

THE Democratic State convention, to be held next week at Greensboro, will be more largely attended than any political convention ever before held in this State.

The chief interest is centered in the nomination of a candidate for Governor. While there are four aspirants for that nomination, yet the contest seems to be between only two of them—Glenn and Stedman—and the friends of each are confident of the success of their favorite.

Some very contradictory calculations are being published by some of the over-zealous friends of Glenn and Stedman. According to their figures both Glenn and Stedman are each ahead of the other and certain of being nominated!

The executive committee, in ordering the call for this convention, recommended that no nominations be made until the second day of the convention and until after the platform had been adopted. We venture the prediction that this recommendation will be disregarded. The zealous and enthusiastic friends of the candidates will not be able to restrain themselves so long, but will be eager to begin balloting just as soon as a permanent organization can be effected.

It looks now like Judges Brown and Hoke will be the nominees for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and no able judges could be nominated than these two distinguished jurists.

A crusade against divorcees in this State was started last week, which it is hoped may result in getting our next legislature to repeal the easy divorce laws that have been enacted of late years.

At the Episcopal convention, held last week at Raleigh, resolutions were unanimously adopted appointing a committee to memorialize the next legislature to repeal all the divorce laws enacted since 1883, and to ask the co-operation of all the Christian denominations.

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These speeches showed a condition of affairs simply disgraceful to our civilization. It was stated that last year 1400 divorcees were granted in this State, and that 70 per cent of those divorced were quickly married again.

COLORADO has recently been the scene of some very high-handed outrages. The striking miners are charged with the deaths of the miners, who were assassinated (as published last week) by being blown to pieces by dynamite.

Hail Destroys Cotton Crop. Special to Charlotte Observer. Laurinburg, June 11.—A record-breaking hail-storm fell upon this county yesterday afternoon, beginning about 5 o'clock and continuing for about an hour. The hailstones were drifted from one to two feet deep and were five inches deep on the level. Hail was still on the ground this morning. The growing crops in its path, principally cotton, were totally ruined. Its sweep was some three miles wide, and is known to have been twenty miles in length. The damage cannot be safely estimated. Twenty-five farmers in town today reported their crops either wholly or partially devastated. This disaster covers some of the finest cotton farms in the State.

Killed By a Mule. Special to The Morning Post. Charlotte, N. C., June 10.—R. G. Biggers, a well known farmer of the Arlington neighborhood, was killed at noon today by a fractions mule. Mr. Biggers had been ploughing in the field and in order to get to the house without loss of time, unbitched the animal with which he had been ploughing and started to ride him in. The mule took fright, bolted off and threw Mr. Biggers. His foot caught in the plow lines and he was dragged a considerable distance, his head striking against a stone and fracturing his skull. He died shortly after aid reached him.

A Woman's Annex to Trinity College is to be built. This is made possible by the generosity of Messrs. B. N. and J. B. Duke, who have agreed to give \$100,000 for that object if the Methodists of North Carolina will contribute \$50,000 additional, which no doubt will be done.

This gift makes nearly one million dollars given by the Duke family to Trinity College, which is now the wealthiest institution of learning in this State.

Washington Letter. From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, June 9, 1904.

This city is still the Mecca of ambitious partisans who seem not at all to be perturbed by its location between the red-hot canopy and the broiling asphaltum. While the White House holds the President it will continue to be the center of attraction. He has earnestly discussed several matters there this week with prominent members of his party, who are very anxious about the bearing they may have on the decisions of November.

The Perdicaris incident is far from being closed; it is giving the State Department much anxiety; the "new diplomacy" has run against an ugly snag. The big navy is a fact; the ships are on the spot, but no troops are landed for reprisals; no marines are marching across any kind of a "zone" to catch the bandits; no protection to American interests have yet been afforded. The case is somewhat different from the uncivilized Filipinos; from the Boxers in China; from the powerless and poor people of Colombia. With these there was no hesitation; then hasty orders were given and executed and explanations came afterwards. But now! The navy is no good; the affair must be settled along "diplomatic channels." Why? Because France and Spain and Italy are close at hand; because one or two strong nations claim a paramount interest in Morocco. Dollars to dimes that the United States does nothing, and that Mr. Perdicaris dies in captivity; that the Sultan is not called to account; that the navy will presently be sent off elsewhere to make a holiday exhibition of itself.

When your correspondent knew Mr. Perdicaris in New York and Trenton, N. J., he was a tall, well-built gentleman, polite and easy in his manner, interesting in his conversation, hospitable and highly intelligent and cultured. He has lived all his life among books; in the study and practice of art; and in the company of all the choice spirits of America and Europe. He has an almost universal acquaintance and an innumerable host of friends. His capture is much too important to be ignored by the Administration, and if he is not safely returned to his family, there are many who will insist on knowing the reason why. He is now an old man, and he has been torn from a home of luxury and refinement to be thrust into a mountain hut; dragged hither and yonder; possibly to be butchered by bandits. He is one of the kindest, most offensive of men and has done his best in Tangiers to keep the tradition of an American nation and people alive; to show the believers in the false prophet that there is a civilized, law-abiding people on the western side of the Atlantic. If ever a case called for vigorous and prompt action this one does.

