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ABOUT THE PENITENTIARY.

We desire to say a few words, for the benefit of the next Legislature, about the penitentiary. The members of the said Legislature ought to see to it that the penitentiary management go out of the farming business, and have the convicts placed on the public roads and, also, put to work cleaning out the creeks in the State. For several years farming has not paid, at least very little. This demonstrates the fact that the State should quit farming with its convicts and turn its attention to internal improvement. The roads should certainly be put in better condition and by placing the convicts at work upon the roads the State would take quite a step forward. Putting some of them to work cleaning out the creeks would add much to sanitary matters. The papers of the State we believe could take this up to advantage.

—The U. S. attorney general will decide that beer in the hands of retailers on the date the war revenue act went into effect is not subject to the increased tax.

—The Raleigh News and Observer wants to know if "there is not a gunboat or a cruiser that can be sent to annex Robinson Crusoe's island for a dime museum station?"

—Mrs. William C. Whitney, who was injured while horseback riding some time ago, shows no sign of further improvement. She is confined to bed, from which it is feared she can never rise.

—A San Francisco special of Saturday last says: "Lieutenant Hobson sailed for Hong Kong on the steamer Gaelic today. A large and enthusiastic crowd bade him farewell and many women tried to kiss him, but he evaded most of them."

—The Philadelphia Ledger utters these sensible words: "The full lifetime of a generation has now passed since the close of the Civil War, yet this year's Pension bill carries \$4,000,000 more than last year! Surely, this country does not want any more big wars for another generation, at least."

—The Isla de Luzon and the Isla de Cuba, two vessels sunk by Dewey at Cavite, and subsequently raised Naval Constructor Capps, safely made the voyage from Manila to Hong Kong under their own steam. They are to be docked and thoroughly repaired at Hong Kong and because of their peculiar fitness for the service will be kept among the Philippine Islands.

—Ex-Mayor King, of Rome, Ga., was "touched" in Atlanta for a fine diamond scarf pin. The ex-Mayor was up on pickpockets and when he arrived in Atlanta to attend the jubilee he felt that he would outwit any pickpocket that came his way. Still the ex-mayor of Rome had to call at the police barracks and own up that his fine diamond scarf pin was stolen. Some time during the push at the exposition park a pickpocket secured the diamond.

Spanish Gunboats at Norfolk.

After three narrow escapes during dense fogs, the first two trophy ships of the war to come safely to an American navy yard arrived at Norfolk, Va., Saturday. They are the gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval; the former commanded by Lieutenant Blue and the latter by Lieutenant Anderson the gallant North Carolinian who cut the cables at Cienfuegos.

Referring to the reduction of reduction of subscription rates by two of our State dailies, the Charlotte Observer thinks it was a mistake, and that "it is a good deal easier to reduce a subscription price than it is to raise it." The Observer might have added that the paper trust has advanced the price of news paper twenty to twenty-five per cent. during the past two or three months, and that these trusts are like unto the horseleech when they get a good "holt."—Wilmington Star.

General Shafter is being criticised severely for saying that we have taken Spain's fight against the Cuban and Philippine insurgents off her hands. Let us wait and see whether General Shafter's opinion on this matter is correct before we jump on him for giving it.—Atlanta Journal.

Here are some singular coincidences. There is a Mary Washington hospital at Fredericksburg, Va. George Washington Smith drew the plan of the building, and George Washington superintended the building, and both were born on Washington's birthday, the 22d of February.

Frank Huber, one of the proprietors of the Catawba Wine Company, of Toledo, O., left the supper table last night and shot himself to death in the bath room. He was one of the largest wine dealers in the United States.

Seven thousand rations have been sent to Guines and about 40,000 to other points in Havana province. Rations are also being distributed in the city of Havana, including 2,000 cans of condensed milk to sick and debilitated women and children.

In Japan dead people are buried with their heads to the north, for which reason the live Jap objects to sleeping with his head pointed in that direction and posing as a dead person.

Science teaches us that the sun draws water from the earth. The spots on the sun are no doubt caused by what it draws from the Chicago river.

When a man gets into trouble the majority of those who call to sympathize with him are only after the particulars.

A malignant case of smallpox is reported at Marion.

Take Time.

Take time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil and use you for His glory during the day.

Take time to be pleasant. A bright smile and a pleasant word fall like sunbeams upon the hearts of those around us.

Take time to be polite. A gentle, "I thank you," "If you please," "Excuse me," etc., even to an inferior, is no compromise of dignity, and, you know, True politeness is to say

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Telegraphic News Condensed for the Convenience of Hasty Readers.

There are three cases of smallpox in Fulton county, Pa.

A son has been born to Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of the Czar.

A negro man was jailed in Raleigh charged with murdering his wife.

A genuine case of smallpox has been reported at Wilmington, N. C.

Eleven million feet of lumber and other property burned at Burlington, Vt.; loss \$250,000.

The programme has been completed for the transfer of Havana to the American flag January 1.

Paris physicians say there is no means of preventing the American epidemic of grip from spreading to Europe.

About 8,000 Spanish soldiers are still left in Havana, but all of them will probably be gone by the end of December.

At Hartford, Ky., Sam Casebier, city marshal, was shot and killed by a drunken farmer he was attempting to arrest.

A contract for 80,000 tons of rails for a Chinese railroad has been awarded the Pennsylvania and Maryland company.

The American National Bank, of Lima, O., was robbed last night of \$18,162. The money was taken from the big vault.

In a street duel at Harrison, Ark., Frank Pace shot and killed M. L. Abernethy. A bystander was killed by a stray bullet.

Near Hillsboro, Tex., Mrs. Isabel, her daughter and her daughter's infant were burned to death in a fire started by the use of kerosene oil.

The Spanish-Atlantic Line steamer Colon, from Havana, has arrived at Cadiz, Spain. She had on board 2,600 repatriated Spanish troops.

The Spanish warship Conde de Venadito, bearing the supposed remains of Christopher Columbus on the way to Spain, arrived at Bermuda.

The Augusta and Enterprise Cotton Factories of Augusta, Ga., have closed down indefinitely, adding about 3,000 more to the unemployed of the city.

West Virginia coal miners are removing to Michigan and Pennsylvania, and their places are being taken by colored men from Virginia and North Carolina.

Filipino leaders have sent letters to Senator Hale urging the independence of the Philippines and protesting against a military occupation by the United States.

The four-masted Philadelphia schooner Matilda D. Borda, was towed into port, having been blown 1,000 mile out of her course during the storm of November 26.

The Paris peace commissioners have arrived in Washington and presented the treaty to the President. It will not be made public before its delivery to the Senate.

Pope Leo XIII, replying to Christmas greetings in Rome, said it was high time the governments of Europe stopped "unheard of outrages and savage exterminations."

A Spanish soldier was stabbed and killed in Havana by an unknown man who is believed to be a negro bandit. Troops were scattered over town to prevent disturbances.

A parade of the United States troops through the city of Havana will take place on January 1st, the date fixed for the turning over of the control of the island to the United States.

Marion Tyler was "very quietly" lynched at Scottsburg, Pa., for attempting to kill his wife. This was the first hanging in the history of Scott county, either lawful or by lynchers.

Deserting Aginaldo.

Because Aginaldo, the insurgent leader, has refused to recognize the rank of the lower class of rebel officers the latter have deserted with large numbers of armed soldiers and have attacked towns.

Some of the native local authorities who abused their positions and were unpopular in the provinces have been murdered or their property has been seized. The town of Cazing, for instance, which was defended by 600 of Aginaldo's troops, has been taken and looted by the malcontents.

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