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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.

Mukden, Oct. 26.—The situation is one of the great tension for the troops on both sides. General Kuropatkin and Field Marshal Oyama seem to be watching each other like hawks. It is impossible to tell which will make the first serious move.

Martial law continues at Berkley, Va., where the negro politician Blount was taken from jail and murdered. Colonel Higgins, commanding the troops there, says they will remain as long as Mayor Allen feels there is danger of an uprising. The murderers are still unknown.

Petersburg, Va., Oct. 26.—The tenth annual state convention of the Virginia division of United Daughters of the Confederacy of Virginia opened today at the ball of the Young Men's Christian Association, in this city, with a very large attendance of delegates from the different chapters throughout the state.

New York, Oct. 26.—Senator Scott, of West Virginia, in charge of the speakers' bureau at Republican national headquarters, will leave for West Virginia Friday to take personal charge of the closing of the campaign in that state. Senator Scott has received a poll of every county in the state made by the Republican managers, which shows a majority for the national electoral ticket.

Gibraltar, Oct. 26.—The ships of the channel fleet have filled their bunkers with coal and replenished their ammunition and other stores and will be ready for sea at a moment's notice. The battleship Hannibal and the cruiser Doris are watching the straits closely. There is great activity at the dock yard where men are working night and day. The admiralty is making inquiries concerning the coal available here.

Madrid, Oct. 26.—The minister of marine confirms the report of the arrival of a Russian cruiser at Villagarcia. The minister has received a telegram from the authorities at Vigo to the effect that two Russian battleships now there have sustained damages which will render it impossible for them to leave port within the prescribed twenty-four hours. The minister, he declares, that will not allow coaling of Russian warships in Spanish ports.

New York, Oct. 26.—Using a silver key, Mayor McClellan will turn the electric current into the motors on the first train in the subway here at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Immediately preceding the starting of the train there will be formal exercises in the aldermanic chamber of the city hall; but the real celebration will be that of the many thousands who will throng the trains between half past two and six o'clock on special invitation of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. After 7 o'clock the road will be thrown open to the general public.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 26.—The case of John Gardiner, the longshoreman found on Hampton Roads beach Sunday shortly after a raid upon a saloon near by, is puzzling the local physicians. Gardiner appeared to be enjoying a peaceful sleep. After remaining on the beach Sunday and Sunday night he was removed to the hospital and has since been in a deep sleep from which nothing can arouse him. The police are of the opinion that he was sandbagged and robbed, as he was known to have nearly \$50 on his person before he went into the comatose state in which he was found. There are no indications that a blow had been received.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

LaGrange, October 29, 1904. Mr. E. W. Pace and Miss Maggie Sutton took the shoofly for Goldsboro Tuesday night, where they were married. From there they went to Norfolk to take in the horse show. They will return Friday.

The Firemen's Square Dance Oct. 28.

WHY NOT BOTH HANDED?

Sailors and Musicians Use Their Left Hands—Can You?

Most people are not right handed to the extent generally implied. Pianists and to a greater extent violinists give as difficult work to the left hand as to the right. Most cricketers can at any rate stop and catch a ball pretty much as well with one hand as with the other. In the gymnasium, even in fencing and single sticks, either hand is practiced. In boxing the left is the more used, though this may be due to the co-ordinate use of the right leg. Generally speaking, when the two hands are used simultaneously the right has no excessive mastery. Right handedness is a matter of degree with different people. Most surgeons are a good deal better with the left hand than men of other professions, and a great many of them bear personal witness to the benefit they owe to their ambidexterity.

We may perhaps at once grant that almost every one would be the better for a little more control over his left arm and fingers. Let any one attempt to write a sentence with his left hand, and he will feel some sort of shame for the impotence of his will over his members. The Japanese approach more nearly than any other nation to the ideal of ambidexterity, and it is a fair inference that they owe to the training of their left hand some part of the mechanical and perhaps artistic skill for which they are becoming famous. The left hand is practiced considerably in the education of our sailors, and it may be their "handiness" is partly the result of this training. On the whole, the educated classes are pitifully helpless in the common demands of manual work.—Saturday Review.

THE USE OF TOBACCO.

How a Man May Tell if He Is Smoking Too Much.

