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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.

Gainesville, Ga., July 9.—The condition of General Longstreet is materially improved tonight.

The board of directors of the A. C. L. railway company have declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common capital stock of the company, the same due and payable on and after July 10.

Rome, July 9.—The pope was suddenly seized with diarrhoea this afternoon and has a great weakness. Drs. Lippold and Mazzoni were both summoned and they, with Prof. Rossini are now in consultation in the sick chamber.

Baltimore, July 9.—Chas. J. Bonaparte, who was recently returned by the United States government as prosecuting attorney in the postal scandals, has been called to Oyster Bay to have a conference with the president. Bonaparte will probably start today.

Rome, July 10.—(2 a. m.)—Another day of alternate hopes and fears has passed and Pope Leo's life still hangs in the balance. Beginning with renewed hopes, the day closed with the scales tending slowly but surely downwards. How long this agonizing period of suspense will last not even the attending doctors dare to say.

Atlanta, Ga., July 9.—With an attendance estimated at 5,000 and delegates representing almost every section of the United States and Canada the 13th annual convention of the International Baptist Young People's Union was called to order in this city today for a four day session, by President John H. Chapman, of Chicago.

Denver, Colo., July 9.—Thousands of Christian Endeavorers from all parts of the United States and Canada, with a few from abroad, arrived here during the day, and many more are on the way. More than 10,000 persons attended the opening mass meeting of the convention this afternoon in the large tent erected near the city park for the occasion.

New York, July 9.—Judge Alton B. Parker arrived today from the south, where he went recently to make a speech on the 14th amendment before the Georgia Bar association. He refused to discuss his possible candidacy for the presidency on the Democratic ticket, and also declined to discuss the negro problem and would only say he had a pleasant trip and was well received.

Washington, July 9.—Postmaster General Payne resumed his official duties today. He said there were no investigation developments to announce. The investigation officials are holding frequent conferences and the inspectors are busily working on several phases of the investigation. While the officials refuse to talk, it is known that important developments in the investigation are expected shortly.

New York, July 9.—There were six deaths from heat today in New York, six in Brooklyn and fully two score of prostrations. It was the hottest day in two years, or since July 2, 1901, which was the hottest day in the hottest month since the local weather bureau opened in 1871. The official record of that day, two years ago, was 99 degrees. Today it was 94 degrees at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Down in the streets humanity suffered terribly.

Negro Congress at Memphis.

Memphis Tenn., July 8.—The Southern Negro Congress met here today. President A. J. Golden, of Mississippi, called the convention to order. Booker T. Washington is expected to arrive tomorrow. The principal subjects of discussion will be that of planning a way to bring about more friendly relations between the races.

The meeting was called by A. J. Golden, editor of a negro paper published in Mississippi. The congress is an offshoot of the Southern Negro Congress held last year at Galveston, Texas. About fifty delegates are here.

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ELOQUENT APPEALS MADE BY MANY

More Than Twelve Thousand Dollars Pledged. The Campaign Just Under Way. Success Almost Certain.

Greensboro, N. C., July 9.—Twelve thousand dollars is the sum that has been secured for the purchase of the stock of the Greensboro Female college. The greater part of the sum came from citizens of Greensboro, with liberal contributions from other sections of the State.

One thousand dollars was subscribed by Moses and Cesar Cops, one thousand by John A. Young, of Greensboro, Mr. Ben Duke sent in a subscription of three thousand dollars of stock held by him and Chas. H. Ireland subscribed six hundred in stock of the college.

At the close of the meeting an announcement was made that contributions from the State at large should be sent to Mrs. Lucy A. Cunningham, president, or Miss Nannie Lee Smith, secretary, Greensboro. John R. Morris, of Goldsboro, made an offer to hold good for thirty days to be one of five to give four hundred dollars each.

The meeting was not largely attended owing to the intense heat, but the result has cheered the hearts of all the friends of the college, as it is felt that the people of the State will now realize that Greensboro is willing to do its part, and seeing this will respond to the appeal of the alumnae to save the institution. The meeting was opened with prayer by presiding elder of the district, J. R. Scroggs, and strong addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Turretine, of west Market St. Methodist church; Dr. H. W. Battle, of the Baptist church; A. M. Scates, R. D. Douglas, and Rev. M. T. Pyle, of the eastern conference.

