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GENERAL NEWS.

Col. Frank G. Ruffin, second auditor of the State of the State of Virginia, died of apoplexy Saturday night.

Savannah, Ga., has received a million bales of cotton this season and is more than 100,000 bales less than same date last year.

Frank Lenz started from the city Hall in New York Saturday afternoon for a bicycle trip around the world via San Francisco.

It is reported that the Rev. Thomas Dixon has been arrested in New York on a charge of criminal libel and put under a bond of \$1,000.

Hon. James G. Blaine sent his resignation as Secretary of State to President Harrison on last Saturday and it was accepted by the President.

The marble cutters of Louisville, Ky., have gone out on strike for nine hours a day with ten hours pay. The employers say they will not grant the demand.

Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., at Albany, N. Y., has issued a political order, which shows that he is determined that the colored posts in the Department of the Louisiana shall be recognized by the posts composed of their white comrades.

DALLAS, Tex., June 2.—News received here from West, North and Central Texas indicates great damage to small grain and cotton by heavy rains and wind. The average damage is estimated at from 10 to 15 per cent.

CROCKETT, Texas, June 2.—The worst storm that has occurred in Houston county since 1869 occurred yesterday. The damage will amount to \$500,000. The opera house walls cracked. The corn crops suffer most.

KANSAS CITY, June 4.—Terms of agreement looking to a fusion of the Democratic and People's party in Kansas were made public to-day. The agreement provides that the Democrats be given the candidates in two of seven Congressional districts, the Congressman at large, Attorney-General, and Judge of the Superior Court.

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SINAI'S FAMOUS MOUNT.

Greek Monks on the Slope Where Moses Received the Law.

Mr. Charles Grad is the latest traveler to Mount Sinai and its famous monastery, where a few monks of the Greek church lead an isolated life. The mountain is also called Mount Horeb, and its Arabic name is Djebel Muca, or Mount of Moses.

Two more little chapels are along the steep path. They are dedicated to the prophets Elijah and Elisha. In the chapel of Elijah the monks show a crevice in the rock, where the prophet is said, retired after the slaying of the priests of Baal.

There is no settlement for many miles around. It is a region of sandy valleys and bald granite mountains. On all sides of the monastery rise naked hills of gray stone. There is not a particle of vegetation except in the garden adjoining the monastery, where the tops of a few cypress trees rise above the walls.

Within the lofty walls are several buildings separated by narrow, dark alleys. The walls are pierced for muskets and cannon, and a few cannon are mounted on them. They are objects of curiosity, but could do little harm to an enemy.

Mr. Grad learned that while the monks were friendly and hospitable they accepted with pleasure the money he offered for his entertainment. The convent is now very poor, and subsists largely on alms. There are only thirteen monks, most of them natives of the Grecian Isles, and well advanced in years.

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Behind the church, sheltered from the sun, are the wells which provide the monastery with fresh and limpid water. According to the monks, Moses aided the daughters of Jethro to water their flocks at this fountain.

3,000 steps, made of pieces of rock placed one above another, lead to the top. There is also a more circuitous route, which some tourists prefer to the steeper climb. On the way up the path is an ancient chapel, consecrated to the Virgin, which illustrates one of the numerous legends of which the old mountain is the subject. It is said that in the early days of the monastery the monks were driven out of the convent by an invasion of fleas. They retreated to the top of the mountain, where the Virgin met them, ordered them to return to the convent, and promised to deliver them from their enemies. The monks obeyed, and not a flea could be found when they re-entered the monastery. It is proper to add that the fleas have returned.

A storage battery locomotive has lately been put into operation in Wurtemberg, running from some paper mills at Ravensburg to the station on the steam railroad, about two and one-half miles away. This locomotive, which hauls passengers as well as freight, weighs eight tons, and carries 100 cells of a gelatinous storage battery, which supply current to the motor. The cells weigh two tons. The line has no very heavy grades. The locomotive makes on an average four trips daily and hauls a load of twenty tons between the two points in twenty minutes. It seems to do the work, but the life of the batteries and its economy have still to be determined.—Ex.

An Electric Locomotive.

The Measles Bacillus. Drs. Canon and Pielicke, assistants in a Berlin hospital, claim to have discovered the bacillus of measles. The specific bacillus was found during all stages of the disease, but the greatest number appeared when the febrile process was over. To prove the existence and development of the bacilli cultures were made in the usual manner. The size of the micro-organisms is said to differ, sometimes being about one-half of the diameter of a blood corpuscle, and at other times resembling double micrococci. They were detected in fourteen consecutive cases of measles.—Teleco Blade.

