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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.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Oct. 4.—A Spanish steamer sails from here today, touching at Mayaguez and Guanica, and taking 150 native families for colonization on the east coast of Yucatan, Mexico. The officers of the steamship company say they expect to transport a thousand families to Yucatan shortly.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Minister Conger at Peking has cabled the state department that the negotiations for the commercial treaty with China including the open ports in Manchuria, have been completed and await only the signing which has been agreed upon to take place on the 8th inst. This treaty has been under process of negotiation for several months.

New Orleans, Oct. 4.—Wild scenes followed the reading of the report of the department of agriculture on the condition of the cotton crop September 25. While estimates ranged between 65 and 69, the general expectation was that the condition would be but at the latter figure. The condition of 65.1 sent prices up from 18 to 20 points.

The American Tobacco Company has produced what it regards as the finest crop of cigarette tobacco ever grown in Kentucky as the result of its experiment at Maysville, in that state. A crop of burley tobacco was raised under cloth, and it was found that the leaves grew faster and larger and were thinner than the same type of tobacco grown in the open air.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The band of the Republican guard gave a private concert today at its armory to George W. Stewart, manager of the musical department of the St. Louis exposition. Arrangements have been made for the band to visit the exposition. Application for the necessary permission to make the trip will be made later to the government. Mr. Stewart left later in the day for Berlin to secure German military bands for the exposition.

Bogota, Oct. 4.—The report on the bill authorizing the president to negotiate a new canal treaty with the United States will be presented tomorrow. Representative Valencia proposed closing the sessions of congress, but Representative Deroux opposed the motion, arguing that adjourning before the canal question is decided would endanger the national integrity. The majority of the representatives approved the stand taken by Senator Deroux.

Among the bills announced in the speech of the Dutch queen before the states general at The Hague the other day was one "providing for the rest on the Sabbath." Although ostensibly declared to be a measure "for the moral rectitude and temperance of the nation," it is said to be an attack upon Dutch Roman Catholics and Dutch Jews, both of these sects having ideas concerning the observance of the seventh, or of the first day in the week as the case may be, differing from the Dutch Reformed church.

An Odd Fish. One of the oddest fishes that ever swam in any sea is that known to naturalists under the unattractive name of ophioccephalus. A species of it is found in the sea of Galilee, where it builds a nest which for beauty of design and elegance of workmanship excels the efforts of the majority of feathered nest builders. Its favorite spot for building is in an old root or rock projecting under the water, and the material consists of seaweed, grass and leaves.

Revised. "I don't understand how Miss Milvins can see anything in that foreign nobleman. He's nothing but a 'glided fool.'" "That's so, and yet the chances are ten to one this will be a case of 'a fool and her money soon married.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Recuperating. One day little four-year-old Cora was trying to stand on her head. Her mother asked her what she was doing. She answered: "The standing on my head to rest my feet."—Boston Herald.

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## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Grace King has been re-elected secretary of the Louisiana Historical society.

Nellie Benson, the first negro woman who ever received a certificate from the Virginia state board of pharmacy, passed the examination the other day.

Mrs. Mary H. Hunt of Boston will represent the United States at the international antialcohol congress to be held in Bremen, Germany, during Easter week.

As deputy sheriff of Smith county, Tex., Miss Bessie Robinson, daughter of the sheriff, has just guarded to the satisfaction of the court the defendant in a murder case.

Miss Alice Thaw, the fiancée of the Earl of Yarmouth, has sent a liberal donation to the Home For Friendless Dogs, New York city. Miss Thaw is a great lover of dogs.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor is believed to own the most costly ring in America. It was made in Paris and has three large emeralds surrounded by diamonds. It is valued by experts at \$12,500.

Miss Helen Gould will defray the expenses of Dr. William H. Tolman's trip to Europe to study conditions in the principal cities and collect material illustrative of economic progress in various municipalities.

Margaret E. Maltby, Ph. D., has been appointed adjunct professor of physics in Barnard college. Although the college is solely for women, Dr. Maltby is the only woman professor and is the second ever appointed by the trustees.

The first woman lawyer to appear in a Swiss law court is Mile. Mackenroth, who recently acted for the defendant in a case at the assize court at Zurich. Her eloquent defense on behalf of her client surprised even the judge, and the jury, without retiring, found for the defendant.

### Passing a Plate in a Church.

There was a very large congregation, and the rector seeing that there was only one alms dish made signs to a rustic from the chancel entrance to come to him and bade him go into the rectory garden through a glass door into the dining room, where there had been a slight refection before the service, bring a dish from the table, take it down one side of the north aisle and up the other and then bring it to the clergyman at the place from which he started. The rustic disappeared, reappeared with the dish, took it as he was ordered and presented it to the people on either side of the aisle, and then approaching the rector whispered in his ear: "I've done as yer told me, sir. I've taken it down yon side of the aisle and up t'other—they'll none of 'em 'ave any." No order had been given to empty the dish, and it was full of biscuits—Dean Hole's "Memories."

