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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.

Cotton market closed yesterday, July 12:30, Oct. 10:33, Dec. 9:95.

Athens, June 23.—The Greek court has gone into a fortnight's mourning for King Alexander and Queen Draga.

Portsmouth, Eng., June 23.—The city corporation has decided to spend five hundred pounds in entertaining the American squadron, which is due here July 7.

Buffalo, June 23.—The great lakes tug, O. W. Cheney, was run down by the propeller steamer Chemung, at 3 o'clock this morning, about seven miles up the lake. Three members of the tug crew were drowned.

At the commencement exercises of the Georgia school of technology held in Macon recently, Governor Terrell announced that Congressman William Randolph Hearst, of New York, had given \$5,000 to the school.

Washington, June 23.—Representative E. W. Pou, who arrived in Washington today, is of the opinion that the Democratic party has a great opportunity in the presidential contest with nomination of either Gorman or Parker.

Hamilton, June 23.—Alfred Andrew Knapp, known as "The Strangler" on account of his famous confession of the murder of five women and children will begin in the criminal court here today. Eminent counsel is engaged for Knapp and the contention will be made that Knapp's confession was made under duress.

Washington, June 23.—It was learned this morning that another government scandal, as serious in its way as the recently discovered postal service frauds, is about to be exposed. These are alleged gigantic frauds in Indian Territory land allotments, and in the enrollment of tribesmen for individual allotments in preparation for the dissolution of tribal relations.

Paris, June 23.—Mr. Santos Dumont, the Franco-Brazilian aeronaut, made a most successful trip over Paris in his new airship "Santos Dumont number nine" today. He started from his shed at Long Champs, sailed over the city to arch of triumph, which he rounded near the ground, then proceeded to number 114 Avenue Champs Elysees, alighting at the very door, went inside, spent a half hour at breakfast, then remounted his ship, which his assistants had been holding and returned to his shed.

Lynched For Assault.

Wilmington, Del., June 22.—A northern mob burned a negro at the stake tonight within a few miles of Mason and Dixon's line. The victim was Geo. F. White, a negro just out of the workhouse who was accused of having feloniously assaulted and stabbed to death Miss Helen S. Bishop, the 17 year old daughter of the Rev. Dr. E. A. Bishop. The crime was committed last Monday afternoon and ever since then there have been mutterings of lynching the man.

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A Progressive Move.

Winston Journal.
The Winston Tobacco Association, with that commendable spirit of pluck and enterprise that has always characterized the tobacco of our city, is to be congratulated upon the wise action of its meeting yesterday. Those who are not acquainted with all the facts in connection with the tobacco interest of North Carolina do not realize the great importance of our State having a creditable tobacco exhibit at the St. Louis Exhibition. We must to some extent confess ignorance ourselves, and yet we are informed by intelligent tobacco men that no state in the union is ahead of North Carolina, both as a tobacco producing State and in point of her great tobacco manufacturing industry. These facts being true, North Carolina can do nothing else but prepare a tobacco exhibit that we will be proud of and that will help to call the attention of the world to our most important industry.

Draga's Vanity Cost Her Life.

Paris, June 22.—It is said to be certain that King Alexander and Queen Draga were warned that they were in danger of assassination. Quite recently the late king transferred through a Paris bank over 2,000,000, into safe keeping in England. He himself was only too anxious to leave Belgrade, but, it is asserted, a piece of feminine vanity intervened and cost his own life and the queen's.

Lounges Anatomy.

The modern interest in science through "observation" has become more or less of a mania. Even the children are bitten by it. The Little Chronicle says that Georgie, aged five, takes a great interest in physiology and anatomy.

One day some members of the family had been studying a dissected porcupine and making drawings of the bones.

Not long after his sisters took an old lounge apart, and Georgie watched them. Presently he came running to another member of the family, his eyes on fire, his cheeks flushed and his locks flying behind him.

"Comel Comel!" he cried. "If you want to study physiology now's your chance. The girls have got the lounge all to pieces!"

She Was Ashamed.

Mistress (angrily)—Bridget, I find that you were one of my evening gowns at the bus drivers' ball last evening. It's the worst piece of impudence I ever heard of! You ought to be ashamed of yourself!

Bridget (meekly)—Oh wuz, mum, Oh wuz. An' me young man said as if O'fir wuz sich a frock in public ag'in he'd break our engagement.—London Telegraph.

Would Look It.

Photographer—Beg pardon, sir, but can't you look a little less stern and severe?
Sitter—Never mind how stern I look. This photograph is for campaign use. I am a candidate for judge. Go ahead.—Chicago Tribune.

The Physician's Affront.

