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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. An Item Here and There.

Albert Alonzo Ames, ex-mayor of Minneapolis, has been found guilty of accepting a bribe of \$600 while chief executive of that city.

Eight thousand rockmen and excavators on the New York subway have refused to return to work contrary to an agreement of the central federation union.

Manchuria rivals Oregon in fertility, timber and climate and has abundance of gold, iron and coal. It has the area of Texas and three times the population of the state of New York.

The Russians, it is announced, have re-occupied New Chwang with a large force and have also put garrisons in the forts at the mouth of the Liao river. The United States will probably join Great Britain and Japan in a vigorous protest.

An account of Dr. W. D. Crum's expenses has been received at the treasury department. It aggregated only \$56.89 and was included in the regular account of the Charleston office. The department cannot pay personal fees and expenses until the appointment of the collector is confirmed by the senate. No fixed salary is provided for the collector of the port of Charleston, who receives his compensation in the form of fees and expenses.

Ten Filipinos appeared in the United States district court at Pittsburgh and made application for naturalization papers. There was difficulty in deciding on just what oath should be administered, but finally it was arranged for them to take out first papers and declare their intention of becoming citizens of the United States. In the oath they renounced all allegiance and fidelity to the King of Spain, the last sovereign of which they were subjects, "if any allegiance they may owe him."

The plans submitted for Washington's new union station provide for a station 760 feet wide, with room in the train shed for 18 trains side by side and six more leading out of the tunnel on a lower level, making 24 trains in all that are to be accommodated at one time in the new structure. The carriage porticoes on each side of the station will be capable of sheltering 200 vehicles at one time. A unique feature of the building will be a private entrance and waiting room for the president of the United States.

John Wanamaker will erect a new department store in New York. The building will be thirteen stories high, with a basement and sub-basement, and will cover the entire plot between Fourth Avenue, Broadway, Ninth and Eighth streets. The building will be of structural steel, fire-proof construction, and the exterior walls will be of stone, terra-cotta and granite. In the center of the building will be a grand court, extending to the eighth floor, and from it will extend a wide staircase to the top floor. The interior woodwork throughout will be of Santo Domingo mahogany and quartered oak. On the second floor will be a large auditorium. At the corner of Fourth Avenue and Eighth street will be the delivery department and wagon concourse. There will be about 25 acres of floor space. The cost will be between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000.

Too Great a Risk.
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Oriental View of Womanhood.

The oriental idea of the freedom which American women enjoy does not accord with that of Americans. One Hindoo lady expressed herself as greatly shocked that American men should compel their women to go about in public unprotected, their faces exposed to the gaze of strangers, and a Hindoo gentleman with whom we talked thus expressed himself on the subject of oriental treatment of women:

"You say that we do not honor our women. Why, let me tell you that all Hindoo boys, till they are ready to learn the ways of men, are taught by their mothers. We are subject to our mothers, and we know what you occidentals do not yet seem to realize—that to have good men and good citizens we must have good mothers. You will hardly find a Hindoo man, whatever his caste, daring to go against the counsel of his mother. Can you say as much for American men?"

Could as much, do our readers think, be said for American men? There are no asylums for helpless fathers and mothers in the orient. So long as there is a corner and a crust to be shared the parents in the oriental family have the lion's share.—Household.

Smoking in Spain.

In Spain people smoke incessantly under all conditions, at all hours and in all places, except in church. Men smoke in the railway carriages; they smoke in all the tram cars; they smoke in all the minor theaters; they smoke in all the restaurants, in the hotel dining rooms, and, of course, in the cafes. In business offices the merchant and his clerks smoke. In shops the shopman, while trying to sell goods to a lady, will stop to roll a cigarette, which, when lighted, he will puff in her face. You see conductors and drivers of tram cars smoking. All the hackney cabmen smoke all the time, while even coachmen and footmen of private carriages sometimes smoke on the box. Beggars approach you, cigarette in mouth, to whine for alms. If you ask for tickets at a railway office, the clerk lays down his cigarette as he hands you the dingy bits of pasteboard. The innumerable peddlars all smoke cigarettes all the time.—J. A. Hart in Argonaut.

