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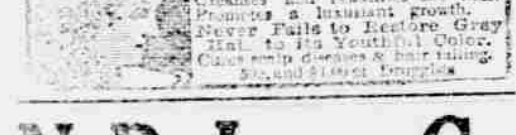
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### NEWS NOTES.

**Hens Picked Up Here and There and Gathered From Our Exchanges.**

President Diaz, of Mexico, is 79 years old.

Raleigh is to have a new theatre to be called the Grand.

The State fair will be held at Raleigh Oct. 18th to 23rd.

There is said to be 1,000 cases of palsy in North Carolina.

Eight killed and fifteen injured in a terrible railroad wreck near Pegram, Tenn.

Bishop Key is said to be the oldest effective Bishop of the Methodist Church, South.

Mr. C. C. Cherry has been re-elected Keeper of the State capital building and grounds.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo delivered an able address before the National Bankers Association at Chicago Friday.

Alice Webb Duke, wife of Brodie L. Duke has been committed to an insane asylum at Kankakee, Ill.

Dr. Edward L. Tucker, of Henderson, committed suicide on the 15th inst. No reason can be given for the rash act except ill health.

The Brodie Duke two-story brick building will be changed to a four-story steel structure. The building will be 200 feet long and will cost \$100,000.

The Cleveland Springs property and hotel has been sold to a capitalist of Athens, Ga., the purchase price being \$18,000. The property will be greatly improved.

President Taft has left his summer home at Beverly, Mass., and is now taking a spin around the continent. He will travel 13,000 miles and visit 55 cities in 25 different States.

Mr. J. B. Henry has harvested his field of fine corn and on a plot, nearly 1 1/2 acres, he gathered 103 bushels. A fine acre was measured for the prize to be offered. Mr. Henry says that is the way to make corn and is satisfied that his will cost him not more than 20 cents per bushel.—Wadesboro Aonian.

Mr. Eccles Huff, who left Salisbury three months ago to try his fortune in Oklahoma, the praises of which have been sung loud and long in the ears of North Carolinians for the past year, returned last night and will resume his position with his father, Mr. W. H. Huff, in the latter's grocery. Oklahoma is a good State, but North Carolina is better, says Mr. Huff.—Salisbury Post.

Game is reported to be over plentiful this year, especially deer and bear. A Mr. Dixon, who returned from the Davis Shore section, in Carteret county, says that he has never seen the like. Two others with him went hunting in the percosin at the head of South river a few days ago, and killed each a deer in a few hours, and as they were returning home killed another—fine buck.—New Bern Journal.

**Population of the Earth.**

The latest authoritative estimate of the earth by continents is as follows: Asia, 850,000,000; Europe, 380,000,000; Africa, 127,000,000; North America, 89,000,000; South America, 36,420,000; Australia, 1,730,000; polar regions, 300,000. This brings the totals of the earth's population up to 1,487,900,000.

It is estimated that there are in the world 401,700,000 people who speak the seven different languages of Europe: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian. Of this number 111,100,000 or 27.7 per cent of the whole, speak the English language. The German and Russian languages come next in importance, about 75,000,000 people speaking each of them.

**Materials for Autumn Suit are Varied.**

Broadcloths, mixtures, serges and cord weaves are the material to use for coat suits and for separate coats. And for dressy coats velvets and moire are going to be worn. This includes plain and corded velvets and velours. Braid trimmings and jet trimmings are the most popular, and for coat collar facings more, bengaline and ottoman silk are used a great deal.—The Designer for October.

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### Cannot Have Consumption.

The new and wise war that is being waged for the prevention of consumption and contagious diseases is the best movement of this generation. It will tell in coming years in reducing the death rate and in lengthening human life. Everybody's for August has a brief article that has interest for all and it is so remarkable that it should be widely published. If the claims made for Quito are well founded, the world needs to make it accessible to the consumptives who find no help elsewhere.

The article is as follows:

"Several days ago a friend loaned me some old magazines, among them one of Everybody's, June, 1904, in which was an article on consumption, and I take liberty, and give myself the pleasure (if not too late) of sending a few words of what I know, hoping to bring relief and life to those who will read and believe what I write you.

"There is a city called Quito, capital of the Republic of Ecuador, South America, situated on a beautiful plateau ten thousand feet above the sea, in the Andes Mountains. The climate is eternal spring. Quito is not like any other place on earth, being directly under the equator. For years untold a tall shaft just at the city limits has marked this line.

"Consumption cannot exist in Quito. The air of that high altitude destroys the germs, not only within the lungs, but in the saliva, immediately. Nothing spoils in Quito. Meat only shrivels and dries, like dust. From one year's end to another the air is always the same—like that of the cold spring—and there are always flowers, always fruit. It rains for one hour (from three o'clock) every day. Then the sun shines, the sky is blue, a thousand song birds fill the air, and all is beautiful. Quito has all the modern improvements, and a railroad, only recently built, runs over the mountains from the coast. Few visitors went there before the road was built, as travel was difficult and had to be done on mule back. But the doctors here told me that if a consumptive could make the trip with 'even half a lung,' the disease would be immediately arrested, and after a year's stay he could live where he pleased.

