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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A shortage of \$20,000 has been discovered in the Union National bank of Chicago, and Teller Geo. S. Forbes commits suicide. He had helped "a friend" cover up his overdrawn account.

It is reported that Thos. F. Walsh will receive \$18,000,000 for his Camp Bird mine at Ouray, Col., from a syndicate of English and American investors, headed by Alfred Beit, the South Africa diamond king, and J. Pierpont Morgan.

An old four-story tenement building at Cincinnati, used as a branch nursery of the Salvation Army, was burned Monday. Its occupants were so imprisoned that five were suffocated to death, three fatally injured and four seriously.

A dispatch, Sept. 18th, from New York says: A tug boat with 15 harbor police had a terrific encounter early this morning on Staten Island, below the B. & O. bridge, with river pirates. Two pirates were drowned, five arrested and one was seriously wounded.

The tug America was run into and cut in two Tuesday morning by the Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha off Houston street, New York. The men on the tug had not time even to cry out, and five were drowned. One man who was saved believed the others were stunned.

A runner from the Seminole camp at Turtle Mound, Fla., reports that in a sun dance last week four Seminole braves had a bloody fight, all being aspirants for the chief's daughter. All four were killed in the melees. The girl then drowned herself from grief for one of the dead braves.

An official dispatch from Shanghai says a German naval battalion, accompanied by 40 Bengal lancers, captured and burned the town of Liang on September 11th. A hundred Boxers were killed. The Chinese regular troops who occupied the place had previously fled. The German loss was one man killed and five wounded.

Half a dozen big lumber mills are idle at Norfolk as a result of a strike of their employes for a short day and more pay. The men desire nine hours and 27 to 30 cents per hour, against 25 cents paid at present. Most, if not all, of the planing mill men in Norfolk are involved. The mills of Mess. Calk & Co., Jas. Etheridge, C. M. Calk, Watkins & Bro. and the Builders' Supply company all being idle.

A special to the Chicago Record from Columbus, Ohio, on the day that Bryan spoke there, said: "Up close to the speakers' stand today and earnestly attentive stood Gen. John P. Beatty, the wealthy banker of this city, who wrote the gold standard literature distributed in Ohio four years ago by the state Republican central committee. He recently declared for Bryan, and is said to have a considerable following."

THE POWERS ACCEPT EARL LI

And Will Doubtless Accept Prince Ching as Negotiators.

London, Sept. 18.—The Daily Graphic asserts that all the powers have accepted Li Hung Chang and will probably accept Prince Ching as negotiators. It says also that the powers have agreed to insist that a central government, satisfactory to the powers, shall be established in China, and that full retribution shall be exacted for the attacks upon the legations.

No communications have yet passed between the powers concerning indemnities, and a Berlin dispatch says it is believed there that Dr. Mumm Schwarzenstein, the German minister, will purposely delay the negotiations until Marshal von Waldersee has arrived.

Rockhill Reaches Taku.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Admiral Bamey has advised the state department of the arrival of special Commissioner Rockhill at Taku today from Shanghai.



How long, at this rate, is it going to be before you have lost half your hair?

Use Ayer's Hair Vigor when the hair begins to fall, and a hundred hairs will take the place of every one lost.

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Ayer's Sore Throat Remedy, Ayer's Hair Vigor, Ayer's Cherry Tooth Paste, Ayer's Ointment.



A FASHION HINT FROM SAMOA.

Her name is Taupo Matantu, and she is a great belle out in those far summer islands of the sea. She is wearing a chaplet of fresh flowers and a necklace of sharks' teeth. Her home is Tutulla, which is United States territory.



Photo by Bell, Washington.

J. P. DOLLIVER.

Senator Elect J. P. Dolliver, who has been appointed by Governor Shaw of Iowa to succeed the late John H. Gear, has represented Iowa in congress for 12 years. He is a brilliant orator.

His Plain Story Won.

An ungrooved man slouched up to Smith in Farum street the other day and accosted him as follows:

"Say, mister, if I was to tell you that I wanted a quarter to get a square meal you'd think I wanted it to buy whisky, wouldn't you?"

"That's exactly what I would think," replied Smith.

"And if I said I wanted a quarter to buy whisky you'd say you didn't propose to encourage the drink habit, wouldn't you?"

"That's what I'd say."

"And if I said I wanted a quarter to buy food for a starving wife and 11 children you'd think I was a liar, wouldn't you?"

"I would."

"Well, say, mister, I want a quarter to pay for having my mother-in-law's trunk hauled to the depot. Do I get it?"

