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The Record today celebrates another birthday, and with this issue begins its eighth volume and enters upon the eighth year of its existence. Seven years in a man's life may seem a short period, but with a newspaper, and especially a North Carolina paper, it is more than the average lifetime. At the time the Record was established there were about one hundred newspapers published in this State, and now after the lapse of seven years there are probably not a dozen of them in existence and published by the original proprietors. North Carolina has well been termed, "A graveyard for newspapers," as the unfortunate suspensions of so many of our contemporaries prove. The success and prosperity of the Record make it therefore an exceptional case in North Carolina Journalism, and this is the more remarkable when it is considered that this paper is published in one of the smallest towns in the State, and distant several miles from any railroad. We feel grateful for the patronage that the Record has received and will show our appreciation of it in the future, as we have in the past, by endeavoring to deserve it and giving our patrons their money's worth, and we hope they will aid us in extending its circulation and increasing its usefulness.

The University and the denominational colleges have all opened their fall sessions with unusually bright prospects, and we sincerely hope that the coming year may be more prosperous to all of them than any preceding year has been. There ought not to be any antagonism between any of these institutions of learning, for they are all doing a great and good work, and all deserve every encouragement that can be given them. The Baptists have just cause to be proud of Wake Forest, the Methodists of Trinity, the Presbyterians of Davidson, and all North Carolinians of every religious faith ought to be proud of their State university. Every true friend of education ought to wish success to each and all of these institutions, which are doing so much promote the educational interests of our good old State.

Not only are our colleges opening so auspiciously, but also the academies and schools all over the State seem to be better patronized than ever before. Indeed, we may safely assert that the educational outlook generally throughout North Carolina was never brighter, and the friends of education have much to encourage them. The people have awakened to the true appreciation of having their children educated, and are determined to have it done.

The Massacre of Chinamen in Wyoming Territory last week was a disgrace to American civilization and Christianity. In another column of this issue we publish telegraphic statements of this horrible massacre, from which it will be seen that a hundred or more innocent and unoffending human beings were deliberately shot down, as if they were rabbits. We are glad that several of the murderers have been arrested. For many years missionaries have been sent to China at great expense for the purpose of converting the "heathen Chinee," but we would suggest that missionaries be sent to Wyoming Territory for the purpose of civilizing and Christianising the murderers that infest that section. America proudly boasts of her superior civilization, but no heathen mob could have been more brutal and inhuman than the murderers of those inoffensive Chinamen. We are pleased that the government acted promptly in sending troops to protect the fleeing Chinamen, and to arrest the ringleaders of the mob.

The Decisions of the Supreme court as reported in the last (92nd) volume show that judges Gilmer and Shepherd stand best before the Supreme court, 86 per cent of their judgments appealed from being sustained. The other judges show the following per cent.: Shipp 67, Avery 65, McRae 65, Philips 58, McKoy 55, Graves 53, Gudger 50. The greatest number of appeals were from Avery 23, Shepherd 21, Gudger and McRae 20, Graves 19, Philips 12, Shipp and McKoy 9 and Gilmer 7. If the majority of the court had agreed with judge Smith in Merrill vs. Merrill, Shipp's record would have stood 78 per cent.

Only two appeals were taken from judge Meares' criminal court and the judgments were affirmed in both.

Massacre of Chinese.

The following despatches give the particulars of the recent disgraceful massacre of Chinamen in Wyoming Territory:

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sept. 3.—The largest coal mines in the entire Union Pacific system are at Rock Springs, 250 miles west of Cheyenne. The company recently imported a large number of Chinese to take the places of the white men employed. Yesterday afternoon the entire force of white miners, about one hundred and fifty strong, organized and, arming themselves with shot guns, marched to Chinatown.

After firing a volley into the air they reloaded and ordered the Chinamen to leave. The order was obeyed at once, the Chinamen fleeing to the hills like a drove of sheep, closely pursued by the miners, who fired several volleys at the fugitives with fatal effect. The Chinese quarter was then set on fire and thirty-nine houses owned by the company were destroyed and their contents. The miners next visited the various mines in the camp, unearthed all the Chinamen at work therein and ordered them to flee for their lives. Of 400 Chinamen here yesterday morning not one remains. All are in the adjacent hills heading for Green River, fourteen miles west of here. Fifteen were killed outright by the shots fired by the miners and many were wounded. It is said that several who were too lame and helpless from disease, perished in the flames. Sheriff Young arrived from Green River on a special train yesterday afternoon with a posse of deputies, but they were too late to prevent the mob from carrying out their plans. The miners quietly dispersed after having made sure of the departure of the Celestials, and everything is quiet at this time.

Rock Springs, Wy., Sept. 3.—A much worse state of affairs exists than was reported last night. More than five hundred Chinamen have been driven out of the town. Thus far only fifteen dead Chinamen have been discovered, but there are probably as many more bodies in the ruins. Fifty houses belonging to the railroad company and fifty more owned by Chinamen, were burned. The Chinamen are yet in the hills west of the town. They are without food and are afraid to go to Green River City, about ten miles distant. Gov. Warren is now at Rock Springs with General Supt. Dickinson and Supt. Warfield of the Western Division of the Union Pacific Railroad. No more disturbance is anticipated. Food will be sent by the authorities to the starving Chinamen in the hills.

