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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The battleship Wisconsin made a fine record in her trial trip.

There have been 118 cases of yellow fever in Havana since October 1st.

Youtsey's condition is still critical. He has not yet recovered from his stupor.

Adlai E. Stevenson spoke in Hagerstown, Md., Friday night. He was given a grand ovation.

The Carlisle Indians defeated the University of Virginia playing football in Washington, D. C., last Saturday, 12 to 0.

It is estimated that the Pennsylvania coal miners strike has cost miners, operators and railroads the immense sum of \$13,500,000.

The grand camp of Virginia Confederate Veterans, at Staunton, elected the officers for the ensuing year; with R. L. Maury, Richmond, grand commander.

Filipinos lost 20 killed, 40 wounded and 23 captured in an attack last week on American troops in the Island of Panay. Two Americans were wounded.

Ex-President Harrison is said to be lukewarm for McKinley and will not enter the canvass. He is not favorable to Bryan, but scores the Porto Rican bill.

It is understood that the president has selected Judge Gray, (Democrat), of Delaware, to represent the United States, with ex-President Benjamin Harrison, on the Hague permanent arbitration tribunal.

Roosevelt made nine speeches in Kentucky Saturday, winding up at Louisville. At Elizabethtown a crowd of roughs tried by noise and disorderly conduct to prevent his speaking.

Ex-Fire Chief B. F. H. Bowers, deputy sheriff, jailor and a prominent politician of Key West, Fla., is in jail for killing Mrs. Charlotte Knowles. Her mother with a pistol and claims the weapon was discharged by accident.

Russia's suggestion that the disputes as to Chinese indemnities be referred to the international court of arbitration of The Hague, has been accepted by America and France. It is understood that other powers look with favor on the proposition.

Youman Padgett, a well-known farmer, near Valdosta, Ga., was shot and instantly killed by an unknown assassin while at the house of a neighbor, Thomas W. Ray, assisting in nursing a sick child. It is supposed that Padgett was shot in mistake for Ray.

SUCKERS OF THE CAPE FEAR.

One Hundred Wilmington People Taken in on "Diamond Investment Contracts."

Wilmington, Oct. 13.—Persons who for 30 weeks have been paying \$1.25 a week on diamond investment contracts with the understanding that at the expiration of that time they would get \$40, are greatly disappointed on being told, after making twenty payments, that they will have to make twenty more. They signed contracts to pay the amount mentioned weekly for 104 weeks but were positively assured by solicitors that the contract would be redeemed at the end of the first twenty weeks.

The Mutual Fidelity Company, of Baltimore, the concern selling the contracts, writes they have relied entirely on solicitors and representatives and reminds them that in their applications they agreed not to hold the company responsible for agent's statements. Considerable over a hundred contracts were left here.



Since the world was young people have tried every kind of trick to cheat the old man who carries the scythe and the hour-glass.

To those who want to look as young as they really are, in spite of their gray hairs, there is one comfort: Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair.

J. C. AYER COMPANY, Lowell, Mass.

Ayer's Sore Throat Remedy
Ayer's Hair Vigor
Ayer's Cherry Tooth Paste
Ayer's Ointment

SOMETHING ABOUT ARMIES.

Artillerymen Were Once Regarded as Mechanics, Not Soldiers.

Until the time of Charles XII of Sweden the artillery was not considered a part of the army. The men serving in it were not soldiers, but regarded as mechanics. The officers had no army rank. Charles XII gave artillery officers a rank and regularly organized the artillery into companies. The battle of Pavia demonstrated the superiority of the gun in the hands of the Spanish infantry. The musket carried a two ounce ball and sometimes brought down at one fire two or three mailed knights. The French sent a flag of truce to remonstrate against the use of such barbarous weapons.

Alexander had four kinds of cavalry—the cataphract, or heavy armed horse; the light cavalry, carrying spears and very light armor; the acrobolists, or mounted archers, used for outposts, patrols and reconnoitering duty, and the dimachoe, or troops expected to act either as cavalry or infantry. Alexander the Great reorganized his father's army. The file or lachos of 16 men was the unit; two files made a diolochy; two dioloches made a tetraorchy; two tetraorches a tetrarchy; two of these a syntagma; 16 of these a small phalanx; four of these a tetra-phalanx, otherwise known as a large phalanx.

The Greeks attacked in a phalanx, the spears interlocked and shields overlapping. After the first onset the spears were dropped, and the day was decided with the sword. The cavalry attacked the enemy in the rear, if possible, and, in case of victory, undertook the pursuit.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Rogues' Refuge.

