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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

LITTLE ABOUT NUMEROUS THINGS

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

Senator Hanna thinks it too early to endorse Roosevelt for the presidency next year.

Chicago, May 23.—The new directory has its publisher to allot to Chicago population of 2,206,000.

London, May 23.—The report that Adewski, the pianist and composer, is in bad health has been confirmed. He is suffering from acute neuritis at this time in Switzerland and has cancelled all engagements for three months.

Russian court circles have received information to the effect that the czar is seriously considering an alteration in the Russian laws of succession so as to enable his eldest daughter to succeed him in the event of his death without a male heir.

New York, May 23.—Two physicians and trained nurses have been for several weeks in constant attendance on Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens), his wife and their two daughters, Clara and Jean, at the humorist's home at Riverdale-on-Hudson.

New York, May 23.—Richard A. Canfield who sailed for Europe shortly after the raid on his house in forty-fourth street by police and district attorney some months ago, returned today on the steamer Campania. He traveled under an assumed name and upon his arrival declined to answer any questions.

The electrical traction system Americans are building to furnish power for their underground railways in London, will be the largest in the world. It will have 10 steam turbines of 7,500 horse power. The trains used will be similar to those on the Boston elevated railway, made up of three "motor" and four "trailer" cars.

Springfield, Ill., May 23.—During a storm today the elm planted by Abraham Lincoln the day after his first election to the presidency, was blown down. It stood in front of the old Lincoln homestead and a part of the roof of the old house was saved in by the fall of the tree. Every time President Lincoln came to Springfield he went to the old home and surveyed the growth of his elm.

As to Tax Valuation of Property. News-Observer.

The most important officers in North Carolina are the tax assessors. They have difficult, delicate and very important duties to perform, calling for the exercises of discretion, sound business judgment, and common sense. In most counties they have been fortunate enough to have the laws governing their action expounded by a member of the corporation commission. In the other counties they have the letter of the law before them. The first thing for those assessors to do is to assess their own property at its "true value in money" as required by the law, and to do so conscientiously. If they fail to put their own property on the tax books at its "true value in money" they will let all others escape true valuation or subject themselves to severe criticism. They should know no friends or enemies, but should study true values in every possible way and assess all property at its "true value in money."

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OPTICAL ILLUSIONS.

They Are Oftentimes the Cause of Collisions at Sea.

Speaking of collisions at sea, a sea captain recently said:

"I think I can explain the cause of many collisions which otherwise seem to be mysterious. They arise from the fact that green and red are complementary colors. Every ship under way carries at night a red light burning on her left or port side and a green light burning on her right or starboard side. Yet vessels go crashing into each other upon nights when these lights must be plainly visible from their decks. And when the case comes up in court and an effort is made to establish the blame of the accident honest men swear directly opposite to each other and believe they are telling the truth.

"The captain of one ship, for instance, will swear that he saw a red light on his port bow and held his course. A little later he saw a green light there, starboarded his helm, and the collision followed. The men on the other ship swear that where the captain says he saw a green light a red light was burning.

"Now, how does this happen? It happens this way: The captain looks for a while intently at the red light on the other vessel. Then for some reason he changes his line of vision, probably due to a bulging sail above the light, and, lo, he sees at once a green light, shifts his helm, and, crash, he goes into her! He really does not see any light at all when he looks at the sail, but an optical illusion makes him think he does.

"Try it yourself. Just gaze intently at a bright red, round object for a while and then suddenly look at a blank white wall. A green spot will appear to you. Winking the eyes will hasten its appearance."—New York Press.

Cut Off Their Hair.

A procession of the unemployed that took place in London in 1764 did not meet with any great success or public sympathy. In that year wigs went out of fashion, and the wig makers of London were thrown out of work and reduced to distress. They petitioned George III. to compel gentlemen to wear wigs by law. As the wig makers went in procession to St. James' to present their petition it was noticed that most of those persons who wanted to compel other people to wear wigs wore no wigs themselves. This striking the London mob as very inconsistent, they seized the processionists and forcibly cut off all their hair.—London Express.

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Teach Them Industry.

School and Fireside.

There are some misguided parents in this world. They send their children to school with the one aim in view to educate them, never dreaming that education or book learning alone does not accomplish much. The writer once heard a mother tell her boy that she wanted him to have an education so he could make his living easier. A boy educated with that purpose in view will not be benefited by an education. The boy when he enters school, especially the higher institutions of learning, must be given to understand that education does not fit a man for idleness, but industry. That he may more fully understand his duty and be able to do it in a more satisfactory manner, he should be given to understand that all labor is honorable. Teachers often overlook this point while they instruct the boy. A boy that is not industrious from childhood up will never amount to much, education or no education.

Grover and Gorman.

