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## N. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION

**GREAT GATHERING HELD AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH — INTERESTING ADDRESS DELIVERED — MR. W. C. HAMMER ELECTED PRESIDENT.**

The North Carolina Press Association met at Wrightsville Beach last week with the largest attendance in the history of the organization. The association numbers 149 of the leading newspaper men of North Carolina. The meeting was held in the Oceanic hotel. It was indeed a great honor to have these distinguished guests in their midst for several days.

Nearly all the members arrived the first night. President Clarence Poe and Secretary J. B. Sterrill were among the first arrivals. The editors met at the beach four years ago and many of them were pleasantly remembered by Wilmingtonians.

The convention opened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, being called together by President Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, of Raleigh, who asked Mr. William Laurie Hill, of the Presbyterian Standard of Charlotte to offer the opening prayer.

President Poe introduced the editors and they were welcomed by Hon. George Roundtree, judge of the Eighth Judicial District, who in behalf of the press of Wilmington and the citizens generally of the city and beach, extended to the visitors a cordial and hearty welcome. Major H. A. London, of Pittsboro, editor of the Chatham Record, responded to Judge Roundtree's address. Major London responded to the address of welcome when the editors met at the beach four years ago. Major London was president of the association thirty years ago. President Poe paid him a high tribute.

President Poe announced greetings in a cablegram from Ambassador Walter N. Page, London, a North Carolinian; also a telegram from Secretary of the Navy Daniels, stating that he was sending a special delivery letter to the convention. President Poe also read a letter from Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Nashville, Tenn., former of this state and one time president of the association.

President Poe delivered the annual address, taking as his subject, "The Editor Must be a Crusader." It was an exceptionally fine address and was listened to with interest by all present. Following President Poe's address Mr. Bion H. Butler, of Raeford, read a paper on the subject, "North Carolina Sloppy With Opportunities." One of the best of the several addresses of the convention was one by Dr. Edward K. Graham, the newly elected president of the University of North Carolina. Mr. John E. Ray of Raleigh, superintendent of the blind institution, made a short address in which he told of the splendid work that is being done by the Institution.

Immediately upon adjournment of the morning session at 12:20 a. m. the news paper men and members of their families assembled on the porch of the Oceanic Hotel, where they had a group photograph taken.

One of the principal social features of the convention was the Dutch supper given at the Oceanic Hotel at 9:30 Wednesday night. The attendance including both men and women, was about 200. Mr. James H. Cowan was master of ceremonies. There were only two or three set speeches, and a few impromptu remarks. The Dutch supper was preceded by a regular session of the convention, after which Mr. R. F. Beasley of Monroe, delivered the annual address. After Mr. Beasley's address, Mr. William Laurie Hill, of Charlotte gave the annual poem.

The second day's session opened at 10 o'clock and was presided over by President Poe. A number of interesting papers were read at this session. One of the most interesting papers read at the entire convention was one on the subject, "How to Get More Money From Legal Notices."

## DIST. ATTY' OFFICE MOVED

**ASHEBORO GETS OFFICE WHICH HAS BEEN LOCATED AT WINSTON—MOVE WILL BE MADE IN ABOUT A MONTH.**

When Mr. Hammer was appointed United States District Attorney the last of February, this year, his official residence was fixed at Winston, where it has been for the past 20 years. Under the law the Attorney General fixes the residence of the United States District Attorney. For several weeks Mr. Hammer intended to request his official residence to be moved to Asheboro, but application was not made until last week for a change. Immediately upon application the Attorney General granted the request without hesitation. The change may not be made for a month or more. There is practically a car load of furniture, books, etc., to be moved. The packing up and hauling to the railroad station will be awarded by competitive bids after the necessary advertising, which will take some time.

With the office will come the District Attorney, two or three clerks, and at least one assistant United States Attorney, who will make their home in Asheboro.

Objection was filed to the Department that Asheboro was an inaccessible place and also other reasons why the office should not be located here. An investigation disclosed the fact that Asheboro was one of the most accessible towns in the state for the location of the office, and that its railroad facilities were unusually good.

After the office is moved here Mr. Hammer will be at home practically all the time, except when away attending courts. Besides attending to the duties of the office, Mr. Hammer will attend to his regular law practice. The location of this office is quite an honor to any town and county.

Mr. C. A. Sears, mother of Mr. Heaman D. Sears of High Point, died at her home in Appomattox, Va., after several weeks' illness. Nine coal cars turned over on the Western division of the Southern Railway about 3 miles from Asheboro last Sunday.