"So you have decided to get another physician."
"I have," answered Mrs. Cumrox. "The idea of his prescribing flaxseed tea and mustard plasters for people as rich as we are!"—Washington Star.

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STATE RESTS ITS CASE.

Testimony Against Wilson Murderers In and the Defence will Now Have Their Inning.

Wilson, June 23.—The trial of the accused murderers of Percy Jones was resumed this morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Herring, mayor of Wilson, gave evidence of a sensational character. He brought out many new developments. He told of the negro woman being found in Jones' room about ten days before the murder and he said that the men who are accused of killing Jones told him that they wanted to have some fun and were going to Jones' room and run him out of town. Barnes, who turned State's evidence, says he is greatly relieved of a burden which has been on his mind for several days, and that he feels as a new man since he has disclosed the facts.

The trial has been progressing rapidly and it is thought that all the evidence will be in by Thursday, when the argument will begin.

The prisoners all take deep interest in the trial and appear to have very grave apprehension over the matter. The court room is crowded and on every street and corner you hear "How is the trial getting on?"

The State finished its evidence today and rested its case.

Strike Grows More Serious.

Richmond, Va., June 23.—The street railway strike here assumed a graver aspect tonight than at any time so far. Cars were run on the Main and Broad street lines of the city, during the day, with something like regularity, and at intervals of about five minutes. On each car was a policeman, and there was an average of about five passengers to a car.

Towards nightfall, however, several of the cars were obstructed by strikers or strike sympathizers, the object being to prevent their return to the barns and at one point there was a serious riot, a car being halted by a mob and pelted with stones, rotten potatoes and other missiles, by women and men.

Nobody was seriously hurt, nor was the car much damaged, but five arrests were made by the police.

Tonight a mob of a hundred men is barricading streets through which the Main street lines run, in the lower part of the city, placing obstructions on the track that it would be difficult to remove.

No cars were run tonight. All that were out at the time the disorders began managed to reach the barns and were housed for the night.

Indicted for Conspiracy to Defraud.

Washington, June 22.—The grand jury which has been investigating postal affairs, today returned an indictment against August W. Machen, Diller B. Groff, Samuel A. Groff, George L. Lorenz and Martha J. Lorenz, the two latter being residents of Toledo, O. As previously stated in these dispatches, the specific charge is conspiracy to defraud the government. The indictment is based on a section of the Revised Statutes, which provides a penalty of \$10,000 or two years imprisonment, or both in the discretion of the court.

There are twelve counts of the indictment, eleven of which are substantially the same as those found previously against Machen and the Groffs. The count of the present indictment, which relates to the conspiracy charge, sets forth that on June 29th, 1900 in the district of Columbia, Lorenz, Mrs. Lorenz, Machen and the Groff Brothers "conspired, combined, confederated and agreed to defraud the United States."

Fans for Railroad Tunnel.

Baltimore, Md., June 23.—Huge electrical fans are to be used to clear the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under this city of the smoke and gas. Plans drawn by the company's engineers have been submitted to builders for estimates.

The designs show that the tunnel will be tapped near North Avenue by a smoke duct of stone about ten feet in diameter and roofed over by layers of concrete about 12 feet in depth. This duct will connect with a fan room in the building, where enormous wheel fans, driven by powerful electric motors, will form a violent suction and drive the bad air and smoke up a huge stack about 60 feet in height. The vacuum caused in the tunnel itself will make the air at the other end rush in to supply the absent air pressure, and as a result, in addition to the fans, a high pressure draught is expected, which will keep the air in the tunnel free from gas.

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RETAIL MERCHANTS

Objects of their Organization Explained By Their Attorney.

ORGANIZATION IS THE WATCHWORD

The Organization to Benefit Both the Merchant and the Honest Customer. Black List for Dead Beats.

If any one principal stands out above all others in the commercial world today, we should unhesitatingly say that principal is organization and system. Business men have long since found that the best results are gained by combining, upon an honest, honorable basis, for the mutual benefit of each other, that the most discreet isolated individual effort is often suicidal. In response to this spirit of the times, the merchants of Kinston have recently organized "The Retail Grocers and Merchants association," which is a branch of the State association.

Certain phases of this organization affect the public in this community very materially, and on this account the association has thought it wise and proper that these phases should be thoroughly understood, and have requested the writer to publish a brief statement.

One of the objects of this association is to compel the payment of all accounts, where it is reasonably possible for them to be paid. This is hoped to be accomplished in cases where the debtor is not liable in law, by compiling what will be known as the black list. It is kept by the secretary, and a copy will be in the possession of each member of the association. No better exposition of the method of the association can be given perhaps than by simply copying the following sections of the by-laws.

