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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.

London, Oct. 25.—King Edward has approved the appointment of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador to the United States to succeed the late Sir Michael Herbert.

Liverpool, Oct. 25.—The newly arriving American cotton is being rushed to the mills as rapidly as possible. Full time is being resumed gradually throughout Lancashire, where there has been much distress since August, when the mills reduced their time of working to four days a week. All the mills in the Ashton-Under-Lyne district resumed full time today.

Boston, Oct. 25.—Still locked out as messengers by the American District Telegraph Company, the 200 or more boys discharged last Friday, today witnessed an increase in the force of girls now doing the work. It was estimated this forenoon that more than 200 girls were carrying messages. The idle boys formed groups at various points near the Western Union office, in State street, but acts of violence, such as were reported last night, were not repeated.

Washington, Oct. 25.—A communication from the United States Minister Beupre at Bogota indicates that the present session of the Colombian congress is not expected to make any further progress with canal legislation. The special committee which has been considering a proposition to declare the franchise of the Panama canal company vacated has made a report so ambiguous that it practically leaves the question undecided. The present congress terminates by limitation next Saturday. No action is expected.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Announcement was made today by Secretary Moody that Rear Admiral Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, had resigned his commission in the service and that Naval Constructor Washington Lee Capps would be appointed to succeed him. Admiral Bowles' resignation is to take effect November 1. He is leaving the service to become president of the Fore River Ship and Engine Building Company, at Quincy, Mass., which is engaged in building the battleships Vermont and New Jersey, the protected cruiser Des Moines and the destroyer MacDonough.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Late last night telephone calls from the village of Ridgeway Corners, Orleans county, asking for police assistance were received at Medina, and a large body of bluecoats all armed and accompanied by a number of citizens drove to that village. They found that an army of tramps had captured the town and looted the stores, bakery and restaurant, and were then engaged in serving each other fancy mixed drinks over the two hotel bars. After a desperate battle, in which knives, rocks and revolvers were used, nine badly battered hoboes were locked up, the rest of them escaping.

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AN EXPENSIVE LITTLE BUG.

How the Boll Weevil is Ravaging the Cotton Crop.

Unless some means are discovered to successfully combat the boll weevil, which has become so great a pest that the state of Texas has offered \$50,000 as a reward to any one who finds a remedy, the cotton industry will be seriously menaced in the future. Until about ten years ago cotton planters had only to contend against the cotton worm or caterpillar, which was bad enough; but since the advent of the boll weevil its ravages have put the efforts of the worm completely in the shade. Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4 show the bollworm in various stages of development.

The damage to the cotton crop of Texas alone by the boll weevil this year is estimated at \$30,000,000, and



BOLL WEEVIL AND BOLLWORM.

despite the efforts of experts there is no abatement in the ravages. In fact, the boll weevil is principally responsible for this year's shortage of crop.

The boll weevil is a common beetle about a quarter of an inch long and came into this country about a decade ago from Mexico. It begins its destructive work when the cotton flower is in bloom, entering the flower to extract the sweet pollen, and while there it lays its eggs. The eggs develop into larvae in a few days, and then the real destruction begins. The boll weevil passes through many metamorphoses and after attaining the pupa stage eats its way out of the bulb of the cotton plant, which has withered away from the effects of the weevil's ravages.

After having passed out from the bulb it flies to another and continues its depredations. Finally it falls to the ground, where it burrows in a deep hole and turns into the cocoon, from which emerges the full grown beetle in the spring. Many attempts have been made to exterminate it, but the lack of knowledge of the life of the insect and of its natural enemies has been a serious drawback to such an end.

No Bells in Mosques.
Bells are never used in Mohammedan mosques. The Moslem race detests bells, under the delusion that they cause the assemblage of evil spirits.

Grapes.
Grapes are said to be perhaps the most digestible of any of the fruits. The tonic qualities of unfermented grape juice are well known. Grapes as an article of diet, with only a little dry bread by way of a "filler," are said to work wonders for thin, anemic people whose digestions are out of order through worry or overwork.

Greedy Kite Hawks.
Kite hawks have become so bold about the garrison in Burma that they swoop down on the mess tables and seize food from the soldiers' plates.

