

NEWS IN BRIEF

Happenings Gleaned From Far and Near

Two thousand cotton mill operators are now on a strike at Juancastlan, Mexico.

The St. Lawrence cathedral, in New Orleans, La., was partially wrecked Sunday night by an exploding bomb.

The big Shrine meeting at Charleston, S. C., came to an end last Friday and the desert travelers have returned.

The city of Alexandria, Va., is holding a successful "Home Coming Week." Thousands of old residents have returned.

Captain W. T. Weaver will shortly construct a large electric power plant on the French Broad River above Marshall.

James Carmichael and Wavil Lewis were killed in a collision on the Mullins branch of the Chesapeake, S. C., last Friday.

Eight negro prisoners charged with murder escaped from Lumberton jail Saturday night. Some of them were recaptured.

Dr. W. H. Wheeler, who has been prominent in North Carolina politics for many years, died at Winston-Salem, N. C., last Friday.

Mr. Frank E. Hewitt was elected President of the Travelers' Protective association which met in Charlotte, the latter part of last week.

Mr. Sam Sexton, a merchant of Huntsville, Tenn., was killed last Saturday night at that place by a bullet shot at another man during a street brawl.

In a fire that destroyed the Central hotel in Topeka, Kansas, last Saturday four persons were burned to death and three others were seriously injured.

Fifty or more Irish and Italians engaged in a race riot in New York City Sunday night. The fighting lasted 45 minutes and the police made 18 arrests.

Bob McAdams and Lee Wilson were convicted last Friday of conducting "blind tigers" in Asheville. Trial was held in Superior Court. Heavy fine and imprisonment were inflicted.

Captain John Powers who has been in charge of the construction work of the C. C. & O. railroad in this state, was convicted of perjury at Statesville last Friday.

Former U. S. Senator William M. Stewart died at Georgetown Hospital, Washington City, last Friday. Mr. Stewart was 82 years old and had served more than 20 years as Senator.

James A. Patton who cornered the wheat market has closed out his holdings and taken a vacation to Mexico. It is thought that he made a neat profit. The price of wheat has made a substantial drop.

The Representatives from the University of Virginia won in a debate last Saturday with the University of North Carolina. These institutions have met thrice in joint debate and North Carolina has won twice.

After much excitement among the Daughters of the American Revolution a ballot taken last Friday resulted in the election of Mrs. Miranda B. Tulloch of Washington to be President-General of the organization.

A movement is on foot to drain the Florida Everglades, thus giving to civilization millions of acres of the richest land on the continent except that of Mississippi valley. Major Cavanaugh, of the U. S. Army is making a survey and estimate of the work.

Ex-President Castro, of Venezuela, was landed at St. Nazaire, France, last Saturday. He was very bitter in his denunciations of the United States and those who were active in preventing his landing in Venezuela where he intended to start an insurrection to gain lost power.

New County Boosted. At Red Springs, in Robeson county, N. C., a large gathering and barbecue was held Saturday to boom the new county project for North Robeson. 110 horsemen paraded and speeches were made.

To Protect Americans. The American cruiser Montana and North Carolina left Guantanamo Friday morning for Asiatic Turkey. They are fully loaded and in fine trim and it is confidently expected that they will make a record breaking run to the Turkish waters.

Freight Wreck. Several cars containing lumber, leather and hides, of freight train No. 71 running from Asheville to Salisbury were derailed last Thursday at Oyama station near Hickory. The cars were slightly damaged, but no injuries to any of the crew were reported. Traffic was hindered several hours and passenger train No. 11 was delayed.

Barton Committed. U. S. Commissioner R. S. McCall committed the alleged yegman, George Barton to the Buncombe county jail last Friday in default of his bond for his appearance in Greenville, S. C. It is expected that either Judge Prichard or Judge Ward will sign the necessary transfer papers whereby Barton will be taken to Greenville at once.

Official Clash. Last Saturday the question of authority as between Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and Director of the Census North reached an acute stage and was the occasion for two conferences between President Taft and the Secretary. Secretary Nagel insists the question must be settled at once. Director North declines to talk.

Want Free Pulp. At a meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' association in New York city last Thursday the following resolutions were adopted:

"The American Newspaper Publishers' association in its annual meeting in New York today, with the largest attendance in the history of the organization, comprising representatives of 290 daily newspapers, instructs its secretary to telegraph and write immediately to each United States senator advising him that the association by a rising vote earnestly urges the confirmation by the senate of the action of the house of representatives in the matters of pulp and print paper."

Big Fine Paid. The final chapter in the litigation in Texas against Waters-Pierce Oil company, the payment of probably the largest fine ever assessed against a corporation, nearly two million dollars, was enacted in a spectacular manner Saturday afternoon at Austin, Texas.

From the American National bank one-half the total amount was delivered in two automobiles at the state treasury. Then at breakneck speed the cars were driven to the Austin National bank and a similar burden of currency taken on, and similarly disposed of. In the telescope valises those in charge of the payments carried bills of different denomination up the capital steps.

Storm in Georgia. Six persons were injured and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed in a cyclone that swept through Clay county, Georgia last Friday. The approach of the storm threw the town of Fort Gaines into a panic. Within a few hundred yards of Fort Gaines the storm suddenly swerved and took away only a corner of the town, demolishing a number of negro homes, wrecking the country homes of B. F. Grimsey and J. W. Sutton. Mrs. Grimsey, Mrs. West, two negro children and two farm hands of Mr. Grimsey were injured.

A central of Georgia train escaped by the narrow margin of thirty seconds, having passed that far ahead of the cyclone. Heavy rains and wind were encountered in Eastern Alabama.

