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## NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

### Legislation is Asked.

Raleigh, Special.—At the Fish and Oyster Convention recently held at Morehead City, of which Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, was chairman, and W. J. Tate, of Carrick county, was secretary, it was unanimously acknowledged that the supply of edible fish in the waters of North Carolina has for a number of years past become less and less and that there are two facts which are responsible for this condition: First, insufficiency of laws for the protection of the fish, and second, non-enforcement of such laws that have been passed.

State Geologist Pratt, in speaking of the proposed legislation said:

"The State has placed little or no restriction on the amount of apparatus that can be fished in the waters of the State and made hardly any attempt, except in a small territory, to enforce the laws that have been passed with a view to protect the fish. It is not putting it too strong to say that if the commercial fishermen will not consult their own interests enough to protect the fishing industry of their own accord, they should be made to do it because they are not the only ones that have an interest in the fishes of North Carolina.

"Careful consideration was given by the convention to legislation which it was considered would best protect the fish and oyster industries and build these up to the place where they would be a source of considerable revenue to the State. The interests of the commercial fishermen were carefully considered and the committee believes that the legislation recommended is in every case to the best interests of the fishermen, and that if laws are passed regulating fishing and oystering, according to these recommendations, that in a few years both these industries will be very much improved and the commercial fisherman will find that with the same amount of labor and expense he can make considerable more profit.

"It was the unanimous opinion that the oyster industry in the State needs much more thorough protection, not only from the shipment of oysters outside the State, but the taking off of the beds and selling of oysters smaller than the law allows. If the laws recommended for the cultivation of the oyster are passed, it will be possible for those desiring to enter this business to obtain an incontestable title to a bottom suitable for the growing of oysters and, as this industry is introduced, it will mean an increase in the productivity of the natural oyster bottoms.

"A general closed season of three months was recommended for fresh water fish that are being caught in eastern North Carolina by netters for commercial purposes."

The convention, outside of legislation that is recommended, was of considerable value to the fishing industries of North Carolina inasmuch as it brought together between 50 and 60 delegates, representing nearly every county in eastern North Carolina. These not only exchanged ideas, but were brought into a much closer touch with the fishing industry of the State as a whole and they have seen more clearly than ever before the value of this industry to the State and the need of fostering and protecting it.

### North State Items.

Mr. D. J. Carpenter, of Newton, has made considerable improvements lately to his hosiery mill. He has greatly enlarged his warehouses in order to give himself room for his large output of goods. He has also added a new room to his office building, which he has furnished in an up-to-date style.

Raleigh will have the electric power from Buckhorn Falls by the end of the year. Work is going ahead on the transmission line and \$25,000 is to be expended by the Carolina Power Company in doing concrete work in the place of stone and earth work at the plant.

The new bank building of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Newton, has reached the second story and is a very handsome edifice.

Governor Glenn has tendered his services whenever needed as a campaign speaker to the chairman of the National Democratic committee.

Quartermaster General Francis Macdonald says that the cost of the encampment of the National Guard this year, including the rifle shooting, was about \$34,000. The War Department pays all this.

Dr. F. H. Hawkins, a negro physician, has located in Concord to practice his profession. He is a graduate of Biddle University, also of the medical department of Shaw University. He is the only negro doctor in that city.

### Will be Amicably Adjusted.

Washington, Special.—Health Officer Woodward, of Washington, returned from his vacation and has taken charge of the leper case. He says he met Dr. Lewis, chairman of the North Carolina board of health, out West and told him he would have a leper to turn over to him upon his return to Washington. Dr. Lewis replied, says Mr. Woodward, that North Carolina would take care of the man if it had any funds for such a case, but that it did not. Mr. Woodward gave out a long statement in which he said that Early would be cared for that he was not going to be shifted back and forth in a railroad box car as the Assyrian was between Maryland and West Virginia a few years ago. "There is no reason for any feeling in the matter," says the health officer. "It will all be amicably adjusted somehow. I know of no law to compel North Carolina to take charge of the man, but if it is decided that the State is to charge, he will be sent in a way which will be comfortable for him and not endanger the people along the way."