Man's Senses.
One or more of man's senses may play him false, while his reasoning powers in general remain unaffected. He may "see" what does not exist, hear a voice where there is no utterance, smell an odor where there is none and have a bitter or poisonous taste where there is nothing to cause it.

An Odd Habit.
The poet Matherin always stuck a water on his forehead just between his eyebrows before taking up his pen.

Water Drinking.
The average daily consumption of water per head of population in American cities is about 80 gallons. In Europe it varies from 3 in Brest and 11 in Venice to 202 in Marseilles and 204 in Rome.

Coal Dust.
Coal dust, which is generally to be found at the bottom of coal cellars when the chunks are getting low, may be utilized by being mixed with salt and water and then made into fair sized lumps, which will prove to be the best possible backing for keeping a good fire in.

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STATE CONVENTION

Of the Christian Church Now in Annual Session at Greenville

MANY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

First Day Devoted to the Christian Woman's Board of Mission. Many Kinston Ladies Attending.

Greenville, Oct. 27.—Many delegates and visitors are here in attendance upon the annual meeting of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention. Today's sessions were devoted to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. A most cordial address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. H. L. Coward, of Greenville, followed by a graceful response by Mrs. P. H. Crawford, of Kinston.

The address of the president, Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Wilson, was excellent, reviewing much that had been accomplished by the women in their work, and offering several suggestions for attaining even more usefulness in the next year.

The report of the secretary, Miss Payne Kilpatrick, of Kinston, gave the status of the different auxiliaries in detail and showed considerable gain over the preceding year. Mrs. Omer, of Asheville, State organizer, also gave a report of her work in visiting the auxiliaries and organizing new ones. A recitation by Miss Kilpatrick "Why Our Auxiliary Was Not Disbanded"; a paper, "The Twentieth Century Woman's Opportunity," by Miss Anna Howard, of Kinston, and the appointment of committees occupied the remainder of the morning session.

The afternoon session was devoted chiefly to reports from the several mission fields, short talks being made by Miss Snakenburg on Porto Rico by Miss Loftin, of work among the Chinese in Oregon, by Mrs. Omer on Mountain work, by Mrs. Crumpler on Deogher, India. There was also a paper read by Mrs. Hall and an address by Rev. Murrell Owen.

The principal feature of tonight's session was an address by Miss Annie Agnes Lockey, a returned missionary from India.

The convention proper begins tomorrow morning.

The president announced the following committees:

- Future Work—Mrs. J. W. Grainger, Mrs. N. J. Rouse, Mrs. Draughton, Miss Mary Whitehurst, Daisy Carman and Katie Barnes.
- Young People—Mrs. Sallie Hines, Mrs. J. N. Taylor, and Kate Snakenburg.
- Enrollment—Misses Rosa Loftin, Minnie Tunstall, Nancy Coward and Anna Howard.
- Literature—Miss Mary Kilpatrick, Mrs. H. D. Merrill, Mrs. P. H. Crawford, Mrs. P. B. Hall, Misses Mary Moye, and Alice Lang.
- Adjuting—Mrs. Annie LaRoque, Mrs. M. E. Moseley and Mrs. Pattie Hooker.
- Nominations—Mrs. W. J. Crumpler.

Admiral Bowles Resigns.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department, today tendered his resignation as an officer in the United States navy to the president and it was accepted to take effect Oct. 31. Constructor W. L. Capps, now on duty at the New York navy yard, has been selected by the president for the vacancy.

Will Investigate N. Y. Postoffice

Washington, Oct. 25.—A special investigation of the New York postoffice will be begun in a few days by inspectors working under the direction of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow. There will be a thorough overhauling of all the affairs of that office and matters in every department of the office will be thoroughly probed. It is stated that no charges are on file regarding the New York office, but the facts established by the inspectors long ago persuaded the investigating authorities of the desirability of a general and detailed probing into the affairs of Postmaster VanCott's office.

SALOONS VOTED OUT

The Temperance Contest Brought to a Close Yesterday at Sunset

THE ELECTION CLOSELY CONTESTED

For a Long Time the Result Was in Doubt, But the Change Came Late in the Afternoon.

The dispensary election held here yesterday was the climax of a campaign that had been carried on earnestly for several weeks. From time to time the citizens of Kinston have been addressed by visiting speakers on the subject of temperance reform. The ladies of the town have been very active in the work, holding daily prayer-meetings in the interest of temperance. Then Mayor Rouse, together with a number of our leading citizens have made frequent addresses in the cause. And all together an influence has been brought to bear that the saloons, 11 in number, could not resist.