Shellac in Chinese Works of Art. By softening shellac with heat it may be drawn out and twisted into almost white sticks and of a fine silky luster. Extreme beauty is given to Chinese works of art by the use of shellac. Some of them are very ancient and of great value. They are chiefly chowchow boxes, tea basins or other small objects made of wood or metal. They are covered with a coat of shellac, colored with vermilion, and while the layer of shellac is soft and pliable it is molded and shaped into beautiful patterns. Some of these works thus ornamented are so rare and beautiful that even in China they cost fabulous sums.

He Forgave the Bishop. A certain bishop, an ardent advocate of teetotalism, found one of his flock, to whom he had preached for years, leaning in helpless drunkenness against a wall. "Wilkins!" cried the bishop, inexpressibly shocked. "Oh, Wilkins! You in this state! I am sorry; I am sorry; I am sorry!" "Bishop, bishop!" The bishop hastened back in the hope of hearing a resolution of repentance. "Bishop, if you are really sorry I forgive you!"

Taken at His Word. He (after marriage)—What! You have no fortune? You said over and over again that you were afraid some one would marry you for your money. She—Yes; and you said over and over again that you would be happy with me if I hadn't a cent. Well, I haven't a cent.

Idle Talks. Industry is the foundation of every thing worthy, yet there are a great many idle people. An idle man or woman is a bad advertisement for any community. Investigation will reveal that it is the idle people who engage in bad scrapes.—Acheson Globe.

If troubled with a weak digestion try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will do you good. For sale by J. E. Hood & Co.

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## STAR WITNESSES TESTIFY.

Give Evidence for the Defense in The Haywood Case.

Newbern Journal. Raleigh, Oct. 5.—The defense in the Haywood murder case today introduced its star witnesses, Robert M. Simms and Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, and Bernard Schmitz, of Baltimore.

Simms testified that he saw Skinner strike Haywood, knock him partly over, then spring about five feet back. First shot was fired when Skinner was near curb, Skinner then leaving with back towards Haywood. Saw no movement of Skinner's hands; did not see him attempt to draw pistol. Thought Skinner about 15 feet from curb when second shot was fired. Told Dr. Skinner, father of the dead man, next day about seeing Skinner strike Haywood. He first gave the statement to the public Monday afternoon.

Briggs' evidence was that after first shot he looked around, saw Skinner leaving the sidewalk. Skinner's only movement between shots was turning of head as he stepped off the sidewalk. Did not observe movement of Skinner's hand then. After flash of Haywood's second shot he looked at Skinner who was going at quick walk with hand pressed to his back. Haywood lowered his pistol as Skinner fell forward.

Schmitz swore Skinner and Haywood were near south entrance of post office, Skinner seeming to have Haywood by coat lapel with right hand, and almost immediately struck Haywood with left hand, Haywood falling back. Skinner sprang back about eight feet, with left hand to side in threatening attitude took two or three steps towards Haywood, as if to renew attack. Haywood fired first shot, Skinner who was near edge of sidewalk staggered. Skinner was some feet in the street when second shot was fired.

There was a long cross examination of Schmitz, the prosecution asking questions tending to affect his character. Affidavits as to his character were given by many Baltimore people.

## BALTIMORE FINANCIALLY SAFE

Embarrassment of Firms of J. L. Williams and J. W. Middendorf Makes no Disturbance.

Baltimore, Oct. 2.—There was no disturbance in financial circles here today over the announcement that the well-known banking houses of J. Williams & Sons and John L. Williams & Sons had asked their creditors for an extension of time. After the first surprise was over there was evidence on all sides that the local financial situation was in a healthy condition. Leading bankers and brokers were ready to lend helping hands to prevent any temporary unsettlement of the market from going too far, but this was unnecessary.

There were reports on the streets that there would be a joint meeting of bankers and brokers for this purpose but it was not held. Inquiry among the heads of banking institutions developed the fact that the general feeling was that the local situation did not need any help, and that as soon as people began to view conditions clearly it would show an improvement. This view was so widely held that the suggestion of a meeting to take action to protect holders of securities was dropped.

President Williams of the Seaboard Air Line and Middendorf & Co. have received during the day many telegrams of sympathy and offers of aid. Among them was the following:

New York, Oct. 2, 1903. Hope you will speedily arrange temporary difficulties. You have our best wishes, and we wish we could help you in some way further. EDWIN GOULD.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

No one who is acquainted with its good qualities can be surprised at the great popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only cures colds and grip effectually and permanently, but prevents these diseases from resulting in pneumonia. It is also a certain cure for croup. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. It is also pleasant to take. When all of these facts are taken into consideration it is not surprising that people in foreign lands, as well as at home, esteem this remedy very highly and very few are willing to take any other after having once used it. For sale by J. E. Hood & Co.