Anniston, Ala., May 22.—At the dinner table yesterday afternoon forty editors present were canvassed for the choice of the successor to Roosevelt.

The vote stood, Cleveland, 19; Gorman, 10; Parker, 4; Olney, 2; Hearst, 2; Roosevelt, 2; Waterson, Bryan and Hanna, 1 each. The Alabama Press association is now in session at Anniston.

Bismarck's Feed of Oysters.

Bismarck on one occasion told Sidney Whitman of his well known feat in oyster eating. He was once in Liege, where he ordered some oysters in a restaurant—fifty to begin with. He saw the lady behind the counter look up in surprise; so when he had eaten them, wishing to see what effect it might have on her, he ordered another fifty, and so on until he had eaten 170 oysters. Mr. Whitman adds that "it is only fair to remember that in all probability they were the small Ostend variety."

Naval Discipline.

The force of naval discipline is shown in this true story of the captain who, fatally smitten with cholera, was being taken ashore to the hospital. The story is told in "Sport in the Navy." The captain's men were rowing as slowly and gently as possible in order not to disturb him. The dying captain beckoned the midshipman in charge of the boat and whispered these last words:

"Ten days' black list for the crew for not giving way!"

Sleep Methods.

It is said that hours of sleep can be regulated by two simple methods: First, never allow yourself to be awakened, but insist on being undisturbed until you awaken naturally; second, get up the minute you are awake. The hours of sleep will soon become adapted to the requirements of your constitution.

The X-Rays.

Recent experiments, by practical tests and examination with the aid of the X-Rays, establish it as a fact that Catarrh of the Stomach is not a disease of itself, but that it results from repeated attacks of indigestion. "How Can I Cure My Indigestion?" Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is curing thousands. It will cure you of indigestion and dyspepsia, and prevent or cure Catarrh of the Stomach. Kodol digests what you eat—makes the stomach sweet. Sold by J. E. Hood.

Union to be Discussed.

Nashville, Tenn., May 20.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, which will meet tomorrow in annual session, will be attended by delegates from thirty states, numbering about 300. These represent the 118 presbyteries of the denomination. The general assembly will be in session eight days.

Among the subjects which are likely to create more or less interest during the assembly's session will be a proposition for the appointment of a committee on union with the northern Presbyterian church. A number of presbyteries and synods have sent memorials on both sides. Many favor the immediate appointment of a committee to confer with the northern Presbyterians and others oppose it, but there appears to be a growing disposition to reach a middle ground and avoid a prolonged discussion at this session.

The reason for the raising of the question at this time is that what is known as the Northern Presbyterian church, or the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, is in the act, in its simultaneous meeting in Los Angeles of so revising its confession of faith as to make it, in the opinion of many Cumberland Presbyterians, practically conform to the doctrines of the smaller denomination. Many are anxious, however, that the union may embrace also ultimately the southern Presbyterian church, with other bodies of the same ecclesiastical family.

Improved Conditions.

Washington Post, 1903.

One of the best specimens of the up-to-date, intelligent and successful young men who are doing things in the south these days, Mr. B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, N. C., was seen in the lobby of the New Willard last evening accompanied by his wife, who is a granddaughter of ex-Governor Morehead, and noted for her great beauty and goodness.

Mr. Mebane is one of the largest cotton mill owners of his State, and is interested in half a dozen factories in Rockingham county. He believes that the growth of manufacturing in his section has been accompanied by similar advancement in the status of the common people, many of whom have found employment in the cotton mills.

"The country people," he said, "have found a sort of work that has put them in an infinitely better condition than in the old times, when they lived in their mountain huts amid scenes of squalor and poverty. The mills have been an educational influence, brightening their wits and bettering their environments. They have become imbued with ideas of thrift and are living more rationally and comfortably than when they depended on their small farms. They are good American stock to begin with, largely of Scotch descent, and have the good qualities of that sturdy race."

Populists to Run a Ticket.

Washington, May 23.—The reports recently published to the effect that Western Populists were strongly inclined toward President Roosevelt and would give him their support if made the Republican candidate next year has caused ex-Senator Butler of North Carolina some annoyance. Mr. Butler was the National Chairman of the Populist party three years ago, and wants that party to preserve its distinctive organization. He proclaimed today when asked about the report referred to, that it was without foundation. "It is very plain," said he, "that the Democrats intend to nominate a candidate of Mr. Cleveland's way of thinking, whom the Populists will be unable to support. Consequently, the Populists will be compelled to go it alone, and they will do that. A separate convention will be held by the Populists, and they will nominate a national ticket of their own."

Littleton Female College.

The program for the commencement exercises of Littleton Female College is as follows:

Sermon before faculty and students of the college, Sunday, May 24, 11 a. m., by Rev. H. A. Humble.