The vote cast was 609. Of this number 323 went for dispensary and 286 for open saloons, thus leaving a majority of 37 for the dispensary.

The vote was not a full one, but the majority given for the dispensary is decisive and counts much to the credit of temperance people.

The election was very quiet and orderly throughout and the final result confirms the statement made in these columns yesterday that the voting at 3 o'clock indicated a close election.

Christian Science in Boston.

Boston, Oct. 26.—Four hundred more authorized teachers of Christian Science from various parts of the United States assembled in this city today to consider matters in reference to teaching the faith. This is the first convention of the kind and is held, it is said, because the growth of Christian Science throughout the country is felt to necessitate more systematic and uniform plans of instruction than have been thus far formulated.

The Water Moccasin.

The water moccasin, which seldom exceeds four feet in length, is a very venomous snake and is more to be dreaded than the rattlesnake, as it will attack anything and everything on sight and without apparent provocation. With its mouth wide open it erects itself boldly and darts forward with a rapid spring.

Cork and Gold.

A ton of cork occupies a space of 150 cubic feet; a ton of gold is compressed in the space of two cubic feet.

Bacon Hinds.

All bacon hinds should be washed and carefully preserved by keeping them in a glass jar. These are delicious for seasoning greens and touching up for broiled chicken.

A Big Load For an Ancient Ship.

Constantinus conveyed from Hellopolis to Rome an obelisk weighing 1,500 tons, and, in addition to this long coveted monolith, the ship carried about 1,200 tons of pulse stowed about the smaller end of the obelisk in order to bring the ship on an even keel.

Air Guns.

Air guns were first made in Germany in 1656 by Guhr.

Across the Atlantic.

The distance between St. John's, N. F., and Galway, Ireland, is only 1,816 miles, while that between New York and Liverpool is 3,116 miles.

A Peculiarity of the Coconut Palm.

One of the peculiarities of the coconut palm is that it never stands upright. A Malayan saying has it that "he who has looked upon a dead monkey, he who has found the nest of a paddy bird, he who has beheld a straight coconut or has fattomed the deceitful heart of a woman will live forever."

Wonderful Eyes.

It is said that there is a woman in Manchester, England, who has eyes which magnify objects fifty times their natural size.

Monkey Shines.

Monkeys have a keen sense of humor, which enables them to relish a joke. It is not to be supposed that they care whether the fun is at the expense of one of their own species or of ours. Their jokes are necessarily practical.

Orchard Drainage.

One advantage of good drainage in the orchard is that the fruits will usually come to maturity earlier than on undrained land.

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AN ART EXHIBIT

And Musical Social at the Lynch House Complementary to the Art Teacher, Miss Mollie Rouse.

Mrs. James B. Dawson entertained a number of ladies and gentlemen at the Lynch House last evening complimentary to Miss Mollie Rouse, of Tarboro, who is teaching art to a class of young ladies in this city.

The special features was an art exhibit by Miss Rouse's pupils and a violin selection by Prof. O'Neill, both of which were highly appreciated by the guests. The art exhibit by the pupils was highly creditable, and considering the short time they have been under the tutelage of Miss Rouse their work discloses embryo talent of high degree. Miss Rouse contributed to the exhibit and her productions were works of artistic genius. These exhibits will be held monthly by Miss Rouse's class for the promotion and encouragement of art study, and will, no doubt prove very beneficial to her pupils.

Refreshments were served at a seasonable hour, two little fairy waitresses, Misses Mabel Lynch and Mildred Ball serving the dainties and delicacies in a happy style. Mrs. Murrell assisted in the management of the social event which passed off so pleasantly to all.

The following were the fortunate ones at the reception: Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carr, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Harper, Jr., Mr. W. D. LaRoque and Miss Mamie Hines, Mr. I. M. Tull and Miss Helen Gray, Mr. W. C. Fields and Miss Hannah Dawson, Mr. Clarence Oettinger and Miss Mamie Dawson, Mr. John Dawson and Miss Sybil Hyatt, Mrs. Dr. Wm. Edwards and Miss Delia Hyatt, Mr. G. H. Pegram and Miss Georgia Taylor, Mr. E. P. Wooten and Mrs. A. S. Wooten, Col. and Mrs. W. A. Bobbit, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Kilne and Prof. O'Neill.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

Next Tuesday in Eleven States. Some Very Important.