Origin of the Tomato.

The English word of direct Indian origin most frequently in use is tomato. A native of tropical or sub-tropical America, it was cultivated by the subjects of the Incas and Montezumas, as well as by the other semi-civilized natives, long before the advent of Europeans on this hemisphere under the name of *tomati* or *tomati*. Though introduced into Europe almost as early as its congener, the potato, it was many years before it made its way into popular favor. There it was first known to the English as *love apple*, to the French as *pomme d'amour*, and to the Italians as *pom d'amore*, and these names are still in use, perpetuating the old, widespread notion that its use as food had an influence on the amatory passions.

Spurzheim and the Students.

Spurzheim, the father of modern phrenology, while staying in Edinburgh, where he had a great vogue, was the victim of a laughable hoax. A number of medical students submitted for the opinion of the phrenologist the plaster cast of what they said was a remarkably formed human skull. As a matter of fact it was the model of a big Swedish turnip (called in the Scottish tongue "neip"), and of this Spurzheim gravely wrote out the phrenological character. A few days later the following skit appeared in the leading journal of the city:

The tide of fame to Spurzheim's name Rolled o'er the German deep; The tide was spring; but, fickle thing, It now has ebb'd to "neip."

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A SAILOR'S MASCOTS.

Miscellaneous Collection That He Takes From the Shore.

Jack Tar is notoriously improvident, and most of our naval seamen when they get ashore spend their money, be it more or less, with a lavish hand. Shore leave is limited to twenty-four hours, but in that brief time the unrestrained sailor manages to run through about all the cash he carries with him. He plunges into a whirl of dissipation and is oftentimes cheated or robbed of a good share of his ready assets, but a percentage of the latter is also apt to go for anything that happens to strike his almost childish fancy. Mascots are the seafarer's delight, and whatever he may come across which seems to him to have a talismanic property he is bound to buy it if he can; hence when the "pier jumpers," as those on shore leave are technically called, return in well filled barges to the ship and under direction of the master at arms climb up to the deck they are likely to bring with them a miscellaneous collection of goats, dogs, parrots, monkeys, roosters, etc. One sailor on the Kearsarge, either in or out of his senses at the time, went so far as to purchase as a mascot a colored baby from its mother for the sum of 40 cents and came aboard with it in his arms. He was not allowed to retain it, however, and the child was eventually restored to its repentant and hysterical parent.

How many of the mascots may be kept on board lies within the discretion of the captain. A liberal policy is pursued in this matter. But manifestly there is a limit to the number of those that can be accommodated. The surplus is sent ashore without delay. When the returned "pier jumpers" are lined up while the ship's writer calls the roll to discover the laggards, it is one of the most perplexing duties of the officer of the deck to decide what dumb creatures may or may not be added to the vessel's menagerie. If the vessel is on her way homeward from the tropics, she usually carries a large variety of living presents for the home friends of the sailors. But these are only temporary tenants of the hold and would not be permitted to remain on board long.—Leslie's Weekly.

School Customs in China.

Many strange school customs prevail in China. The girls in that country seldom go to school unless they are the children of very rich people. School begins before daylight, and after studying their lessons aloud for two hours the pupils recite them. They then go home to breakfast, after which they return and study again till dinner time. In the afternoon they go again to school to prepare lessons for the following day. By this time it is night. This goes on every day of the week, for there is no such thing as the Sunday holiday.

Billion and Trillion.

There are two systems of numeration in use at the present day, commonly called the English and the French systems. In the former the billion is a million of millions, a trillion a million of billions and each denomination is a million times the one preceding. In the latter (which is the system used in the United States) the billion is a thousand millions, and each denomination is a thousand times the preceding.

Why He Was Single.

"Why don't you marry?" asked one Frenchman of another.
"Because I must do it on certain conditions."
"What conditions?"
"Well, you know, the lady must be beautiful, rich and a fool. If she isn't rich and beautiful, I won't take her, and if she isn't a fool she won't take me!"