Governor Aycock was warmly received and made a telling speech in the meeting. He said it was the duty of North Carolinians to see that the money was raised and the college reopened.

The governor said in part: "It has been said that this school was closed for the purpose of bringing and locating the State capital here. I want to tell you," said the governor, "the State capital is located in a city where they don't close colleges for girls, but where they open them. (Applause.)

"You people must not go backward. When you were much smaller than you now are you gave \$30,000 to the State Normal and Industrial college. Do you care less for the education of white girls than for the education of negro teachers? Yet you gave \$11,000 to the colored A. and M. college in this city.

"It is no small task you've got before you. The State schools come down to Raleigh and beg the legislature to give more money to build dormitories for the girls. And are you going to allow buildings that were put up especially for girls to be abandoned? I say to you that it must not be, it shall not be. Let all do their duty. Let the good women have a chance. Let the Methodist conference once more get its hands upon this college, and it will never close again. I am Calvinistic in my belief, but if this institution dies now I shall be a firm believer in the doctrine of falling from grace, particularly among the Methodists."

A Good Place to Stop.

He really ought not to have gone into the Latin class that day. He was called up first and read as far as he had prepared. Then he skinned on a little further. This is the way it went:

"I, Ulysses, saw her (Dido's heavenly form) advancing like a goddess in the sunlight. I sprang toward her, and she welcomed me. Her hair fell down upon her shoulders like the snow-banks on Olympus. Her eyes shone like two jewels of the sea. I threw my arms—my arms—about—about her—her neck—neck—and—such—that—as far as I got, professor."—Exchange.

Remarkable Lakes.

On the Mangishlak peninsula, in the Caspian sea, there are five small lakes. One of them is covered with salt crystals strong enough to allow man and beast to cross the lake on foot. Another is as round as any circle and of a lovely rose color. Its banks of salt crystal form a setting white as the driven snow to the water, which not only shows all the colors from violet to red, but from which rises a perfume of violets. Both the perfume and the color are the result of the presence of seaweeds.

Can't Charge Too Much.

In Hungary the prices of veterinary medicines are fixed by the ministry of agriculture.

Hard Sauce For Fudding.

Grease half a cup of butter until light and white, then stir in gradually the same weight of pulverized sugar. Make up in the form of a pyramid and grate nutmeg over it. For rice or custard puddings.

Largest Fresh Water Fish.

The vasa narina is the largest of fresh water fish. It weighs up to 1,200 pounds. It is found only in the Amazon and Orinoco.

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FORMER NEWSPAPER MEN AS FRAUD PROSECUTORS.

Robert J. Wynne, first assistant, and Joseph Little Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, who are hot on the trails of the alleged postal corruptionists, are both ex-newspaper men. Mr. Bristow was formerly a Kansas editor and Mr. Wynne was long a famous Washington correspondent.

The Testimonial Service.

Communicated. One who was present at the great annual testimonial service held in Boston on July 1st, this year, wishes to give a bit of the feast to interested subscribers of THE FREE PRESS.

The hour for the service was 7:30 p. m. By 7 o'clock the main hall, seating 6,000, was filled. The writer had to go into the overflow meeting, where 2,000 or more were assembled. It was inspiring to see that sea of healthy, happy faces all with a message of good news. All had come to bring the fruits, gathered from all parts of the world. The seed all proclaimed to have been found in "The Little Book," Science and Health, by Mary Baker G. Eddy.

In so large a hall it was difficult for the ladies to be heard, so the men occupied most of the time. Four or five at the time would rise from different parts of the building.

One man said that he had been in the last stage of Bright's disease, added to all this crystal in the face set in, this so increased his fear and suffering that he then consented in this hour of despair to let his wife call in a Christian science practitioner. He added, "thinking my time was short, I determined to die full," so for several months I was full. In a week he was freed not only from suffering but the drink and tobacco habit of long standing. He closed by saying, "but the best of all I had found my God." He paid a beautiful tribute to his wife sitting beside him, for her patient loving endurance through it all. There were a dozen or more given over to the drink and tobacco habit.

A young lady, who, when a child, was well known in this town by some of our citizens, told how she was fully restored after ten of the best physicians of New England had pronounced her case tuberculous of the spine, the upper part of which was decayed. She was in California at the time, they were stimulating, hoping to get her back to the east to her loved ones before the end. Her mother wrote her, asking her to try Christian Science. She did, applied to a Boston practitioner. He took the case and in three weeks she was at home, a well girl.