Wearing of Spoons.

A test of three spoons during sixteen years has given these results: The silver spoons lost 8.78 per cent, part of which was due to polishing; the aluminum, 5.85 per cent, which represents the actual wear, and the German silver spoon, 5.62 per cent, a result far too low, as this spoon, unlike the others, was not in constant use. The durability of silver and aluminum, therefore, appears to be about the same, and much greater than that of German silver.

Long Telep. one Span.

The longest span of telephone wire in the world is said to be across the Ohio river, between Portsmouth, O., and South Portsmouth Ky. The wires at this point span the river from a pole on the Ohio side, measuring 102 feet above the ground to the Kentucky hills on the opposite side, the distance being 3,773 feet between poles.

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SAM GREEN'S LETTER.

MR. EDITOR:

We had a May cherry pie for dinner and with the acid still in my mouth I feel spart and sweet. The cherry makes the best and about the first pie we get in the spring. There is the tomato and rhubarb, green apples and huckleberries, plums, peaches and any number of other fruits but the sour May cherry makes the pie for me.

The rain makes things look better and day hands are smiling from ear to mouth as work has been short for them for the past few weeks. Everything happens for the best and things that happen, we often think are ruinous to us, after prove for our own good. Speaking of things happening as they do sometimes reminds me how I was served about a pair of pants a short while back. I had bought a nice piece of goods with the intention of having made out of it a pair of breeches. They were cut, measured, re-cut, measured again, made and I was asked to try suit pants on. They were all right only they were about two inches too long at the bottom, I wore them for half a day before taking them off so that the trouble and cause might be speedily remedied when I took them off. I remarked to Mrs. Green and her assistant secretary with the needle, that said pants were too long and asked that they might be changed. They were hung up in my wardrobe and nothing more said about them. That evening Miss Secretary took down my pants and took the two inches required, placed them back in the same place intending to speak to my wife that she had completed the job but supper came on with the cows to milk and turkeys to get up and clothes to take in from the days washing and 'twas forgotten. After supper Mrs. G. thinking of my pants went to work on them, taking off the two inches too long. Remark to me that they were ready for me to put on the next morning. When I put them on the next morning before it was light good and went out, they were regular high waters sure enough. The joke was enjoyed by all of us and with the promise I would not wear them off from home, an agreement was at once entered into to correct the fault by an "extension of the leg."

These cool nights are for us to sleep and I will bet that we slept and I like to get up about light, eat breakfast at sunrise and be ready for work. Cotton is not looking so very well from the cool mornings I reckon it sleeps late like the balance of the farming world and feels drowsy when it does wake up. Neighbor Jones says it is no sign of a lazy man for him to oversleep himself once and a while in the spring of the year, and I reckon he is about right for it suits me exactly. The days grow long so fast and the nights so short during the months of May and June that a man that works hard all day is sure to want some cover about an hour before day these cold nights and then when he drops off to sleep it is sun rise before he wakes up again.

Cotton chopping is about over and we are busy bursting out corn middles, thinning it, as is called by the old farmers. Corn is looking very well and so are small grains I hope we will make plenty to eat this year if we don't make so much cotton. Fruit is rather scarce and is to be found about in spots, peaches especially. It is not time for cider yet and the whole country is at work trying to do something to forget the hard times. I hope my friends and readers will bear with me until news becomes more plentiful, politics still hotter, and with my pen I will give you a treat that will drive away dull cares and make you feel like the village dude, when his best girl has given him a chance to court her the nineteenth time under the big holly tree. Never fear we are getting bigger and happier every day that we live and reads the news papers about the Third Party. All of us that are Democrats, we will vote the Democratic ticket from beginning to end and all Republicans vote the Third Party ticket, this brings things right fair and square up

A Wonderful Mineral Hill.

