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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

W. J. Bryan made eighteen speeches in Wisconsin Tuesday.

A New York syndicate proposes to contract with the rice farmers for their entire crops for the next four years.

Winfield Townsend, a negro, was burned at the stake at Elmore, Ala., Tuesday. The fire was started by the husband of the woman he had attempted to outrage.

The war department issues an order to Gen. Chaffee designed to prevent looting, abuse of the Chinese, and to enforce the same discipline as is maintained in the United States.

Chi Hsin, a member of the Tsung Li Yamen, of notorious anti-foreign tendencies and a patron of the Boxers, has been captured in Peking by the Japanese. His fate has not been determined upon.

The parade and mass meeting of striking miners at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Monday, was a great demonstration, 130,000 miners being in line. The strike situation continues unchanged, except that the strike becomes more complete.

Gen. Osman Pasha, a near relative of the deceased Osman Pasha, the "hero of Plevna," arrived Tuesday at Marseilles, from Constantinople, from whence he fled owing to the Sultan's suspicions that he was engaged in a conspiracy.

The Allegany, of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Co., the first steamship to sail from Philadelphia in regular ocean traffic with the south, steamed down the Delaware river Tuesday with a full cargo for Savannah, Ga.

Charles R. Hewitt has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court, New York, showing liabilities of \$351,519; no assets. Among the creditors are: Kimball Lumber Co., Apalachicola, Fla., \$12,000; Banzler Lumber Co., Pascagoula, Miss., \$9,495; Atlantic Lumber Co., Jacksonville, Fla., \$4,320.

Hon. David B. Hill spoke to a large crowd in Richmond, Va., Tuesday night. Mr. Hill's speech was largely confined to a constitutional argument against imperialism. He hardly touched upon the financial issue. He said that as imperialism was the paramount issue it was natural and proper that he should confine his address to that theme. Mr. Hill declared that it was right that Bryan was given the Democratic nomination and held that in his public career of four years the nominee had not said a foolish thing. In conclusion the speaker said that he brought good cheer from the Empire state; that the people there were falling into line; that the Democrats were working night and day; that nothing honorable would be left undone to gain a Democratic victory and the Democrats expected to carry the Empire state for William Jennings Bryan.

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NO TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP.

That Old Fashioned Quality Is Said to Be Out of Date.

Friendship is said to be out of date. We certainly have not much time to spare nowadays, even to reflect on what the rush and hurry and bustle of modern life are costing us. Now and again, however, there is borne in upon us the sad realization of the losses we sustain as we tear and scramble through what we now call life. And is not one of these the power of establishing close friendships?

It is a sad reflection, but the more we think of it, the truer we shall find it to be, that we no longer have time to knit together those bonds of true friendship and affection which bound our predecessors together and made life sweet to them.

We are always in a hurry, rushing here and there. We meet and know many people in crowds and yet never have time to understand them, to give them or gain from their sympathy. We can scarcely spare an hour that is unconnected with some form of entertainment or some business matter to those we call our closest friends.

Letter writing has been reduced to its least common denominator as time presses on us heavily, and we have no surplus that we can spare with our so-called friends that enable us to study each other's characters. Friendliness, in fact, has become a mere term with the general run of people.—Chicago Record.

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 lameness. For sale by J. E. Hood.

VASTNESS OF ST. PETER'S.

Large Objects Appear Small in the Great Cathedral.

During a recent ceremony in St. Peter's, Rome, one of the crystal chandeliers suspended from the ceiling began to creak ominously, and the people beneath it hastily scattered. In a moment the mass fell and was dashed into a thousand pieces on the floor below. In St. Peter's a few days before when the workmen were suspending these chandeliers they were taking them out of piles of numbered boxes, for St. Peter's, like a theater, has many "properties" and is decked in a different manner for its different ceremonials.

Cords run over pulleys fastened far up aloft, and with these the chandeliers were hoisted to their places. St. Peter's is so enormous that the eye there is continually deceived. The chubby cherubs at the holy water font look to be the size of ordinary babies, yet they are nearly seven feet tall, and a man standing beside them looks like a dwarf. When the workmen were hoisting these chandeliers from the floor, a traveler noted with amazement that the masses of crystal were over eight feet high. Yet when hoisted to their places far up in the dim heights they looked about the size of a man's head.

Workmen in St. Peter's are called "sanpietrini." They take their name from the basilica "San Pietro"—"sanpietrino," plural "sanpietrini." They have a set of lofty scaffolds mounted on rollers. These they move from place to place about the vast church. They are not unlike our fire departments' water towers. Ladder after ladder runs up the scaffolding, and by their aid they reach places from 100 to 150 feet above the floor. Other ingenious scaffoldings are used for work on the inside of the dome. Seen up there the "sanpietrini" look like flies crawling on the ceiling. The top of the dome is about 400 feet above the floor.—St. Louis Republic.

