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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A strike of 1,000 coal miners occurred Thursday at Blockton, Ala.

The latest report of the damage to cotton by the Texas floods places the loss at 400,000 bales.

There were two hundred deaths from disease among our soldiers in the Philippines in the last two months.

Gen. MacArthur has sent the First regiment to Marinduque to rescue Captain Shields and his men, or if they are dead, to severely punish the Filipinos.

The yellow fever situation in Havana is not improved. During the month of September 257 cases were officially reported, with a mortality of 25 per cent.

The chief fire station at Waltham, Mass., was burned Friday night, with six houses and two pieces of apparatus. Seven firemen were hurt but none seriously.

Vice chairman Johnson, of the Democratic national committee, gives out a table estimating that Bryan will receive 326 electoral votes McKinley 88 and 33 doubtful.

According to Poor's Manual there were in this country at the end of last December 190,833 miles of railway, the increase for the preceding twelve months being 3,981 miles.

But for the prompt action of some of the leaders of the coal mine strike there would have been a serious clash with the deputies Thursday. The strikers gained greatly in number Thursday. They have not lost a man yet.

Albert T. Patrick, a lawyer, and Jones, the valet of William Rice, the Texas millionaire who died suddenly in New York Sunday before last, have been arrested in that city, charged with forging signatures to checks drawn by the late millionaire.

Gen. McArthur reported to the war department Thursday that five soldiers died in the mountains of Laguna province after having made their escape from the insurgents by whom they had been captured. The date of their death is unknown.

The Vatican authorities have informed the Italian police, in connection with the recent burglary and theft of securities valued at 157,000 lire, that more than a fifth of the stolen property came from America. It is said that the thieves are being tracked.

The conference between committees representing the Southern Spinners' association and the Yarn Merchants' association with a reference to revision of prices for yarn have completed their work. An average increase of 20 per cent. was decided upon.

The Dowager Empress has deputed the highest official of the empire to make all necessary arrangements for a most imposing funeral in honor of Baron von Ketteler, the late German minister to China. She has also ordered the erection of a suitable temple at the capital to his memory.

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. Hod.

Gen. Carr at Mt. Holly.

Tarboro Southern.

Gen. Carr, candidate for the senatorial nomination at the hands of the Democrats, in a speech at Mt. Holly, Sept. 3rd, 1900, is quoted as saying:

"If my friends will only turn out on election day and work and vote, victory is assured, and aside from my personal interest, it is of the utmost importance that there be a free and full ballot, and an honest and fair count."

Isn't this an uncalled for and gratuitous insult to every Democrat in North Carolina?

Coming from a Democrat and one who aspires to leadership, isn't it with very poor grace?

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Carrying Out the Rule.

"Some editor who has been giving advice to people on how to live to be old says that one of the main rules to follow is to go away from the table at each meal feeling as if you could eat more."

"Well, say, if that's right, every fellow at our boarding house ought to live to be a hundred!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Great Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a great favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by J. E. Hod, Druggist.

The Vanity of Men.

"Vanity, vanity, all is vanity!" saith the preacher. Which is usually interpreted to mean, "All women are vanity." In point of fact, the observant are agreed that there is no sex in vanity, more than in mind. An elevator attendant not long ago glanced disgustfully at a man who during a long trip up ten or more stories occupied the entire time at the mirror. He curled the ends of his mustache, arranged his tie, adjusted his hat at a more becoming angle and was altogether so absorbed that he was carried beyond his destination and had to walk down a flight of stairs.

Said the elevator man to a woman in the car: "They say that a woman can't go by a looking glass without looking at herself, but as far as I can see she ain't in it with the men. A woman never gets a chance to look in that glass, for the men keep it busy all the time."

The man who carries a tiny comb or brush in his pocket for use in public places is by no means exceptional. He may be seen on the cable cars, the "L" and in elevators brushing his mustache and eyebrows with as much care as a woman could give to the arrangement of her curly front locks blown into disorder by the wind. Of course neatness is commendable, but there is always a touch of the ludicrous in a man's taking the little case from his pocket, extracting the comb and coaxing his hirsute adornments into a more becoming curve.—New York Tribune.