A correspondent wishes to know what constitutes the excessive use of tobacco. It sounds a very simple question, but it is nevertheless distinctly hard to answer. In the case of alcohol it is easy to define the point where excess begins. But there is this difference, as the writer points out, between the abuse of alcohol and the abuse of tobacco—that a man often drinks to excess because the more he takes the more he wants, the sensation becoming more attractive with every glass. With tobacco, on the other hand, the effects of a pipe too many are so painful to the tongue and so unpleasant generally that the smoker stops as a rule just before that point. The smoker thinks he is smoking to excess when he finds the process physically unpleasant. Doctors look more deeply into the matter. Like most other affairs of health, the matter resolves itself probably into a question of how much each individual constitution can endure. What would be excessive in one man is harmless in another. These things are best left to common sense. There is, however, one test which is as nearly as possible infallible. If the smoker can have off smoking—say, for a day or two days—at will he may comfort himself with the reflection that he is not too greatly devoted to his pipe.—London Globe.

Not Until Them.

"When may a woman be said to be happily married?"
"Not until she has had the pleasure of refusing several men."—Detroit Free Press.

MESSAGE TO FRATERNAL ORDERS.

Interesting News From Cincinnati With Local Confirmation in Kinston.

The thousands of members of fraternal bodies in this State will be interested in the following message from John Theobald, a prominent Forester who lives at 1111 York street Cincinnati.

Mr. Theobald believes in living up to the motto of his organization, "Fraternal Love and Charity" and believes that he can do more charitable act than to tell his experience in regaining health after years of suffering.
Mr. Theobald writes, "For five years I suffered with stomach troubles, having all the distress and misery that afflicts dyspeptics. I could not enjoy eating, thinking of the suffering that would follow. My food did not digest, and although I took all kinds of medicines, I found nothing to help me until I used MI-O-NA. Thanks to this remarkable remedy, I am now a cured man and believe that it made a permanent and complete cure."
J. E. Hood & Co., are local agents for MI-O-NA, nature's cure for dyspepsia. It is in the form of small tablets and sells at 50 cents a box. The remedy has made so many and such remarkable cures amongst their customers, confirming Mr. Theobald's statement, that they will give their personal guarantee with every box they sell to refund the money if it does not cure. Do not suffer longer. Here is a cure that costs you nothing, unless it restores health. J. E. Hood & Co. take all the risk and you do not have to pay a penny unless you feel that you have received much more than your money's worth.

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FINAL PREPARATIONS.

Judge Parker to Speak in Three States.

New York, Oct. 26.—Judge Parker's programme and speaking itinerary until election day have been completed. He will speak in three states—New York, New Jersey and Connecticut—and in addition there have been arranged receptions in his honor in this city and Brooklyn. The schedule calls for a change of the candidate's plans heretofore announced, in that he was dissuaded from his determination not to make speeches elsewhere than his home at Esopus.

The candidate will go to Rosemount tomorrow, leaving here at 10 a. m., and on Friday, he will address a delegation from Orange county, N. Y., Saturday and Sunday he will spend at home, and on Monday, October 31, come to New York again and will address a meeting at Madison Square Garden, to be held under the auspices of the Parker and Davis Business Men's Association.

On Tuesday night, November 1, he will attend a reception at Newark, N. J., and address a political gathering; on Wednesday night, November 2, he will attend a reception in New York, to be given by the Parker Independent Clubs; on Thursday night, November 3, he will speak at Hartford, Conn. On Friday night, November 4, he will be at his New York headquarters at the Hotel Seville, and on Saturday, November 5, he will be given a reception at the Brooklyn Democratic Club. The judge will return to Esopus on Sunday, November 6, and will spend Monday, November 7, quietly at his home. On Tuesday he will go to Kinston to vote. Returns from the election will be received at Rosemount over special trains.

Lest We Forget.

MR. EDITOR.—It can but be well to state that (while the subject is fresh and pregnant with coming events) the formation of the Kinston Fire Co. No. 1, was in February 1874. In searching for data, I find that on Tuesday night March 17th, 1874, that W. F. Stanley, E. F. Cox and myself went before the town commissioners, W. A. Coleman mayor, and asked for help to pay off indebtedness, and the town authorities granted the request. In looking over my old ledger I find that I paid the railroad for freight on the chemicals on March the 30th 1874, also paid to J. E. Nash \$188 on the engine. This company was never named "The Little Giant Fire Co." It was "The Kinston Fire Co. No. 1."