Sec. 3. Any member of this association who has been granting credit to any customer who fails to make satisfactory settlement of his accounts and is in every way unworthy of credit, shall report the name and post-office address of said customer to the secretary within a reasonable time, for the benefit of the other members of the association.

Sec. 4. The form of report to the secretary shall be as follows: That the merchant declines to extend credit to (naming the party) for goods at his store; this communication to be by telephone or sealed communication.

Sec. 5. That any party reported as having been denied credit and afterwards paying his account, shall at once be reported to the secretary. Any dealer not complying with this rule shall be fined.

Sec. 6. That any merchant upon being applied to for credit shall, before extending same, apply to the secretary for information and if applicant has been reported to the secretary by any other dealer, said merchant shall refuse to extend said credit until such a time as the old account is settled. Any dealer not complying with this rule shall be fined \$10 for the first offence and \$25 for the second offence, and the third offence shall be considered just cause for expulsion from the association by vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sec. 7. The reports to be based upon transactions since May 1st, 1902, and subsequent to that date; any account arising prior to that date not to be considered.

It will be seen from these sections that those who can pay their bills to any merchant and yet refuse to do so will be known to all of the other merchants in the town, and that no merchant will be allowed to give such persons credit under a penalty. If every member observes these regulations strictly (which is the declared intention) it will necessitate the payment of accounts, or no credit can be obtained from any dealer in the association. It is important just here to observe that this list will include all transactions since the 1st of May, 1902.

Nothing harsh is intended. Extraordinary circumstances, with merit in them will always be carefully considered, and the proper exceptions provided. Due notice will be given before final action. Indeed the true aim is to lose as little as possible on account of those who, in spite of their ability to pay, fail to do so. If this end can be attained, it will result in giving the most reasonable terms to those who do honestly meet their obligations. This is eminently fair.

It is believed that this movement will serve both the merchant and the honest customer, the former because it will reduce his losses, the latter because it will enable him to secure better terms.

G. V. COWPER.

The Serbian Ministry.

Belgrade, June 22.—The position of the ministry is becoming more unenviable in consequence of the Russian and Austrian demands for the punishment of the assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga. The terms of the Russian note almost caused a panic among the cabinet ministers, who are anxiously awaiting the arrival of King Peter to extricate them from the dilemma. The war minister is the paramount power in the ministry, as he is backed by the entire army, and he threatens severe resentment in the case of any hint by a member of the cabinet of the punishment of the conspirators. The promotion of officers sent from Geneva are variously explained as either intended as an open defiance or as being the result of a bribe caused by the attitude of the camp.

JASON ITEMS.

June 21, 1903.

Rain is very much needed in this section.

Messrs. Will Gray and Walter Dawson, of Institute visited here yesterday.

Mrs. H. E. Hardy and sister, Mrs. C. W. Swinson, spent Monday at Shiloh.

Messrs. H. E. Hardy and R. T. Hadley were the first here to cure tobacco this season.

Mr. Will Whitley and sister, Miss Annie, of Elroy, spent Saturday night and Sunday here.

The many little friends of Miss Annie Taylor are glad to know that she is fast recovering from typhoid fever.

Misses Bessie Tussell and Pearl Fields, of Goldsboro, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Aggie and Addie Sutton.

The house and contents of Mr. Parrott Mewborn were totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Don't know whether or not it was insured.

Messrs. Emmett Roberson, Rufus and Lester Mewborn and sisters, Misses Sophia and Naomi, of LaGrange, spent last Sunday here. Come again.

Hog cholera is ruling supreme here. Mr. R. W. Sutton has lost about 30, and several others have lost all they had. Let us hope that everything happens for the best.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hardy spent yesterday with their daughter, Mrs. Will Newsome, of Shine. Mrs. Newsome has been seriously ill for the past week, but now much to the delight of her many friends here we hear she is much better.

Miss Maye Fields returned to her home at Greensboro last night accompanied by Miss Aggie Sutton, who will spend this week with her. Miss Fields made many friends during her visit here, and we ask her through THE FREE PRESS to come again.

The ice cream social given by Miss Aggie Sutton on the evening of the 20th, complimentary to her visiting cousin, Miss Maye Fields, was largely attended and very much enjoyed, and glad we are to know that such is true, for Miss Sutton made super-human efforts to give each guest a "good time," and judging from what we have heard, she was well paid for her trouble by the very good things all have said.

Strawberries.

Sampson Democrat.

Clinton alone shipped 12,000 crates of strawberries this season, and Sampson berries are shipped from a dozen or more other places. The twelve thousand crates from Clinton brought approximately, thirty thousand dollars and all that were shipped from the county probably three times that.