Cheyenne, Sept. 4.—The worst has evidently not been told regarding the anti-Chinese outbreak in the western portion of Wyoming. According to advices from Evanston, where the second largest coal mining camp of the Union Pacific road is located, the outbreak was a preconcerted one. It had been arranged that the first attack upon the Chinese was to be made in Carbon, a mining town about 150 miles east of Rock Springs, to be followed by a like movement in the latter place and Evanston. The Rock Springs miners, however, took the initiative and the result there has been announced. The mob at that place looted the houses of the Chinese before setting them on fire. The outrages commenced in Mine No. 6 where three Chinese miners were attacked and killed. Then the riot commenced all over the town, even women joining in it with loaded shotguns in their hands.

Rock Springs, Sept. 5.—Two more dead Celestials were found to-day; one in the ruins of Chinatown and the other beneath a railroad bridge about a mile east of the place. The latter had been wounded and had managed to walk thus far before giving up. The miners who took an active part in the attack upon Chinatown say that less than one-third of the dead Chinese in the ruins of the houses have been found thus far. They declare that no less than 25 were shot down inside the burned buildings. These buildings [illegible] roofs which covered up [illegible] Chinamen when the dwe[illegible] succumbed to the flames, and as no actual search has been made in the ruins, it is quite probable the miners' statements are true. Chinamen still arriving at stations east and west, almost dead from fright and weak from fatigue and lack of food. All are shipped to Evanstown by the company. They reiterated the statement that many have died in the hills from wounds received in the attack upon them. It is reported that the white miners at Carbon in the western end of the territory, had notified Chinese laborers in the mines that they must leave within three days and it is said the Union Pacific Company has guaranteed their removal within the time specified. Celestials all along the line refused to work to-day, and demanded passes to Evanstown. Chinese laundrymen and servants at Green River were told last night they must leave within twelve hours and they will go west today.

Cheyenne, Sept. 7.—The sheriff of Sweetwater county has arrested twenty-two of the supposed leaders in the Rock Springs riots among them Isaiah Whitehouse, member elect of the Legislature. The prisoners have been taken to Green River City and lodged in jail. They will have a preliminary hearing tomorrow. More arrests will follow. The charges against the prisoners are murder, arson, rioting and robbery. The ruins of Chinatown have not yet been searched, and no more dead bodies have been discovered. It is estimated now that the number [illegible] those who lost their lives, including several who have died in the surrounding hills from the effects of their wounds, is about fifty. All the Chinamen at work in the Almy mines, near Evanston, numbering four hundred, have been taken to the latter place under escort of U. S. troops. A Gatling gun was sent from here to Evanston yesterday. The military, under command of Col. Anderson, of the 9th U. S. Infantry, is stationed at Rock Springs, Evanston and Almy, guarding the company's property. No further trouble is apprehended.

Seven Blind Wonders.

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For several days past there has been a remarkable family of negroes in Atlanta. Their name is Williamson, and they came from Wake county, North Carolina. [illegible] three brothers and four sisters, all of whom have been totally blind from their birth. [illegible]

A Terrific Explosion.

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Opposition to the Stock Law.

The stock law has been established in the county around Charlotte for several years, and the people there have had a full opportunity of trying it. We copy therefore for the consideration of our countrymen the following from the Charlotte Home Democrat:

To people living in this section where the no-fence law [illegible] it seems strange that any intelligent man in Wake county should oppose such a law, especially after it was passed the Legislature and been pronounced constitutional by a Judge of the Superior Court. We even hear that citizens of Wake threaten to resist the law, which went into effect on the 1st Sept. They are foolish, and if the Courts do their duty the first man that resists the enforcement of the law should find himself in jail. When Mecklenburg first adopted the no-fence law some people tried to prevent its operation by tearing down boundary fences and gates, but the prompt action of the Judge of the District soon stopped such unlawful operations. The people who were then opposed to the law are now its best friends. So it will soon be in Wake county.

J. M. Ivy & Co., of Rock Hill, S. C., have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at $200,000. The heaviest losers are cotton brokers in New York.

State News.

Davidson Dispatch: [illegible]

Asheville Citizen: [illegible]

[illegible]

Henderson Gold Leaf: The cry is more house rents in Henderson. There is a scarcity of dwelling houses here. [illegible]

Raleigh News-Observer: [illegible]

Reidsville Weekly: Mr. [illegible] Walker, who lives near this place, left [illegible]

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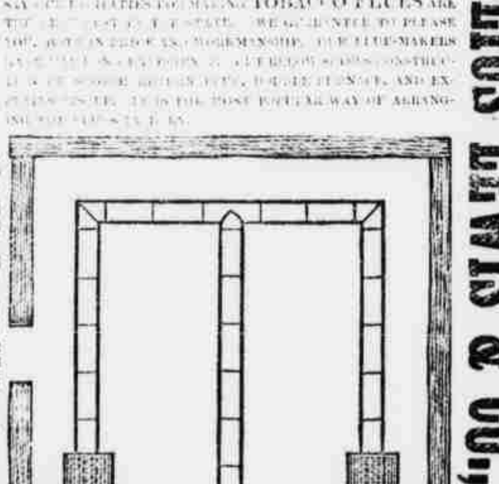

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