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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

It is said the Boers have 15,000 men in the field.

Heavy floods in Wisconsin interrupt railroad traffic.

Most of the striking coal miners in Pennsylvania have resumed work.

A Miss Martin committed suicide near Hatteras on a steamer from New York to Savannah.

Wm. Brown, colored, was robbed of \$80 and shot three times by two negroes near Orange Court House, Va., Sunday.

Right Hon. Friedrich Max Muller, corpus professor of comparative philology at Oxford University, England, died Sunday.

A passenger train on the Northern Pacific was wrecked at midnight Monday, near Livingston, Mont., and eight persons killed and 21 injured.

A dispatch from Lord Roberts says that Gen. Knox successfully engaged Dewett Saturday. He caught the Boers in Renneburg drift and captured two guns and three wagons.

As a result of the strict espionage following the Alford bank robbery, five clerks of the German Savings bank, of New York, have been discharged. Detectives reported them playing races.

The plant of the Chapot Chamois company, at Plainfield, N. J., was swept by fire Sunday, and the loss is placed at \$75,000, with an insurance of \$60,000. Rates among matches is given as the cause.

A special from Roanoke, Va., says: Detective W. G. Baldwin, of this city, has completed a big task for the Democrats of West Virginia in the shape of a record, giving the name, home, and present position of every man in Mercer, McDowell, and Randolph counties not legally entitled to vote there on November 6. Nearly 4,000 names are included in the lists for Mercer and McDowell counties, and over 1,200 for Randolph county. Negroes have been imported into the counties named by the thousands, from Virginia and North Carolina, to work in the coal mines during the summer and fall months. The names are being printed in alphabetical order, and lists will be distributed in every precinct of the three counties. The intention is said to be to arrest every man who attempts to vote illegally.

Moon Worship in China.
The fete of the moon is celebrated in the eighth month of the year, and this lasts six days. Presents are then made on which the figure of the moon is apparent, and a large pagoda is illuminated. Firecrackers and music and family reunions prevail. A midnight banquet on the last night terminates the feast, and then the descent of the goddess of the moon, which we call the man in the moon, is awaited. She is supposed to visit the earth at this time to grant the wishes of mortals. The moon with the Chinese is the patroness of poetry, and autumn is the poet's favorite season.—Leslie's Weekly.

Evolution of Vanderbilt.
An old friend who keeps autographs as a fad pointed out to me recently the evolution of the name of Vanderbilt as we have it at the present time. The original was Van der Bilt. The old commodore signed it thus: "Van Derbilt." William H. signed it "Van derbilt," leaving a distinct space between the "n" and the small "d," as his father did between the "n" and the capital "D." Most of the present generation make one word of it.—New York Press.

The Oldest Christian Hymn.
The oldest Christian hymn was composed not only by a pagan, the Roman Emperor Adrian, but by a persecutor of Christians as well. The hymn begins with the line "Vital spark of heavenly love" and was written between the years 76 and 133 A. D., the dates of the emperor's birth and death. The hymn was paraphrased by Alexander Pope in the early part of the eighteenth century.



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The Money in His Pocket.

A young Pittsburger arose from his bed one morning and, dressing, went down stairs to breakfast. As he sat at the table he carelessly put his right hand into his trousers pocket and was surprised to find \$7.25. He knew that when he retired for the night he had just 25 cents and had fallen asleep while wondering where he could borrow money the next morning. He was highly elated over the discovery, for, although he thought long and hard, he could not remember how he had come into the possession of the money. After work that day he took a friend to the opera and later to supper. When he returned home about midnight, a brother stepped into his room and said, "Harry, did you pay that bill for me today?"

The young man was almost dumfounded. It all came to him at once. Shortly after he had retired the previous night his brother had entered the room and, placing the money in his trousers pocket, said: "Say, old man, when you go down town tomorrow, I wish you would pay Mr. — that bill I owe him. I promised to let him have it by tomorrow."

The young man was dozing at the time, and that accounts for his failure to remember what his brother had said to him. He was kept busy borrowing from friends to make up the amount the next day, and he declares that hereafter his brother will have to pay his own bills.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

"How to Manage a Wife."