THE IRISH PEASANT.

He Is the Gayest Fellow in the World Under Difficulties.

The Irish peasant is still, thank heaven, what Sir Walter Scott called him after the visit of the great novelist to Ireland in the early thirties—he is still "the gayest fellow in the world under difficulties and afflictions." He has a cheerful way of regarding circumstances which to others would be most unpleasant and disheartening. A peasant met with an accident which resulted in a broken leg. The neighbors of course commiserated him. "Arrah," he remarked, with a gleam of satisfaction in his eye as he regarded the bandaged limb, "what a blessing it is that it wasn't me neck!"

Yes, the irrepressible Irishman has a joke for every occasion. Two countrymen who had not seen each other for a long time met at a fair. They had a lot of things to tell each other. "Shure it's married I am," said O'Brien. "You don't tell me so!" said Blake. "Faith, yes," said O'Brien, "an I've got a fine, healthy boy which the neighbors say is the very picture of me." Blake looked for a moment at O'Brien, who was not, to say the least, remarkable for his good looks, and then said, "Och, well, what's the harrum so long as the child's healthy?" And yet a peasant to whom a witticism thus spontaneously springs may be very simple minded.

The peasant's passion for rhetoric still induces them to commit to memory imposing polysyllables which they often misapply, with the most amusing and grotesque results. I heard a nursemaid exclaim at a crying child in her arms "Well, of all the ecclesiastical children I ever met you're wan of thin!" A landlord in the south of Ireland recently received a letter from a tenant in the following terms:

Ye Honor—Hope this finds you in good health, as it laves me at present, your billings Bill has assassinated me poor cullid dunny.

—Nineteenth Century.

The scabbards worn by Italian officers are made of papier mache.

Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea After Thirty Years of Suffering.

"I suffered for 30 years with diarrhoea and thought I was past being cured," says John S. Holloway, of French Camp, Miss. "I had spent so much time and money and suffered so much that I had given up all hopes of recovery. I was so feeble from the effects of the diarrhoea that I could do no kind of labor, could not even travel, but by accident I was permitted to find a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after taking several bottles I am entirely cured of that trouble. I am so pleased with the result that I am anxious that it be in reach of all who suffer as I have." For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

Stock-Law Election Ordered. Jurors for November Term. Payments Ordered.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on Monday, Oct. 1st, at the court house. Present: S. H. Abbott, chairman; R. K. Noble and A. T. Dawson.

STOCK-LAW ELECTION.

An election on stock-law was ordered upon a petition of a majority of the voters in the following described territory: Beginning at the gate near Chas. Kennedy's on the Cobb Mill road and runs with A. J. Sutton's line, then south with said line to J. C. Wooten's line, then with said line to the county road, then north with said road near Jerry Warters', then with Lightwood-knot road up to W. H. Waller's, then to the back of James Williams' field, then round said field to the school house, then with road to the Woodington road, then with the Woodington road to the L. T. West line, then with said road to the stock-law fence, near Chas. Parker's; said election to be held after legal advertisement.

JURORS FOR NOV. TERM.

The following were drawn as jurors for Nov. term.

J. K. Aldridge, Jno. F. Rhodes, E. A. Parker, J. F. Vause, J. H. Barwick, Parrott H. Mewborn, Jno. W. Pool, J. G. Haynes, J. N. Miller, W. W. Rouse, Zeph Kilpatrick, L. Kornegay, W. P. Gilbert, E. B. Colie, Frank Grady, M. H. Smith, D. E. Potter, J. F. Harper, C. C. Dunn, V. A. Rountree, DeWitt Dawson, Z. Edwards, A. R. Sutton, C. G. Wiggins, Albert Kennedy, L. F. Daugherty, Alex. Tilghman, Jr., W. S. Hardy, A. J. Tyndal, John H. Rouse, A. L. Johnson, Jacob Murphy, John T. Gray, D. C. Wade, W. E. Stroud, A. E. Moore.

PAYMENTS ORDERED.