There is one corner of Central America that is at present a perfect paradise for men who have committed any crime. It is a place where the outcasts of the world's society rule the land of their adoption and where the officials of the government protect all thieves that come to them and make it dangerous for any detective to molest them.

This is the republic of Honduras, one of the least advanced of the states of South or Central America. Honduras indeed is a curious mixture of jungle and gigantic forest, of cocoa and of rubber trees, of hogs, vampires, snakes and crocodiles—of all manner of things that creep and crawl and sting and bite; a region where life in the daytime is a mockery and at night one feels as though sleeping in red pepper.

Here, in every hamlet and city, are to be found men from different lands, mostly outlaws from their own country. Chicago, Boston, New York and Philadelphia all furnish their quota. England, France, Italy and even far away Russia have their share. They make no attempt at concealment, bear the names they were born to bear and go along about their business as if the laws of their own country had not declared them outcasts.—London Express.

Naming the Chinese Baby.

In China girls are called instead of Mary Ann or Marguerite "Spring Peach," "Cloudy Moon," "Celestial Happiness" or what may not be considered so nice, "Come-along-a-little-brother" or "Add-a-younger-brother" or "Lead-everlasting-younger-brothers." The latter means that a son would have been more welcome than a little "go away child," as they call the girls. They belong to the family of the husbands to be and do not count in the family of their birth, so that when a Chinaman is asked, "How many children have you?" he makes no count of the girls, although he may have ten. The boys only he counts, and his reply will indicate only the number of boys.

He gives his sons such names as "Ancestral Piety," "Ancestral Knowledge," "Practical Industry," "Able to Sing Out," "Second God of Learning," "Excite the Clouds," "Beginning of Joy," "All Virtue Complete." The little slaves who begin life as household drudges before they graduate lower answer to such names as "As You Please," "Sparrows' Crumbs," "Joy to Serve," "Your Happiness," "Not For Me."—Kansas City Journal.

What the Toys Said.

Here are some sayings of children reported by the Chicago News: "When small Bobby had worn his first pair of trousers for an hour, he went to his mother and begged to have on his kilt again. 'What for?' she asked. 'Because,' replied Bobby, 'I feel so handsome in pants.'"

"A mother recently had occasion to leave her little 4-year-old son alone at home while she made a brief call in the neighborhood. 'Did you get handsome, dear?' she asked upon her return. 'Yes, mamma,' replied the little fellow, 'I felt just like a railroad station yard.'"

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Two Rebellions. Both Opposed by The Foreign Powers.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Letters received in diplomatic circles here throw a somewhat better light on the situation in southern China where an anti-dynastic uprising is now in progress.

The reformist movement there is divided into two distinct parties, one led by Kang Yu-Wei and the other by Sun-Yat-Sen. The former is agitating for drastic reforms, but wishes to retain the present dynasty, while Sun-Yat-Sen aims at deposing the dowager empress and making a clean sweep of the existing regime.

Sun-Yat-Sen is leading the present rebellion. The last authentic news of his whereabouts was his presence at Yokohama three months ago; but, since then, he is believed to have smuggled himself into southern China and to be leading the reformist rebel forces, his plan of campaign being the capture of Canton, when, he calculates, the whole of south China will join him. In the event of his seriously threatening Canton, Great Britain and France, possibly assisted by the other powers, would be forced to oppose him, which would create a curious situation. The powers would then be acting against the rebel forces in the south, which are anti-dynastic and friendly to foreigners, and at the same time engaged in suppressing the Boxer rebellion in the north which is pro-dynastic and anti-foreign.

In the meantime, Kang Yu-Wei is inactive, owing, it is supposed, to the pressure brought to bear on him by Great Britain to which country he owes his liberty, if not his life, for he escaped from the clutches of the dowager empress on board a British warship some time ago.

At the present moment there are two armed movements in southern China—that of the reformists, led by Sun-Yat-Sen, and the anti-foreign, pro-dynastic uprising of the Black Flags, who are marching north to assist the dowager empress.

Mr. Daniels Says Bryan Will be Elected.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 12.—Bryan is going to be elected, and unless all signs fail he will carry Ohio. "I spent today with him in central Ohio towns. Great crowds greeted him everywhere. I talked with well informed men who go into details showing considerable gains in every county visited. He is in splendid shape. His voice is fine and he is confident of victory."

