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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Wholesale dry goods houses in New York lost \$1,000,000 by fire Thursday morning.

New York dealers have put the price of stove coal up to \$7 a ton, an advance of \$2 within a week.

Most of the cotton mills in the south, which have been working at night, have abandoned night work.

By an explosion in the French Glueck mine in Bohemia, Wednesday, 35 people were killed and five are missing.

A part of the shore line at Galveston is gone, and it is a very serious blow. A part of the city is thereby still engulfed.

Gov. Sayers latest estimate of the loss of life at Galveston and other southern coast points is 12,000, and of property \$20,000,000.

The plant of the Union Compress company at Texarkana, Ark., was burned on Wednesday with 2,000 bales of cotton. Loss \$150,000.

A trust has been formed to corner the sea-food business. The intention is to corner lobsters and crabs the coming season, and after that all oysters and clams.

In an engagement between a body of Filipinos, numbering about 1,000 men, and detachments of the Fifteenth and Thirty seventh U. S. infantry regiments, the Americans had 12 killed, 26 wounded and five missing.

Dr. Hunter McGuire, who was Stonewall Jackson's medical director, died at his home near Richmond, Va., Wednesday morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained six months ago. Dr. McGuire was one of the most eminent surgeons in the south.

The First National bank of Winneux, Minn., was robbed of about \$13,000 at noon Wednesday by three men, who entered the front door of the building, and with revolvers made all present throw up their hands, and forced the cashier to open the safe. The robbers escaped on horses.

A LARGE INDEMNITY

Claimed by Russia. Wants \$100,000,000 From China. Explanation of Change of Front by United States.

London, Sept. 20.—The only news of importance from China this morning is contained in a dispatch to The Times from Shanghai, dated yesterday, asserting that Sir Claude McDonald will become British minister at Tokio and will be succeeded at Peking by Sir Ernest Mason Salow, the present British minister at the Japanese capital. "This," says The Times correspondent, "is disappointing to Britishers in the east, as they had hoped that a stronger diplomatist would be sent to Peking."

It is probable that Vice Admiral Seymour will meet Sir Claude at Tien Tsin. Reports from Nankin point to the increasing activity and influence of the anti-foreign party. The manner in which the Yang Tse viceroys have been ignored by the throne in reference to the peace negotiations, while the imperial edicts order the Manchurian leaders to resume the control of affairs, is capable of only one interpretation. Shanghai specials seem to show quite a shower of edicts regarding negotiations, to which little importance is attached.

According to The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent, Russia will claim an indemnity of \$100,000,000.

A Washington special says: "The change of front on the part of the United States government regarding Russia's evacuation proposal was due to the fact that Mr. Conger and Mr. Tower confirmed information obtained by the British minister in St. Petersburg, showing that Russia's proposition concealed a well-designed plan to seize Manchuria."

A New Alignment.

Washington, Sept. 20.—It is now understood that Germany and Great Britain stand up against France and Russia as to making terms with China, and each side is ardently seeking the support of the United States.

Chaffee Cables Sad News.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The war department today received the following from Gen. Chaffee dated Peking 17th: "Two daughters of Atwater and 26 others were murdered at Tyanan on July 25th; Clapp and wife and four others were murdered at Taku on July 21st; Mr. Atwater, wife and two children, and six others murdered by their escort near Fen Chow Pa on August 15th, in the morning, in Shansi province." The same message reports the persons of Mr. Dixon and wife, Mr. Curran and wife, a single gentleman and a single lady as having escaped into the mountainous region 20 miles north of Taku. They escaped on horseback and possibly may have escaped their pursuers.

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DOVER ITEMS.

September 20, 1900.

Miss Effie Alphin, Miss Sadie and Master Zety Brown, of Newbern, are visiting their many friends here.

Mr. L. G. Thompson went to Goldsboro Saturday and returned Sunday, bringing back with him little Agnes Thompson.