Like a Man.

Soon after the conscript law was passed by the Confederate congress Captain Slack was appointed enrolling officer for the parish of Claiborne, with orders to have its provisions duly executed. His manner of execution was the reverse of that suggested by his name and created a lively sensation among the "bomb proofs," who, finding the pointed arguments of his muskets irresistible, moved rapidly and in a right line toward the front. Not long after his arrival his sister had occasion to visit an old lady whose son was notoriously of the peace persuasion. She soon missed his familiar presence, and the following conversation occurred:

"Mrs. —, where is John?"
"Gone to fight for his country, child."

"Indeed, I thought he was one of the exempts."

"Lor, honey, Caplin Slack don't know no exemptions. The other day I see his men a-gallop down the road. I hollered to John they war comin and told him the chimney was a good place. 'Twasn't no use, though, for they found him quicker than a cat does a mouse."

"Well, Mrs. —, what did John do?"
"Do? Why, he came down and 'list-ed like a man."—Lost Cause.

The Pope's Official Rings.

The pope has three special rings for his use. The first is generally rather a plain gold one, with an intaglio or cameo ornament. This is called the papal ring. The second one, called the pontifical ring, because used only when the pope pontificates or officiates at grand ceremonies, is an exceedingly precious one. The one worn on these occasions by Pius IX was made during the reign of Pius VII, whose name is cut on the inside. It is of the purest gold, of remarkably fine workmanship, set with a very large oblong diamond. It cost 30,000 francs (£1,250) and has a contrivance on the inside by which it can be made larger or smaller to fit the wearer's finger.

The fisherman's ring, so called because it has a figure of St. Peter in a bark throwing his net into the sea, is a plain gold ring with an oval face, bearing the name of the reigning pope engraved round and above the figure of the apostle. The ring weighs 1 1/4 ounces. It was first a private and not an official ring, though it has been used in the latter way since the fifteenth century and is now the official seal of the popes and the first among the regalia.—Golden Penny.

Independent.

We admire the independence of a western poet who says in a preface to his volume: "If the critics don't like this book, I wish to say to them that I do. If they tear it to tatters, I shall pick up the pieces and embark in the plastering business. I am here to stay, and you bet I've made up my mind to it."—Atlanta Constitution.

Hot Water Peddlers.

In northern China hot water peddlers go about with a whistling kettle, the whistle announcing that the water is at a boiling point. When they hear the whistle, the people run with their tea-pots and buy enough hot water for their day's tea.

REGISTRARS INDICTED.

Bills Found Against Six in the Federal Court.

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 4.—The grand jury in the United States district court today returned bills against the following persons charged with the "deprivation of the rights guaranteed by the constitution of the United States": Hunter L. Wall and J. T. Thompson of Winston, W. L. Roper and R. O. Fry of Montgomery county, J. A. Perry and William Powell of Burke county.

The indictments set forth that on the first Thursday in August, 1900, an election for governor and other State officers and for members of the general assembly was held at each voting precinct in North Carolina, and that the registrars unlawfully and willfully refused to allow the persons named in the bill to register for said election. The bill charges Thompson with turning down 24 negroes; Wall 12; Roper four; Fry seven; Perry seven; Powell nine.

The names of the negroes are given and they are all here to give testimony, accompanied by a number of others. Great interest is manifested in the matter and most strenuous efforts will be made to convict the registrars. It is believed that Judge Boyd will inflict heavy punishment if they are convicted.

Commenting on the above the Raleigh Post says:

The indictment of the Winston, Morganton and other registrars by the grand jury at Greensboro yesterday is not conclusive by any means that these officers are guilty of violating the law. It is merely the attempt of Attorney Holton to use his negro witnesses now with the hopes that the registrars and other election officers will be intimidated next month. And this parading the negroes and using them to secure the indictment of these officers will be worth thousands of votes for Mr. Bryan. In a partisan sense Mr. Holton has rendered the Democrats a great service; but it is a disgrace to his office that such use of it should be made, let the benefit of it be what it may.