The following amounts were ordered paid out of the general county fund:

J. B. Temple, for aged and infirm, \$175.75
J. D. Gardner, keeping iron bridge, 7.00
Josiah Wells, transportation of two prisoners, etc., 2.90
W. H. Sutton, coroner, inquest of Will Caudell, 25.95
Wyatt Allen, pauper, 1.00
Kinston Free Press, acct. filed, 31.92
J. C. Wooten, account filed, 14.85
Geo. Webb, holding Aug. election, 12.02
Sam Lawson, pauper, 1.00
Asa Waller, jail acct., 13.90
Berkley Smith, coffin for pauper, 3.00
Einstein Bros., acct. filed, 4.85
Susie Moore, pauper, 1.50
Asa Waller, repairing court house, stoves, etc., 5.15
A. T. Dawson, commissioner and mileage, 2.60
S. H. Abbott, one day as commissioner, 1.50
R. K. Noble, commissioner and mileage, 3.00
W. D. Suggs, acct. filed, 11.35
Dr. W. T. Parrott, acct. rendered, 15.00

The following amount was ordered paid out of the fence fund:

J. W. Hooker, work on county fence, 1.50

The following amounts were ordered paid out of the road tax fund:

C. H. Barwick, work on county road, 15.50
Gordon Sutton, work on county road, 2.00
Stephen McCoy, keeping ferry, 2.00
W. P. Gilbert, work on road, 18.80
Nottingham & Wrenn Co., lumber for bridge, 17.49
R. K. Noble, work on road, 7.65
H. A. Edwards, work on road, 93.30
J. T. Stroud, work on road, 54.03
P. B. Worley, work on road, 8.93
J. W. Worley, work on road, 21.60
On motion, the board adjourned.

W. D. Suggs, Clerk to Board.

The Funniest Story!

Sir Wilfrid Laurier once said that he considered the following the funniest story in the world. Do you agree with him?

A gentleman was once being taken over an idiot asylum. He asked an attendant how they knew when an idiot was considered to be sufficiently restored to sanity to be discharged.

"Oh," said the attendant, "it is easily managed. We take them into a yard where there are several troughs. We turn on the taps and then give the idiots buckets to bail out the water and empty the troughs. Many of them go on bailing away while the taps keep running, but then that isn't idiots stop the tap."

Subsequent Reflection.

"Oh, what a beautiful water lily!" No sooner had the maiden uttered these words than Archie Stragg resolutely waded out after it.

He sank in up to his waist of water.

But he didn't get the lily.

It was still yards away from him and in deeper water.

"Fools rush in," he muttered, exhorting to himself as he turned and began slipping his way back in shore, "where again have too darned much sense to tread!"—Chicago Tribune.

A COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Of the Powers as to China Proposed to be in Sight. Proposals of Secretary Hay, in His Notes of July 3rd, the Basis for the Plan of Action.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Favorable news has reached Washington from the European chancelleries indicating that a complete agreement as to China is within sight and that, too, on the basis of the proposition laid down by Secretary Hay in his note of July 3, and the subsequent notes treating of that subject. The accord in Russia with the United States is more complete than was anticipated at first and reports show that all of the European nations probably are placing themselves in position to take advantage of the opening made by the United States and soon will be ready to begin negotiations for settlement with the Chinese government. The Russians have given notice of such purpose and while the text of the French note on this subject, referred to in today's press dispatches, has not reached the State department the officials are satisfied that this is correctly reported and that France, like Russia, is ready to negotiate at once.

As for Germany, either the position of that government has been misunderstood, or it has sustained a change of mind. Possibly the former is the case, but, however that may be, it is quite certain from the advices which have reached Washington today that the German government, upon careful inspection of the plans for a settlement projected by the United States, finds therein nothing inconsistent with the German aspirations. Therefore, it may be expected that Germany, too, will be prepared soon to join in this common movement toward a settlement. It may be stated that altogether the prospects of an adjustment of the Chinese difficulty without resort to formal war are very much brighter than they were one week ago.

How Moody Got Out of It.

Many were the interesting experiences belonging to the first Northfield conference called by D. L. Moody. One especially shows Mr. Moody himself in his varying phases. It was the conversation hour at noon, and about 100 men were sitting under the tent on Round Top.

Mr. Moody, leaning sturdily against the tent pole, led the meeting. Suddenly there came from him the plump question, "Brethren, how many of you have so grown in grace that you can bear to have your faults told?"

Many hands went up. Quick as a flash, but neither sharply nor insultingly, Mr. Moody turned to a young minister and said:

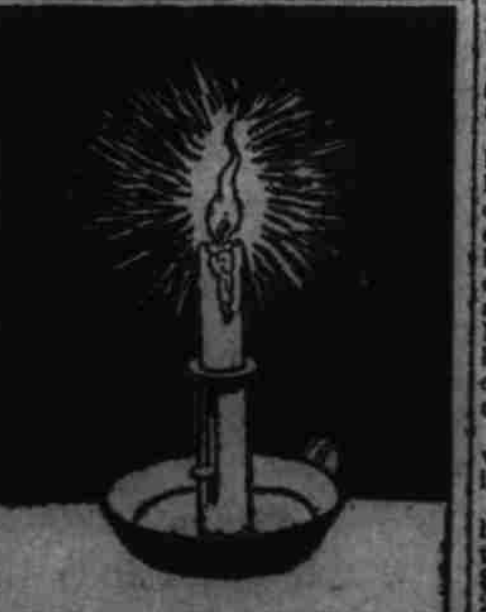
"Brother, you have spoken 13 times in 12 days here and perhaps shut out 12 other good men from speaking."

