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GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, has announced himself a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Vest.

Abe Wilder, a negro charged with the murder of a white woman, was captured and burned by an angry Texas mob near Red Ranch, Texas, early last week.

Last week at Asheville, Ala., one man was killed and another seriously wounded in an attempt of a mob to secure a negro who had been convicted of criminal assault and sentenced to hang September 20th.

John Fugate, a negro, 21 years of age, was hanged at Wise, Va., Friday, for the murder near Toms Creek, Va., on June 6th, of Martha Wells, a colored woman. Fugate displayed great nerve on the scaffold and confessed his guilt.

One person was killed, another was dangerously hurt and a building wrecked at Ashley, Indiana, Monday, by the explosion of a soda fountain. It is supposed that the explosion was caused by an error being made in preparing the gas with which the fountain was charged.

J. M. Mercer, convicted last May of assaulting Jessie Taylor, a little girl, was hanged at Tampa, Fla., last Friday. His neck was broken by the fall. He died declaring his innocence. His last words were a request that his wife be taken care of. Mercer is the first white man ever legally executed in Hillsboro county.

John H. Butler, a negro, was hanged at Baltimore Friday morning. Butler killed his wife last October, by beating her with a cobblestone. He has always denied his guilt and several attempts have been made to have his sentence commuted on the grounds that he was insane. He was prominent as a Republican politician.

Investigation by the grand jury into the recent lynching of a negro in Elmore county, Alabama, has resulted in indictments against ten of the thirty persons alleged to have constituted the mob. Several witnesses who refused to testify when called were placed in jail for contempt. These are the first indictments against lynchers in that State in many years.

A dispatch from Stroud, Oklahoma, says: "The desire to run all negroes from Territory towns, started at Squalpa, has spread to Stroud, and a mob of gamblers and toughs has driven all blacks from town. In addition they tore down the houses of two negroes, and burned the buildings and contents. The trouble started when a negro attempted to stab a white man. The officers so far have not interfered."

Rev. George B. Harnington committed suicide at Oxford, N. J., by hanging himself in the belfry of the Methodist church, where he had of late been preaching. Mr. Harnington was 29 years of age, and was still a student at Drew Seminary, not yet having been admitted to full preacher's orders. Two weeks ago he was married in Oxford to the organist of his church, and, so far as can be learned, his married life was happy. No cause is known for his act.

Sunday afternoon, August 18, at Pierce City, Mo., Miss Gazelle Wild was murdered. Suspicion at once rested on a negro, Will Godley, who was arrested and lodged in jail. Monday night a mob of 1,000 enraged citizens took him from the jail and lynched him. The mob later shot French Godley, Will Godley's grandfather, to death, and burned the houses of five negroes, cremating Peter Hampton. The enraged crowd seized the State militia rifles and drove dozens of negroes from the town. Nearly every negro has left the town and fears to return.

POLENTA NEWS.

Miss Dixie Young is much better.

Miss Addie Barber has returned from a pleasant visit to Smithfield.

Miss Alma Barber, of Wilson's Mills, is visiting friends in the neighborhood.

Regret to say Mrs. J. E. Jones is confined to her bed, being quite ill. Hope her sickness will be of short duration.

Miss Mamie Johns, one of Wake's most accomplished young ladies, is spending some time visiting Miss May Young.

The tobacco farmers are jubilant. The good prices they receive for the weed stimulates them for greater efforts in the future.

Miss Sue Edmondson leaves for Dunn to-morrow (Thursday), where she will teach music for the next six months, at least. Miss Sue is one of the most accomplished music teachers in the State.

We have two colored men in this township bordering on to one hundred years old. In fact, one of them is said to be passed that age. They are both well thought of by the white people that live around them. Their names are Peter McDaniel and Sanders. Old man Sanders appears to be the older of the two.

The meeting at Oakland closed Tuesday night. It was one of great enjoyment to our people, who showed their interest by attendance upon divine services. The Rev. Dr. Morton, who did the preaching did it eloquently and powerfully, yet so plain that any could understand it. At times he became so earnest and persuasive as to sway upon his hearers to the extent of melting them to tears. Indeed his portrayals of truths as contained in God's word were beautiful and sublime. The interest manifested was deep. Many were led to inquire the way of peace; ten came out openly and avowed their purpose to serve their Master and Lord in the future, and connected themselves with Oakland Presbyterian church. The church people were greatly edified and built up and sinners were led to see the enormity of sin as never before, and the influences for good from this meeting will prove lasting. Let God be praised for the exhibition of his matchless power in the meeting.