Southern China in Great Excitement.

London, Oct. 5.—A Hong Kong dispatch says that southern China is in a state of great excitement. A rebellion is threatened in Kwaiin, where the Chinese regular troops seem unable to retain order. In the Canton district there have been anti-Christian riots and several missions destroyed. The general position of foreigners is unsafe owing to the imminence of native uprising.

Matrimony Leads to Crime.

"I began the career of crime," said the famous criminal, "when I married the second time."

"Did your second wife lead you astray?" asked the sympathetic visitor.
"Not so much as the first one. It was she who preferred the bigamy charge."—Stray Stories.

If a girl has a piano, it is dangerous to give her a bust of Mozart or a picture of Beethoven, for then the parlor is changed to "the music room."—Aitchison Globe.

The tip of the minute hand of the average watch travels nearly four-fifths of a mile every day.



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Too Many Risks.

They had come up from lower Maryland—man and wife—to have their tin-types taken by a traveling operator at the Marlboro fair. The husband thought it well to have a fair understanding of the matter beforehand, and so he entered the gallery on wheels and asked:

"How much for two pictur's?"

"Fifty cents," was the reply.

"Will you take a prime coonskin in payment?"

"Yes."

"Will we look nateral?"

"You will."

"Kin I stand with a knife in my hand, as if ready to tackle a b'ar?"

"You can."

"Kin the ole woman hev her hands clasped and her eyes rolled up like some of them rich folks?"

"If she wants to."

"And yo'll take all the risks?"

"What risks do you mean?"

"Waal, I hain't purty nor proud, but the ole woman is, and yo'll hev to take a twist out of her nose and shorten up her chin a little, or she'll git right up arter seeln the pictur' and light on yo' like a turkey on a 'tater bug. The last feller that was here only survived two days arter takin her pictur', and I thought it was only squar' to tell yo' 'bout it."

The artist declined to take the risks, and the man picked up his coonskin and went out, saying:

"Can't blame yo', stranger. Can't blame yo' a bit. Yo' don't want to be fore all to pieces and hev this wagin wrecked for the sake of one coonskin. I'll git the ole woman seven yards of kailiker, and she'll hev to roll up her eyes at that and let the pictur' go."—Washington Post.

Coins and Conductors.

A new industry among street car conductors was revealed to a patient passenger on an up town Sixth avenue car the other day. The conductor, who was in a talkative mood, opened conversation by exhibiting a coin of a mintage which commands a premium and remarking that many such coins, which were carried as pocket pieces, came into the hands of himself and his fellow conductors in the course of a year, either from passengers who were temporarily oblivious more or less of their surroundings and their actions or from men who had gone broke and had to get up town.

From that he passed to the topic of bogus coins, ingeniously confessing that conductors who took bad quarters or half dollars by mistake and were too conscientious to try to work them off on passengers sold them at the car house to other conductors at a discount of 5 cents. The squeamish conductors, he explained, had rather lose 5 cents than to try to pass the coins or to lose the face value of the coins. The other conductors, he said, were always ready to make the 5 cents and there were of course always passengers available to whom the coins might be given in change.—New York Sun.

Because She Loved Him So.

"You do not care for me!" he cried despairingly. "You do not believe in my love!"

"On the contrary," replied the up to date girl, "I am giving you the best possible evidence that I do."

"But you refuse to marry me," he said.

"And why?" was asked, with the air of one who thinks she has been deeply wronged. "It is because I believe you love me and I care enough for you not to make you miserable. Nothing could be more unselfish than my action. You are poor. You could not supply me with those luxuries that I crave, and the fact that you had to deny them to me would make you unhappy. The greater your love the more wretched you would be in such circumstances, and it is to save you from this unhappiness that I refuse you. I shall sacrifice myself by marrying some one with lots of money, but it will be for you—all for you."—Chicago Post.

Dodging Cannon Shot.