The long drought, which has not a precedent in our memory, was broken by fine showers here last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Penelope and Annie May Outlaw returned to their home in Goldsboro today, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

The pleasant smiles and cheerful laughter of Miss Sadie Dixon are again seen and heard in our midst, after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. Johnston, an expert mill man, came Tuesday to superintend putting in the machinery for the Goldsboro Lumber Co.'s band saw mill.

Mr. A. P. Thompson is not quite all smiles but wears a pleased expression since Thursday, 13th inst, when a bouncing baby boy arrived at his home.

We learn that Mr. W. S. Street will move his family to Goldsboro tomorrow, but will remain here himself, and continue filling the position of sawyer for the Goldsboro Lumber Co.

We are pleased to announce the recovery of Mrs. A. G. Outlaw, who for more than two weeks was very low with typhoid fever and whose recovery had been almost completely despaired.

Mrs. William Arnold returned Saturday from a two weeks visit to her brother, Mr. Maz Dunn, near Grifton. She was brought home by Mr. William Dunn, who took Miss Maude Arnold back with him Sunday.

We are glad to note that Dover High School is progressing finely, with increasing patronage, and hope that all friction that exists about it has been removed. Prof. Simkins is a thorough educator and has made self denials, exerting his efforts toward building up a first-class school at Dover, and the consequent upbuilding of the entire community, and he should have the unstinted support and co-operation of all our home people at least.

EAST ALL RIGHT FOR BRYAN.

Chairman Jones Greatly Pleased With the Outlook. Olney to Speak in Chicago.

New York, Sept. 19.—Senator James K. Jones left for Chicago this evening. Before he left he said:

"The situation in the east is very favorable for the election of Mr. Bryan. It has improved wonderfully since I last was here. The situation in this state is excellent so far as the election of Mr. Bryan and the state ticket is concerned. The situation in the states of Connecticut and New Jersey exceed the expectations I had before this, my last visit, and I am very hopeful that Mr. Bryan will carry these states. I am sure that he will carry West Virginia and Maryland, and I might say that Delaware can safely be placed in the Democratic column."

Senator Jones does not expect to return to this city before election day. The sub-committee will have full charge of the campaign in the east.

According to information given out at the headquarters, Ex-Secretary of State Olney will speak before the Iroquois Club, of Chicago, soon for Bryan.

Washing Him Away.

The other day an amateur nurse in South Africa went up to a doctor and asked him what she must do.

"You should have learnt that before you came here," the doctor replied. "Do anything that wants doing."

The nurse went up to a handsome but wounded Highlander, and said: "Will you let me wash your face?"

The soldier turned and answered: "Yes, but hurry up. I've had my face washed six times since breakfast, and there's two more ladies I've promised to wash me. But I hope to get a snooze before tea."

Signaling the Bank Rate.

There is quite a mild excitement just now at the Bank of England because of an innovation at that venerable and conservative institution. A flagstaff has actually been placed above the building, and many are shaking their heads at the sudden gladdness of the Old Lady of Threadneedle street. The suggestion has been made in all seriousness that numbers might well be placed on the flagstaff and the bank rates indicated from time to time by the height of the flag on the pole.

PERSONALS.

The salary of Count Waldorff in China will not exceed 2,000 marks (\$500) a month, but he will have 10,000 marks besides for expenses.

Of all the line and staff generals in the United States army at present only two, Ludlow and J. M. Wilson, are graduates of West Point.

The women of Petersburg are getting up a memorial to the late Lieutenant Roberts, son of the British commander. It will be in the form of a stained glass window in the tower of a stained glass window in the church. It is also intended as a mark of sympathy with Lord and Lady Roberts.

BRYAN ON THE ISSUES

Text of His Letter Accepting the Democratic Nomination for President.

APPRECIATES THE GREAT HONOR

Indorses and Approves the Platform Adopted by the Convention at Kansas City.

Gives His Views Upon the Question of Trusts, the Labor Problem and Other Subjects.