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## MITCHELL HOME BURNED

**PROPERTY WORTH \$30,000 DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY MORNING—SCHOOL HAD BEEN RUN FOUR YEARS.**

The little village of Missenheimer, twenty miles from Salisbury on the Yadkin road, was the scene of a disastrous fire last Sunday morning, which resulted in the complete destruction of the main building of the Ebenezer Mitchell Home, an institution under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church, and which has been doing a noble work for the past four years. The building was of stucco, three stories high and was 99x105 feet. It was modern in every respect, having steam heat, electric lights, water plant and other conveniences. The loss is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000 with about \$15,000 insurance. The buildings cost \$17,000 not including the light and heating systems, the furniture, library and other equipment, also the water tower of a capacity of 6,000 gallons which was destroyed.

The school closed during the latter part of May and all the students were gone home or on a visit or the situation would have been worse. Nothing has been definitely stated about the future of the school, but it is probable that a new building will replace the burned structure and that the work of the school will go on as before.

## STATE NEWS ITEMS

**HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN A BRIEF FORM.**

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## FOR MAJORITY VERDICT

**PRESIDENT ROLLINS OF STATE BAR ASSOCIATION WANTS JURY LAW AMENDED—FIFTEENTHS OR THREE-FOURTHS WILL DO.**

The North Carolina Bar Association met at Wrightsville Beach this week with over 100 lawyers in attendance. The meeting was presided over by the president, Thomas S. Rollins, of the Asheville bar. He introduced George B. Elliott, of the Wilmington bar, who in a short, witty address welcomed the visitors to Wilmington and the beach.

President Rollins spoke on "The Past, Present and Future of Our Bar Association." He said: "The jury system is as permanent and enduring as the Rock of Gibraltar. For centuries it has been the medium through which justice has been meted out in civilized and enlightened nations of the globe. The system everywhere has been substantially the same, but there has been some diversity in its application. Some countries and most of the States of the Union require an unanimous verdict of the jury while a different rule prevails in some jurisdictions. The law of this State requiring an unanimous verdict frequently results in great hardships, miscarriages of justice, unnecessary delays and heavy costs. Hardly a dozen important criminal and civil cases can be tried without a hang jury. I recall within the past few months of a number of instances where civil cases have consumed from one to three weeks and resulted in a mistrial, notably, Gilbert vs. Hopkins, in the Federal court at Raleigh, and Railway vs. Power company, in the Superior court of Henderson county, and many cases of less importance, the names of which it is unnecessary to mention."

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## SECRET BUSINESS OUTS

**MEMBERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STIRRED UP—WILL HOLD INVESTIGATION—CORRESPONDENTS TO BE EXAMINED.**

Members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate in Washington have become greatly stirred up over the fact that secret business which has been transacted by the committee has by some means been made public. Several senators have agreed on a resolution asking for authority to subpoena senators and Washington correspondents to an inquiry to determine how proceedings of the committee leaked out.

The resolution was referred to a standing committee which decided on the expenses involved in such an investigation. It is expected the Senate will pass it. Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee read into the Congressional Record this statement:

"All newspaper reports of what has occurred in the Committee on Foreign Relations in its proceedings regarding the Nicaragua and Colombian treaties are unauthorized and inaccurate, and moreover are unworthy of belief, because whoever gave out the alleged information betrayed the confidence of the Committee and the Government and deliberately violated his word of honor."

"No man upon that committee," declared the Senator to his colleagues, "can give out the confidential business of the committee except he has upon him the brands of absolute dishonesty and betrayal." He added that he regarded the disclosures of what had taken place behind closed doors a "disgraceful performance."

## CHAUTAQUA WEEK OPENS

**Music and Lectures of the First Days Are Marvelous—Everything Is of an Educational Nature and Highly Entertaining.**

Chautauqua Week with its wealth of entertaining features and educational surprises began Monday and large audiences have attended ever performance since the first. This is Asheboro's first taste of Chautauqua and nothing in recent years has smacked so well of the enjoyable as has every program rendered this week.

The series of addresses by Dr. Harmon are a wonderful drawing card for the afternoon sessions. He takes up the church and the problems which confront it and his discussion is practical and to the point. The McKinzie Operatic Company delighted the large audiences both Monday morning and night with their musical performances. Very few towns the size of Asheboro have ever had the privilege of hearing such high class entertainment. Elizabeth Plumstead, impersonator, held the very closest attention of his audience Monday afternoon with a "Tree of Entertainment" which was immensely enjoyed by all present.

