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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A freight train engine blew up Tuesday at Johnston City, Ill., killing the engineer and fireman.

There are 17 foreign steamships at Galveston awaiting cargoes, and business is being resumed.

President Diaz has been unanimously re-elected president of Mexico for his eighth term of office.

The Chinese give further trouble. Riots have broken out near Canton. The Presbyterian and Catholic churches were looted and burned.

It is officially announced that there will be no fusion between the Democrats and Populists for congressman in the sixth district of Kansas.

Two freight trains collided near Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday. Three trainmen were killed and two injured. Forgetfulness of orders by a conductor was the cause of the accident.

Owing partly to the scarcity of Nova Scotia coal in Halifax an order for 5,000 tons of steam coal has been placed in Virginia for immediate delivery for the use of the British warships making their headquarters in Halifax.

The steamer Roanoke, arriving at Seattle, Wash., Sept. 25th, brings news of a disastrous storm at Nome in which seven lives were lost, thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed and fully 500 people made homeless.

A Bristol, Tenn., special says Washington county authorities are searching for Edward Green, a negro, who may be lynched if found. At Glade Springs the negro shot and fatally wounded Nick Edmundson, a young white man, who refused him a chew of tobacco.

The Iron Mountain shops, located at Haring Cross, Ark., were destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Four hundred men are thrown out of employment. The shops were the largest in that section of the country and were the main shops of the Iron Mountain system. The loss will reach \$250,000.

Miss Elizabeth Van Lew, who during the war between the states, furnished the Union forces with valuable information against the Confederate government, assisted prisoners to escape from Libby prison, and who after the war was rewarded by Gen. Grant with the postmaster's rank at Richmond, died at her home in that city Tuesday morning.

Two world's records were broken on the famous four cornered track at Terre Haute, Ill., Tuesday. The Abbott, driven by Geers, clipped another half second from the world's trotting record of 2:03 1/2, already held by him, finishing a wonderful mile in 2:03 1/2. Coney, 2:02 1/2, driven by Ed Gaylord, of Denver, went against time to beat the amateur world's pacing record to wagon, finishing a mile in 2:03 1/2, which clipped half a second from Free Bond's record, made in New York.

Gen. John M. Palmer, ex-senator from Illinois, died at his home in Springfield, Ill., Tuesday. Heart failure was the direct cause of Gen. Palmer's death. He had been in ill health for more than two years. Gen. Palmer was born in Kentucky Sept. 13, 1817. From 1869 to 1875 he served as Republican governor of Illinois. Later he became a Democrat and in 1891 was elected to the United States senate. In 1896 Gen. Palmer was a presidential candidate of the National Gold Standard Democratic party.

Two more deaths from bubonic plague were reported at Glasgow Tuesday, making eight in all since the outbreak. Only 10 persons are now under observation.

A special from Austin, 25th, says reports that the towns of Marble Falls and an Saba have been destroyed by floods related to be erroneous. All crops and much farming property have been destroyed and several hundred people living in lowlands were made temporarily homeless, but there has been no loss of life reported up to this time. At Austin the river is three-quarters of a mile wide and is filled with debris of all kinds, including dead cattle.



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WILLIE AND HIS PAPA.



"Yes, Willie, papa was out walking, and that coarse, rude Billy Bryan threw rocks at him. He hurt poor papa awfully."—New York Evening Journal.

DISSUADED FROM SUICIDE.

The Convincing Argument a Parson Used With Telling Effect.

"An Arkansas country store keeper of my acquaintance had a bad attack of melancholy about a year ago," said a New Orleans drummer, "and attempted to commit suicide. He put a pistol to his head and pulled the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode, and before he could try it again the weapon was taken away. However, he swore he would do the deed the first chance he got, and he was no doubt really of that intention when he was talked out of it by a little itinerant preacher who was a reformed gambler. The argument used by the parson was so peculiar and ingenious that it made a deep impression on my mind. 'You know you would be a dead man,' he said as nearly as I can remember, 'if it wasn't for the fact that there was a defective cartridge under the hammer of your revolver. Now, a defective cartridge is a very unusual thing, he went on. 'They calculate at the manufactory that there is possibly one to the quarter million turned out. The chance of that bad cartridge being in the boxful that you bought for your gun was not over one to another quarter million, the chance of your getting hold of it when you loaded was exactly 1 to 50, and the chance of it being under the hammer was 1 to 5. That makes the total odds 1 to 500,000.'"

"At that point the little preacher suddenly straightened up, his eyes flashed fire, his chest expanded, and he shook his forefinger under the storekeeper's nose. 'You miserab'le sinner,' he roared, 'do you imagine for a minute that the Lord would have given you that kind of odds and let you win out on the play if he hadn't got some good and special use for your life? Don't let me ever hear of your trying to block him again!'"

"The would be suicide thought the thing over and concluded that the parson was right. His melancholy promptly disappeared, and the last time I saw him he was bubbling over with cheerfulness. He believes firmly he is a man of destiny."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Water Soaked Legs.