### To Provide Girls' Training School.

Winston-Salem, Special.—One of most practical philanthropies yet projected in this city is that which is now being fostered by the Young Ladies' Aid Society of the Centenary Methodist church, the idea being to provide a training school for girls, with particular reference to sewing and domestic arts. A meeting will be held soon, when it is expected that the project will assume definite form. Miss Florence Blackwell, deaconess of the church, has the matter in charge.

### An Appeal by the Governor.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn has issued a proclamation in which he declared the Governor to be powerless to relieve suffering in the flood-devastated sections of eastern North Carolina and calling on all humane citizens of the State to contribute to the fund for relief in these sections. He also stated that he had directed the attention of the national government to the devastated conditions, especially in Pender and Lenoir counties, urging that steps be taken for relief. The proclamation was issued with the approval of the council of State.

### Aged Man Killed by Freight Train.

Reidsville, N. C., Special.—J. M. Swann, 80 years old, was killed by a freight train on the Southern while crossing the track just north of the depot. Some one called to him to get out of the way and as he turned around he was struck by the train. An arm was broken and a severe wound about the temple resulted. He was carried to his home where he died about an hour after the accident. The deceased is survived by his aged wife and one son, Haywood Swann of Charlotte.

### Car Inspector Killed.

Hamlet, N. C., Special.—W. A. Melton, car inspector for the Seaboard Air Line, was run over and instantly killed here by train No. 44. No one seems able to state the exact manner in which he met his death, but it is supposed that he was on the front platform of the rear car and when the train started to pull out he slipped and fell under the car. Mr. Melton was a young man, 25 years old.

### North State Items.

T. H. Vanderford, North Carolina agent for the Bryan campaign fund, secured \$100 in Winston-Salem. He has \$1,500 in all so far.

The farmers along the Cape Fear river report that all the cotton and corn that was covered by water during the recent freshet is a total loss, and some of them will sustain a great loss.

There are about 67 candidates for the ministry at Davidson College. A large per cent of this number is furnished by the senior class, which as compared with the junior is rich in such material.

Salem Female Academy, of Winston-Salem, began its one hundred and seventh year with appropriate exercises. The attendance is large, including representatives from many States and some foreign countries. An interesting experiment will be tried this year, that of having Monday for holiday instead of Saturday.

The new city hall at High Point is nearing completion and will probably be ready for occupancy within three weeks. It is located on Jordan street and will be used for mayor's office, police, light and water departments and as headquarters of the North-side fire department.

## FUTURE FLOOD DANGER

Are the River Floods Becoming Higher?

The question naturally arises in connection with the recent floods what has been the cause of the enormous increase in the height of floods in the Southern States during the past decade? W. W. Ashe, State Forester of North Carolina, ascribes it largely to the destruction of the leaf mold by forest fires, and to large areas of washed and gullied land which sheds the heavy rains in place of absorbing them.

The increase both in the number and the height of the floods has been remarkable during the past fifteen years. That it is not due to climate is shown by the weather bureau data, which shows no noticeable change in climate since the bureau has been in operation. The higher rises of the floods in the Cape Fear and the Savannah rivers may be taken as examples. The flood of 1860 of 53 feet was the highest in the Cape Fear river up to that time. In 1903 a height of 63 feet was reached, while the present freshet was 8 feet higher or 71 feet. The same gradual increase in the height of the floods can be traced on the Savannah. For many years the flood of 1830 was the standard, but those of the past decade have been higher, culminating, up to the present, in the one which has just cost the city of Augusta a million dollars and the loss of two score of lives. The same record exists on many other Southern streams, the Yadkin, Catawba, Paeolet, Ohio, Cumberland, Alabama and Santee.