New York Oct. 26.—Elections will be held in 11 states, Tuesday, November 3rd. Full state tickets are to be voted for in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Iowa and Mississippi, while in New York, Pennsylvania and Colorado, a justice of the upper courts, regents of the state university, or minor state officers are to be chosen. Municipal officials are to be selected in Greater New York, San Francisco and Salt Lake.

The Prohibitionists have a ticket in all the states except Colorado, the Socialists in all except Nebraska and Colorado, the Populists in two states—Iowa and Colorado; and the Socialist Labor party in three, New York, Massachusetts and Ohio. Fusion was effected in only one state, Nebraska, though the Republicans of New York endorsed the Democratic nominee for judge of the court of appeals.

VIRGINIA VETS SORE.

Say We Didn't Furnish Most Troops, Wasn't First at Bethel.

Richmond, Oct. 27.—It is known here that the report of the history committee of the Grand Camp Virginia Confederates, to be made next Thursday by Judge Geo. L. Christian, of Richmond, will deal largely with the part played in the war by North Carolina. For some time Virginia veterans have been ranking under the alleged claim of North Carolina that she furnished more troops than Virginia and that her soldiers were the foremost in the battle of Bethel, the first of the war.

Judge Christian, on the part of the Virginians, resents both assertions vigorously and will attempt to show from North Carolina records that that State did nothing of the kind in either instance.

Lee camp here, the leading one in the state, is very sore over the bragging North Carolina has been doing of late.

Diaz is Attacked.

An attempt was made yesterday on the life of President Diaz, of Mexico. The president was riding in a street car when the would-be-assassin attacked him, firing five shots, all of which were ineffectual.

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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 Heel Readers.

The gross receipts for the Masonic fair at Raleigh last week was about \$8,000.

The grand jury found a true bill against Dr. J. V. Jay, charged with the murder of his three children, and he is being tried.

Plans for rebuilding the Asheville auditorium are fast taking shape. A number of bondholders have expressed themselves as favorable to the proposition.

Three restaurants in Raleigh during fair week used 2,500 pounds of beef steak, 275 gallons of oysters and 1,200 dozen eggs and this amount gave out on Thursday of that week.

Raleigh Correspondent: The number of hail storms in the State during the past summer must have been quite large, as the agent of one hail insurance company says it incurred over 500 losses.

Motorman Herbert Poindexter is lying at Greensboro hospital nursing a wound inflicted by a bullet from a pistol. The pistol dropped from Poindexter's pocket and was discharged. The ball entered the calf of the left leg and, taking an upward course, came out just above the knee on the front.

Greensboro, Oct. 26.—A phone message to Westcott Roberson, attorney for the Iola Gold Mining Company, from Candor, Montgomery county, tells of the destruction by fire of the mine. The loss is \$4,000, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The mine has produced over \$100,000 in gold this year. It is operated by Baltimore capitalists.

Raleigh Correspondent: It is stated that though Rev. A. R. Love, the Baptist minister at Hendersonville, who wrote the book "Heaven or Hell" has withdrawn it from circulation and sale, yet that at the Baptist State convention which meets in December the book will cause no little discussion. It is said that some of the leading Baptists will make a very active attack upon the work, and upon the very advanced position it takes, the sentiment being strongly against it.

Wilmington, Oct. 27.—"Doctor" Talley, a unique negro character who styles himself a conjure doctor and who has been giving much trouble to the colored population in a rather isolated part of the county, has been arrested and placed in jail here on suspicion of a serious crime. Talley lived in a small hut, about seven miles from Wilmington. When the officers went out to arrest him they found a colored female patient under treatment. She seemed in mortal terror of the "doctor" and at his bidding she built a tent outside of the house and consented to remain with the effects of the conjurer until he returned. Two other colored women, patients at the house of Talley, are said to have died under the queer practitioner's art. He is a disciple of "Peaco" or "Perey of Dominica," the mulatto recently sentenced to a long term in prison for causing the death of a woman whom he persuaded to fast unto death. Around his hut Talley has collected at least five wagon loads of trumpery, which he used in his practice.

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