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 13.—The latest poll in Illinois by the Democratic committee shows that outside of Cook county the vote will be close. Cook county will give Bryan forty thousand majority or more. There is perfect confidence in Democratic headquarters that Bryan will carry Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, with more than an even chance of success in Michigan. The news from the Pacific slope is most encouraging.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

A Dogfight in Church.

The Westminster Budget says that it was once usual for highland shepherds to take their dogs to church and leave them outside the pews. Two shepherds at enmity sat on opposite sides of the aisle one Sunday. Soon after the sermon began the dogs, one a collie and the other not, seemed to enter into their masters' quarrel. One tender of the flock and then the other egged on his animal, and each faithful dog obeyed his master. The people at last craned their necks over the pews, and when the dogs actually fought not a few of the congregation were standing up.

The minister's patience was ultimately exhausted, and so he called to his "hearers" and said, "Ah, weel, my britherin, I see ye are more interested in the dogfight than in my sermon, and so I'll close the buik—and I'll bet half a crown on the collie!"

Had It Lowered.

Sir Augustus Harris once settled the pitch question in his own offhand fashion. A famous prima donna of his opera company came to him complaining that the piano used for vocal rehearsals was too high and asking that it might be lowered. "Certainly," replied Druridanus, with a bow. "Here, Forsyth, have a couple of inches sawed off the legs of this piano."

Genetics the Actor.

Some English investigator has discovered that actors have a patron saint who was an actor in the days of Diocletian and was his place by proclaiming before a heathen audience his belief in Christianity. He was put to death and for many years afterward was considered by Christian actors as their patron saint. His name was Gaius.

Forming skin eruptions, burrs and sores are scathed at once and promptly healed by applying Dr. Wm. A. Wood's Blood Purifier, the best known cure for skin. Beware of worthless counterfeits. J. H. Wood.

WILL BE AT THE FAIR.

Goldboro Band Coming. Dance Music. Plenty of Attractions. The Races Will Be Great.

Newbern Journal.

Secretary Green, of the Fair association, announces that one of the bands to furnish music for the forthcoming fair will be the well known Goldsboro organization, whose director writes that every effort is being made to place his band in a position second to none in the State. The very latest marches, waltzes and overtures will be rendered during the entire fair, from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., in the true Sousa style. This information will be truly gratifying to all lovers of stirring melody.

Another feature which will be particularly pleasant to both young and old, is that a good orchestra will occupy a stand in the contiguous tobacco warehouse, which will be put in excellent order and made ready for the occasion, and supply choice dance music by day as well as night for all who are tersely inclined. More attention will be paid to the music features of the fair this year than ever before.

Among the hardest problems presented to the fair management in the matter of attractions, is not where can they be gotten, but which of the hundreds available shall be accepted. It is a fact which presages well that thus far every indication points to a better and more varied program than ever before. Secretary Green is the daily recipient of important letters from all kinds and classes of entertainment purveyors, and, since the good name of the fair has spread over the country, some of the very best attractions are exceedingly desirous of getting into the grounds. It is unnecessary to state that Mr. Green's good judgment—now sharpened by his record as a fair secretary—will prevail as usual, and the best of the best chosen.

The races will be as interesting and exciting as big purses and finely executed plans and famous horses can make them. The association spares neither trouble nor money to make its race meets memorable events to lovers of horsemanship. This year the indications are that entries will be abundant and include many famous animals, insuring exciting contests.

Robbery at Farmville.

Greenville Reflector.

There are entirely too many robberies occurring in Pitt county, and somebody's neck ought to be broken if it is not stopped.

Another is reported from Farmville, Friday night, the store of R. L. Davis & Bros., at that place, being broken into. The thief or thieves made an entrance by removing the transom over the back door, exactly in the same manner that the store of King & Morrill, at Falkland, was entered Thursday night, and then went out through a window. Mess. Frank and John Davis both sleep in a room together in the store, and the thief actually went into their room and searched their pockets, neither of them being awakened. The gold watch and pocket knife of one of them was taken. Possibly it is best that neither of them was awakened, as there was evidence that the robber had taken a large grass blade into the room with him, no doubt intending to use it in case the sleepers were aroused. From the store some cutlery out of the show case, some umbrellas and some other goods of a light nature were taken. It is believed the same parties did this robbery that went into the stores at Falkland. Bloodhounds were taken out to see if they could be found.

Can't Fool the Drummers This Time.

Concord Times.