The lecture Monday evening by A. Roy Fred Carter on the "Panama Canal and the Panama-Pacific Exposition," was very interesting and educating from start to finish. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views.

One of the most enjoyable features presented so far is the appearance of the Chautauqua Trio (violinists, pianist and contralto). Their appearance on the platform is always greeted by loud cheering from the audience.

The lecture by Frank Dixon Tuesday night on "A Social Survey or Taking Stock of Your Town," was interesting, entertaining and instructive from the start. He set forth some very plain and practical advice which, if carried out, will make wonderful improvement on any town. Dr. Dixon is one of North Carolina's own sons, being born in Cleveland county and is a brother of the author, Tom Dixon and the Rev. Mr. Dixon, who is pastor of the late C. H. Spurgeon's church in London, North Carolina is justly proud of these great men.

## SEVERE ELECTRIC STORM

**Much Damage Is Done in Several Sections of the County—Barns Destroyed.**

A severe electric storm struck the county last night, doing much damage to property. Several barns were destroyed and many trees were blown down.

## KILLED, HOBOING TRAIN

**DAYTON, TENN., BOY MEETS DEATH NEAR STATESVILLE, WHEN FREIGHT TRAIN WAS WRECKED—HIS COMPANION HURT.**

A freight train wreck which occurred on miles east of Statesville last Monday afternoon resulted in the death of Thomas Brown, a young man from Dayton, Tenn., and the probable fatal injury of Fred Tinsley, also from Dayton. Both were heading their rides on the train. None of the trainmen were hurt. The train was an east-bound freight in charge of Conductor McElrath and Engineer Bishop of Asheville, and was running at good speed when a coal car, a short distance from the wreck, struck the rails, causing the train to derailed. The coal car, loaded with coal, struck the engine and a few cars ran on a short distance before coming to a stop and a fire broke out. More than 100 men remained on the rails.

The wreck occurred near the residence of L. O. and W. L. Chester. Immediately after the cars left the track a man emerged from the wreckage and made his way toward the home of W. L. Chester, sinking to the ground before he reached the house. The Chester family made him comfortable and sent for a doctor. It is thought that he is fatally wounded. In the meantime members of the family of L. O. Chester, on the other side of the train, approached the wrecked cars and found a man hanging on the end of one of them. He was immediately taken down but died in a few minutes.

Derrick and wrecking crews soon arrived on the scene and the wreck was cleared in a little while. Meantime the passenger trains were sent via Mooresville to Barber Junction.

## RULER SLAIN SUNDAY

**HEIR TO AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN THRONE AND WIFE SHOT WHILE PASSING THROUGH STREETS—TRAGEDY ENDS SAD LIFE.**

Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian-Hungarian throne, and the Duchess of Hohenburg, his morganatic wife, were shot dead Sunday by a student in the main street of the Bosnian capital, a short time after they had escaped death from a bomb hurled at the royal automobiles. The two were slain as they were passing through the city on their annual tour to the annexed provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Archduke was struck full in the face and the princess was hit through the throat. They both died a few minutes after reaching the palace to which they were hurried. There were two assassins, the first armed with a bomb and the second with a revolver. The bomb was thrown at the royal automobile as it sped to the town hall, where a reception was to be held. The Archduke saw the missile hurling through the air and warded it off with his hand, but on the return, an eighth grade student, Gravriv Pranzip, sprang out of the crowd and poured a deadly fusillade of bullets from an automatic pistol. Pranzip and a fellow conspirator, a compositor from Trebinje, named Gabrinovich, barely escaped being lynched by the infuriated mob. They were both seized by the police.

The assassins were interrogated by police and both seemed to glory in their exploit. Pranzip declared he had intended for sometime to kill some eminent person from National motives. He was awaiting the archduke at a point where he knew the automobile would slacken speed. The presence of the duchess in the car caused him to hesitate but only for a moment. His nerve soon returned and he emptied his pistol at the imperial pair. This final tragedy is the culmination of the personal sorrows that have overshadowed the life of the Emperor ever since the beginning of his reign.

## PLAY AT FARMER

The Farmer Betterment Association will give a play at Farmer on the night of July 11, 1914. The play, "The Farmer and Co.," is an amusing and instructive play given with great success in the schools in the will