

Scraps and Facts.

United States Senator Mark Hanna has been stricken with typhoid fever. He had been in bad health for some months, and the disease manifested its character one day last week.

Says a Washington dispatch of yesterday: Tentative orders have been prepared sending the cruiser squadron of the Asiatic fleet northward from Sublg bay in the vicinity of Port Arthur to observe the Japanese-Russian naval operations, and to be at hand to protect American interests wherever they may be menaced in the war-stricken district.

The most destructive fire in the history of the United States was that which swept Chicago in October 1871. As the result of that fire 17,540 buildings were destroyed, 2,100 acres were devastated, 200 people lost their lives and 70,000 were rendered homeless.

Memphis, Tenn., dispatch of yesterday: Cotton factors of this city today effected an agreement whereby they will withhold from the market all spot cotton owned or controlled by them until stable prices are assured.

Two negroes, Luther Holbert and wife, were burned at the stake at Dodsdsville, Miss., last Sunday by a mob of a thousand persons. On the Wednesday previous this couple killed James Eastland, a prominent white planter and John Carr a negro.

Washington special of Feb. 6, to Greenville News: It is entirely unlikely that the good roads bill of Senator Latimer of South Carolina, or any other bill that provides for an extensive appropriation from the United States treasury will go through this session of congress.

There is serious trouble brewing for San Domingo. It has been so long since peace has reigned in the island that the inhabitants have long since been wont to look upon war and insurrection as their natural state.

People at Washington, Mass., are especially interested in what will become of the vast estate of Wm. C. Whitney on October Mountain. In 1896, Mr. Whitney bought over 12,000 acres of land adjoining Lenox and spent \$60,000 a year in making it into a shooting park.

He owned, however, a third-part of the town, and paid such a sum in taxes that the grateful inhabitants wanted to put his profile on the town seal.

The Yorkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1904.

There is no doubt of the fact that it is much easier for a murderer to escape justice today than it used to be before the war.

A bill has been introduced in the house to make the stealing of electricity a crime. The wires of power companies furnish more or less temptation to thieves who would use electric power without paying for it.

The legislative commission that was appointed last year to investigate the completion of the state capitol submitted a somewhat sensational report to the general assembly on yesterday.

That proposition to put a half mill extra levy on such counties as may see fit to vote out dispensaries under the bill that has been recommended by the house committee is really intended as an obstacle to the removal of dispensaries after they have been once established.

The Spartanburg Journal gravely announces that the alleged blackmailer who was made the basis of the Columbia State's shoplifting story has been exposed by the process of elimination.

Governor Terrell of Georgia, has joined in a petition for the pardon of Robert Jones, the murderer of the three Pressleys in Edgefield county, some years ago.

The terrible destruction that has been wrought by the Baltimore fire is too vast for comprehensive appreciation even by the stricken inhabitants of that devastated city.

sible for grip than old man Hardy Montgomery is for the sinistosity of his under pinnin'. Grip has hogish ways, it is true, but like the wind, from whence it cometh and whither it goeth, no man knoweth.

All of this is very interesting except that The ENQUIRER did not quote a local physician as saying that grip was caused by eating hog meat.

The Washington correspondent of the Greenville News quotes Senator Tillman as follows: 'I have been very much mortified by the very much and outrageous slanders that have been put forth almost without exception by the newspapers of South Carolina and outside against our own state.'

We are at a loss to understand just what Senator Tillman means by all this. If the attorney general were to blame, we might abolish that office; but evidently he only did his duty in making the report and the responsibility lies with the people who furnished him with the material.

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division has sailed for Port Arthur. It was expected that this division would be met by Japanese warships and that fighting would commence within a few hours.

There are various unconfirmed reports to the effect that there has already been some fighting on the sea and some of these reports have it that Russian ships have been sunk, while others put the losses on the Japanese, and still others divide the losses about evenly.

More Than \$100,000,000 Destroyed in the Centre of the City. One of the most disastrous fires in the history of the country swept the heart of the city of Baltimore during Sunday and yesterday, destroying property to a value beyond reasonable estimation, but hardly less than \$100,000,000.

