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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The Dilchester Lumber Co., of Charlestown, W. Va., was burned Thursday morning. The loss is \$20,000.

The managers of the miners' strike claim that they are gaining strength. A small operator has signed the demand of the strikers.

Bryan will start next Thursday on a tour of the Dakotas. He will not return to Nebraska until two or three days before election.

Martial law at Galveston closed Friday at noon and the civil authorities resumed control of the city. The military will not yet be withdrawn.

James M. Gilliam, of Forest City, Ark., won a \$1,000 prize for the best estimate on the cotton crop of 1899-1900. His estimate was 9,439,334.

Wreckage coming ashore off Kittyhawk is believed by marine men to indicate that the Atlantic-Pacific Co.'s \$100,000 dredge, abandoned off that point, had been wrecked.

Thos. J. Davis was shot and instantly killed in a hotel bar at Savannah, Ga., by Joseph E. Fleming. Both were bartenders at the hotel, and got into a dispute about hours.

A dispatch from Athens, Greece, giving further details of the disaster to the Egyptian mail steamer Charkieh, now ashore on the island of Andros, one of the Cyclades, says that 40 of the passengers and crew were drowned.

A notice has been posted at the four mills of the Susquehanna Iron and Steel company, at Columbia, Pa., that on September 24, a reduction of 25 per cent. in wages of puddlers would go into effect, cutting them from \$4 to \$3 per ton. The puddlers declare they will not accept the reduction, and threaten to strike, which would affect 18,000 men.

While Gov. Wells and Secretary of State Hammond were in Idaho to meet Gov. Roosevelt and escort him to Salt Lake, Utah, Judge O. W. Powers, of Salt Lake, a Democrat, was appointed United States senator, to fill the existing vacancy. The appointment was made by Aquila Nebeker, president of the senate, who is acting governor, according to the constitution.

Joseph Postoe, an Hungarian, was found near Welch, W. Va., on the N. & W. railroad track Thursday. He was alive, but unconscious, and expired soon afterward. He had been murdered, robbed of his money, and his body thrown near the track to lead people to believe that he had been killed by a train. Near by lay a brake coupling, covered with blood, which was probably used to crush his skull.

A special from San Francisco, Sept. 20, says revenue officers have brought down from the Mare Island navy yard on a government tug 154 cases of rare oriental goods, which had been brought into this country on the hospital ship Solace. The articles seized would net a small fortune. The duty is nearly 60 per cent. On this account, most of the stuff, which includes loot from Tien Tsin, will probably be abandoned to the government. The cases of silks and curios are addressed to persons all over the United States.

A special from Columbia, S. C., says the first strike of cotton field hands ever reported in this state occurred at Eastover, Richland county. They demanded an advance of 10 cents per 100 pounds for picking cotton. W. S. Hodge, as spokesman for the other planters, refused the demand. He was pursued to his home by 400 negroes, who surrounded his home, in which were his wife and two small children. They barricaded themselves in, and when the negroes advanced to break down the door, Hodge shot the ringleader. He kept the men at bay for four hours with a shotgun, his wife standing by with revolver in hand. Three mounted planters finally came to the rescue, and many of the negroes fled. They are still threatening. There are twenty negroes to one white in that section.

The Cuba Elections.

Havana, Sept. 20.—High American officials, while expressing themselves satisfied with the ordinary character of the recent election of delegates to the constitutional convention, are disappointed to find a majority of the delegates represent anti-American and revolutionary elements.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Owen, "that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years I have not 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 ill feelings from irregular habits exist, as Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system in any way, and is excellent for our stomach and indigestion." Sample bottles at Temple-Martin drug store. Sold by druggists in all civilized countries.



Photos by J. Will Kellmer, Hazleton, Pa.
MINING SCENES IN PENNSYLVANIA'S ANTHRACITE REGION.

LOST

Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from rheumatism. By taking Rheumacide now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. E. Hood.

The Production of Caviare.

Two distinct varieties of caviare are manufactured in Russia—the granulated and the pressed forms. The granulated form is obtained by passing the fish roes under pressure through a fine meshed sieve. The small eggs pass intact, but the envelopes are retained in the sieve. To these pure salt is added in the proportion of one-twentieth or one-fortieth. It is intimately mixed with the eggs by means of a kind of wooden spoon. The caviare is then ready for consumption. It is packed in round metallic boxes of one and a half to five pounds and enveloped in parchment for transportation. The pressed caviare keeps better than the granulated form.

To obtain the fresh caviare is treated with a solution of salt at 25 degrees Baume until the eggs acquire a certain degree of hardness. This operation requires considerable skill and experience. If allowed to stay in the solution too long, the caviare will be too salty, and if not long enough the eggs cannot be preserved. The caviare is then put into small sacks, which are pressed under a screw press to drive out the excess of salt. It is packed in barrels containing up to 1,000 pounds or left in the original sacks, which measure 8 by 30 inches. The average export of pressed caviare for the three years 1896 to 1898 has been more than 3,000 tons, representing a value of \$1,400,000.—Scientific American.