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Dr. Walker is a self-made man, but the tailor of his Majesty, Edward VII, would fearlessly affirm that her pantaloons did not fit.

Accidentally Shot His Brother. From The Charlotte Observer. A very lamentable accident, resulting in the instant death of Aleck Sikes, a 16-year-old boy, occurred at the Highland Park Mill settlement yesterday afternoon. The lad's little brother, a child only five years old, all unconscious of the terrible consequences which would follow his act, pulled the trigger of a single-barreled shot gun, causing the entire charge of shot, virtually, to enter and rend in pieces the heart of his brother. When the child saw what he had done, he ran into the house to his mother, crying out, "Aleck didn't get out of the way." Lack of ordinary prudence permitted the distressing occurrence. Aleck and the child, whose name is Henry, were with a party of their playmates in the yard of the home of Mr. J. M. Sikes, the father of the boys. They had the gun to kill a weasel, which was believed to be in the vicinity. The boys finally got to looking for the weasel under the Sikes' house. Aleck was lying on his left side on the ground just under the side of the house, having placed the gun a few feet away in the yard. The little boy, Henry, when unnoticed by the other children began fooling with the trigger of the weapon. The report of the discharge was heard, and without a moan or a cry of any sort, the older lad quivered in death, having received the shot full in the left side of his breast. A small child of Mr. W. H. Griffith, who was reclining just out of the line of fire, had its neck grazed by one of the tiny shot. A furrow was cut in the ground by a portion of the discharge.

Natural Gas Explosion. Bradford, Pa., June 13.—In a natural gas explosion this evening one man was killed and another fatally injured, the home of R. L. Sheekels was wrecked and property valued at \$75,000 was destroyed. Several persons had narrow escapes from death. The man is E. Lawrence instantly killed, body charred beyond recognition. The fatally wounded: Levant S. Nutting, upper part of body crushed, arms broken, cannot live. Lawrence and Nutting, both carpenters, had been employed to repair the interior of the Sheekels house. One was under the building and it is supposed that he accidentally broke the gas pipe connections. A volume of gas accumulated and becoming ignited, exploded with terrific force. The house immediately collapsed and flames sprang up in the debris, communicating with the storage plant of J. J. Cole, adjoining. Mr. Cole found Nutting some distance from where the explosion had occurred. He had been blown through two walls by the exploding gas. The Cole's storage plant in which 200 families had their goods stored was completely destroyed, entailing a loss of \$75,000.

Three Accidentally Drowned. Greensburg, Pa., June 13.—Locked in each others embrace the dead bodies of three young men were tonight taken from the dam at Mutual No. 4 plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, Mount Pleasant township. All were employed by Jacob Stuchel in the operation of his steam saw mill near United. This evening Charles Hoburn and Oscar Newburg went to the dam, and undressing, went in wading. Neither could swim and after going about 100 feet from the bank got beyond their depth, and in their frantic efforts to return to the bank they got in deeper water. Newton Stuchel went to their rescue and was dragged under by the boys, who grasped his arms and legs. Stuchel was married only a week ago.

Fatal Railroad Wreck. Special to Charlotte Observer. Salisbury, June 9.—Southern train No. 40 was wrecked just outside the city limits shortly after midnight, killing the engineer, Tyler Haynes, and the fireman, Jim Watkins. The locomotive and postal car were overturned, due to the fact that three cars loaded with ice were standing on the side-track, which the locomotive plunged into. These loaded cars were thrown up a 25-foot embankment by the force of the impact. The train was running about 35 miles an hour. Investigation disclosed the fact that the switch lock had been broken off, the switch turned and the light thrown away, the work of some fiend with the deliberate purpose of wrecking the train.

Russians Caught in a Trap. New Chwang, June 12.—Information was received here at 10 o'clock tonight through heretofore reliable channels, that part of the Japanese force left at Pu Lan Tien to checkmate the Russian southward movement to relieve Port Arthur was attacked southeast of Shungamo yesterday. After a slight fighting the Japanese made a false retreat, the Russians hotly fighting them, when the Japanese made a flank movement, catching the Russians in a trap. The Russian losses are placed at 800 men. They then fell back on Kaichou and began to retreat along the Baimatgu-Tsai-Chou road.

Steamer Sunk in Collision. Montreal, Canada, June 12.—The Richlieu & Ontario Navigation Company's steamer Canada, bound from Quebec to Montreal, came into collision with the Dominion Coal Company's collier Cape Breton, six miles below Sor-el-Earl today. At the time of the collision there were 110 people on board the Canada. Five were lost; the others were rescued.

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WORLD'S FAIR RATES Seaboard Air Line Railway

Table of railway rates for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, including fares to St. Louis, Mo., and return.

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