In enumerating the names of the now living pioneers of this company, the names of B. W. Canady and Geo. E. Kornegay, H. W. Cummings and Jno. C. Hay was inadvertently left out. As a laudable and very praiseworthy effort is being made, especially by the ladies, to evidence to this old fire-fired company that their past heroic services are not forgotten. Allow me to ascribe honor to whom honor is due. The three captains of game fire-fighters of the "Old First" is unquestionably B. W. Canady, George B. Webb and John Stricklin.

There are no women in the world that admire courage and endurance in men more than the women of Kinston, and their hearts being full of admiration and gratitude for the fighters for over thirty years for the protection of their lives and their homes will tonight endeavor to offer a substantial testimonial.

The Charm of Good Teeth.

"There is beauty in extreme old age," sang Mr. Gilbert in "The Mikado," and no one will deny it who has gazed on the really picturesque figure of an old man or woman with bright eyes, beautiful white teeth and a cheery face framed with white hair, the whole suggesting a charm which is as distinctive in its way as the freshness of youth. Unfortunately, however, these characteristics are by no means as frequent as they ought to be, for nature makes the individual pay for every error he commits. Nowhere is the contrast between what is and what ought to be more apparent than in the case of the mouth. How seldom do we see an old man or woman with good, strong, shining, white teeth? Indeed it may almost be said without fear of contradiction that today the teeth of old age are artificial. This is manifestly due to improper treatment.—London Madame.

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PREPARING FOR WAR

England Actively Getting Ready for What May Happen.

FLEETS ARE RAPIDLY CONCENTRATING

With Decks Cleared For Action.—Renewed Fighting Between Japs and Russians at Mukden.

Mukden, Oct. 27.—Fighting began at 10 o'clock last evening southeast of Mukden. The Japanese have advanced to the village of Jerdagan, which they are reported to have captured after a fight lasting until this morning. There was an artillery fight last night on the north bank of the Shaka river, directly south of Mukden. The cannonading, which was heavy, continued today, the Russians attacking the Japanese unsuccessfully. The fight was continued today. The Russians are attacking. If unsuccessful they will fight right up to the walls of Mukden.

London, Oct. 28.—Notwithstanding the diplomatic check in consequence of Admiral Rojestvensky's report, it is evident that Great Britain is preparing for the possibility of war. Tremendous activity is reported from all dock yards where vessels under repair are being made ready for sea under urgent orders from the admiralty. At Cardiff, it is stated that Admiralty agents are securing great quantities of coal for Gibraltar, Portsmouth, Malta and other ports, and paying high freight. The Mediterranean fleet is hastening in the direction of Gibraltar and it is announced that the channel squadron with decks cleared will leave Gibraltar early this morning, its alleged object being a "sham attack on the Rock."

The home fleet likewise, is concentrating. In fact, almost the entire British navy is pointing in the direction of the Baltic fleet, a portion of which is expected to sail for Vigo during the day. Perhaps the most significant development is the cabinet meeting, which is called for noon today. While the call was issued prior to the receipt of Rojestvensky's report, which changed the situation considerably and appears to place some of the burden of proof upon Great Britain, the meeting undoubtedly marks the reaching of a serious stage.

Public Speaking.

The Democratic candidates for house of representatives, sheriff and other county offices will speak to the people of Lenoir upon the issues of the campaign at the following times and places. Other Democratic speakers have been invited and will join in the canvass.

In Trent township, at Tull's Mill, on Friday, Oct. 28.

In Kinston, Saturday, Oct. 29.

In Neuse township, at Parrot's school house, Tuesday, Nov. 1st.

In Falling Creek township, at Falling Creek station, Wednesday, Nov. 2d.

Hon. Claude Kitchin, representative in congress from this district, and Democratic candidate for re-election, will address the people at LaGrange on Saturday, Oct. 29th.

Hours of speaking 11 a. m.

Let the people attend and hear the issues discussed.

J. W. GRAINGER, Ch'm'n.
E. M. LAND, Sec'y.

Little Charlie Dortch Dead.

Goldsboro, Oct. 27.—The funeral of Charles, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dortch, was held from their home early this morning. The elegant floral tributes attested eloquently the sympathy of many friends. The boy died yesterday evening about 6 o'clock from diphtheria. Not until yesterday morning did the physician in charge put up the diphtheria sign. The little fellow had only been ill for a few days. This makes more than a dozen deaths from the same disease within the last few weeks. This case was one of the few that was still pending when the graded school started up Monday morning, and if there are any others in the city it is no longer known.

WANTED.—A few more boarders at Mrs. M. L. Marquette's, near Knott's Warehouse.