William Jennings Bryan's letter accepting the Democratic nomination for president of the United States is as follows:

Hon. James D. Richardson, Chairman, and Others of the Notification Committee of the Democratic National Convention:

Gentlemen:—In accepting the nomination tendered by you on behalf of the Democratic party, I beg to assure you of my appreciation of the great honor conferred on me by the delegates in convention assembled, and by the voters who gave instruction to the delegates.

I am sensible of the responsibilities which rest upon the chief magistrate of so great a nation, and realize the far-reaching effect of the questions involved in the present contest.

In my letter of acceptance of 1896 I made the following pledge:

"So deeply am I impressed with the magnitude of the power vested by the Constitution in the chief executive of the nation and with the enormous influence which he can yield for the benefit or injury of the people, that I



WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

wish to enter the office, if elected, free from any personal desire, except the desire to prove worthy of the confidence of my countrymen. Human judgment is fallible enough when unbiased by selfish considerations, and, in order that I may not be tempted to use the patronage of the office to advance any personal ambition, I hereby announce, with all the emphasis which words can express, my fixed determination not, under any circumstances, to be a candidate for re-election, in case this campaign results in my election."

Further reflection and observation constrain me to renew this pledge.

The platform adopted at Kansas City commands my cordial and unqualified approval. It courageously meets the issues now before the country, and states clearly and without ambiguity the party's position on every question considered. Adopted by a convention which assembled on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it breathes the spirit of candor, independence and patriotism which characterizes those who, at Philadelphia in 1776, promulgated the creed of the Republic.

Having in my notification speech, discussed somewhat at length the paramount issue, imperialism, and added some observations on militarism and the Boer war, it is sufficient at this time to review the remaining planks of the platform.

THE TRUST QUESTION.

Republican Party Lacks Sincerity or Ability to Deal with It.

The platform very properly gives

prominence to the trust question. The appalling growth of combinations in restraint of trade during the present administration, proves conclusively that the Republican party lacks either the desire or the ability to deal with the question effectively. If as may be fairly assumed from the speeches and conduct of the Republican leaders, that party does not intend to take the people's side against these organizations, then the weak and qualified condemnation of trusts to be found in the Republican platform is designed to distract attention while industrial despotism is completing its work. A private monopoly has always been an outlaw. No defense can be made of an industrial system in which one, or a few men, can control for their own profit, the output or price of any article of merchandise. Under such a system the consumer suffers extortion, the producer of raw material has but one purchaser, and must sell at the arbitrary price fixed; the laborer has but one employer, and is powerless to protest against injustice, either in wages or in conditions of labor; the small stockholder is at the mercy of the speculator, while the traveling salesman contributes his salary to the overgrown profits of the trust. Since but a small proportion of the people can share in the advantages secured by private monopoly, it follows that the remainder of the people are not only excluded from the benefits, but are the helpless victims of every monopoly organized. It is difficult to over-estimate the immediate injustice that may be done, or to calculate the ultimate effect of this injustice upon the social and political welfare of the people. Our platform, after suggesting certain specific remedies, pledges the party to an unceasing warfare against private monopoly in nation, state and city. I heartily approve of this promise; if elected, it shall be my earnest and constant endeavor to fulfill the promise in letter and spirit. I shall select an attorney general who will, without fear or favor, enforce existing laws; I shall recommend such additional legislation as may be necessary to dissolve every private monopoly which does business outside of the state of its origin; and, if contrary to my belief and hope, a constitutional amendment is found to be necessary, I shall recommend such an amendment as will, without impairing any of the existing rights of the states, empower congress to protect the people of all the states from injury at the hands of individuals or corporations engaged in interstate commerce. The platform accurately describes the Dingley tariff law, while it condemns it as a "trust breeding measure, skillfully devised to give to the few favors which they do not deserve, and to place upon the many burdens which they should not bear." Under its operation trusts can plunder the people of the United States, while they successfully compete in foreign markets with manufacturers of other countries. Even those who justify the general policy of protection will find it difficult to defend a tariff which enables a trust to exact an exorbitant toll from the citizen.