The fire broke out at a few minutes after 11 o'clock in the wholesale dry goods house of John E. Hurst & Co., and fanned by a strong wind spread with resistless fury to adjoining buildings, consuming block after block and street after street, until it began to look as if the entire city was to be blotted from the earth.

Seeing the fruitlessness of the efforts of the firemen, Chief Horton decided at about 7 o'clock Sunday evening that he must resort to measures more heroic than water, and he began an attack with dynamite.

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ried immense amounts, and in the aggregate the insurance companies are hard hit. Some will be able to pay their losses in full without delay; but others will have to ask for time and even then will only be able to pay a part of their obligations.

A bill was introduced in congress yesterday by Representative Emrick of Illinois, appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of the fire sufferers.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL. The general appropriation bill, as reported by the ways and means committee, includes practically the entire expenses of the state government, says August Kohn in his letter of Sunday to the News and Courier.

South Carolina is a growing state, and it is about as reasonable to expect the state to remain stationary in its expenditures as to expect the tide to stand still.

Table listing various government departments and their budgets, including Governor's office, Contingent funds, State geologist's office, etc.

Telephone Control. The senate on Saturday passed a bill to put telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, with the provision that the commission shall have the power to fix rates.

Constables Are Responsible. Charleston special of February 6: Circuit Judge James Aldrich, in an order filed today with the clerk of court at Charleston in the case of R. D. Wieters against dispensary constables, on an action for damages, rules, that suit may be brought against the bonds of the constables and that their sureties are liable for them.

MERE-MENTION. The cable offices have announced that cipher messages will not be received from Japan except from Japanese officials.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

L. D. Hickory—Wants a housekeeper, P. W. Love, City Treasurer—Gives notice that the dog license is now due and payable.

Col. W. H. McCorkle seems to be growing weaker steadily and surely. Miss Alma Walker is quite ill with pneumonia at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Walker.

HELP FOR BALTIMORE. The city of Baltimore needs help, needs it badly and needs it now.

Subscription should be in the form of cash or checks made payable to L. M. Crist's Sons.

WITHIN THE TOWN. The Charlotte Chronicle reached here last evening at 6.30 o'clock with news of the Baltimore fire up to 4 o'clock p. m., and a map of the burned district as it stood at that hour.

McAfee Hill on the Rutherford road. Monument at King's Mountain. King's Mountain Herald: The constituents of Hon. E. Y. Webb will be pleased to know that he is making a grand effort to purchase some land and build a suitable monument at King's Mountain battleground.

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The county board of commissioners has an engagement to go to the dam of the Catawba Power company today to see whether or not some agreement can be arrived at with reference to that bridge the company has been building over Allison creek.

Messrs. Baumgard and McCain tried yesterday to get the house to con... to pay for some animals that were destroyed by Dr. Nesom in this county some two years ago on the theory that the animals were infected with glanders; but the house refused to make the necessary appropriation.

The town council has done a good thing in purchasing a lot for the erection of a city hall and it is to be hoped that it will not stop there; but go ahead and make the necessary arrangements for the erection of a suitable building.

A severe wind storm, accompanied by considerable rain, passed over Yorkville last Sunday afternoon. The wind came from the northwest and although it must have created a great deal of uneasiness, no serious damage has been reported in this immediate section.

LOCAL LACONICS. The Report of the Ginners. The government report from the ginners was issued this morning, and received by Messrs. Latta Bros., by telegraph. It estimates the crop at 9,485,577 bales.

Death of Mr. J. M. Riggins. Mr. J. Meek Riggins, formerly of Blairsville, but for some time past conductor on the Lockhart branch of the Southern railroad, was fatally wounded last Thursday while engaged in coupling cars.

The county chaingang is still at work on the road between Yorkville and Sharon. The work was commenced to incorporate limits of Yorkville and the "finishing up Yuchees" are now being put on opposite the residence of Mr. R. A. Gillfillen, just across the creek from Dry Fork trestle.

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Installation at Hebron. Rev. W. C. Ewart will be installed as pastor of Hebron church next Friday morning at 11 o'clock.