It was true. The young man had been presuming and officious. He had held up his hand, but he could not bear to be chidden, and now he stoutly defended himself, only making matters worse. Then another minister broke forth and berated Mr. Moody for his bluntness. The latter blushed, but listened until the reproof was done. Then he suggestively covered his face and spoke through his fingers, "Brethren, I admit the fault my friend charges me with; but, brethren, I did not hold up my hand!"—Youth's Companion.

Did It With a Slam.

"I am willing to do anything," said the applicant for work.

"All right," said the hard-hearted merchant. "Please close the door behind you when you go out."—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.



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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

A special from Morganton says 16 negroes have been summoned to testify against election officers of Morganton township.

Richmond capitalists will establish a large mill at Roanoke Rapids, to manufacture fine damask. It will give employment to several hundred operatives.

Many witnesses have been examined at Weldon in the railroad taxation case. The railroads are trying to show that property is undervalued for taxation.

The bank of Mt. Olive, a progressive town fourteen miles from Goldsboro, was organized Friday with a capital of \$12,500. H. J. Pope, president; M. T. Brazel, cashier.

The supreme court has adopted a rule requiring two years' study by applicants for license as attorneys. Heretofore only one year has been required. The State Bar association recently asked the court to make the time two years.

Waynesville Courier: A big land deal has been closed in which about 35,000 acres of land in Jackson, known as the Canada tract, has been transferred from the Love estate to the National Abrasive Co. The consideration was about \$45,000.

Rev. Moses T. Moye died at Wilson Monday night, aged 73 years. He was the oldest minister in years and service of the Christian church in the State, having served his denomination more than 40 years. He was a gallant Confederate soldier.

News and Observer: A negro came in Sunday night from Petersburg, Va., broke out and suffering with small pox, and was at once sent to the pest house. He went direct from the train to City Physician McGee, who had him taken to the pest house at once. The negro gave his name as Robert Green and said that there was much smallpox in Petersburg.

On Monday night, in Stanley county, Frank Swarengen became involved in a row with Will Hinson. Swarengen was shot by Hinson five times, dying in an hour and a half after the shooting. It seems that both men were partners in a government distillery and a dispute over some whiskey was the cause of the homicide. Hinson did not attempt to escape, but was arrested by the sheriff.

Chairman Travis, of the penitentiary board, speaking of the remarkable falling off in the number of convicts—from 1,800 to 800 in four years—says it is due to the use of convicts by counties on their roads. He thinks the number will not further decrease, as about all the counties which desire the road system under which convicts are sentenced to labor on the road now have it.

Raleigh Post: It having been suggested that Col. Waddell and Gov. Jarvis might withdraw from the senatorial race, in reply to a correspondent of the Charlotte Observer upon this point Col. Waddell said: "You may say that I am in the race and shall stay in to the finish." As to Gov. Jarvis' withdrawal, Col. Waddell said: "I do not know, but Jarvis is not of the backing-down kind." We are sure he states the case both for himself and Gov. Jarvis. They are both in to stay until the votes are counted.

LIKE BARNUM'S SHOW.

Big Four Iron and Steel Trust Will Be the Greatest on Earth.

New York, Oct. 2.—The statement is made by authorities in the iron and steel trade that if President McKinley is re-elected there will be, in the near future, a consolidation of the American Tin Plate company, the National Steel Co., the American Steel Hoop Co., and the American Sheet Steel Co., four of the greatest trusts formed during the present administration.

Each of these concerns is at present a largely controlling factor in its particular line of business. The tin-plate trust controls the tin-plate industry, having almost a monopoly in the business and being notoriously able to fix the price of tin plate. The steel-hoop trust makes a large part of its class of goods. The National Steel company is one of the largest steel concerns. The Sheet Steel company is the newest of these concerns and controls the output of sheet steel. The new combination, if it is formed, will make one of the largest corporations in the world if not the very largest.

The American Steel Hoop company has a capitalization of \$33,000,000; the tin-plate trust an authorized capital of \$50,000,000 and an actual issue of \$46,425,000, and the National Steel trust an authorized and issued capitalization of \$59,000,000. The Sheet Steel company's capital is larger than any of these three. The total capitalization of the four is in excess of \$200,000,000. It is supposed that in the process of consolidation this capitalization will be further watered to perhaps double this amount, or \$400,000,000.

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