### Cause of the River Floods.

There is no doubt that both the height of the floods has increased, and that the actual number has increased during the past fifteen years, and that the same amount of rainfall now produces a much higher flood crest than formerly. The destruction of the forests on the headwaters of the rivers has undoubtedly been one of the important causes. The area of forest land on the steep slopes has been rapidly decreasing during the past fifteen years. There has also been a large area of forest land lumbered and burned destroying the leaf mold which kept the soil open and porous and in a condition to absorb heavy rains. There is in addition to this about 2,000,000 acres of waste farming land from Virginia to Georgia, having a hard baked soil, which does not absorb one-half of the water which it would were it either in cultivation or in timber. These unfavorable conditions increase every year. Less of every heavy rain is absorbed and a larger portion runs rapidly off resulting in higher and more destructive floods. The upland soils of the Piedmont are heavy clays, naturally impervious, unless kept porous by deep plowing or by the cover of forest litter. When dry and baked by the sun this clay is as unabsorbent as a brick. It is the additional five or ten feet of flood water which causes the destruction, and this is the water which these soils would absorb if they were open and porous. The rainfall, also, is of a very heavy concentrated character, making it all the more necessary that the soils shall absorb as fast as the rain falls. The Piedmont of the Southern States differs very much in this respect from the north-eastern States.

### Can the Big Rivers be Made Safe?

The Southern States have now reached the point when they must decide whether the large rivers and their valleys are to be made safe, or whether their enormous value is to be threatened by the attempt to secure a higher temporary profit from the steep hillside land than the conditions justify. The permanent value of these lands can only be maintained in timber and the States which are concerned, should on their own initiative take some proper measures for perpetuating their earning power in timber, and at the same time protect the commerce, cities, factories and lands of the large rivers.

The damage to these States from floods during the past ten years aggregates more than \$20,000,000. How much will it amount to before the States act?

### Held Up and Robbed.

Spencer, Special.—Adolphus Wilhelm, a well-known merchant at Richfield, Stanly county, was held up and robbed about midnight Saturday night by four masked white men who accosted him while returning from a social call. Two men held the team driven by Mr. Wilhelm, one covered him with a pistol and another went through his pockets, securing about \$20 in cash. They also took his hat but returned it, fearing detection in some way. Mr. Wilhelm was roughly used up and was glad when the highway robbers permitted him to drive off, which he did with great speed.

## YOUNG LADY KILLED

Awful Deed of a Crazy Man in North Carolina Village

### TRAGEDY ON THE SABBATH DAY

Miss Willie Bullinger Murdered Sunday Morning While Seated at Organ Playing Sunday School Hymn.

Newton, N. C., Special.—At Startown three miles from this place, the Sabbath peacefulness was broken by one of the most demoniacal crimes ever known in this county. The tragedy took place in the Methodist church about 10:30 while Sunday School was being held. Miss Willie Bullinger, aged about 19 years, being stabbed to death by Lou Rader, aged about 21, a discharged lunatic.

The reports that reach here are a little conflicting as to just how the awful deed was done. One is to the effect that Miss Bullinger was seated at the organ playing for the Sunday school when Rader, leaping across several seats, attacked her with his pocket knife, stabbing her once in the back and twice in the breast. Another report is that the man waited just outside of the church door and just as she came out committed the deed. But wherever the act was done, the result is the same and the girl lies dead at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bullinger. The attack was very violently made and it is said that those reaching the couple first could not prevent Rader from giving his victim several cuts.

The murderer was arrested at once and is now in jail. He is not sorry for the crime and is reported as saying that he killed her "because she was a witch."

Rader was last spring committed to the asylum at Morganton, having become violently insane. At this time in his ravings he talked incessantly of Miss Bullinger for several months. He has been at home apparently well and nothing strange was noticed about him until his terrible deed Sunday morning. Saturday afternoon he delivered a load of wood in Newton and while here purchased a new knife with which he committed the murder.

### COURT DISMISSES SUITS.

Government's Suits For the Enforcement of the Commodities Clause Against the Anthracite Coal-Carrying Railroads Are Dismissed by the Circuit Court.

Philadelphia, Special.—Declaring it to be drastic, harsh, unreasonable and an invasion of the rights of the States, and, therefore, repugnant to the constitution, the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania dismissed the suits of the Federal government to enforce the commodities clause of the Hepburn railroad act against the anthracite coal-carrying railroads of this State. Judges George Gray and Geo. M. Dallas filed opinions dismissing the suits and Judge Joseph Buffington dissented but did not file an opinion. The commodities clause prohibits railroad companies to transport in interstate commerce any article or commodity manufactured, mined or produced by them or under their authority. A penalty not to exceed \$5,000 is provided for each violation.