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## DISPENSARY VICTORY

In the Capital City. Saloons Voted Out By Big Majority

### A TIDAL WAVE SWEEPS THE STATE

The Contest Was Sharply Fought, But The Anti-Saloon Forces Carried the City by 194 Majority.

Yesterday the capital city voted out saloons and voted in a dispensary by the substantial majority of 194.

The contest has been a stubborn one from start to finish; but the anti-saloon forces went to the poles yesterday filled with a determination to win and last night the contest was brought to a close with the result quoted above.

Early in the evening after the close of the polls Mr. J. J. Rogers received the following telegram:

We win by more than one hundred majority. BAILEY.

To this message Mr. Rogers replied: J. W. BAILEY, Manager, Raleigh, N. C.

Kinston Anti-Saloon League sends congratulations. Kinston will follow suit on 27th inst.

J. J. ROGERS, Pres. Kinston Anti-Saloon League. Later on when the count was complete the following message came over the wire and was phoned to President Rogers:

Dispensary wins by one hundred and ninety-four majority.

N. B. BROUGHTON. The result of the contest in Raleigh is sure to have a great influence in the local elections that are to take place throughout the State.

The temperance forces are elated.

### SIGNED A TRUCE.

The Saloon Question in Scotland Neck Amicably Adjusted.

Wilson Times. A Scotland Neck special of the 3d instant, says:

The whiskey question has been amicably settled here. Following the election on September 15th there were charges of a few illegal votes on the whiskey side, but the temperance people and the saloon advocates have settled the matter by agreeing that no license to sell liquor in the town of Scotland Neck shall be issued to extend longer than the first of January, 1905.

No license shall be issued to any one other than the persons now engaged in the liquor business in said town, and after such period—that is, January 1, 1905—until there is legislative action, establishing either prohibition or a dispensary for the town, no liquor shall be sold.

A mass meeting shall be called of the citizens of the town by the mayor of the town, after 10 days' notice previously given to be held between December 15, 1904, and January 5, 1905, to determine which the legislature shall establish for the town, prohibition or a dispensary, directly without any submission to a vote of the people.

And we pledge ourselves to aid in securing by direct legislative action which of the two shall be established by the mass meeting, and in the mass meeting a majority vote of the citizens of Scotland Neck who are qualified voters attending the meeting shall govern, and we will abide the decision of the majority in such meeting as to which of the two shall be established in Scotland Neck as aforesaid.

### NATURE'S OWN CURE.

Hyomei Cures Catarrh Without Dangerous Drugging of the Stomach.

Not until Hyomei was discovered has it been possible to truthfully say that a remedy for catarrh was known. This remedy is breathed through the Hyomei inhaler for a few minutes four times a day, and during that time every particle of air taken into the air passages and lungs is impregnated with the germ killing and health giving Hyomei. It is the only treatment that cures catarrh.

Stomach drugging often causes disordered digestion or brings on some other disease and never makes a permanent cure of catarrh. Hyomei not only kills the germs in the throat and nose but penetrates to the minutest air cells in the lungs and enters the blood with the oxygen, killing the germs in the blood. It frees the mucous membrane from poisonous microbes and gives perfect health.

A complete outfit costs but \$1.00, and includes an inhaler, a dropper and sufficient Hyomei for several weeks treatment.

J. E. Hood & Co. have so much faith in the merit of Hyomei that they agree to return the money to any purchaser who may be dissatisfied.

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## STRABANE ITEMS.

October 5, 1903.

Mr. Willie Dail came from Kinston Friday.

Miss Bessie Elmore left Saturday to attend school at Winterville.

Rev. Mr. Bilbro filled his regular appointment at Union, Sunday.

Mr. Floyd Barwick, of LaGrange, attended church at Union, Sunday.

There will be service at Holy Innocents next Sunday by the rector, Rev. J. H. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Whitfield, Mr. and J. C. Davis visited at Mr. Frank Koonce's, near Pleasant Hill, Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Warren Barwick, of LaGrange and Carl Elmore, Claud Jones and Miss Carrie Hardy, Mr. Woodard Barwick and Miss Hattie Hardy visited relatives at Pink Hill Saturday and Sunday.

### JASON ITEMS.

October 5, 1903.

Mr. Hugh Hardy made a business trip to Goldsboro Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Newsom, of Shine, visited here yesterday.

Mr. John L. Phelps and children spent yesterday with his sister, Mrs. H. V. Hardy.

Mr. R. F. Hadley's pack house and contents were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. He carried some insurance.

Messrs. Add Phelps and Walter Dawson left Thursday for Dade City, Fla. Being quiet, sober young men, we can predict nothing but success for them.

### ARBA ITEMS.

October 5, 1903.