Out of all that 10,000, a large percent, being men, not a cigarette, cigar or pipe was seen or smelt. "Not a man in the smoker," said the train man, the day that the 10,000 went to Concord to visit the home of Mrs. Eddy.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7, 20.

Followed the Example of Cato.

In the first year of the last century London affected great admiration for Cato's suicide, the feeling being aroused by Addison's play. A gentleman named Budgett, after witnessing its performance, threw himself into the Thames on his way home. His body was recovered, and on it was found a scrap of paper with these words: "What Cato did and Addison approved must needs be right."

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SHEPARD AND AYCOCK

This Team is Recommended by The Washington Times.

WILL HARMONIZE PARTY, SAYS TIMES

Shepard Will Hold East and Aycock's Brilliance and Sterling Worth Will Carry the Solid South.

Mr. Thomas J. Pease in writing to his paper, the Raleigh Post, from Washington, sends the following:

Washington, July 9.—The Washington Times this afternoon, discusses at length the possibility of Shepard and Aycock as the nominees for the Democratic party next year. The Times says, among other things:

"A new Democratic banner has been flung to the breeze. It bears the names of Shepard and Aycock. For president, Edward M. Shepard, a prominent citizen of Brooklyn borough, N. Y., and former candidate for mayor; for vice-president, Charles B. Aycock, governor of North Carolina. This suggestion for a renewal of the old alliance of the solid south and New York ought to cause Democrats to stop and consider.

"Of the Hon. Edward M. Shepard the general public knows much; it knows of his opposition to the regular Democratic ticket in 1896 because of the silver plank in the platform, of his return to the fold four years later, and his support of Bryan on the issue of anti-imperialism, of his unsuccessful canvass for mayor two years ago on the Tammany ticket, and of his recent efforts to harmonize the divided factions of Democracy, and with it there is a suspicion that Mr. Shepard, who had never avowed himself one way or the other, is willing to be considered a candidate for president.

"Of Governor Aycock probably not so much is known, although he is certainly entitled to careful consideration. He is regarded, by those who know him and his record, as one of the ablest men in public office in the south today. He is brilliant and an orator of ability, and has given North Carolina a clean administration.

The old objection of a candidate from a secession state should not hold against him, for he is so young as scarcely to remember even in a vague sort of a way any of the stirring events of the early sixties. He is greatly beloved by the people of the State; scholarly, conservative, earnest and conscientious; and if a southern man is to be chosen by the Democracy he is entitled to first consideration."

Cotton to Stay Up

Washington, July 8.—Ashley Horne, of Clayton, one of the most successful business men in North Carolina, who is largely interested in cotton manufacturing, is of the opinion that the southern states will not produce more than three-fourths of a crop this season. Mr. Horne said, in speaking of this subject: "At best, there will not be more than three-fourths of a crop in North Carolina, and the same conditions prevail in other southern states. The time for big cotton crops in the south is at an end, and, in my opinion, it will be a rare thing if the south ever produces more than an 11,000,000 bale crop. The scarcity of labor is responsible for this condition, which is more emphasized this year than ever before. I think the smallness of the crop will result in good prices for the product throughout the season. This has been a successful year for some mills and disastrous for others. Mills that had the foresight to lay in a supply of cotton last fall, and refused to sell their product ahead, have made money. Those that failed to do so have lost. A number of mills have had to close down, for it has been impossible to make money at the prices that the staple has commanded of late."

Crafty M. Blanc.

Blanc, the founder of the Monte Carlo gambling resort, was well aware of the desperate character of many of his customers. Knowing that they included the scum and riffraff of the world, he took precautions against them. He never carried any money, which fact he announced so frequently and publicly that it was known everywhere along the Riviera that the millionaire Blanc never had a penny on his person. But he carried in a pocketbook a draft on red paper for several hundred thousand francs, payable to the indorsee. He feared kidnaping as much as robbery, and in case of abduction he intended to ransom himself with this draft. But the instructions at his office were not to cash a red draft with his signature unless a telegram was received from him ordering it to be done.

Too Personal.

"I want you to notify the paper man not to leave this So'al Recorder here in the future," said Mr. Lucky Strike to his life partner.

Why?

"Why?" inquired Mrs. Strike.