The case was argued in June, United States Attorney General Bonaparte delivering the principal argument for the government. The effect of the commodities clause if constitutional would be to confine the mining of anthracite coal by the railroads for use in Pennsylvania only, or compel the railroads to sell all the mining property they are interested in either directly or indirectly.

It is almost certain that the case will be appealed directly to the United States Supreme Court.

### Oil Can Explosion Causes Fatality.

Pomeroy, O., Special.—A can of oil standing near the stove in the kitchen at the home of John G. Roush, in Mason county, W. Va., exploded early Sunday and as a result one child was burned to death, and Mr. and Mrs. Roush and three children were so severely injured that they may die. The house was consumed.

### Reception to be Genuine.

Tokio, By Cable.—The full programme for the reception by the Japanese to the American fleet, which is due here October 17th, leaves very few minutes for sleep while the vessels are in port. Official orders, The Associated Press is informed, will include decorations and regulations as to the treatment of the visitors. Already in Yokohama it has been directed that during the visit of the fleet, lanterns bearing the flag of the United States shall be distributed and displayed from every house and shop night and day.

## 3 KILLED; 30 INJURED

Passenger Train on Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Jumps the Track, the Chair Car and One Coach Falling Over Embankment, Killing Three Persons and Injuring 30.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Passenger train No. 314, on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad, was badly wrecked near Clarksdale, Miss., Monday afternoon. Three persons were killed and about thirty injured:

The dead:

Virgie Graham, wife of Hon. T. A. Graham, of Glendora, Miss.

Unidentified girl, 15 years, ticket reading to Memphis.

Unidentified woman.

Seriously injured:

John H. Perkins, of Memphis; Conductor E. E. Sharp; Miss Annie Lubkin; Miss Katherine McLean, of Lexington, Miss.; Miss A. J. Jackmore, of Mattson, Miss.; Miss Hattie West Johnson, of Greenwood, Miss.

The train was running at a high rate of speed when at Durham, a small station near Clarksdale, it jumped the track. The chair car and one of the passenger coaches, both filled with people turned over an embankment and were badly smashed.

The wrecked train left Jackson, Miss., at 6:25 in the morning and was due at Clarksdale at 1:20 p. m.

### Log Train Wrecked.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—A special from Sampson, Ala., says:

By the derailment of a log train of the Henderson-Boyd Lumber Company near here early Monday, three persons were killed and twenty others injured, three of whom are not expected to live. The dead:

J. O. Stephenson, a convict guard.

Joe Wise, white laborer.

Albert England, colored laborer. Probably fatally injured.

Frank Williams, wood boss.

Oscar Powell.

Will Jackson.

The wreck occurred on a trestle at the bottom of a dip. An engine was pushing eighteen cars over new track, which, it is said, had not been properly tested, when a car in the center of the train buckled, derailing the entire train.

### Mr. Kern's Itinerary.

Chicago, Special.—Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, stated that miscellaneous contributions to the campaign fund ranging from \$1 to \$100 were being received at the rate of \$3,000 a day, exclusive of funds gathered by the finance committee. Vice Presidential Candidate Kern spent the whole day at the national headquarters discussing details of his itinerary. He left for Indianapolis. Mr. Kern's itinerary was announced as follows: Chicago, Jefferson Club banquet, September 17th; Evansville, Ind., September 18th; Maryland and West Virginia, September 19th-24th, at points to be fixed by the central committees of those States; Mansfield, O., at formal opening of the Democratic campaign in Ohio, September 26th; points in northern Ohio, September 28th and 29th; Saginaw, Mich., September 30th; Birmingham, Ala., October 2d; Macon, Ga., October 3d; Asheville, N. C., October 6th; Greensboro, N. C., October 6th; Winston-Salem, N. C., October 7th; Roanoke, Va., October 7th; Finncastle, W. Va., October 9th; Huntington, W. Va., and other points to be named beginning October 10th. October 8th has been left open to permit Mr. Kern to visit his sister near Roanoke, Va. It was in Roanoke that Mr. Kern's parents lived before they migrated West, and he will spend as much time as possible there.