Earthquake in Portugal. Lisbon, April 23.—A series of violent earth shocks occurred in the city of Lisbon Friday, and seismic disturbances according to reports from various places were felt throughout the whole of Portugal. For a time fear was entertained of a repetition of the great earthquake of 1875 which destroyed the city. No material damage was done although the ground rose and fell in wave like motions; buildings swayed and the walls of a number of old houses were broken. No one was hurt, but in various parts of the city fires broke out and a condition of great alarm prevailed. Several of the broken walls threaten to collapse and it is believed that some of the churches have been damaged in their interior.

Pardons Clear Goebel Matter. Last Friday Governor Wilson of Kentucky cleared the Kentucky court records of all charges growing out of the murder in January 1900, of Senator William Goebel, who was declared by the legislature to have been elected governor, except those hanging over states evidence witnesses in the alleged conspiracy, by granting pardons before trail to former Governor W. S. Taylor and former Secretary of State Charles Finley, who have been fugitives in the state of Indiana for nine years; to John Powers, brother of Caleb Powers, who is believed to be in Honduras; to Holland Whittaker, of Butler county, John Davis, of Louisville, and Zach Steele, of Bell county, who did not flee the state.

Those over whom indictments are left hanging are Walton Golden, of Knox county, now in Colorado; Frank Cecil, of Bell county, now a railroad detective in St. Louis, and William H. Coulton, of Owsley county, said to have died in the West recently.

BORROWING. (By Squibs.) Every farmer experiences more or less trouble over the borrowing question. Not every one who lives on a farm can afford to have all the tools necessary to the carrying on of his occupation, but he can, when he borrows, return the article borrowed promptly.

To fact that is the best he can do to show his appreciation for the favor.

It is, to say the least, exasperating when one wishes to use a tool to find it missing and recall the fact that someone borrowed it for a day or two some two weeks before and failed to return it. That is what causes one to almost conclude to stop lending. Forgetfulness is no excuse for failure to return an article borrowed; it only causes the lender to remember the fact that when it was wanted the borrower was quick enough to remember where to get it.

Forgetfulness shows lack of appreciation and shameful disregard of a favor granted and causes at times great inconvenience as the only return for a kindness shown.

Another thing, there are certain things of which one should never request the loan. This class is composed of things that are absolutely necessary to have and things that are expensive and easily damaged. This list includes: frames, fishing tackle, and in fact all luxuries. The man who loves these things sufficiently to give them good care will, no matter how poor, own them. The writer well remembers what a saving struggling time he had in getting sufficient money together to purchase his first gun. Since that time he has had two fine rifles ruined through lack of care on the part of some one who had borrowed them.

A man must love a rifle for what he can do with it in order to give it proper care, and a slight neglect will ruin it. An inaccurate rifle is a useless piece of scrap iron. I have none to lend.

One often hears a man say he is willing to lend anything he owns, and almost invariably coupled with that assertion he will tell of the abuse he has suffered along that line, how he was compelled to go after this, or had forgotten who borrowed that article. It is an imposition, the taking advantage of the friendliness of a neighbor; but this condition of affairs exists in every neighborhood and must be met.

When money is loaned good security is demanded and interest is charged for the use of the money; and in towns, rent is charged for the use of tools of any considerable value. The writer has paid rent for the use of such tools, as jack screws and gladly he needed them and could not afford to buy for the purpose he wished to use them.

Tools represent money and the mere willingness to pay for any breakage is not all there is to it. There is the inconvenience of waiting for a new part or a new tool as the case may be. Yet we have heard men say "If I break it I will pay for it" as though they plumed themselves upon unusual virtue along that line. If a tool is borrowed and damaged, not broken, the fact of its having been borrowed proves the desirability of owning one and it should be promptly returned with apology and a new one quietly purchased and exchanged for the damaged one. Great care should be taken with borrowed tools, they should be housed and properly taken care of and used with judgment, and if possible returned in better shape than when borrowed. Paste this in your hat.

She Knew a Thing or Two. "Do you know, my daughter, that every name means something? For instance, Charles means brave, William resolute, George"—

"Oh, I know what George means, mother."

"Well, what is it?"

"George means business. He told me so last night."—Chicago Ocean.

Round our adventures that you saw in The Enterprise.

MRS. TAFT TAUGHT SCHOOL. From the Cincinnati Commercial.

It is a piece of news, unknown to many, that the first lady of the land was at one time a school teacher.

On Walnut Hill, a suburb of the queen city, just a door or two from Peables corner, where car lines diverge to east, west, north and south for other outlying suburbs, a little church stands in a bit of lawn, well back from the street. Two or three old silver poplars droop ancient limbs down on the chapel; otherwise it is left almost to care for itself.

When the biography of the Tafts comes to be written, however, it will give its chapter to the little chapel and the young woman who taught the three "R's" there twenty odd years ago.

In one of the suburban apartment houses of the Queen City, Prof. White, once principal of the Franklin Academy, resides, and he today enjoys the distinction of having engaged a future first lady of the land to teach.

As he tells the incident, it is as follows:

"Back in 1881-2 we established our school on Walnut Hills and very soon took the old Presbyterian church near Peables corner for a school house. The property belonged to the Longworth estate later on, so we rented it from them, and after altering the interior somewhat found it quite suited for the purpose. The first year we were there we engaged Miss Herron—as she was then—as an assistant. She began teaching in 1882 and taught through that fiscal year.

"All in all, she was with us in the capacity of teacher for three years. We still have the little blue catalogues of the school giving her name.

"Miss Herron had charge of the primary department."

THE ART IN SELLING HATS.

"It makes you look small," says the saleslady to the big woman who is trying on the hat. Sold.

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"It makes you look tall," she says to the short woman. Sold.

"It makes you look short," she says to the tall woman. Sold.

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"It brings out your color," she says to the pale woman. Sold.

And all the hats were alike.—Judge.

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