"I am writing this with truth and sincerity, as I have been in Quito, and can vouch for all I say. I went before there was any railroad, riding two hundred miles on mule back. I did not go for my health, but for pleasure. It would take too much time to tell all I know of Quito, but if you care to publish this, and wish any more information on the same subject, I shall be pleased to give it. All that I can now say is that if I had consumption I would go to Quito, if I had to work my way. For I know I should be cured."

Beloxi, Miss. K. L. F.  
—From News and Observer.

### How Farming Pays.

Twenty years ago the farm of Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, Robeson county, could have been purchased for two thousand dollars. This year, under his expert management he has already grown crops worth \$23,213 on that farm and on a part of the land he has second crop of cotton which gives promise of making a bale to the acre. He has also grown enough wheat, oats and corn to run the whole farm. Mr. Cobb believes there is money in farming—in fact he knows it—and he is of the opinion that the supreme need of North Carolina today is expert agricultural education and that the schools should more and more train the boys and girls for living on the farm. He wishes to see the chief emphasis at the A. & M. College placed upon agricultural rather than mechanical education. What Mr. Cobb has done every graduate from the A. & M. College and every other young man who will mix brains and expert knowledge with industry determination can do in farming in North Carolina.

Messrs. John and Samuel Wilkinson, who were born on a farm near Pantego, Beaufort county, have made a fortune by farming and in the lumber business. They say they have made more money in proportion to the capital invested in farming than in the lumber business, and they are devoting all their time to draining and cleaning land to be used for growing crops.—News and Observer.

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### COMING TO AMERICA.

**Seymour, British Admiral, Was Friend of Dewey at Manila.**

Ever since Admiral Seymour, who is soon to visit the United States, stood at Dewey's back at Manila Americans have had an exceptionally warm place in their hearts for him. Later, when he commanded the allied forces in a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to relieve Peking in 1900, he again endeared himself to all who read the reports concerning the expedition.

Admiral Seymour was in command of the China station. He was already an old friend of Admiral Dewey, and, though not at Manila during hostilities, it was undoubtedly because of his general orders that the English ships backed Dewey so well.

After the battle of Manila the Germans mobilized at Manila a stronger fleet than that under the American commander. Their officers and men displayed sympathy for the Spaniards and showed disregard for the blockade established. On the occasion when Dewey learned that a cruise had landed provisions at Manila the American admiral sent his flag lieutenant to Rear Admiral von Diederich to inform him of his extraordinary disregard of the usual courtesies of naval intercourse, and to say that if he wants a fight he can have it right now.

This notification was followed by a disavowal of the action of the cruiser.

When the joint army and navy operations against Manila began August 13, 1898, the German and French men-of-war occupied a position northwest of the city, from which they commanded the American station. The English and Japanese lay off Cavite near the Americans.

The Americans feared that the Germans might fire on them during the bombardment of the city. This fear was quieted when Captain Chicester, senior British naval officer, placed his ships between the German admiral and Dewey. Captain Chicester undoubtedly acted under general instructions from Admiral Seymour.

It may be said that during the entire war with Spain Admiral Seymour and the men under him acted as seconds for Dewey and his sailors. They offered moral aid when Germany and France were making things a trifle uncomfortable for the Americans.—Baltimore Sun.

### Solitary Prisoner for 32 Years.

Jesse Pomeroy, who is known as the most notorious life prisoner in America, today began his 33d year of his confinement in the State prison in Charleston. When he was 14 years old Pomeroy was sentenced to solitary confinement for life for torturing and murdering little children. Since the gates of the prison closed behind him 32 years ago he has seen no human face except that of his mother, who has been permitted to visit him at rare intervals. Even his food has been passed to him by unseen hands. His exercise has been confined to a small corridor set aside for his exclusive use. He has never required the attendance of a physician during his long confinement, nor has he ever requested to see the prison chaplain. Despite his long incarceration, Pomeroy is said to still have hopes of pardon, though he has never been given the slightest encouragement.—Boston, Mass. Dispatch 7th.

### Coaling in a Modern Navy.

You know what coaling in a modern navy is: a game, a fray, like football or target practice, between ship and ship, between nation and nation. Every man-o'-war gang that handles the hoists and coal bags knows the best loads of the Channel Fleet, of our Pacific Fleet, just as a base-ball "fan" keeps batting averages on the tip of his tongue. Making a sporting contest of coaling, with crew wagering against crew, is the only mitigation of the sordid but necessary wrestle with a collier. All doors are locked, all air-ports closed, so that even the wardrobe country stifles, and still the black dust pollutes your bunk. No watch officer can get shore leave; all don dunnage and pitch in to rig the "whips"—to weigh and tally every load; to run them to the hatches with their own hands, thus boosting along the bluejackets' ambition.—Robert Dunn, in September Everybody's.

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### The Land is Not Wanted.

State Department officials are of the opinion that it is of little consequence to the United States what lands Dr. Cook has discovered on his way to the North Pole, so far as actual territorial possession is concerned.