Smith effected a compromise by parting with a dime.—Omaha World-Herald.

no chance to get old.

Mrs. Wicks—Why is old china so valuable?

Mrs. Ricks—On account of its rarity.

Mrs. Wicks—But I don't see why it should be so very rare?

Mrs. Ricks—Well, with my experience of accidents, I must confess that a piece of china that lasts a month is a wonder to me.—Harper's Bazar.

Kicked on the Story.

Probably most writers of serial stories are familiar with the sensation of receiving letters of commendation or disapproval from interested readers who are following up the stories as they appear in their regular weekly or monthly installments. Occasionally some curious person asks for private information as to what the outcome is to be, while others offer suggestions as to the disposition to be made of the villain or express a fear that the author is to marry the hero to the wrong woman.

The writer of a serial story in one of the popular magazines a few years ago received the following letter from an indignant reader. The names are changed for obvious reasons:

Dear Sir—I take the liberty of telling you that I regard your "Miss Muffin" now running through The Black Magazines, as a little the thinnest novel I have read. Furthermore, the principal character in the story, so when you give the 10th year, or so speak, is so thoroughly desirable a man that I have taken the most effective means in my power to show my contempt for him by denouncing my former belief that he was the man to marry, as well as to write it in plain English. Yours truly, ALBERT J. JAMESON, Youth's Companion.

Two Phases.

"I detect that Mrs. Jones; she always tells what all her clothes cost."

"Well, I guess Mrs. Brown; she never will tell what she pays for anything."—Detroit Free Press.

HE KILLED GOEBEL.

James Stubblefield Declares That James Howard Boasted of His Crime.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 17.—The first really sensational testimony in the trial of James Howard, charged with having fired the shot that killed William Goebel was given today by Bowman Gaines, a local livery man, and James Stubblefield, a former deputy sheriff of Clay county. The former identified Howard as the man who ran out from the rear of the state house grounds and jumped over the fence immediately after the shooting. Gaines was positive in his identification of the prisoner as the man and said the latter then wore a mustache and was followed by a man who was tall and slender. A boy who was nearby at the time will also be introduced as a witness to corroborate Gaines.

The most sensational witness, however, and at the same time the most important witness from the prosecution standpoint was James Stubblefield, a one-legged and one-armed ex-deputy sheriff of Clay county. Stubblefield testified that Howard exultingly told him that he fired the shot that took Goebel's life.

Money Still Needed.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 16.—Gov. Sayers gave out the following today:

"Reports sent out from this place by whomsoever may that eight or nine hundred thousand dollars has already been paid in are absolutely false and made without authority and calculated to do great harm to the needy sufferers on our coast. No such sum of money has been received or anything approaching it has been received. It is believed that the stories have done great harm in that they have prevented the contribution of money which is so sorely needed at Galveston."

Galveston, Sept. 17.—The latest list of dead in the Galveston disaster printed by The Post, revised to date, shows the loss of 4,078 lives. The paper says none of the persons whose names are printed in the list have been heard from and that a great number of names have been furnished by relatives of those dead.

It is estimated that 8,000 people have left Galveston. Of these about 5,000 are now in Houston being cared for. Others have gone to the interior or to other states.

Croker Bets Heavily on the Election.

New York, Sept. 17.—Richard Croker has bet, up to tonight, \$30,000 to about \$225,000 that Bryan will be elected.

His Opinion.

Fiddleback—Are you going around to Miss Muffin's tomorrow night, Mrs. Von Blumer?

Mrs. Von Blumer—She gives a chafing dish party, doesn't she?

Fiddleback—Yes.

Mrs. Von Blumer—We may. Are you?

Fiddleback (smiling)—Well, hardly.

Mrs. Von Blumer—Why, I thought you were fond of Miss Muffin.

Fiddleback—I am, but not of her chafing dish parties.

Mrs. Von Blumer—You mean—

Fiddleback—I mean the chafing dish part.

Mrs. Von Blumer—You don't like that?

Fiddleback—Well, I can stand a good deal, but the concoctions Miss Muffin gets up in that instrument of torture are too much for me.

Mrs. Von Blumer—You are too hard on her, I am sure.

Fiddleback—Hard on her, do you say? Well, I guess she is pretty hard on the rest of her victims.

Mrs. Von Blumer—What particular dish of hers don't you like?

Fiddleback—Well, I can't say that I am partial to any of them. I've tried them all, and there isn't much choice. Her lobster Newburg can produce about as much complex agony as anything else. But I think for suffering long drawn out, for steady, unintermittent, ailed-bodied pain, her Welsh rabbit takes the blue ribbon. Have you ever tried Miss Muffin's Welsh rabbit?