### Honor McKinley's Memory.

Canton, O., Special.—Monday was the seventh anniversary of the death of the President McKinley and was observed with every evidence of sorrow in his home city. Many tributes were received from prominent men and many Canton people visited the tomb where the martyr President and his wife sleep side by side and left flowers and wreaths.

### Mr. S. L. Patterson Passes Away.

Lenoir, N. C., Special.—Mr. Samuel L. Patterson, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina, died at his home Palmyra, in the Yadkin Valley. He was chairman of the board of commissioners of Caldwell county from 1886 to 1890. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1890, elected State Senator in 1892 and served as Commissioner of Agriculture from 1893 to 1897. He was again elected to the Legislature in 1900 and Commissioner of Agriculture in 1905, which office he held to the time of his death.

## THE MAINE ELECTION

State Goes Republican But By Reduced Majority

### PROHIBITION THE LEADING ISSUE

Bert M. Fernald, Republican, Chosen Governor Over Obadiah Gardner, Democrat—Republicans Elect Four Congressmen and State Auditor.

Portland, Me., Special.—Although the Republicans came off victorious in the State election Monday, Bert M. Fernald, of Portland, being chosen Governor over Obadiah Gardner, of Rockland.

All four Republican candidates for Congress were elected and for State Auditor Charles P. Hitch, of Augusta, Republican, defeated his opponent.

At 10:30 returns for Governor from all of the cities and 400 towns and plantations out of 499 gave:

Fernald (Rep.) 68,300.

Gardner (Dem.) 61,616.

Same places in 1904 gave:

Cobb (Rep.) 70,882.

Davis (Dem.) 46,712.

This shows a Republican loss of 40 per cent. and a Democratic gain of 32 per cent. On this basis the Republican plurality in the State was estimated at about 8,000.

The result which was much closer than any of the Republican leaders had anticipated, showed not only the warmth of the contest, but the popularity of Mr. Gardner throughout the State, in the cities as well as in the little rural districts, where his fame as the head of the State garage proved a great vote gainer.

The Republicans were on the defensive throughout the campaign, seeking to hold the State by the usual plurality by answering the various Democratic arguments, which were mainly for resubmission of the prohibitory law, taxation of the wild lands and reform in administrative methods. But little was said of national issues, although the Republicans, through outside speakers, sought at various points to bring such subjects to the attention of the people.

### Wounded Two; Killed Self.

Laurinburg, N. C., Special.—Enraged because his wife, with whom he had failed to live peaceably for several years, would not go back home with him, Henry Moore, colored, shot both her and his mother-in-law about 8 o'clock Monday morning, inflicting ugly though not serious wounds on each. Then thinking he had killed them he walked off a short distance and, putting his pistol to his throat, took his own life. His wife is shot through both hands and the right ear, the latter shot striking the skull and glancing off. The elder woman was shot in the mouth, the ball coming out at the lower jaw.

### Germans Celebrate.

Washington, Special.—Dennings race track was the scene of a big German Day celebration under the auspices of the United German Societies of Washington. An extensive literary and athletic programme was carried out. The celebration commemorates the anniversary of the landing in America of the first German immigrants headed by Francis Daniel Pastorius, who founded a colony at Germantown, Pa., in 1683. The actual anniversary of the landing is October 6, but it was decided to hold the festivities earlier this year.

### Colored Odd Fellows.

Atlantic City, N. J., Special.—A black cloud is hovering over Atlantic City, occasioned by the invasion of colored folk from all over the land for the convention of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, an international negro fraternal order. The convention will extend through the week and the visitors will be entertained in an elaborate manner.

### Mexican Veterans.

San Francisco, Special.—Although few veterans of the Mexican war remain to observe the day, celebrations will be held in several Western and Southwestern cities to mark the sixty-first anniversary of the entry of General Winfield Scott and the American army into the City of Mexico, September 14, 1847. The triumph of the American army confirmed by force of arms Uncle Sam's title to the vast conquered territory of California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.