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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Slow progress is being made in settling the terms of compromise in the coal strike. The strikers are quiet.

Jim Howard, the assassin of Gov. Goebel, was refused a new trial Saturday and sentenced to be hung on Dec. 7th.

Yale defeats Trinity 22 to 0, in the first game of football of the season. Pennsylvania defeats Lehigh, 27 to 6, and Harvard down Wesleyan, 24 to 0.

At Lake Charles, Va., Friday, Paul Sloan, a deputy sheriff, was shot and killed while defending a negro from the vengeance of a mob. The mob was prevented from carrying out its object.

One of the greatest gushers for an oil well yet struck in West Virginia. It began operations the other day with an estimated flow of 8,000 barrels a day, most of which goes to waste because they can't catch it.

A showman has just died in Chillicothe, Ohio, from the bite of a sick rattlesnake he was doctoring. The snake objected to the physic, got mad and bit him, and then wound up the business by biting and killing itself.

The Norwegian steamer Calanda and the Japanese steamer Ise-Maru are reported to have been in collision off Iwo-Shima, Japan. The Calanda was sunk and forty-five of her passengers and crew were drowned. The Ise-Maru put in at Iwo-Shima.

Auditor Castle, for the postoffice department, has finished the tabulated statement of the money order business of the country for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900. The statement exhibits an increase in the money orders business of 14 per cent. During the year, 32,163,050 money orders were issued. The average amount of these orders was \$7.70.

A receiver has been appointed for the Montgomery Banking and Trust company, of Montgomery, W. Va., on the application of President Cahmpe and Vice President Simra, who allege that the cashier misappropriated funds, making the bank insolvent. Liabilities are stated to be \$50,000; assets \$15,000, of which only \$1,500 is cash. Missing notes and securities amount to \$62,000, it is alleged.

The next census work will be the announcing of the population of states, giving the total population, the increase over the two preceding census reports; the population by counties and the population of each of the cities under 25,000, including all the incorporated towns within the state limits. So far as the work has progressed it appears likely that the present census will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000.

After a quarrel which extended over two weeks, two young men of prominent families, of East Point, a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., met Friday evening and fought with pistols. One of the men, Sheffield Harrington, was shot in four places, and the other, Walter Hudson, was wounded once. Both are believed to be fatally wounded. The trouble arose over Hudson refusing to marry Harrington's sister, to whom he was reported engaged.

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CHINA'S NEW SCHEME.

Orders for Punishment of Leaders of the Boxers. Imperial Princes Degraded.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Information comes from Consul Goodnow that the emperor and empress have issued a decree blaming their ministers for encouraging the Boxers. The edict orders the degradation of four princes and deprives Prince Tuan of his salary and official servants. He is to be brought for trial before the imperial clan court.

It will be recalled that in our answer the state department was careful to state that while it did not believe in demanding the surrender of the Chinese ringleaders as a condition precedent to negotiations, it was resolved firmly, as Secretary Hay had said in his note of July 26, that in the end the guilty parties should be held to the utmost accountability. The Chinese government has taken this intimation to heart, and perhaps hastened in its action by the recent manifestations of dissatisfaction by the United States government at the reported promotion of Prince Tuan, already has begun the punishment of him and the other Chinese leaders who are held guilty.

Its Shape.
"What is the shape of a ship going to pieces on a stern and rockbound coast?" asked Gaswell of Dekana.
"Very bad shape, I should say. What shape would you call it?"
"A wreck tangle."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

De Witt's Little Early Balm are promptly available, pleasant, powerful, purifying liniment. J. E. Hood.

A "PERPETUAL" EMPIRE.



"The time is at hand when every man is called upon to contribute what he can to perpetuate this administration."—Senator Hanna in Opening Campaign Speech in New Jersey.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Polite, but Embarrassing.

A pretty little miss of about 14 summers nearly broke up a wedding party at Linwood a short while ago. It was about the first wedding that she had ever attended, and she felt the importance of the occasion very much. After the ceremony she noticed that the people went up to the bride and groom and made remarks to them. She supposed that they were words of congratulation or condolence or something of that sort, but her ideas of the proper thing to say under the circumstances were a little vague. Finally she whispered to an old friend of the family who was near by:

"What shall I say when I go up there?" she faltered.

"Oh, just anything to show them that you are glad they are married. Just something complimentary, you know."

In a few minutes the little miss had made her way to where the happy couple were receiving the congratulations. There was quite a crowd around, but she didn't mind them one bit. She marched straight up to the bride and, extending her hand, said:

"I wish you many happy returns of the day."

The remark convulsed every one in hearing, but the little miss left the church with the consciousness that she had observed the proprieties.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

How the Carving Was Done.