May and December.

Our great-grandfathers had a way of announcing marriage ceremonies which would hardly find favor nowadays. The following cases in point have been unearthed:

"On Aug. 22, 1782, at Bath, Captain Hamilton, aged twenty-eight, married Mrs. Monson, an aged lady of eighty-six, but possessing rank and much wealth."

"Robert Judge of Cooksborough, Ireland, aged ninety-five, to Miss Annie Nugent, aged fifteen. Robert Judge was an officer in King William's army and was wounded in the nose."—London Express.

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Tobacco at the World's Fair.

New England Tobacco Grower.

The St. Louis world's fair department of agriculture is planning to make one of the finest exhibitions of the tobacco industry ever made in this country. Besides valuable cultural plot experiments for illustrative purposes, a great central space in the palace of agriculture, 52x180 feet, and also space along some of the aisles, has been reserved. While this central exhibition is not intended to replace the state collections or those of special manufacturers, the department of agriculture of the fair will see that an exhibition is made to include every phase of the tobacco industry, beginning with the seed, carrying it through the plant bed, transplanting, field culture and growth, cutting, stripping, transferring to barns, curing processes of all types, transportation of leaf to warehouses, sales, delivery to factory, and thence through the various preparatory forms to the finished product. An interesting exhibition of machinery to illustrate various manufacturing processes will be installed.

A. & M. Boys at Work.

There are 505 students at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. Of this number 237 are paying their own expenses by labor performed at the college or before going there. The college has a labor system whereby students earn about \$5,000 a year. The spirit of work and economy is very strong at the college. Even rich boys catch the spirit, and work at odd hours beside boys of the greatest poverty. Every possible form of labor is represented, from barbering and shoe-making to clerking, teaching and preaching. There are plenty of carpenters, machinists, engineers, draughtsmen and electricians, and no end of farm workers. It is a big sight to see the A. & M. boys at work every Saturday.

The Cranberry.

The value of the cranberry as a medicinal agent was early recognized by the American aborigines, who prepared poultices from them to extract the venom from poisoned arrows. On the same principle they are used now as a remedy for erysipelas, taken internally or applied as a poultice. In malarial and typhoid conditions the acid of the fruit is specially commended, while dyspeptics who lack gastric juice are also offered cranberries. Eaten raw they are said to be an excellent remedy for biliousness. As a health food cranberries should not be strained, as too much of their substance is lost.

Getting to the Point.

John (sheepishly)—I-I s'pose you'll be gittin' married some time?
Betty (with a frightened air)—Oh, I dare say I shall some time.
"I dare say I'll git married too."

"Oh."
"P'raps we might both git married at the same time."

"Wouldn't it be awful, John, if the parson should make a mistake and marry us to each other?"
"I-I shouldn't mind."
"No; neither should I, to tell you the truth, John."

Bagpipes in Nero's Time.

Bagpipes are generally ascribed to Scotland, where they have been in use for a long time, but it was an instrument upon which the ancient Greeks and Romans played. Nero is said to have performed upon it, and an old piece of Grecian sculpture represents a player on the bagpipes dressed in the fashion that is known today as the highland costume.

Has a Record Himself.

Barker—How could we ever get along without street cars?
Parker—Oh, we could survive. The world waited over 1,500 years for street cars.
Barker—That's so. And, by jeeminy, I've waited quite a lot for them myself.—Kansas City Journal.

Dida's Tell.

"You mean old thing, now! You said you wouldn't tell Maude about my being engaged, and you went and did, so there?"
"I didn't do any such thing! I didn't tell her at all! I just—I just asked her if she knew?"—Baltimore News.

Ridiculous.

Nursegirl—I never take care of a baby for less than \$25 a month.
Mrs. Hyfly—I couldn't think of paying that. My Parisian maid charges only \$40 for taking care of Fido.—New York Herald.

Homeopathy.

Biddle—So you are a believer in homeopathy?
Noble—Sure. When I have the nightmare, I put a piece of colt's foot candy in my mouth.—Boston Evening Transcript.