It is recalled by the department officials that ever since 1828 American explorers in both the Arctic and Antarctic have discovered vast areas of land to which no claims were ever made. Admiral Wilkes found in the Antarctic a territory of more than 190,000 square miles in area and Dr. Kane made large discoveries in the Arctic, but no effort has been made by the United States to assert its right to them. General Greely, some years ago located lands which never before were known to exist.

As to the particular territory which Dr. Cook is said to have discovered, the statement was made to day that it was quite probable that these lands would be found to be an extension of the mainland of Greenland and, if so, they belong to Denmark.—Washington Dispatch 2th.

### Great Cave Discovered.

That mammoth caves, containing caverns large enough to contain a city office building, with natural stone bridges exceeding in beauty and grandeur those of Utah and Virginia, exist in northwestern Arizona, is officially announced by Professor Edgar T. Hewitt, director of the branch of the School of Mexican Archeology located at Santa Fe, N. Mex. Stories of the existence of these wonderful natural caverns have been told by Indians of that section for centuries, but were thought by white men to be merely legends.

Prof. Hewitt organized an expedition, which started from Gallup, N. Mex. After a seven days' journey by pack mule the caves were reached. Indians guided them to the spot and conducted them through the gigantic underground passages. Prof. Hewitt, who is in Denver, gave publicity to the story Wednesday. He will make another expedition to the caves next spring.—Denver Dispatch to New York Times.

### Styles for Elderly Women.

Fashions for elderly women are very liberal nowadays. The ordinary outdoor costume of the up-to-date matron consists of a two or three piece tailored suit of cloth and a toque of convincing but not aggressive smartness. If a two-piece suit is worn, a tailored shirt-waist of silk, harmonizing in color with the costume, usually affords the completing touch, although many women prefer a washable waist. For afternoon or church wear a rather handsomer costume is assumed—made of chiffon broadcloth, perhaps, and decorated with embroidery or a braided design in soutache or rat-tail. Sometimes a cloth gown is worn with a coat of moire or ottoman silk of matching color, a bit of fine, soft lace, in the form of a jabot, finishing the neck, while ruffles to match appear at the wrists.—The New Idea Woman's Magazine for October.

### When We'll Raise Sheep.

"Not even our children are allowed as much liberty as the worthless curs that make sheep farming impossible." This is a declaration by the Board of Agriculture of Massachusetts. The "official farmers" have taken up the fight of the sheep against the dogs and have declared war on the latter. So it seems there are states outside the South where there is an outcry against the curs being given preference over sheep; where the legislators either neglect their duty in the protection of an important industry or are afraid to do it. But if the farmers who want to raise sheep will go on agitating the matter the sheep will have their day some of these times. General Atlas Jones Dargan, "of the Pee Dee river country," used to say there would be big money in sheep raising in this State if the farmers could only devise some means whereby to keep the dogs from getting all the mutton and the briars all the wool.—Charlotte Observer.

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### ALASKA'S BLACK GOLD.

**Her Coal Fields Said to be Richer Than Her Gold Reserves.**

While Alaska's gold reserves are large they are in no way unique, for refined gold is the same, whether the source. But when it comes to coal fields, says The American Review of Reviews, Alaska has no competition. Its store of high fuel cannot be equaled in quality west of the Rockies.

In fact, to find anthracite and bituminous coal which compares in fuel value with that of Alaska one must come east to Pennsylvania. These coals are, therefore, the key to the commercial situation on the west coast, for a high grade steaming coal used for manufacturing industries or a merchant marine or a coke for smelters in the Western States one must turn to Alaska.

Hence the growing population of the West has a vital interest in the development of these coal fields. These coals are of even national importance, for of all our Pacific possessions Alaska alone can supply our battleships with smokeless fuel.

The quantity of this anthracite and bituminous coal is not as yet determined, but it certainly is not unlimited, and hence should not be wasted. To use it, however, will not be to waste it unless it be improperly mined. A surveyed area of about 100 square miles is known to be underlain with these coals, and it is probable that further investigation may show an extension of the field.

A rough estimate of the quantity within this surveyed area gave some 5,000,000,000 tons, or more than one and a half times the entire production of Pennsylvania since coal mining began. It is fair to assume that this coal is worth \$1 a ton, which would make its total value about forty times as great as the entire gold output of Alaska to the present time. It is probable therefore, that the value of the coal fields exceeds that of the gold reserves.

These coals are, however, practically untouched. For the only coal mining in Alaska is that of some lignites for local use. A few years ago statistics showed that Alaska's entire export of coal for a year was four tons while it produced fifteen tons of gold. There are also some bituminous coals, though of less fuel value, in the Alaska peninsula, on the Yukon and on the Arctic slope. Lignite coals and peat are abundant and widely distributed, and some of these possess great value for local consumption.—New York Sun.

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During Her Absence. Lady of the House (just returned)—Poor Polly; all alone so long. Parrot (feverishly)—Give me a stack of whites.—Detroit Tribune.

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