"Last Friday Lucy (Mrs. Knox) died at General Washington's. Last Saturday, let it be remembered to the honor and skill of the British troops, they fired 104 cannon shot at our works at not a greater distance than half point blank shot—and did what? Why, scratched a man's face with the splinters of a rail fence. I have had the pleasure of dodging these heretofore engines of terror with great success, nor am I afraid they will hit me unless directed by the hand of Providence."—From "A Soldier of the Revolution," by Noah Brooks.

White's Black Liniment. It cures Swollen, Rheumatic and Neuralgic, A 25c bottle for 15c. I. E. Hod.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

At Elizabeth City Thursday night a man named Freeman, charged with the murder of Chas. Chason, was acquitted.

Mr. W. Duke has given another \$100,000 to Trinity College, making his donations to this institution aggregate half a million.

Mr. Mebane, superintendent of public instruction, was thrown out of a wagon at Newton, and painfully hurt so he is confined to his bed.

Greenville Reflector says the prisoners in Pitt jail had broken the bolt and lock and were in the act of escaping when Mr. Buck discovered the plot and prevented it.

The Fayetteville Observer notes the death of Mr. James D. Nott, a brave Confederate soldier, aged 65. He was treasurer of Cumberland county a number of years—was honest, true and upright.

Mrs. D. C. Maxwell's dwelling and a good portion of her furniture at Mt. Olive were destroyed by fire about half-past 1 o'clock Friday morning. The fire is supposed to have caught from the kitchen. The loss was partially insured.

Secretary Pearsall, of the Democratic State committee, says that while now the senatorial matter is attracting far more attention in this State than national matters, he believes it will soon be fought out and that then the people will return to the main issue; that the senatorial dispute will subside and the main issue come first.

Hillsboro Observer: Bright and early Tuesday morning, September 26th, about two miles east of University Station, Deputy Marshal Loyd and another man raided and captured a large illicit distillery. Besides capturing a large 100 gallon copper still, the officers cut down and destroyed eighteen stands of beer, said to contain about 2,000 gallons.

Sam Nott and wife, the negroes charged with the poisoning of Dr. Love, were lodged in jail at Albemarle Wednesday night. On the way there from Locust Level, where the preliminary trial was held, the officers encountered a crowd of men who took the negro man and with a rope around his neck extorted a full confession from him. They then returned him to the officers.

Cotton plants present a very strange appearance. A new top growth has formed within the last thirty days or less, and this top is full of blooms and "squares," which are young bolls. It requires 60 days for cotton to mature from date of bloom, and if there were warm weather till mid-November, there would be an addition of one-third to the crop. Of course there is no likelihood of the weather remaining warm so long.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: Francis D. Winston, who is hard at work organizing Democratic clubs, said a few nights ago that the white Republican leaders were working hard to induce their people to vote the Democratic ticket next month so as to be privileged to vote in the senatorial primary and "knife" F. M. Simmons, whom they so bitterly hate. He said that they had gotten their people pretty well in line and that the hitch was mainly in the eighth and ninth districts. He said today he understood they were getting in those districts, too, and that the break as regards Blackburn in the eighth is equivalent to saying that he can't be elected, and that it is just as well to do what mischief can be done. He says the quarrel with Blackburn is for the purpose of dropping him.

Right.

Henderson Gold Leaf.

"Find out what your enemy does not want done and do it again."

Our enemies, the Republicans, say:

"Elect any one senator but Simmons."

Our enemies, the McKinley Populists, say: "Don't elect Simmons senator."

The money power and trusts say: "Don't elect Simmons senator."

The disorganizers in our own party say: "Don't elect Simmons senator."

The majority of the Democratic party in North Carolina, like Henry Watterson, say: "Knowing what our enemies do not want us to do we will elect Hon. F. M. Simmons senator, and then if he serves us as well and faithfully in the United States senate as he has done elsewhere, we will elect him again at the end of his term."

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Hooten, "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 sour stomach and indigestion." Sample bottle free at Temple-Martin Drug Store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.