One of the most noted mineral deposits in the United States, and even in the world, is that known as Mount Mica situated in Paris, Maine. It was discovered accidentally in the fall of 1820 by two students of Hebron academy, who were hunting for mineralogical specimens. In 1821, amateur mineralogists put a few blasts into the ledge and discovered pockets filled with crystals. The crystals vary in size from microscopic dimension to one found in 1891 two inches and three-quarters in thickness by seven long, said to be the largest ever found. They vary in color from pure white to black. Beryl, zircon, hebronite and garnets, suitable for gems, are also found at Mount Mica, as well as other rare and beautiful minerals.—Ex.

before you. Every man has a right to vote as he wishes, of course, but I would say right here, if you have any democracy in your blood and believe in the white man's ruling in the South, why vote the democratic ticket out and out and let Polk and his Third Party go. I am an all-american but I am no Third Party man. A man can be in favor of the farmers organizing for their own benefit to meet together, exchange their views and notions on how and when to plant, when to market produce and and things in general that interest them but if they want to make any demands, why, make them through the Democratic Party, it is the party for the white race South and every intelligent white man knows. Come, yes, come to the ballot box next November we will need you.

"SAM GREEN."

Deadly "Blue Gum Negro" Bite.

There has always been a superstition throughout the South that the bite of a "blue-gum negro" was as poisonous as that of a rattlesnake. While this has been the superstition there have been doubts about the existence of a "blue-gum negro." Many people know of other people who have seen the so called poisonous negro, but few have ever been found who have actually seen such a person.

The fact that such an individual really exists, and that his bite is poisonous, has been fully established among the people along Saline River, south of Warren, Ark. For several years there has lived a family of negroes in a cabin on the bank of the river, who have eked out the usual poor negro existence by fishing and hunting, the same as hundreds of other families have been doing for years in the same neighborhood.

The family had never been noted for any peculiarity, but recently there has grown up a young man who developed certain vicious tendencies which were foreign to those of his family. He has been in constant trouble with his neighbors and with the authorities on account of certain thieving and fighting tendencies. He got to be looked on as a "bad nigger," and was a sort of desperado who was shunned by all right minded people of his race.

Recently he got into a fight with another "bad nigger," who lived in another neighborhood, and whom he met at a dance near there. In the fight he bit his opponent through the hand, with the result that the bitten man became deathly sick in a few minutes, and in about three hours died from the poison in the wound. Afterward when the negro was arrested, he bit two constables, and both died within four hours of receiving the wound.

The strange incident caused an examination to be made, and it was discovered that the negro was a veritable "blue-gum negro," and the fact that the three deaths followed so surely and suddenly after the bite, convinced the people that the man was not safe to be let alive, and the result was that the night following the deaths he was taken from the jail and hanged to a tree.—New York Herald.

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STATE NEWS.

The wheat crop in the High Point section this year will be the largest in years.

It is said that there is a "Gideon's Band" political secret organization in Wake county.

Wilmington had a small fire Saturday morning. Their houses were burned.

In the Third Congressional District there are two republican factions, both headed by negroes.

Charles Blackman, the negro wife-murderer at Greensboro, has been sentenced to be hanged Tuesday, July 14th.

Rev. Dr. J. W. North of the M. E., N. C. Conference died at his home in Shelby last Friday to the age of 64 years.

Bridge Potter, 93 years old, a resident of Beaufort county, walked 24 miles to Pamlico court. He has had four wives and has lived with the last one fifty-seven years, says the Washington Gazette.

Sixteen applicants applied for license to the Examining Board of the State Dental Society at its meeting held in Winston last week. Thirteen passed the examination and were granted license, three failed to pass.

Rev. Thos. Dixon, the famous New York preacher, has presented the Euzelian Society of Wake Forest College with a portrait of himself, painted by Albert James Conant. The society has insured the picture for \$1,000.

The Railroad Commissioners of the State at their meeting in Raleigh last Thursday issued an order to all the railroads in the State to lower the steps on their passenger cars or build platforms so that passengers can enter their cars more easily.

A most destructive hail storm passed over portions of Northampton county Friday, we are informed. The hail stones were said to be the largest ever seen in that section, and fields were swept clean and cotton beaten into the ground. Many farmers were seriously damaged by the storm, says the Weldon News.

A merchant of our town received an order that read this way: "Dear sir: Please send me 4 pounds of coffee and sum te. My wife had a boy last night, also 10 pounds of cheese and a rat trap. He weighed 7 1/2 pounds and a hatchet and nails," says the Red Springs Comet.

Fayetteville Observer. Geo. Carver and Will C. Bramble, both white, made good their escape from the chain-gang here last Monday night, and their whereabouts is still unknown.—The Observer is glad to learn that the peach crop in Cumberland this year will be above the average. In many sections the trees are fairly well loaded with fruit, and the idea that the peaches were all killed by the cold snaps in April and May is a delusion.