Conferences of Christian teachers' and workers' league, Monday and Tuesday, May 25th and 26th.

Annual sermon, Wednesday, May 27, 11 a. m., by Bishop A. Coke Smith.

Art exhibit and class day exercises, Wednesday, May 27th.

Graduating exercises, Thursday, May 28, 10 a. m.

Literary address, Thursday, 11:30 a. m., by Governor Chas. B. Aycock.

Recital by music and elocution pupils, Thursday, 8:30 p. m.

GRADUATING CLASS: Sarah Irma Boyce, Lillian Byrd Campbell, Minnie Fee Davenport, Mary Alice Green, Dora Alice Hornaday, Beatrice Aurora Jenkins, Sara Katharine Lowder, Elizabeth Lytch, Lucie Thomas Webb, Mary Elizabeth Whitehead.

A Little Early Riser

now and then, at bed time will cure constipation, biliousness and liver troubles. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the famous little pills that cure by arousing the secretions, moving the bowels gently, yet effectually, and giving such tone and strength to the glands of the stomach and liver that the cause of the trouble is removed entirely, and if their use is continued for a few days there will be no return of the complaint. Sold by J. E. Hood.

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INSPECTION OF KINSTON RIFLES

Beautiful Silk Banner Presented to Company by Dr. Tull. Mr. Plato Collins Makes Presentation Speech.

Major Newton, of Ft. McPherson, Ga., U. S. Army, and Col. T. H. Bain, Goldsboro, N. C., N. G., inspected the Kinston Rifles today at noon and paid them the compliment of being the best all-around military company inspected by them on their itinerary so far.

The annual inspection today showed 100 per cent, in line, a well-drilled and well-physiognomized body of men.

Major Newton and Col. Bain carefully inspected the company at the armory, after which they marched to the court house and were presented with a beautiful silk banner, by Dr. H. Tull, captain of the original Kinston Rifles, in existence here 25 years ago, and which was voted to Capt. Tull at the disbanding of the old company. The presentation was made by Mr. Plato Collins in an eloquent speech of 10 or 15 minutes duration, in which he eulogized the volunteer soldiery of the American Republic, which had never known defeat nor stained its colors with dishonor.

Mr. Collins' speech was couched in beautiful words of patriotic tenor, inspiring the martial spirit of the members of the Kinston Rifles. He presented to Capt. Harper and the company in behalf of Dr. Harry Tull, the beautiful silk banner, and urged the company to always bear in mind the original donors of the flag—the pure womanhood of Kinston—and told the company that when following the flag to always remember that they were fighting for home and fireside, the greatest inspiration to a soldier. The speaker closed with an eloquent peroration telling the soldiers, as did the Spartan mother, to return from the battle field with flag victorious or shrouded in his folds.

Captain Harper accepted the flag in the name of the company in a few well chosen words, assuring the donor that no taint of dishonor or cowardice should ever rest on the flag while in their possession.

After the presentation the company marched back to the armory and were dismissed.

A number of the members of the company went over Parrott's bridge after the inspection and had a big shad stew and barbecue.

Major Newton and Col. Bain have made a splendid impression on the officers and company by their courteous and clever bearing during the inspection of the Kinston Rifles. They will leave tonight for Fayetteville to inspect the company at that place.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

May 25, 1903.

Mr. Karl D. Taylor returned from the University Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Woollard has returned to her home in Greensboro.

Mrs. L. J. Joyner and Miss Rosa Creech are visiting at Ayden.

Mr. B. L. Harper, of Cove, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. C. S. Wooten leaves today for Wake Forest. He graduated from that institution 42 years ago.

Messrs. Alonzo Cobb and Ed. Herling, who have been attending school at Oak Ridge, have returned.

Mr. John Newborne, of the Jason vicinity, aged about 20 years, died of cholera morbus Friday and was buried Saturday.

Mr. Shade Wooten, Jr., has gone to Alabama to accompany Mrs. Wooten, of Goldsboro, who returned with the remains of her infant, that its remains might rest with those of its father, Mr. Richard Wooten.

The severe rain storm Sunday night charged with so much electricity was very damaging. Lightning struck the barn and stables of Mr. John Phelps, of Boston, igniting and totally destroying his barn, stables, corn, fodder and fine drive horse.

Mr. Joab Kinsey, aged about forty years, died Saturday afternoon at his sister's, Mrs. Joseph Kinsey, and was buried Sunday afternoon in Fair View cemetery. For the past four years he has suffered from paralysis. He was a son of the late Henderson Kinsey and a brother of Mr. James Kinsey, who is well known to Kinstonians. Messrs. E. R. Smith, Eugene Best, W. H. Burke and Edwin Wooten were pall bearers and Rev. R. T. Rightsell conducted the sad rites. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Ice Imperils Liners.

