.

The tobacco industry has greatly prospered in recent years. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, there were 20 manufacturers of tobacco, 38 of cigars, and the combined output in the calendar year 1898 was 8,482,148 cigars, 20,940,896 pounds of plug tobacco, 12,044 pounds of fine cut, 9,239,870 pounds of smoking and 48,352 pounds of snuff. The tobacco factories in 1898 gave employment to 16,900 men, 9,700 women and 5,000 children.

The increase in the lumber product of 1899 over that of 1898 was estimated at 30 per cent. Eighteen new lumber companies were organized last year, with a total capital of \$562,000. Nine furniture factories, with a total capital of \$100,000, were also added. In 1897 the output of 323 lumber mills aggregated \$4,558,280 for the year.

The fisheries of North Carolina are an important industry. In 1895 the number of men regularly employed in this industry approximated 6,000 and the boats and vessels about 2,500. The value of the products is nearly equally divided between sea and river products. The shad and herring fisheries are the most important of any state, and the greater portion of the catch is made in and about the Albemarle sound. Oysters are abundant, the area of the public grounds exceeding 20,000 acres and the natural beds nearly 5,000 acres. Legislative protection has

been thrown around the oyster and fishery interests, and the laws are rigidly enforced.

The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo next year will offer to the people of this state an opportunity for showing their resources that will prove of greater value than any exposition has ever before presented. The state is now better than ever prepared to make a great showing, and the wonderful resources of the state can be presented to millions of people who are near to us and more likely to become one of us if properly impressed with the advantages we offer, who could not have been reached through any other exposition.

### Confiscation in Morocco.

It is a custom in Morocco that all the property of an official reverts at death to the crown. The logic which leads to such a result is simple, for the government argues that all fortunes thus accumulated consist of moneys illegally retained by the authorities. A governor when appointed is probably possessed of no considerable fortune. When he dies, he may be a millionaire. Whence came his wealth? Squeezed most certainly from the tribes under his authority and therefore amassed only by the prerogatives of the position in which the sultan had placed him.

It has never struck the Moorish government that these great fortunes might more honorably be returned to the people from whom they were stolen. The result is entire confiscation to the crown, including often such private property as the governor may have been possessed of before his appointment and not seldom, too, of the property of his relatives.

When the mighty fall in Morocco, the crash brings down with them their families, even uncles and cousins and all connected with them, and it is not seldom that the sons of great governors, who have been brought up in the luxury of slaves and horses and retinues of mounted men, have to go begging in the streets.—Blackwood's.

### A Diagnosis.

"St. Louis claims that our canal will make her people suffer."  
"Let them suffer. Jealousy never kills anybody."—Chicago Record.

To prevent consumption, quickly cure throat and lung troubles with One Minute Cough Cure. J. E. Hood.

## IN GUISE OF RELIGION.

### A Child Dies for Want of Medical Attention. Newbern is Indignant. Harry Parsons, Eleven Years Old, Dies Under the Cure of a Christian Scientist. Prosecution Expected to Follow.

Newbern, N. C., Sept. 8.—Henry Parsons, a boy 11 years old, died at his mother's home here yesterday of malarial fever. He had been sick two weeks and has had no medical treatment whatever, being under the care of the Christian Scientists with Miss Hatchie Harrison in charge. Upon affidavit of the facts Coroner Rhem today called a jury composed of prominent citizens of the city. The jury called numerous witnesses and had the Christian Scientists called to testify. Upon the evidence the jury found as follows:

"The child was suffering from malarial fever and did not receive medical treatment because he was under the care of Miss Hatchie Harrison, a Christian Scientist. We find from the evidence that his death was the result of improper treatment and neglect. We find from the evidence that the child in all probability would have recovered if he had had proper medical treatment."  
The jury was composed of the following gentlemen of intelligence and high standing: J. W. Biddle, foreman; J. J. Baxter, A. E. Hibbard, John Dunn, Geo. Green and Ralph Gray. The verdict is approved by the public. Feeling is very much excited over the matter. A similar case occurred here a year or two ago which is still fresh in the public mind. The boy died at half past one Friday afternoon, and a physician first saw the body late in the day. At the autopsy not a trace of food or liquid was found in the stomach or bowels, and the last remarks heard by a neighbor at the death hour were: "Henry you are all right, you are not dying."

The matter will be brought before the next session of the grand jury. Indignation is very deep and wide spread.

## OUT FOR A LYNCHING.

### Farmers in Rockingham Looking For a Subject.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Jarrett Patterson, wife of a prominent farmer residing near Price's Store, Rockingham county, was brutally and criminally assaulted at her home, at 10 o'clock yesterday, by an unknown negro. The brute drew a pistol on Mrs. Patterson and dragged her out to the back yard, where he committed the nameless crime. The husband was in the field at the time, and their son had gone to Price's store. The negro made his escape, but the news spread rapidly, and soon a large crowd gathered, with guns, and went in search of him. Two negroes were arrested this morning, but both proved to be innocent, and they were released. One was shot before he was captured. When called upon to surrender he ran, whereupon he was fired upon. His condition is not considered serious.