With a Rush.

"Blood will tell."
"Why, yes. Telltale blishes are nothing but blood."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Temperance is raling passion of the day and the soda fountain one of its strongest supporters and the most delightful and most satisfying of the beverages sold by soda fountains is Pepsi-Cola, the Pepsi drink. It is healthful. Try it 50c.

Militiamen Had Poor Food.

Albany, May 4.—All of the New York soldiers who participated in the fair dedication complain of the food they received in camp in St. Louis. Some of the companies asked permission to furnish their own food, and this was given them. They started a commissary and cooked their own meals.

A considerable saving has been made in the expenses for the St. Louis trip. The appropriation for this purpose was \$50,000. The actual cost of the trip will fall several thousands of dollars below this sum. Governor Odell said that until he had all the bills before him he couldn't give the exact cost, but it would be less than the appropriation.

Gov. Odell expressed himself today as being more than pleased with the reception he received in St. Louis. All of the returned New Yorkers bear testimony to the fact that all along the route of the parade the reception given to Governor Odell was second only to that accorded to President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland, and they say that the New York troops carried off the honors even from the regulars.

Sawdust as Food for Stock.

Baltimore American.

Herman Schmidt, a Caroline county farmer, read in a technical German paper that wood properly prepared would make good animal food. As there are a number of saw mills in his neighborhood he is putting the plan into practical operation. The theory is that animals have a decided liking for young shoots, roots, or shrubs, tree bark and other heavy food of the same nature, and the experiments have proved that the nutrient contained in such growth remains in it even after it has become wood, and that with a little salt and water added to it the sawdust will prove to be a highly nourishing diet. Pine, birch, alder, beech, walnut, and other woods have been analyzed chemically, and the wood has vastly more albumen, nitrogen and fatty substances than straw. To the salt and water Mr. Schmidt is adding potato peelings, corn husks, canning house refuse, or any other slop he can obtain.

Parrott Saves Master's Life.

Washington, N. J., May 7.—While making some repairs to his house today, George B. Andrews, a civil war veteran, fell from a stepladder and cut a deep gash in his neck, from which he would have bled to death had not his parrot's persistent screams for help attracted the attention of the neighbors. Andrews had fallen against the stove and became unconscious. A doctor took six stitches to close the wound in his neck, and said that had help been delayed thirty minutes Andrews would have been beyond recovery.

On his return from the war 1865, Andrews brought this parrot from New York. It has been his constant companion since. He had made application for admission to the Soldiers' Home and had been instructed to go, but finding he could not take his parrot with him, he decided to stay.

Immortality of the Soul.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 4.—Albert H. Walker, a New York patent lawyer, who today finished a week of lectures on patent law at the University of Michigan, closed with an address on "Discoveries, Inventions, Philosophy and Religion of the Twentieth Century." As a patent lawyer he said: "I believe that the twentieth century will see no such inventions as the nineteenth. I expect the twentieth century to prove whether the soul is immortal. Either spiritualism will demonstrate it by actual communication with departed souls or science will disprove it by showing that every feeling we have is produced by electrical effects on the brain. I would not be surprised if the existence of God were proved. The majority of men in this country are atheists."

Southern Steel Trust.

Memphis, Tenn., May 4.—The representative of the United States Steel corporation, Mr. Dean, who has been looking over the southern coal and iron fields for the last few days, has returned to New York with options representing many millions of dollars and involving thousands of acres of mineral lands in northern Alabama. Before leaving for the North he would not say what the intentions of the Steel Trust were, though he intimated that a gigantic surprise was in store for the people of that section. Most of the property on which options were secured lies along the line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Marriage Behind The Bars.

Roanoke, Va., May 7.—Miles Charles, indicted for the murder of his business partner, C. C. Hatch, in Buchanan county, and confined in the county jail at Grundy, was married behind the bars today to Miss Heddie Tibbets, the pretty daughter of Joseph Tibbets, for many years clerk of the county court of Buchanan. Charles was a prominent merchant at the time of the tragedy. He will be tried next month.