A very cunning scheme of Senator Hanna's to prevent the drummers of the country from casting their immense influence for Bryan this fall has been discovered. Through his instrumentality, all the big trusts—which he says do not exist at all—have been induced to send letters to all drummers whose address they can learn, asking them whether they can accept a good job "in case McKinley be elected." Mr. Hanna suggested, it is said, that the trusts could so couch their letters that they would bind them to nothing, and would yet probably induce some of the drummers who were thrown out of work by trust consolidations to vote for and support McKinley in the hope of getting work. A somewhat similar plan was tried in 1896 and succeeded—whether it will succeed this year is a question.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GERRY'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No cure—no pay. Price, 25 cents.

Keep Blood.

To stop bleeding at the nose, cut some blotting paper about an inch square, roll it about the size of a lead pencil and put it up the nostril that is bleeding. The hollow in it will allow the sufferer to breathe. The blood will fill the space between the tube and the nose and will very soon coagulate and cease to flow.

This is the reason when mothers are alarmed on account of scroup, it is quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure, which children like to take. J. H. Wood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The Methodist orphanage at Raleigh will open this week.

Horner School beat A. & M. 2d team playing football at Oxford Saturday, 11 to 0.

The roster of North Carolina troops in the Spanish war has been issued by the adjutant general.

Burglars blew open Grimes Bros.' safe at Lexington Wednesday night and secured more than \$100.

The Morganton mutes and Bingham School tied in a game of football at Asheville Saturday, neither side scoring.

Greenville Reflector: Smith & Hooker have sold their fine race horse, "Bird Eye," to a gentleman in Maryland. The price was \$2,000.

The Newbern Journal says that three car loads of fish were shipped from Morehead City Saturday. It was the largest single shipment made since 1891. The bulk of the fish were mullets.

A mass meeting of Democrats was held at Wilmington Friday and formed a Waddell club, the president of which is empowered to appoint committees for organizing other clubs and inaugurating an active campaign in Waddell's behalf.

Mr. W. H. Smith, president of Wayne Agricultural Works, at Goldsboro, on Thursday night let to the hymeneal altar Miss Jennie Wilson, a half-sister of Miss Mary McArthur, his first wife. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. Farries, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Gov. Russell has commuted the death sentence of Drayton Medlin, of Gaston county, to life imprisonment. Medlin was to have been hanged Oct. 18th, for killing Wm. Brown, floor manager of a cotton mill at Gastonia. Russell has also commuted the death sentence of Tom Smith, the Johnston county murderer, to life imprisonment.

Mr. Nathaniel McCormac, a farmer living a few miles from Laurinburg, has had a great calamity to befall two members his family in the last few days. His son Colin, while oiling the shafting of a cotton mill, became entangled in the machinery and was so mangled that it is feared he cannot recover. He was held hard and fast while a set-screw, revolving rapidly, picked the flesh from the thigh and shivered the bone to atoms. His condition is critical. On Thursday his brother Will had his hand sliced up in a cotton gin, and the doctors attributed the arm above the wrist. Both young men are highly esteemed in the community and great sorrow is manifested for them and their aged parents.

MINER'S CONVENTION.

May Accept 10 Per Cent. Advance, Provided it Will Last Till Next April.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 13.—The anthracite coal miners now on strike, after a two days' convention, late this afternoon decided to accept the 10 per cent net increase in wages offered by the mine owners, providing they will continue the payment of the advance until next April and will abolish the sliding scale. If the operators consider the proposition unacceptable, the miners are willing to arbitrate the questions at issue. They also decided to continue the strike until the operators agree to the convention's proposition.

Judging by the unanimity of the miners in accepting the above resolution, and by the determined stand taken by the operators it is generally believed that a long contest between the strikers and the mine owners is not unlikely.

"No Birds in Last Year's Nest."

Philadelphia Record.

"No establishment can long continue to do business on the strength of former prominence," says a persistent newspaper advertiser. "In every growing community the population is constantly changing, old citizens dying or retiring to private life, while new men are coming to the front. The public has a short memory. With new establishments as well as old showing daily enterprise, people cannot keep in mind business houses that have ceased to advertise."

The steamer Joel Cook of the Augusta Line struck a snag in the river above Savannah Friday and sank. She had forty passengers. All were rescued by a tug. The boat's cargo is practically lost. The wreck may be raised.

AUGUST FLOWER.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houten, "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 bottles free at Temple-Marston drug stores. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.