Rev. Mr. Stephens will commence a revival here next Saturday night.

Messrs. G. W. Jones and Lee Hill opened a merchandise business in Goldsboro last week.

Miss Ida J. Hill returned home yesterday, after spending last week with friends and relatives in Newbern.

Miss Nellie Grady, of near Seven Springs, after spending a week here with relatives returned home Saturday.

Miss Mamie Pate returned home Wednesday after spending a week or so visiting friends and relatives in Newbern.

### Sig Sautelle Shows.

Sig Sautelle's big 12 combined railroad shows will give afternoon and evening performances in Kinston Friday, October 9. The number of all-star artists engaged by Mr. Sautelle this season doubles that of last year and the program which they now offer is one of par excellence and admirably suited to the tastes of old and young alike. There is not an act in the entire shows which can tend to bring the faintest semblance of a blush to the cheek of the most fastidious. The Sautelle Show has always been the acme of chasteness. The shows have been enormously augmented in every department this year. In the \$100,000 menagerie are typical specimens of every species of animal life. A tour of this peerless department is of vastly more educational value than a trip through many of America's best known zoological gardens. This will be the second year Mr. Sautelle has traveled by rail and a special train of 26 cars is now required to transport his mammoth tented amusement institution, while he employs a well organized army of over 300 workers and hundreds of horses, ponies and donkeys. The daily expenses of these all new shows are truly astounding. As an introduction to the good things to be offered at the afternoon and evening performances in Kinston, a gigantic street pageant, of marvelous splendor and dazzling brilliancy, will be given over the principal streets at 10 o'clock on the morning of the above day and date. The grand processional display of wealth will be resplendent with lustrous chariots, bands of clever musicians, elephants, camels, several large open dens of wild animals, a steam calliope and a greater number of bigger features than has ever been seen in a similar pageant. Don't forget the day and date and don't miss seeing the magnificent free street spectacle even if you do not attend the performance.

### Many Mothers of a Like Opinion.

Mrs. Pilmer, of Cordova, Iowa, says: "One of my children was subject to a croup of a severe type, and the giving of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly, always brought relief. Many mothers in this neighborhood think the same as I do about this remedy and want no other kind for their children." For sale by J. E. Hood & Co.

### Cause of Lockjaw.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin, as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is aroused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes cuts, bruises and like injuries to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by J. E. Hood & Co.

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## NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Colled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

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

A negro living on the plantation of Mr. J. A. Thomas in Cumberland county, took his life by poison last week. He seemed resolved on suicide for he took great care to remain concealed until the drug should have effected its deadly work, and swallowed two vials of laudanum.

The State officials are much pleased at the financial outlook, and say that besides meeting all current expenses nearly \$70,000 of debts over and above those provided for by the bond issue, have all been paid and that it appears there will be at least \$40,000 on the right side of the ledger.

Monroe Journal: Ever been to Hillsboro, that dear old town where time and its mutations are as nothing? No cleverer people in the world, and they are satisfied. There is practically the same number of population so a gentleman tells us, that there was a century ago. If they gain not neither do they lose. The same town clock that called together the provisional convention of 1775 still does duty. The bell has a hole worn in it as big as a peck measure, to be sure, but 'tis good yet. The local editor takes off two weeks during the year, one in summer and one at Christmas, and gives his patrons only fifty issues a year. They'll be as well off a hundred years hence as if they were receiving fifty-two, says he. The county has never had but one register of deeds, for the simple reason that the man who was elected when this office was created, in 1868, still holds it. The town is yet using the cobble stones which Cornwallis laid in the streets.

### The Report Gloomy.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The monthly report of the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture will show the average condition of cotton on September 25 to have been 65.1, as compared with 81.2 one month ago, 58.3 on September 25, 1902 61.4 at the corresponding date in 1901, and a ten year average of 67.4. These figures indicate the condition on Sept. 25, and no attempt is made to anticipate the results of the agricultural weather conditions.

Reports of damage during September from rust, shedding, drought, caterpillars and worms are general throughout the cotton states, the damage in Texas being caused more particularly by boll weevil and boll worms. The crop is reported as from 2 to 4 weeks late, and many correspondents report that there will be no top crop.

The following table shows the condition of cotton, by states, on Sept. 25, in each of the last three years, and that on August 25, 1903, with the ten year averages:

STATE	Sept. 25, 1902.	Aug. 25, 1903.	10 yr. Av.
Texas	54	76	64
Georgia	68	81	70
Alabama	68	84	69
Mississippi	69	87	68
South Carolina	70	80	68
Arkansas	69	81	66
Louisiana	71	86	69
North Carolina	74	83	70
Tennessee	71	91	70
Indian Territory	71	81	68
Oklahoma	72	75	69
Florida	70	83	72
Missouri	74	81	77
Virginia	77	86	76
United States	65.1	81.2	67.4

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