A Farmer Straightened Out.

"A man living on a farm near here came in a short time ago completely doubled up with rheumatism. I handed him a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and told him to use it freely and if he was not satisfied after using it he need not pay a cent for it," says C. E. Rader, of Fattens Mills, N. Y. "A few days later he walked into the store as straight as a string and handed me a dollar saying, 'give me another bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I want it in my house all the time for it cured me.'" For sale by J. E. Hood, druggist.

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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Manteo of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

Mr. M. J. Pearesall, of Moultrie, Ga., a young brother of Col. P. M. Pearesall, Governor Aycock's private secretary, was killed in a railroad accident in Georgia, Thursday.

The corporation commission elects John O. Ellington, of Smithfield, state bank examiner. Last year there were five examiners, but no one man will do the work. His term begins June 1st.

The five-year-old son of Noah Jordan, colored, of Raleigh, was burned to death by playing with matches. The child was left alone in the house and when screams attracted attention he was already fatally burned. He was taken to the hospital but died in a short while.

Chatham Record: Working the public roads at night is something unheard of, but it was done one night last week by the overseer and hands on a road near this place. They were so busy on their farms that they agreed to take lanterns and torches and work the road after night, and thus lose no time from their farm work.

Goldboro Headlight: Notwithstanding the scarcity of labor more land is being cultivated, and to better advantage, in this section than in years. Our farmers have learned to farm on advanced ideas; hence are making their land pay. With their smokehouses at home they have the advantage of the town man, whose living has increased at least 40 per cent.

Asheville, May 7: Judge James E. Boyd, who is holding federal court here; and who last winter so bitterly opposed the establishment of a court at Wilkesboro, today from the bench gave utterance to some remarkable utterances. He said he had not changed his mind concerning the establishment of the court, and characterized it as a silly piece of legislation, and that if the hotel accommodations at Wilkesboro were not improved he did not propose to stay. Lawyers here declared that they were surprised to hear such utterances from the bench.

Rocky Mount Motor: The board of county commissioners yesterday awarded the contract of the erection of three new steel bridges to cross Tar river; one each at the falls, and the places known as Lemon's and Cockrell's. The contract goes to the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company, of Roanoke, Va., the prices being \$12,650 for the three and to be completed within 6 months. The bridge at the falls, which is so important to Rocky Mount and as to that matter the whole county, will be 26 feet wide all told, 18 feet being for driveway and two sidewalks of four feet.

Clinton Democrat: The strawberry crop of the Clinton section is proving to be as profitable a one as we have had in several years. The cash thus realized puts our farmers in brighter spirits and hopes, and gives an impetus to business of every kind. Many of our truckers are enabled thereby to pay spot cash for their home supplies throughout the spring and summer, and some are settling their fertilizer bills, leaving their fall crops untouched. The strawberry crop has not been a full one here, nor has it anywhere else, but prices have been fairly good, and about the whole crop will be sold. The proceeds of the crop will approximately mean \$30,000 to Clinton and vicinity.

Monroe Journal: One of the most remarkable incidents of which we have heard occurred on Mr. J. C. Sikes place near town last Wednesday, at the home of Mr. D. A. Cook. Mr. Cook has a grand child two years and three months old. On the place is an unfinished well, covered over with boards as the workmen left it. The well is just 47 feet deep by actual measurement, and just after the rains of last week water stood in it about 17 feet deep. In to this well the little child fell and though remaining in there a considerable time was brought out alive and uninjured. The child was missed by its mother and a search was begun, resulting in the discovery that the little one had fallen in the well. Its body could be seen floating, face upward, and on seeing the family looking down at it, the child began to call each by name. Not having a rope, Mr. Cook had to send to a neighbor's house several hundred yards away, to get one. He got it, and together with it and a pair of buggy lines, managed to go down in the well and get the little girl. She was floating, with only the face out. That she was not drowned is next to a miracle. She was perfectly well next day, and came with the family to see Sparks' show, which was here Thursday.

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