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THE RUSSIAN VERSION.

Admiral Rojestvensky Tells of the North Sea Incident and Expresses Regrets.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 26.—The Associated Press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North Sea incident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely accidental. The weather on the night in question was rather hazy. About 1 a. m. two torpedo-boats, which the Russians supposed were Japanese craft, suddenly appeared between the two divisions of the squadron, and seemed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen, and were not aware that any damage had been done. Evidently, the admiral said, the fishermen had shown no lights. The admiral repeated that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen, and added that he had no doubt the Russian government would make ample compensation.

Prince Keretell, an officer of the battleship Emperor Alexander III, has been interviewed, and gives the following explanation of the attack by the Baltic squadron upon the British trawlers off Dogger Bank:

"The transport Anatol, which was steaming ahead of the squadron, was suddenly surrounded by eight torpedo-boats, and requested assistance, whereupon the battle-ship division advanced and signaled to the unknown vessels to leave or disclose their nationality. The vessels refused to obey, and advanced among the Russian battleships. Suddenly a cannon shot was heard from an unknown vessel. Then the admiral formed in battle line and replied to the fire, afterward continuing his voyage."

Prince Keretell added that the Russians feared the strange torpedo-boats were Japanese, as the admiral was aware that the Japanese had purchased such boats in England.

Notice of Registration.

The registration books for the county of Lenoir for the November election will be open in the different townships from this date until Oct. 29th, closing at sunset on that date, instead of the 27th.

All persons heretofore unregistered who are entitled to register and can comply with the registration laws must register on or before that date in order to vote in the November election.

J. W. GRAINGER, Chairman.
E. M. LAND, Secretary.

To Donators of Refreshments.

Please have your contributions to the Firemen's Square Dance ready at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon except cream and sherbet; have them ready at 5 o'clock.

It is important, so that the wagon should not have to wait. We need everything that has been promised.

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To The Kinston Free Press:

Kinston, N. C.

Gentlemen:—You are authorized to enroll my name on the Lenoir County Parker-Glenn Democratic Club.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

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

A negro boy at Mout Olive was hit in the back of the head with a rock, leaving a hole of sufficient size for the insertion of a finger. The wound was sowed up and the negro is going about as if nothing had happened.

Leon Rieves, of Greenville, was riding in a wagon Thursday, leaning on a round that was sticking up when the round broke and he fell out of the wagon. The fall dislocated the spinal column and paralysis resulted.

The case of Rev. T. J. Gattis against Dr. Kilgo and B. N. Duke comes up for the third time, in the Wake superior court. Twice Mr. Gattis has been awarded damages for libelous articles published by the two defendants.

The Hon. Badger Bowden, mayor of Dudley, insists on carrying a pistol and has been before a justice of peace two days in succession on this charge. There must be some sentiment attached to the weapon—like a rabbit's foot.

The initial fall shipment of lettuce has been made from the trucking district around Wilmington. It is estimated that the acreage of lettuce greatly exceeds that of last year, and it is believed that the crop will bring over \$200,000 to Wilmington this season.

Several officers of the Heinz Pickle Company were in Wilmington Wednesday looking for a site on which to erect a box and barrel factory. The plant will have a capacity of five carloads of boxes and barrels daily. The pay role will amount to about \$1,000 a week.

The New Hanover superior court is now engaged in the fourth trial of a damage suit of B. F. Penny against the A. C. L. Railroad. The suit is for \$20,000 for damages received by Penny who was accidentally shot while riding on a train. The plaintiff contends that the road is responsible.

Monday afternoon a well dressed woman was caught in the act of stealing some furs from a dry goods store in Wilmington. The furs were taken from the woman and she was allowed to leave without summoning the police. It is believed that she is the same woman who has been operating in Charlotte, Charlotte and other cities.

A northern company has been formed for the purpose of investing probably \$5,000,000 in improvements along the Yadkin River. It is proposed to build a dam 1,500 feet long, 58 feet wide and 38 feet high at a cost of \$600,000 which will develop 46,000 horse power. Electricity will be generated and transmitted to manufacturing and mining industries.

Democratic Speaking.

The following changes have been made in the appointments of speakers announced:

Hon. Claude Kitchin will speak at LaGrange, Oct. 29.

Hon. Fred A. Woodard will address the people at Tull's Mill, in Trent township, Oct. 28th instead of at LaGrange. He will also speak at Kinston at night on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

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