Mrs. Von Blumer—Oh, yes, indeed! Why, I have been giving her cooking lessons for the last six months!—Harper's Bazar.

History's Notorious Fault.

"I must insist," declared Diana, who was the acknowledged leader of the Olympian Woman's Suffrage party, "that the purity of the ballot would be conserved by allowing us to vote."

"Nonsense," protested Mercury, leader of the opposition. "You wouldn't be able to control the Muse of History. She's a natural born repeater."—Philadelphia Press.

The new railroad shops of the A. C. L. of Rocky Mount, are nearing completion. They are modern and made of brick.

The Best Prescription for Colds and Hoarseness is a bottle of Green's Peppermint Cure. It is a steady, sure, and certain in a matter of days. No more sore throats, colds, or coughs.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The supreme court will meet September 24th, at 10 a. m., to examine applicants for license to practice law.

A Maxton correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger gives an incident of the hatching of chickens by the warm weather.

The insurance on property destroyed in the Washington fire last week will aggregate \$26,000. The loss by fire amounts to \$100,000.

The Republican-Populists will hold an indignation meeting at Flea Hill, Cumberland county, Friday, Sept. 21st, at which Butler and others will speak.

Andrew Jackson, a negro desperado, was captured Saturday and is in jail at Lincolnton. He entered a house where three white women were asleep and murdered Mrs. Wilson, literally cutting her to pieces. He was captured in Henderson county.

Tarboro Southerner: Because three stubborn, unwise men just beyond Maclefield refuse to grant a right of way to the East Carolina railway, work on the extension of this road has been indefinitely postponed. Mr. Bridgers has had the convicts returned to the penitentiary.

The Newbern Journal says that during the past summer extensive improvements have been made on the Clermont Knitting Mills, owned by Mr. P. H. Pelletier. With the addition of much modern machinery and enlargement, Mr. Pelletier says that he can give employment to 75 more people.

There was a cold-blooded murder in Raleigh last Sunday night. A negro man known as "Boots" Brown, aged about 25, and married, living in one of the two negro wards, went into the other negro ward, called Sarah Davis, wife of John Davis, to her gate and shot her to death. The murderer had not been apprehended at last accounts.

Mr. Robt. Fulcher, keeper of the Forsyth county home for aged and infirm, was assaulted and stabbed Monday by an inmate named Brown. The wound is a serious one. The trouble arose over the keeper reprimanding Brown for some bad conduct. While stooping over to get a stick, Brown, who is insane, rushed upon Mr. Fulcher with his knife, cutting a long and deep gash across the shoulder and back.

Dr. L. I. Bodenhamer, one of the leading elders of the Primitive Baptist church in this State, died Monday morning at his home in High Point, after seven months' illness, three of which he was confined to his bed. Dropsy was the cause of his death. He was in his 70th year. Dr. Bodenhamer established Zion's Landmark, organ of the Primitive Baptist church, now owned and published in Wilson by Elder P. D. Gold.

The dedication of the First Presbyterian church at Raleigh last Sunday morning was a very impressive ceremony. There were many preachers of that denomination present, and the audience numbered over 1,000. The prayer was by Rev. Wm. McPheeters, of Columbia, whose grandfather was the first pastor; while the sermon was by Rev. Dr. Walter W. Moore, of Richmond, who first suggested the building of the new church. A collection amounting to \$1,300 was taken to apply on the debt of \$3,000.

Saturday night at 9:45 o'clock Youngville was visited by a cyclone, which resulted in the painful injury of one person and the destruction of property and farms to the amount of \$7,500. The cyclone appeared as a great cone-shaped ball of fire with the acute point rising heavenward. Its course was zigzag and appeared to strike the ground as a bouncing ball. It passed through the southeast part of town and wrought destruction as it went. Cheatham Bros., large four-story prize house, just nearing completion, and the Methodist and Baptist churches suffered complete demolition and were the principal houses destroyed. It was miraculous that other buildings in its path were untouched. Tops of houses were thrown 200 yards, chimneys torn down, innumerable trees wrenched off and torn up by the roots, telegraph and telephone wires blown down and great damage done to cotton for two miles either way from town. Only one person, a colored woman, was injured, and she painfully. One or more houses were destroyed at Wake Forest and considerable damage to crops done between Youngville and there.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houten, "that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for our stomach and indigestion." Sample bottle free at Temple-Maxton drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.