The above was the title of the following prize essay by the late Dr. C. F. Deems of New York:

"Manage? What is that? Does it mean to control? We manage a horse. We use our superior human intellect to control and guide his superior physical strength so as to obtain the best results. But a wife is not a horse. When two persons are well married, the wife is as superior to the husband in many respects as he is superior to her in others. If happiness is to be the result of the union, the first business of the husband is to manage himself so as to keep himself always his wife's respectable friend, always her tender lover, always her equal partner, always her superior protector. This will necessarily stimulate the wife to be his admiring friend, always his affectionate sweetheart, always his confiding ward. And this will so react upon the husband that his love for his wife will grow so as to make it easy for him, with all his faults, to bear with all the infirmities of his one and only wife."

A Scheme That Keeps Them Thin.

A Manayunk Englishman who argues that there is no place in the wide, wide world like merry old England for saving money has five boys who are called "shadows" by their schoolmates owing to their emaciated and hungry appearance. One of the boys, while talking to a chum the other day, threw some light on his and his brothers' lean and lank condition.

"Father tells us at breakfast time," said he, "to see which can finish eating the quickest. At dinner time he says, 'Now, boys, who'll have 5 cents and do without dinner?' And we each take the nickel. At supper time father always says: 'Well, lads, we have a fine supper. Now, who will give 5 cents for the privilege of eating all they want?' And we all give back the 5 cents. Before we get all we want he says: 'Now, lads, we've all had plenty. Let's stop or we will have bad dreams.'"—Philadelphia Record.

Ancient Origin of Military Salute.

When did the military salute come into use? It certainly dates from the earlier half of the fifteenth century, says the London Chronicle. In the "Speculum Humanae Salvationis," which was issued before the invention of printing by movable types, there is an exceedingly quaint illustration in which Abraham is represented as saluting Melchisedec. The patriarch is in medieval armor and apparently on guard, and it would seem that Melchisedec is bringing him refreshments of water, and the salute is distinctly the military one still in use.

The Earth's Shadow.

The earth has a shadow, but few ever see it except in eclipse of the moon. Nevertheless many of us have noticed on fine, cloudless evenings in summer, shortly before sunset, a rosy or pink arc on the horizon opposite the sun, with a bluish gray segment under it. As the sun sinks the arc rises until it attains the zenith and even passes it. This is the shadow of the earth.

His Gigantic Intellect.

She—What are you thinking about, Harry?
He—Nothing.
She—Aren't you afraid of overtaxing your brain, dear?—Detroit Free Press.

"De man who talk de mos' about be fightin' qualites," remarked Uncle Eph, "usually get mighty long legs."—Atlanta Constitution.

AWFUL EXPLOSION

In New York Kills Over 100 Persons. City Shaken Up for Several Blocks.

New York, Oct. 29.—A fire started at noon in the wholesale drug store of Tarrant & Co., Greenwich street and Warren. An explosion of chemicals followed and masonry and girders were hurled high into the air. Buildings in the neighborhood were badly shattered and many lives were lost. There were no less than 60 girls thought to have been in the building when the explosion occurred. Shingles and bits of masonry and iron were hurled over the high buildings in Broadway and fell in the city hall park. The flames spread to buildings adjacent and crossed the street. Two more explosions occurred in the grocery store of Moubmann & Co. The Ninth avenue elevated road was wrecked. Several firemen were injured. Forty girls are reported killed.

A World extra estimates the dead at 50. A Journal extra says 29 are buried in the debris. It is believed that 15 men were killed and 100 girls were panned in the building. All told 50 were killed, and perhaps 100 injured. A score of women jumped from the platform of the Ninth Avenue station to the street. The buildings on Ellis Island were shaken so badly that a panic with difficulty prevented. Buildings ten blocks away were injured. Debris rained down upon vessels and buildings many blocks away. The Evening Post says 150 were in the building, and that 50 got out alive.

FILIPINOS STILL ACTIVE.

Series of Fights Between the Americans and Filipinos. Gen. Hall's Disastrous March.

Manila, Oct. 28.—While scouting near Looe, a detachment of the Twentieth and Twenty-eighth regiments, under Capt. Beigler, were attacked by 400 insurgents, armed with rifles, under the command of a white man, whose nationality is not known to the Americans. The insurgents for the most part were entrenched. After an heroic fight, Capt. Beigler drove off the enemy, killing more than 75. The fight lasted for two hours. Capt. Beigler and three privates were slightly wounded, and two of the Americans were killed.