On the shore of the river near Westbrook can always be seen many cords of river wood compactly piled up. This wood comes from the bottom of the river. For many years a thriving business has been done in raising water soaked legs in the river between Westbrook and Mallico Falls. By the use of the wide, flat boats the logs are drawn to the surface, towed to the landing and split into cord-wood. It is estimated that an average of 100 cords yearly has been recovered from the river bed.—Kennebec (Me.) Journal.

Secretly Tripped.

"No one," gravely announced Secretly, "can arrest the flight of time." "No?" quizzingly interrupted a bystander. "I thought anybody could stop a minute." And even the disciples of the great philosopher were forced to smile behind their beards.—Philadelphia Record.

ALL HONOR TO PARSLEY.

Curious Folklore and History Concerning This Common Herb.

Some quaint ideas have hovered around that familiar garden herb and dish adorer, parsley. In England, Devonshire folk declare that parsley must never be transplanted or great evil will follow. Suffolk people say it will not come up double unless sown on Good Friday—a notion that experiments might surely soon have disproved—while ancient dwellers in Hampshire steadfastly refuse to give any parsley away. Ask them for roses, lilies, fruit or rare vegetables, and basketfuls will be gladly bestowed on you, but request a few sprigs of parsley and you will be told, with a solemn shaking of heads, "No, we never pick parsley for any one, unless it's paid for!"

The great historian Plutarch relates an interesting anecdote on the subject of this herb. Timoleon was leading an army against the Carthaginians. "But as he was ascending a hill from the top of which the enemy's camp and all their vast forces would be in sight, he met some mules laden with parsley, and his men took it into their heads that it was a bad omen because we usually crown the sepulchres with parsley, and thence comes the proverb with regard to one that is dangerously ill, 'Such a one has need of nothing but parsley.' To deliver them from this superstition and to remove the panic Timoleon ordered the troops to halt, and making a speech suitable to the occasion, observed among other things that crows were brought them before the victory and offered themselves of their own accord. For the Corinthians from all antiquity have looked upon a wreath of parsley as sacred, crowning the victors with it at the Isthmian games." The general then crowned himself and all his officers with parsley wreaths, and led his men to battle, their fears conquered, the result being a decisive victory.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Measuring Medicines.

A teaspoonful is just one dram; a dessertspoonful, two drams; a tablespoonful, four drams.

In mixing or administering drugs of any sort quantities should be carefully measured in a medicine glass, for then one may be quite sure of the amount given, which is quite impossible to be if one uses spoons, for these vary in size according to fashion.

When measuring medicines, it is best to stand the glass on the table, for if one holds it in the hand one may easily hold it crookedly, and thus inadvertently pour out a larger or smaller amount than is prescribed by the doctor. In some cases excess of this kind might be mischievous in effect.

Cats and Strains Quickly Healed.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm applied to a cat, 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 lameness. For sale by J. E. Hood.

MURDER NEAR LaGRANGE.

Job Deaver Kills Will Candell Because of His Daughter.

Last night about 9 o'clock Job Deaver killed Will Candell by shooting him with a pistol. The homicide occurred at Deaver's home near LaGrange. Candell had become very intimate with Deaver's daughter, and had been warned by the father several times to let his daughter alone. Candell and Deaver with several others, were at the Jenny Lind store, in Bucklesberry, last night when Candell left the crowd and went off. In a short time Deaver, suspecting Candell, went to his home where he found Candell with his (Deaver's) daughter and killed him. Deaver returned to the Jenny Lind store, told the crowd there he had killed Candell, and disappeared.

We hear that the sympathy of the people in the neighborhood is with Deaver.

TO DODGE HATTERAS.

An Inland Ship Canal Being Surveyed.

The government is now engaged in surveying the route for a proposed ship canal from Beaufort, N. C., to Norfolk, Va., by way of the Dismal Swamp Canal. It is to be of a depth of sixteen feet, so as to avoid the dangers of Hatteras, and to transport government supplies in naval ships in case of war. The engineers are making estimates of cost of the work.

This is a work of the very greatest importance to the people of the State. The survey began at two points under parties directed by United States engineers and well fitted out with necessary steam craft and apparatus.

Strikers Do Shooting.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 26.—The first blood shed on the part of the strikers occurred today near Scranton. Twenty shots were fired by strikers and three men were wounded.

The question of the strikers having the right to march on the public high ways was argued today in court. The strikers who have attempted to march have in several cases been arrested and put in jail.

State troops have been sent to the Hazleton district. All is quiet here.

Vultures and Rattlesnakes.

When the international boundary commission resumed the lines between the United States and Mexico, there were naturalists in the party. Dr. Mearns, who, with his assistants, collected many specimens of birds and mammals, tells of a fight in the air between a California vulture and a rattlesnake which he saw while exploring the Cocopah mountains of Lower California.

It was in the early morning. The big bird had seized the snake behind the head and was struggling upward with its writhing, deadly burden. The snake's captor appeared aware that its victim was dangerous. The burden was heavy, as the reptile was nearly five feet long.