Kruger's Prophetic Pipe.

A curious story is told of President Kruger, for which a Natal newspaper is responsible. Many years ago the president bought from an old half-breed woman peddler a mere sham pipe, to which she ascribed the power of forecasting the future. The old woman predicted that three important changes in his life would be foretold by accidents befalling the pipe. Early in the year 1891, before the independence of the Transvaal was modified, the stem came to pieces, a little before the president had he chipped a piece off the bowl and just before his departure for the Bloemfontein conference last year the pipe fell to the ground and was smashed to fragments.

Have you a sense of fullness in the region of your stomach after eating? If so you will be benefited by using Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They also cure indigestion and constipation. They regulate the bowels too. Price, 25 cents. Sold by J. E. Hood, druggist.

SENATORIAL PRIMARY.

An Example of Who May Participate in the Primary.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer.

The following is the text of the resolution, introduced by Maj. E. J. Hale at the meeting of the Democratic State committee this month, as to who shall be allowed to vote at the senatorial primary: "Resolved, That the term 'Democratic voters' in the resolution of the State convention shall be construed to include all white and Croatian electors who vote in the November election for the Democratic presidential electors and for the Democratic candidate for congress, as well as all white and Croatian electors who voted the Democratic ticket last August, and we hereby extend an invitation to every voter in North Carolina, not already so entitled, to qualify himself for voting in said senatorial primary by casting his ballot on that day for the Democratic presidential and congressional tickets."

Maj. Hale said this would result in gaining several thousand votes for Bryan and Stevenson.

The fact is that the State convention said that any one who voted the Democratic ticket at the August election should be eligible, and the committee, to "even up" things, added that those who voted for Bryan and Stevenson and the Democratic congressmen in November should also be eligible.

For example: Bill Jones, a Populist, voted in August against the amendment and the Democratic ticket, but in November votes for Bryan and Stevenson and the Democratic nominee for congress, so he votes in the primary.

John Smith, gold Democrat, voted in August for the amendment and for the Democratic State ticket, but does not vote in November for Bryan and Stevenson, so he votes in the primary.

That Was the Total.

Old Merchant—Before I answer your request for my daughter's hand, permit me to ask what is your yearly income, sir?

Young Officer—All told, it amounts to \$800.

Old Merchant—H'm! To that would be added the interest at 4 per cent on the sum of \$20,000, that I intend to give my daughter for her dowry.

Young Officer—Well, the fact is, I have taken the liberty of including that in the calculation just submitted.—London Fun.

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 lacerations. For sale by J. E. Hood.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Atlantic Warehouse and Stables and B. W. Canady's Barn and Stables Burned. Loss About \$6,000. Tobacco Market Not Injured.

This morning about 1:30 o'clock, our people were awakened and startled by the cry of fire, as it rang from one end of the town to the other. The fire alarm had already sounded, and in a few minutes hundreds of people were at the scene of the fire.

The fire originated in the barn and stables just back of the Atlantic Warehouse, on west Washington street. In a short time the warehouse was burning, and despite the efforts of the fire company and other citizens, it was burned to the ground. The barn and stables in Mr. B. W. Canady's yard were also burned, as were the warehouse stables and the fences about the place.

It seemed at one time that the American Tobacco Co.'s steamery would burn, but with great effort it was saved. Had that building caught, no doubt the whole of that block and other buildings would have been destroyed.

The long row of handsome shade trees, running from Mr. Canady's residence to Heritage street, except those at his dwelling, were so badly burned that they will probably die.

The warehouse and fixtures belonged to Mr. Canady. He estimates his loss at \$6,000, with no insurance.

He carried insurance on the building for three years, and only recently dropped it.

Mess. Crisp, Wooten & Co., who had leased the Atlantic Warehouse, had about \$1,300 worth of tobacco on the floor, which was burned. They had only \$500 insurance.

Mr. Canady has the sympathy of the people in his great loss, the second one within five years. His hardware store was burned in the great fire of 1895.

Mess. Crisp, Wooten & Co. are unfortunate to lose their warehouse just in the midst of the tobacco season. We hope they can make some arrangements to continue their business this season. Mr. Canady will rebuild the warehouse in time for the next tobacco crop.

The origin of the fire is unknown. When first discovered the loft of the stables, in which was stored a lot of oats, was in full blaze. Some have suggested spontaneous combustion, and the probability of a tramp accidentally setting it afire.

The people of Kinston hate to think the property was purposely fired.

Kinston's tobacco market need not suffer on account of the burning of the Atlantic Warehouse. There are three other tremendous warehouses here and plenty of room to handle all the tobacco brought to Kinston.

BUTOHERED BY RUSSIANS.

Horrible Massacre of the People of a Chinese Village on the Amur River.