"When I was a young man," said a San Francisco artist, "a friend of mine who returned from China brought home a lot of pearl shells beautifully etched or engraved with figures and landscapes on the inside of the shells. I did not marvel so much at the engraving as I did at the cheapness of the shells. I couldn't help thinking that some of the engravings must have taken a day or two to make, and yet they sold for little or nothing, my friend said.

"On my request he made an investigation of the subject and discovered that the Chinese had used the following plan: Instead of graving the picture into the hard shell, an operation that would have been laborious and slow, the Chinese drew the sketch on a little scrap of tea leaf and inserted it into the pearl oyster shell when it was tender. The inside of the shell in this manner got an impression of the sketch from the tea leaf picture, and as soon as it was sufficiently well printed the Chinese would take the lead out and insert it in another shell, and so on. That's how the carved shells came to be so cheap or at least that was the explanation that was made to me by my friend."

A Green Hand.

He was a new freight handler.
"Load these barrels in that car," ordered the freight agent.
"Oh, can't load barrels in that car, sir," responded the new man.
"Why not?"
"It's a box car, sir."—Chicago News.

The Adirondack mountains embrace an area of over 2,900,000 acres, and in this area fully 300 mountain peaks rise to altitudes ranging from 1,200 to 5,000 feet.

Few things are impossible in themselves. It is not so much means as perseverance that is wanting to bring them to a successful issue.

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

A Defender of Black Snakes.

The reporter was advised not to kill a black snake under any circumstances. An old, honest, reliable man explained this:

"Only a few days ago I saw a black racer whizzing around in a circle, his flaming eyes distended. His attention seemed riveted on something not far away. I advanced, and, to my astonishment, I saw a large rattlesnake coiled up in battle array. The black snake continued his circuits, getting a little nearer to its victim each time. After 10 or 15 minutes the rattlesnake dropped his head on the ground. Almost instantaneously the black snake pounced upon its victim. After securely fastening his teeth in the back of the rattlesnake's head he began his deadly coiling. Within five minutes that rattlesnake was dead. So don't kill a black snake."

The color came in the old gentleman's face as he was relating the above, and he said:

"Boys, black snakes are game, but they won't hurt you, for I had one for a pet for years, and because my old woman woke one night and found a snake in bed she raised an awful fuss and killed it."—Lebanon (Ky.) Enterprise.

Boy and Woodchuck.

The joy of pursuing the woodchuck is a part of the happiness of rural life. The boy is lacking in physical development and in numerous mental and moral qualities growing out of the experience who has not spent a day pouring water down a woodchuck hole on the hillside with a view to drowning out the occupant. This is said to refresh the woodchuck, and, as for the boy, it toughens his muscles as no compulsory labor could do, and it cultivates patience, hope and persistency. Given a good brook, an ample hole and an industrious boy, a full day's work on the outside and a complacent woodchuck on the inside may be safely guaranteed.—Hartford Courant.

A Compliment.

Mrs. De Kanter—You said you were going to be detained at your office all evening, but you weren't there. Now, where were you?

Mr. De Kanter—My dear, there's no sense in your getting excited. It really—

Mrs. De Kanter—Why don't you answer my question?

Mr. De Kanter—My dear, I would answer your question if I was sure you wouldn't question my answer.—Philadelphia Press.

A Remarkable Railroad.

One of the most remarkable railroads in the United States is that which runs from Fabyan, at the foot of Mount Washington, to the summit—a distance of 3.38 miles. The time required in making the ascent is one and one-half hours, which is at the rate of a mile in 27 minutes. The descent is made in the same time. The fare is \$4 for the round trip, or at the rate of 60 cents a mile. No other road in the world charges quite so much and few run trains at a speed quite so slow. About 6,000 passengers are carried annually.

Little Lucy's Prayer.

One evening little Lucy knelt to her evening prayer. Her little heart was bursting with self satisfaction—she had been so exemplary all through the day. "O Lord," she said, "make me very good, even better than I am." Many an older person thinks this prayer if he does not dare to put it into words.—Oregon Times.

Attempted Highway Robbery.

We hear that two sons of Mr. Franklin Herring and two negroes, in the Bucklebury section, tried to rob a man named James Taylor and another farmer last Wednesday night. The farmers had sold tobacco at LaGrange and were returning home that night. They were attacked about three miles from LaGrange. Mr. Taylor drew his knife and cut one of the white men, named Herring, in the neck. It was first reported that Herring's throat was cut badly, but he was not seriously injured.

The two Herrings were arrested and the preliminary hearing was set for trial before Justices N. R. Whitfield, Shade Wooten and George Taylor at LaGrange today. We have not yet heard the result.

It is rumored that after the repulse, the attacking party borrowed a pistol from Mr. D. Sutton, who lived on the road near White Hall, and pursued the farmers as far as White Hall, but did not catch up with them.

A Lazy Beggar.