The grip of the bird on the snake's body was not of the best. The snake seemed to be squirming from its captor's talons, at least sufficiently to enable it to strike. Its triangular head was seen to recoil and dart at the mass of feathers.

It did this once or twice, and then, with a shriek, the vulture dropped its prey. The bird was probably 500 feet or so above the observers. The astonished men were then treated to a spectacle seldom seen. Few birds but a vulture could accomplish such a feat.

The instant the snake escaped from the bird's clutches it dropped earthward like a shot, and, like a shot, the bird dropped after it, catching it in midair with a grip that caused death. At any rate, the snake ceased to wriggle, and the vulture soared away to a mountain peak to devour its hard earned meal.—Youth's Companion.

Too Lively.

Mr. Corntassel—I can't understand these here theater troopers.

Mr. Medderrass—What is the matter?

Mr. Corntassel—Why, they advertised this here drammer of "The Black Vow of Vengeance" as havin' plenty of life in it, an blame if they didn't kill 16 people in th' first act.—Baltimore American.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Temple-Marston Drug Co., will be presented with a sample bottle of Boecher's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boecher's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by druggists in all civilized countries.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The Argus announces that Goldsboro is to have a canning factory.

Smithfield has been advanced from a fourth to third class postoffice.

The Aberdeen & Asheboro railroad will build a branch road to Jackson Springs where a large hotel will be built.

Postmaster Alexander at Palmyra has been removed. A postoffice inspector found the postmaster short \$165.45.

Gov. Russell has refused to commute the sentence of Chauncey Davis, colored, who is to be hanged at Tarboro Friday.

Dr. Delia Dixon, sister of Revs. A. C. and Thos. Dixon, was married Wednesday morning at Raleigh to Dr. Norwood Carroll.

It is said Butler has completed his series of indignation meetings. The last one held was at Flea Hill, Cumberland county.

Newbern Journal: Job Jackson, a colored boy about 18 years old, was killed near Tuscarora Monday by a falling tree.

The governor offers \$200 reward for the arrest of "Boots" Brown, Raleigh's latest negro murderer. It is alleged two negro detectives know where Brown is and they will quickly nab him.

It is reported that since the August election every operative who voted the Democratic ticket at Maiden has lost his job in the mills there, either voluntarily or by discharge, with one exception.

Rev. R. H. Cline, of Cherryville, had two sons bitten by a mad dog Tuesday. He took them to Charlotte where a mad stone was applied. The stone adhered to one of the boy's arm for an hour when it fell away.

The engine of a freight train on the Carolina & Northwestern railroad left the rails near Lenoir Tuesday and rolled over into a field. Engineer Jack Palmer jumped and was crushed to death by a flat car loaded with lumber which fell on him.

Raleigh cor. Charlotte Observer: It seems that some at least of the negroes are planning to depart for Oklahoma. It is not known whether this movement will assume anything like the dimensions of an exodus, but it is said that next spring many negroes are to take their departure.

Winston Republican: N. T. Shore, who winds the Salem clock, has performed this duty 17 years. He winds the clock once a day—17 years, 365 times a year, a total of 6,205 times. He succeeded the late Emanuel Fisher and Mr. Fisher succeeded the late Samuel Shultz. The clock has been doing active service since 1800.

Edward Quinn, a young white man of Bear Creek, Duplin county, was killed Monday night at Mount Olive. He was hauling logs for Mr. John Bell, who runs a saw mill at Mount Olive, and was riding on the tongue of the carriage between the wheels. He fell and one of the wheels of the heavily loaded vehicle passed over his head crushing it into a jelly. He died in fifteen minutes.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane has mailed to the county superintendents of public instruction and other school officials a circular letter in which he strongly advises them to in no case make an arrangement by which the district school shall be combined with a private school. He insists that each school district have its public school-house separate and distinct from any private enterprise and that there be no alliance whatever between public and private schools.

Greenville Reflector: Sometime during Tuesday night the store of Mr. G. M. Tucker, five miles below Greenville, was robbed. One window of the store was broken open, through which the thieves made an entrance. The three money drawers in the store were ransacked and about \$15 in cash secured. A large quantity of goods was also taken from the store. Blood hounds were taken down to put on the track.—Tuesday night the gin house of Mr. F. G. Dupree, near Falkland, together with a lot of cotton and tobacco in the building, was destroyed by fire. We could not learn how the fire originated nor the extent of the loss. Besides Mr. Dupree's personal loss one of his tenants lost all of his crop.

To Care a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROWN LINDSEY TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Gray's signature on each box.

Howard Convicted.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 26.—The jury brought in a verdict convicting Jim Howard of murdering William Goebel in the capitol grounds, January 30th. The jury was out only thirty minutes after meeting to-day. Howard was sentenced to death and heard the verdict and sentence unmoved.

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 belching and sour-stomach. They regulate the bowels, too. Price, 25 cents. Sold by J. E. Hood, druggist.