An engagement took place on October 24 between detachments of the Third cavalry and the Thirty-third volunteer infantry, numbering 60, and a force of insurgents, including 400 riflemen and 1,000 bolo men. The fighting was desperate. Finally, under pressure of overwhelming numbers, the Americans were compelled to retire on Narvican. Lieut. George L. Febiger and four privates were killed, nine were wounded, and four are missing. A number of teamsters were captured by the insurgents, but were subsequently released. The enemy's loss is estimated at 150.

A civilian launch, towing a barge loaded with merchandise, near Arayat, was attacked by a force of 150 insurgents under David Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth infantry. The American troops, on hearing the firing, turned out in force before the boat could be looted and recaptured it. Fagin, who holds the rank of general among the insurgents, has sworn special enmity toward his former company. Of the 20 men he captured a month ago, seven have returned. One was killed in a fight, his body being horribly mutilated. Fagin sends messages to his former comrades threatening them with violence if they become his prisoners. It was Fagin's men who captured Lieut. Frederick W. Alstetter, who is still a prisoner.

Gen. Hall's expedition, with a force of nearly 800 men, through the mountains to Binangonan, province of Infanta, in pursuit of the insurgent general, Cailles, although it discovered no trace of the enemy, encountered great hardships on the march. Twenty Chinese porters died and 40 men were sent into hospital. After stationing a garrison of 250 men in Binangonan and visiting Polillo island, off the coast of Infanta province, Gen. Hall and the rest of his force embarked there on the transport Garrone.

A total of \$20,166,687 worth of gold dust and bullion has been received at the Seattle, Wash., assay office during the present year.

It Happened in a Drug Store.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy. It is for sale by J. E. Hood.

Consecration of Holy Innocents.

Communicated.
Out in Trent township, on the road to White Hall, about 14 miles from Kinston, the Episcopalians some years ago under the rectorate of Rev. Israel Harding, a much beloved clergyman in Kinston during his day, built a pretty country church. Owing to an indebtedness, the said church was not dedicated before, but the members having recently liquidated the same, the church was consecrated on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Bishop Watson, assisted by Rev. T. M. N. George, of Newbern; Rev. Dr. G. P. Sommerville, of Goldsboro; Rev. Thomas Bell, of Wilson, and the rector, Rev. Jno. H. Griffith, Jr.

The services were very elaborate and full. At the front door the wardens and vestrymen of the church met the bishop and the clergy, the bishop going before, the clergy following after, while the vestry brought up the rear, the 24th Psalm was alternately repeated, the bishop one verse and the clergy another.

After reaching the chancel and the clergy arranging themselves, Col. N. B. Whitfield handed the instruments of dedication to the rector, who in turn presented them to the bishop, who placed them upon the altar. At this point Col. Whitfield read the request for consecration, and the bishop then dedicated the edifice to the honor of God's great name, separating it henceforth from all unhalloved, ordinary and common use. Morning prayer, confirmation, sermon by the Rev. T. M. N. George, of Newbern, and the celebration of the holy communion followed. The church was beautifully decorated with white hangings, evergreens and flowers, while the music was the best ever heard at Holy Innocents.

The congregation completely taxed the capacity of the church, while many were unable to get in. The sermon was a masterly effort and one calculated to deepen the regard and respect for a house set apart to the honor of God's name and worship.

A Supreme Court Jest.

An eminent lawyer, one of the most eminent in the United States, was in the midst of an argument in defense of the patent rights of his client to a newfangled collar button that was being unlawfully manufactured by the people on the other side of the case. The distinguished counsel was describing the patent referred to and its many advantages when Justice Shiras interrupted him and in a most serious manner observed:

"I should like to ask the learned counsel if his client manufactures a collar button that won't roll under the bed."

Of course the court was shocked. Some young people in the seats reserved for spectators tittered, and the marshal, rapping on his desk with his gavel, roared, "Silence in this honorable court!" The eminent counsel maintained his gravity, although his soul must have been deeply stirred, and had presence of mind enough to turn the incident to his own advantage, saying with emphasis:

"I have the honor to inform the court that the collar button manufactured by my client is unique in that as well as in other respects, but my client would not be so selfish as to patent so important a benefit to mankind."—Chicago Record.

Wrestle With This Problem.