CORPORATIONS IN POLITICS.

Democratic Party Makes No War on Honestly Acquired Wealth.

The Democratic party makes no war upon honestly acquired wealth; neither does it seek to embarrass corporations engaged in legitimate business, but it does protest against corporations entering politics, and attempting to establish a trust to exact an exorbitant toll from the citizen.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Gov. Jarvis publishes a letter in the Greenville Reflector announcing his candidacy for the U. S. senate.

The advance in the price of cotton seed this season keeps pace with that of cotton. A year ago seed sold for only 12 1/2 cents a bushel, while now they bring 22 1/2 cents.

J. L. Perkins & Co., of Stokes, Pitt county, lost their saw mill, gin and four bales of cotton, and 250 bushels cotton seed by fire Wednesday night. Loss \$2,000; no insurance.

It is stated that Senator Butler has decided that he will make Raleigh his home and will practice law there. A prominent Republican says he makes a mistake in not settling in some western or northern city.

Long distance telephones to connect Fayetteville, Hamlet, Sanford, Red Springs and other towns of that section will soon be erected. The incorporators are Dr. H. W. Lilly, Dr. Thomas M. Rose and Mr. W. F. Leak.

The Republicans and assistant Republicans who call themselves Populists are very active in seeking to prosecute registrars of the August election. It is now said that registrars in Burke are to be arrested and prosecuted.

The University football team is trying to arrange to play the game between the University of North Carolina and Virginia at Charlotte on Thanksgiving. Mr. Marvin Carr, son of Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, is manager of the University team.

Lumberton Argus: Friday night the dwelling house of Mr. Lewis Jenkins, who lives about eight miles from Lumberton, in Britt's township, was burned. The fire was discovered in time to save only a sewing machine, an organ and some bedding. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark in some wood lying near the fireplace.

Wilmington Messenger, 20th: On Masonboro beach yesterday Mr. Jesse M. Hewlett's fishing crew caught at one haul of the seine 4,000 bunches, five fish to the bunch, of large fat mullets. This catch, while large, was not what it would have been had there been sufficient force to haul the fish in. Mr. Hewlett claims that the catch could have been trebled easily with a larger force of men.

The cog wheel of the elevator in the Richmond-Maurey tobacco stemmy at Wilson broke Wednesday. The elevator fell four stories. The falling parts of the wheel struck one negro man on the head and fractured his skull, making a fatal injury. A woman sustained a compound fracture of the ankle, while another had her foot badly sprained and mashed. Two other women on the elevator came down without an injury.

MONSTER MEETING

Of Democratic Clubs to Be Held at Raleigh on Sept. 26th. Stone and Daniel Invited to Speak.

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—The State convention of Democratic clubs meets in this city on Wednesday, Sept. 26th. A large crowd is expected on that occasion. All the clubs throughout the State have appointed delegates.

Hon. W. J. Stone, ex-governor of Missouri, and one of the managers of the Bryan and Stevenson campaign at New York, and Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, have been invited by Chairman Simmons, and National Committeeman Daniels to be present and address the convention here.

Of course it is unnecessary to say that these are two of the most distinguished statesmen and orators in the United States.

Governor-elect C. B. Aycock and Electors at Large D. H. McLean and Lee S. Overman will address the convention.

Application has been made to all the railroads in the State to give reduced rates to this convention, and assurances have been given that they will do so.

This will be a great meeting, and it is expected that an immense crowd from all sections of the State will be here on that day.

This State convention will appoint delegates to the national convention of clubs which meets in Indianapolis on October 3d and 4th.

Chairman Simmons earnestly requests that every club in the State have a representative present on that day.

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 some stomach and indigestion." Sample bottles free at Temple-Mansfield drug stores. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

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