The searching party were out all night, and they caught a glimpse of the guilty party just before noon today, but he ran in the woods. He was being pursued this afternoon between Walnut Cove and Stokesdale, and there was every reason to believe that he would be captured to-night.

### The Alignment.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The Tageblatt tonight says it is certain that Germany, Japan, Great Britain, Austria and Italy will leave their troops at Peking, those of Russia, the United States and probably France, withdrawing to Tien Tsin.

### How to Handle a Gun.

In picking up your gun from lying flat, standing against anything, from a companion or a boat, do not take hold of the muzzle and drag it toward you. Take hold of it by the forestock and barrel if you are only using one hand; if two, in the regular way you grasp it when you go to shoot. In carrying your gun do not keep the muzzle directly behind you. Throw the butt to the right or left, whichever shoulder you are carrying it on. This will bring the muzzle toward the opposite shoulder, thus rendering it easy to carry, as it will be resting on your neck and shoulder instead of on the small part of your shoulder and with the muzzle upward will also lighten it a little.

I think there are more men shot with their own guns by taking them from a boat than in any other way. When you run your boat or canoe to the bank, your gun is likely to be in the bow, which I think is the best place for it. Take hold of it by the forestock and step out. Put it in a safe place where you are sure it will not fall down. Then draw up your boat or do anything else you have to do, but do not let your gun stay in the boat until you have shouldered your pack and then catch hold of the muzzle, drag it up over the gunwale, hook the hammers and have it explode. It is likely to blow out your brains.—Forest and Stream.

De Witt's Little Early Risers are prompt, palatable, pleasant, powerful, purifying little pills. J. E. Hood.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Bishop Horner, of the Asheville diocese, has appendicitis.

Sam Jones will lecture at several points in this State in October.

Judge Hoke has decided that a convict cannot be imprisoned 20 days for costs after serving a specified sentence as punishment.

The furniture manufacturers in this State filed complaint with the corporation commission against the increase in rates of freight on furniture. The railways ended the matter by returning to the old rate.

Wilkesboro Messenger: A big black bull went to the home of a Mr. Faulkner, who lives near Norwood, a few nights ago and tore down his corn crib, but, not finding any corn, left it and attacked the dwelling, butting the front door down and entering the passage. Mr. Faulkner secured his gun and shot the bull eight times before bringing him down.

Raleigh Post: President Winston says that there is no room for any more students at the A. & M. College, and no others need come. Not only are the dormitories full, but all available rooms in the vicinity that could be rented are occupied, and it is not desirable for students to come and have to room at a distance from the college unless it be men over twenty-one years of age.

A telegram from Clinton Saturday states that Archie Kinsauls, the condemned murderer who cut his throat on Friday just before the time for his execution, was getting along very well. It is said that he will recover. Petitions to the governor are being circulated to secure the commutation of the prisoner to life imprisonment. A great deal of sympathy is felt for the despairing man.

Salisbury Truth-Index: While many so-called Populists over North Carolina this year, it is believed that most of the Rowan Populists will be true to Bryan. A well informed gentleman of China Grove stated to The Truth-Index representative yesterday that nearly all the Populists in that township would support the Bryan and Stevenson electors.

The chairman of the corporation commission, speaking of the evidence being taken by the railways in the \$10,000,000 tax assessment cases, says: "I do not think the railways have made out their case. They contended that property, other than that of railways, was uniformly and designedly assessed under its true value." He believes that the investigation of these cases will consume the entire six months allowed—half to the railways, the other half to the State.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: Mention has been made of the statement in Senator Butler's paper that he, his paper and the Republican State chairman have been receiving a great many letters urging that a fusion indignation meeting be held at Raleigh. It is said that some persons desire the meeting held at Goldsboro, on account of its being more accessible to the Sampson county Populists. Sampson county is the Populist stronghold, and one enthusiastic member of that party said the other day, "they are as thick in Sampson as red bugs."

This week a survey of the ship channel through the North Carolina "sounds" will begin. This is the route which is desired to avoid Cape Hatteras. The route now proposed is through the Dismal Swamp Canal, which is to be dredged to a depth of sixteen feet; through Albemarle sound, where considerable dredging will be required; through Croatan sound, where eighteen miles of it will be necessary; through Pamlico sound, where there will be several miles of it, and then from Harbor Island to Beaufort, where the channel will have to be dredged and straightened for a long distance.

## IS GALVESTON WIPED OUT?

### She Has Been Visited by Immense Destruction at Least.

New Orleans, Sept. 8.—A special from Dallas, Texas, says all Texas is in a keen state of doubt and uncertainty tonight concerning the fate of Galveston Island and city which is shut off from communication. In everybody's mind is the suspicion that a calamity rests behind the lack of information from the Gulf coast. It is reported that immense destruction has befallen Galveston and other places. It is said that the bridges leading from the mainland to the island have been swept away by the terrible fury of the wind and the rolling up of the water in the bay and if this is so it is not seen how the town could have escaped. The last report from Galveston stated that the Gulf waters were encroaching rapidly on the beach and that the flood had extended into a portion of the city for several blocks. The waves were very high and boisterous in the bay and considerable damage was being done to small craft. The rain had been very heavy all day and traffic was entirely suspended. The Southern Pacific wharves had been damaged to the extent of \$50,000.