"Why they've got a story here about that young chump who is going to marry Laura and refer to him as her fiancé."

Oh I see—a typographical error.

"Typographical error! Bah! Error of fact. I have been her fiancé for the last twenty years, and judging from the prospects of the young man she insists is the only one she will ever marry, I will continue to act in that capacity for the next twenty. Stop the paper."—Philadelphia Times.

Uncontaminated.

"What a pure, serene face Miss Fairchild has!"

"Yes; she does look as though she had never been to the theater in her life."—Harper's Bazar.

Was Out.

"His marriage was a failure, wasn't it?"

"Great smoke, no! It saved him from bankruptcy."—Judge.

Bryan Going to Europe.

Omaha, Neb., July 9.—William J. Bryan is going to Europe to study sociological conditions under monarchial forms of government. Mr. Bryan today said to a friend that early in September he would sail for Europe to be absent about four months. He will be accompanied by his daughter, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, and probably Italy, will be toured by Mr. Bryan, who will pay particular attention to the condition of the working people. Among his friends it is said that he will write a book of his impressions.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Called From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

Gossip Gathered from Murphy to Manteo of Importance to Our True Heart Readers.

Inspectors have about decided on Asheville for first regiment encampment.

The Southern will begin its double tracking in a day or two between Pomona and Greensboro.

Robbers took a safe from the express office at Zirconia, in the western part of the State, and rolled it 300 yards down a hill and blew it open and took \$400 from it.

Grant Motesinger, of Lexington, attempted suicide this week by eating concentrated lye. He ate nearly a box before he was detected and stopped. He was crazy and was taken to Merignton insane asylum.

Calvin Shankle and Alex Criscoe, at Albermarle, sold a bottle of composition of brass and stuff to Dr. O. D. King representing it to be nugget gold from a North Carolina mine. They have been arrested for swindling.

The corporation commission has adopted demurrage rules as to the time limit for freight delivery, these being almost exactly the same as those prescribed some time ago to which the leading railways excepted, the changes made are trifling.

The report of the State board of health on smallpox for June, issued Wednesday, shows its presence in 29 counties with 18 cases in Buncombe, 14 in Durham, 25 in Forsyth, 46 in Guilford, 2 in Mecklenburg, 1 in New Hanover, and 26 in Wake.

The Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad company has been organized with J. M. Turner, of Raleigh, president and C. B. Barbee secretary and treasurer, to build a railroad from Raleigh to deep water on the North Carolina coast. A New York syndicate will take \$200,000 stock.

The famous Henderson county farm, which has of late years been in control of the Western Carolina Bank, was sold at auction Monday for \$15,000. The Boston company was the purchaser, and it is generally believed that Boston acted as agent for George W. Vanderbilt, whose estate lies very close to the farm. There are 620 acres in the tract.

Colonel W. W. Williamson, of Weldon, was shot and instantly killed by his 11-year-old son, Stuart Williamson, who was his only child. It is the same old story of the unloaded gun. The child is frantic with grief, and the mother is completely prostrated. The little one playing told his father to throw up his hands, and upon it not being done, he took aim and fired. The bullet took effect in the center of the forehead and death resulted instantly. The shooting was done with a cat rifle. Colonel Williamson had been an invalid for several years, and his mind was very seriously impaired.

Mrs. Martin Broom was run over and instantly killed by a Seaboard Air Line train, near Monroe Wednesday morning. She apparently did not see or hear the approaching train, for she made no effort to get out of the way of harm. When he saw the position of the unfortunate woman, the engineer blew his whistle loudly to attract her attention and made effort to stop the train. It was hardly slackened in its speed however when the woman was struck by the pilot of the engine and hurled to the track. She was dragged quite a little distance, and when the train stopped and the body examined it was found to be terribly mutilated.

A Costly Fourth.

New-Observer.

The Chicago Tribune-Herald undertook at much expense and pains to figure up the cost in lives, injuries and dollars of the celebration of the fourth of July in the year 1903. It figures out the losses as follows:

Dead	52
Injured	3,665
Fire Loss	\$400,625
The injuries were divided as follows:	
Fireworks	1,170
Skyrockets	208
Cannon	319
Firearms	562
Gunpowder	768
Runaways	81

New York and St. Joseph, Mo., led in the number of deaths, with 5 each. Philadelphia led in total number of injured 885. New York's fire loss of \$201,600 was the largest.

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