London, Sept. 21.—"Authentic news has been received here," says the Moscow correspondent of The Standard, "of a horrible massacre at Blagoveshensk, which was undoubtedly carried out under direct orders from the Russian authorities, and which then let loose the tide of the slaughter in Amur."

"The entire Chinese population of 5,000 souls was escorted out of town to a spot five miles up the Amur, and then, being led in batches of a few hundreds to the river banks, was ordered to cross over to the Chinese side. No boats were provided and the river is a mile wide."

"The Chinese were flung alive into the stream and were stabbed or shot at the least resistance, while Russian volunteers, who lined the bank, clubbed or shot any who attempted to land. No one escaped alive."

"The river bank for miles was strewn with corpses."

Russians Massacre 12,000 Chinese.

London, Sept. 21.—Further details received here state that in the massacre of Chinese by Russians at Blagoveshensk, 12,000 persons in all were killed.



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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A mad stone was applied to five children, supposed to have been bitten by a rabid dog, at Winston Thursday.

The Waynesville Courier has entered its fourteenth year. The Courier is a good local paper, and deserves all it gets and more.

Miss Ida Fritchard, daughter of Senator Fritchard, and Mr. Thos. S. Rollins were married Wednesday at Senator Fritchard's home near Marshall, Mitchell county.

Chatham Record: There is an old woman in the camp of strolling horse traders near this place, who is said to be 105 years old and has 148 descendants, of whom 42 are in this camp.

The catch of fish at Morehead has been wonderfully good this year. The crews of two boats alone made a catch of more than thirty thousand pounds of mullets one day last week, near Morehead.

Wednesday night the tobacco pack house and the stables of W. C. Daughtridge, near Rocky Mount, were burned. The burned buildings contained Mr. Daughtridge's entire tobacco crop.

Washington Progress: Hon. John H. Small and Mr. Ike Meekins are conducting a joint canvass on the north side of the sound as the candidates for congress of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Concord had six buildings and their contents destroyed by fire early Friday morning. At one time it was thought the business part of the town would be destroyed. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Albemarle Enterprise: A double-headed, fully developed terrapin was found east of Albemarle by Archie Pickler a few days ago. It is a freak of nature and quite a curiosity. Two heads, two mouths, and four eyes are perfect in their formation.

W. S. Stancill, superintendent of one of the Mecklenburg county convict camps, was found guilty of manslaughter at Dallas, Thursday. Stancill shot a negro prisoner Frank Rozzell, while the latter was running away. He claims he did not intend to kill, but only to frighten the negro. An appeal to the supreme court was taken.

Magnolia correspondence of Sampson Democrat: The H. E. Newbury company purchased today, from one farmer, Mr. Andrew Pickett, eighteen hundred and forty-two pounds of hams. Mr. Pickett is one of Duplin's largest and most successful farmers, and expects to make one thousand barrels of corn and kill ten or fifteen thousand pounds of pork next winter.

The case against the judges of election in two townships in Chatham was called in Pittsboro Thursday. This county is entirely in the hands of the fusionists; every county officer is a fusionist; the justice who bound the defendants over was a fusionist, and a large majority of the jurors are fusionists. Strenuous efforts have been made to stir up prejudice among the fusionists against these defendants, and a sentiment has been created among these people who made it impossible for the judges to get a fair and impartial trial. Under these circumstances the judge upon motion of counsel removed the case to Orange and they will stand for trial at the February term of the superior court of that county.

Durham county board of education has entered suit against the city of Durham for \$2,600—the full amount of fines collected in the mayor's court. The Durham Herald says the suit is based on a decision recently made by the supreme court in a case in which the school board of Vance county sued the town of Henderson for a settlement. The school board claims that under the decision of the court in the case above referred to, all fines and penalties collected under sentence of the mayor, should go into the school fund of the county. The position of the city authorities is that this is a wrong construction to be placed upon the law in the case. They claim that only such fines and penalties as are collected for violation of the State law should be turned over to the school fund, and that the fines collected for violations of the city ordinances belong to the city alone and that the decision of the courts does not touch this fund.

Wolves are reported as doing damage in Hertford county. It is stated that within the past 18 months the farmers, who turned their sheep and pigs out to graze in the timber, had lost about 350 head of these animals by the voracity of the wolves, without knowing what the cause of their loss was until a small negro, with a cheap muzzle-loading shotgun, journeyed forth to kill squirrels and saw a large she-wolf chasing a hog. The little fellow pluckily stood his ground, and when the wolf was passing within twenty yards of him he discharged his load of squirrel shot at the brute with such good aim that she was killed. The body was found to measure six and one-half feet from nose to tip of tail, and weighed 140 pounds, and the fangs were about two inches long. Rewards of \$10 each are offered for wolf-skins. The terrible fire that have been burning in Daniel Swamp have driven the wolves and other wild animals out into the surrounding country.