I once had a conversation, said an Isle of Man bank manager, speaking of Hall Caine, with two old friends of mine, a farmer and his buxom wife, who live within a few yards of Greeba castle, the great Manx author's residence. Hall Caine had just taken up his abode in his new house, and I started the conversation by saying to the worthy farmer and wife:

"So you have the great Hall Caine near you now?"

Farmer and Wife—Aye, man.

Farmer's Wife—And what tremenjous style they are keepin'! It's amazing.

Farmer—And what's he doing for a living, Mr. —?

Bank Manager (greatly astonished)—What, don't you know he is a popular author?

Farmer—And what's that?

Bank Manager—Why, he writes successful books.

Farmer (with a fine show of contempt)—The lazy beggar!

I need hardly say, concluded my correspondent, that I collapsed.

She Knew.

Marjorie is the small and only daughter in a family which boasts of several sons. Aged 4 is Marjorie, petite and imperious and enjoying excellent opportunities for becoming spoiled. She has lately attained to the dignity of the kindergarten and comes home daily with some fresh acquisition of wisdom. A few days ago it was addition, and she proclaimed proudly at the dinner table:

"I know how much two and two make and free and two and four and two."

"And what," said her father, "do you and I make, Marjorie?"

Without a moment's hesitation over these new factors in her problem, the little maid answered, with a dimple and a smile:

"Sweethearts."

And all the family were satisfied with Marjorie's arithmetic.—London Answers.

Big Similarity.

"The minister and the policeman," said the young and cynical boarder, "are inseparable adjuncts of civilization."

"They are very much alike," said the cheerful idiot. "One is a palmer, and the other is a peeler."—Indianapolis Journal.



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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The supreme court last week licensed 33 young men to practice law in the State.

The postmaster at Scotland Neck is found to be short in his accounts about \$170.

Chauncey Davis, colored, was hanged at Tarboro Friday, for arson. He protested his innocence to the last.

Southport Standard: The rice planters along the Cape Fear have about completed harvesting, and we learn that the crop is found to be quite a good one.

The feeling against the Mormons is now growing in this State. There are over sixty of them at work proselyting in North Carolina. A few counties have driven them out.

Raleigh News-Observer: Mr. James B. Loyd, who was in the city yesterday, says that he does not think the Populists will put out any candidate for congress from the Second district.

A dispatch, Sept. 27, from Pittsboro says: Eleven of the election rioters who broke up the election in Williams township last August, were given a preliminary hearing today before J. N. Hamlet, justice of the peace, and were bound over to court in a one hundred dollar bond each.

Greenville Reflector: The case against W. A. Bright, on the charge of setting fire to his barroom, which occupied nearly two days of the court, resulted in a mistrial, the jury failing to reach a verdict. Report says the jury was ten for conviction and two for acquittal. His bond was increased to \$1,000, which he was required to give for his appearance at January court.

Some Republicans at Winston say their candidate for congress, Assistant District Attorney Blackburn, must prove himself clear of the charges made against him by a Wilkes county paper, which says that while United States commissioner in Ashe county, Blackburn took fees to not send cases up to the federal court, and to prevent prosecution, he resigned his office.

It is said that the home cotton mills are buying very little, but are waiting for a decline in prices, a very improbable thing. It is said the exporters are rushing all the cotton they can get out of the country and that the tracks at Wilmington are blocked with cotton cars—over 400 in number; so many in fact, that the railway people are holding cars back until the block is removed.

A dispatch from Charlotte says: C. M. Ray, who is one of the editors of the Mill News, will be used for libel by Rev. J. F. Austin, who has been a prominent labor organizer in the cotton mills of the State. In an editorial published recently some very serious charges were made against Austin by the Mill News, and he was spoken of as one of the most dangerous lecturers because he was capable of as much meanness as any one in the crowd.

Tarboro Southerner: Shortly after daybreak last Tuesday the house of Frank Dupree, who lives at Falkland, was discovered to be on fire, and before the flames could be extinguished they had consumed the gin house, nineteen bales of cotton, seed from four bales, three stacks of fodder and a lot of new lumber Mr. Dupree intended to use in erecting a dwelling. The loss is quite serious, there being no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been started by a man who was seen to crawl from under the gin-house at daybreak by one of the hands, but no attention was paid to the fact till after the fire, when a search party was sent out to find him, but up to this writing he had not been captured.

Worthy the Highest Honor.

Headerson Gold Leaf.
Mr. Simmons is worthy of the highest honor the people of North Carolina can bestow upon him. In point of ability and fitness he is the equal of any of them and as for services rendered the party and State their names are not to be mentioned in the same connection. But we would not put Mr. Simmons claims upon the score of what the Democracy owes to him. Were he not wholly qualified to fill the office of United States senator with honor and distinction we would not be for him, however much we might feel indebted to him for what he has done in lifting North Carolina to a higher and better plane politically and otherwise.

AUGUST FLOWER.

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