St. John's, N. F., May 23.—North-bound coasting steamboats are unable to proceed owing to ice floes which block the shore. At the same time there is little ice in Belle Isle Strait, it being driven south and scattered over the ocean.

There is considerable ice on the Grand Banks. Several large bergs are now off St. John's, and a whole fleet of them is reported to be off Cape Race, where they are a danger to Montreal liners.

The Wastes of the Body.

Every seven days the blood, muscles and bones of a man of average size loses two pounds of worn-out tissue. This waste cannot be replenished and the health and strength kept up without perfect digestion. When the stomach and digestive organs fail to perform their functions, the strength lets down, health gives way and disease sets up. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure enables the stomach and digestive organs to digest and assimilate all of the wholesome food that may be eaten into the kind of blood that rebuilds the tissues and protects the health and strength of the mind and body. Kodol cures indigestion, Dyspepsia and all stomach troubles. It is an ideal spring tonic. Sold by J. E. Hood.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

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

John Hardy Rano, an old man living near Canton, in the western part of the State was struck by lightning and killed Saturday.

Chief Justice Walter Clark has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Virginia Bar Association, at Hot Springs, Aug. 22.

As yet there are nine of the men charged with the murder of T. Percy Jones in jail. Only Morgan and Walls have given bail, though this was also allowed to three others of the eleven arrested.

According to the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal the section of which Wilmington is the center has shipped 1,812 car loads with an express shipment of 54,968 crates of berries during the past year.

Island Creek Baptist church, in Duplin county, will celebrate its centennial June 5th. Appropriate exercises will be held in the church and prominent Baptists from all over the country will be present.

Congressman Kitchen in an interview stated that in his opinion, Judge Parker, of New York, was the man for the Democrats to nominate for president. He is opposed to the party nominating ex-President Cleveland.

Mr. A. B. Sapp, a prominent business man of High Point, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself with a pistol. He had recently returned from a trip to the northern cities and was broken down in mind and body as a result of too much sight seeing. He was 62 years old and left a fortune of \$50,000 or \$60,000.

J. B. Piver, W. H. Rich, George Whitley, Gil Ward, John Allen and W. W. Barnes, the prisoners charged with the murder of Percy Jones on the night of the 13th inst., have applied to Judge Brown for a writ of habeas corpus, and the matter will be heard before him at Wilson on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

The big four masted schooner Inez N. Carver, from New York for Brunswick, Ga., stranded near Chicamacomico, on the North Carolina coast, Saturday. The vessel now lies head off shore, and there is no serious danger of her going to pieces unless the wind increases from the east. The crew and life savers are trying to float her.

Madison, May 23.—It is reported here on good authority that parties in Reidsville have obtained from Dr. R. C. Matheson, of this place, the body of John Broadnax with intent of putting same on exhibition at a carnival next week. Chairman T. R. Pratt says that he will use every power vested in him as chairman of the board of commissioners to prevent such an outrage to be perpetrated in Rockingham county. He has telegraphed the sheriff to stop the indecent display.

Monroe, May 23.—Quite a novel accident occurred here yesterday that cost the life of a good man. Mr. Phelin Funderburk from Chesterfield county, was driving into the city about 12 o'clock. His young horse became frightened and ran away. During the flight he kicked, striking Mr. Funderburk in the head, fracturing his skull and knocking out one eye. The gentleman never rallied and died last night. Mr. Funderburk was a good and prosperous farmer and Chesterfield loses a good citizen.

Asheville, May 23.—Bonnie May, the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, died here tonight of hydrophobia. An eventful life thus ends with an awful death. Several months ago papers north and south printed this young lady's mysterious disappearance from home and a well known theatrical agent was arrested on the charge of being responsible therefor. When the story was published and she received parental correction the wayward girl twice attempted suicide. Many supposed when the report concerning her death was announced that she had at last taken her own life, but the physicians unite in saying that death resulted from a mad dog's bite which she received about 6 weeks ago. The girl repeatedly laughed into convulsions.

An Age of Combination.

Southern Tobacco Journal.

This is an age of combinations. As to when and where it will all end, time can only tell. One trust calls for another. Several tobacco combinations have been organized for the purpose of fighting the American Tobacco company. Nearly all in time surrendered, no doubt, on satisfactory terms. Now the cigar dealers in nearly all of the principal cities are organizing to fight the big cigar company, which is a part of the great organization. Farmers are getting together and organizing in every tobacco state. Warehouse people in some places are arranging by certain combinations to do business on a safer financial basis, and so it goes.

If you patronize soda fountains, and we say right here that a glass of good soda water is like a mid-day-lunch, drink Pepsi-Cola, the delicious and healthful drink. It is the most cooling and satisfying and will not injure the digestion or appetite. 5 cents at all fountains.