Here is a little genealogical problem which perhaps some of our readers can solve. A man writes to the Liverpool Post, saying: "I have, like the rest of human beings, two parents. They in turn had each two. These four grandparents had each two, and so on. Now, if we take on an average four generations to a century 33 generations have passed away since the time of William the Conqueror, and by the simple process of multiplying two by itself 33 times I find that at the date of the Norman conquest I must have had 8,589, 934,582 ancestors of that generation. But this is eight or nine times the total population of the globe at the present day and must be fully 30 or 40 times the total number of human beings living in the eleventh century, so that there must be a fallacy in my calculation somewhere. Can anybody tell me," he asks, "what the fallacy is?"

Consecration.

"Well, this is great, I must say."
"What's the matter?"
"I gave Della money to get me some things in Paris, and here she sends a note with them worded as if she were making me a present of them."—Indianapolis Journal.

The "cash" is the most common circulating coin of China. It is a copper and zinc piece about the size of the American quarter of a dollar, with a square hole in the center for convenience in stringing many of them together.

Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from rheumatism. By taking Chamberlain's now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Greenville Reflector: We learn by telephone from Winterville that about noon today Mr. Jerry Weathington, Jr., shot at his father, Mr. Jerry Weathington, Sr. Two shots were fired but neither of them took effect. The young man was arrested. The cause of the shooting was not learned.

Editor Poe of the Progressive Farmer, the organ of the Farmers' Alliance, says that in the counties where the Red Shirts are the most numerous, a large part of the Populists will vote for McKinley; that perhaps 30 per cent. of all the Populists will vote the Middle-of-the-Road ticket, 15 per cent. for McKinley and the remaining 55 per cent. will either vote for Bryan or stay at home.

Greenville Reflector: Caesar Canady, a colored man who lives on Cotanch street near the river, has the highest pumpkin to be found. A pumpkin vine on his place took a notion to climb a peach tree, and he let it climb. The vine blossomed and bore a pumpkin up about ten feet from the ground. Caesar was rather struck with the novelty, so he put props under the pumpkin to keep it from breaking off, and he now has a full grown pumpkin up the peach tree.

Newbern Journal: Next week active work will begin on the grounds preparatory to the Fair. Everything will be put in good order, and such changes as may be necessary will be inaugurated. The outside and inside of every building is to be so garnished that the next Fair will seem pristine in newness. Such decorations as are planned for the interiors will be taken in charge by competent hands. The race track will also be thoroughly overhauled and by Monday morning, November 12th, it will be ready for the races. By the way, entries for the races will close at 11 o'clock p. m. Saturday.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

October 29, 1900.

Mr. W. D. Rayner, of Kinston, visited at Mr. Jesse Wood's Sunday.

Mr. Robert Ivey, of Seven Springs, visited at Mr. W. L. Herring's Tuesday.

Mess. Parrott and Smith, of Kinston, spent Sunday afternoon in this vicinity.

Mrs. M. H. Wooten, of Kinston, visited at Mr. W. L. Kennedy's a few days last week.

Miss Pauline Pace, who had been visiting Miss Kate Sutton, returned to Lenoir today.

Mrs. Applewhite, of Stantonburg, visited her sister, Mrs. C. P. Davis, a few days last week.

Miss Lucy Hodges returned to Kinston today, after spending a few days with Miss Lillie Hodges.

Miss Charlotte Parrott returned to Kinston Sunday, after spending a few days with Miss Julia Parrott.

Mean Methods.

Lenoir Topic.

We have said very little about the senatorship, because we deem it unwise to call the attention of the people to this matter instead of working against the Radical party, and we thought so well of all the candidates that, while we looked upon Simmons as the logical successor of Butler, we did not want to make warfare upon either of the others. But our estimation of Mr. Carr has been very much lowered by the contemptible and mean methods he and his friends have employed to further his interests. The Morganton Herald last week came to us with a supplement that is a dirty personal attack upon Mr. Simmons. Carr's friends make a great ado about Senator Vance's opposition to Simmons when he was appointed collector of the eastern district. Senator Vance was a great man, but he was subject to all the infirmities common to us all. He made mistakes. We have not forgotten that at the very time he was fighting Simmons he was moving heaven and earth to have the contemptible Ki Grudger appointed to the same position in the western district. If Carr and his supporters had been decent about their canvass Vance's name would never have been dragged into this matter.

Porto Ricans Can't Vote.

New York, Oct. 29.—The application of Frank J. Auarbe, a Porto Rican, for a writ of mandamus to compel the election commissioners of the twenty-fifth assembly district to register him as a voter, was denied by Judge Freeman this morning.

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 bottle free at Temple-Marston drug store. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.