The berry crops have a large sum of money into circulation, and has been the means of getting many a hard pressed man into easy circumstances with his finances, and has really slackened the screws in every section where they are grown, and made things easier with all our people; and all are jubilant over the result; and just here is the danger point, for if our people go wild, or lose their heads over this year's success, and risk too much in berries, their is danger of running aground and losing all; so anchor where you are gentlemen, in reach of the shore.

Some are already preparing to put in a large crop, and if they increase the berry crop to the extent of neglecting cotton, small grain, forage for stock, peas, corn, potatoes, &c., they may "come out at the little end of the horn." Even if prices should be as good next year as they were this, and you should have a large crop, by the time you buy the corn, meat, and other things you neglected to raise, you would have a hard time keeping even with the world.

Aside from all other arguments, those who had a small crop of berries this year, manured highly and cultivated well, made more money, acre for acre, by far, than those who had more land in berries than they could well manage.

So, let well enough alone, have a small acreage in berries; manure them heavily, cultivate thoroughly, and make them fine, and a heavy yield per acre, and beside, a plenty of meat and bread, and feed, with which to keep up your stock, for here is where the money is in berries, or any other kind of a risky or fluctuating crop.

Ask President to Pardon Embezzler.

Washington, June 22.—Judge James E. Boyd, of the eastern district of North Carolina, has been conferring with the president today about a pardon for Lawrence Pulliam, who was convicted last year for embezzling \$5,000 from the National Bank of Asheville and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Judge Boyd tried the case, and is ready to recommend that Pulliam be pardoned because of ill health. Pulliam's condition is said to be serious. The matter will be taken up by the president and Attorney-General Knox.

Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Water-brash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 25 or 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Called From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

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

Raleigh is to have another weekly paper, which is to be particularly devoted to news from the country.

The State authorizes the Southern Loan and Trust Company, of Greensboro, to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

The State weather report for May says the mean temperature was 67.3 degrees. The highest temperature was 100 degrees, on the 23d at Salisbury; the lowest 26 degrees on the 5th at Linville. The average rainfall was two inches, which is 2.21 inches below normal.

Saturday evening at Godwin's, in the upper part of Cumberland county, in a quarrel about a woman, Isaiah Ray was shot below the collar-bone and killed by Robert Munn. Both men are negroes. Dr. McKethan, the coroner, went up to Godwin's, and Munn was arrested and put in jail.

Asheville, June 22.—Officials of the Southern railway here today having just come in from the Saluda Mountain landslide on their track near Melrose, say that they have a great force of hands at work clearing away the debris. General passenger agent Hardwick thinks that at the present rate through trains should pass the slide by Thursday next.

The exodus of negroes to the northward continues steadily, and is mainly now to the larger cities, where it is said over 2,000 North Carolina negroes are employed on works of a public character. But this is not where the greater number seek employment, this being as house servants, etc. The exodus is mainly from what may be called the central belt of the State, it seems.

Spencer is a prohibition town by its charter and law making the place of delivery the place of sale is being tested there now. C. W. Pool, a saloon keeper, of Salisbury, offers to sell whiskey from his saloon in his town and deliver it in Spencer. He was arrested under the law making place of delivery the place of sale and convicted in the lower court. The case will go to the supreme court and will be a test case.

Raleigh correspondent Charlotte Observer: There is a great deal of talk about the fact that 97 inmates of the Soldiers' Home here have registered for the election on the extension of Raleigh's limits. It is claimed that they are not voters. Every one of them will be challenged next Saturday, which is challenge day. It is further asserted that large numbers of negroes have registered, and these will all be challenged. It is further said that the opponents of extension have employed a lawyer, who is working day and night to secure votes.

Rice Farming.

New Orleans, June 23.—As a result of his experiment in rice farming near Del Rio, Texas, with a colony of Japanese, Mr. Isomoto, the Japanese expert, has decided to return home and organize a colony of one hundred farmers to settle on lands in the rice belt of Texas along the line of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Mr. Isomoto says the experimental farming he has been doing has been so successful that it is the belief that within a few years the rice lands of Louisiana and Texas will be filled with Japanese rice farmers. Mr. Isomoto will leave soon for New York.

Won't Be Gold-Bricked.

Winston Sentinel.
It has been claimed that the trip of Judge Parker to the south was arranged by his political enemies in the hope that he would hurt his chances for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. However it would seem that that "foxy" gentleman has no intention of being gold-bricked at this stage of the game, as he "refuses to discuss political questions."

THE OWL DRUG STORE
Invitation
You and your friends are most cordially invited to come and inspect the Down-to-Date Drug Store. We have a new Fountain, the very best of every modern convenience and facility for dispensing perfect soda water of every kind and combination. If the old modern edge is true that "a new broom sweeps clean," the modern edge is also true. Open from 8:30 to 10.
Will Hunter, Jr.