On Tuesday Mr. H. T. Garrard who owns considerable real estate in this section, but who virtually lives in Norfolk, Va., being at his old home on a vacation, conceived the idea of giving a dinner to his relatives, tenants and a few invited guests; and to say the least it was one of very great enjoyment to those who participated. By 11 o'clock a goodly number had assembled and were cordially welcomed by Mr. Garrard. The table was erected under the spreading limbs of the large oak trees in the yard which gave ample shade. The table was loaded with that which satisfies the appetite—such as barbecued shoat, barbecued mutton and baked beef, chicken, bread, pickles, cakes and ice cream; etc. The whites present were invited to assemble around the table and after the blessing was implored all partook to their heart's content. Then the colored people, those who worked for or on his land, were invited and enjoyed a good dinner. Mr. Garrard, himself, waited on the table, and left no stone unturned to cause all to enjoy the occasion; indeed he was lavish in his hospitality. When seventeen years old with a widowed mother on his hand, he started out a poor lad, but by energy, attention to business, and honest toil he has gradually climbed the ladder of success, until now he is the possessor of a large real estate property, and continues to prosper. A year ago he was very much depressed on account of poor health, but he is now restored, and seems full of life, vigor and push. He left Wednesday morning for Norfolk.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

L. Acree, Secretary and Treasurer of Jonesboro Cotton Mills committed suicide Monday.

The Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company has been sold to the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. The price paid was \$425,000.

Wake county has in the past few days ordered public school houses to cost \$4,000 to be built. Of these there is to be a \$1,000 one at Wake Forest.

During a severe electrical storm at Tarboro Saturday afternoon lightning struck the residence of Charlie Friar, a mill operative, instantly killing his sister, aged 25. Other occupants were severely shocked.

It is rumored that H. M. Flagler, the multi-millionaire oil magnate, has secured options on desirable property at Wrightsville and will erect a hotel on the island and one on the bay front, expending about \$500,000 in that vicinity.

The convicts in this State have in the past twenty-seven years built twenty-six railroads, with a total of 1,437 miles, or about two-fifths of the whole mileage in North Carolina. The estimated value of the work is \$2,000 a mile on an average.

According to the report of the Corporation Commissioner there are now 79 State, 17 private and 13 savings banks in North Carolina. The total resources of the State banks are \$12,489,357.46; of the private banks, \$1,581,755.21; savings banks, \$16,501,368.04.

The Bulletin says a crate of peaches were shipped from Southern Pines last week to a gentleman in Europe. Last season some peaches were sent to Europe to the same gentleman. They reached him in excellent shape and some of them came back to America, and were still in excellent condition, after traveling over 7,000 miles by land and sea.

The case against Gay Bryant and seventy-seven others charged with tearing down and burning a Sanitationist church in Cherokee county came up for trial at the recent term of court at Murphy. Of the seventy-eight defendants, seventeen failed to appear; the indictment against eleven of them was not pressed; fifty stood trial and were adjudged not guilty by the jury.

The Chapel Hill News says that Mr. Tobe Henderson, while returning from Durham a few days ago, found the creek very high and pastfording. He drove to one side of the road to wait until the water fell, and went to sleep. When he awoke he found himself on the opposite side of the creek as wet as a drowned rat. His mule, becoming impatient, had plunged in and crossed the creek while the sleeper slept, giving his master a good ducking.

Roscoe Murrow, of a prominent family in Guilford county, was convicted last week of the ruin of an orphan girl, his adopted sister, and sentenced to seven years on the chain gang. Judge Shaw, who presided at the trial, proposed to remit the imprisonment if Murrow would pay the girl and her child \$1,500 and \$500 to the school fund, but the offer was refused. The orphan girl was adopted into Murrow's father's family at the age of 9. At the age of 13 young Murrow became criminally intimate with her and when her ruin became public the girl was turned out of her home. After accomplishing his adopted sister's ruin Murrow married a respectable young woman of the neighborhood.

Eruptions, cuts, burns, scalds and sores of all kinds quickly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Certain cure for piles. Beware of Counterfeits. Be sure you get the original—DeWitt's, Hare & Son, J. R. Ledbetter, Hood Bros.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. Richard Oliver has accepted a position as clerk in the post-office.

Mr. C. W. Richardson and family have returned from a visit to Wilders.

Miss Hazel Waddell left Tuesday for Kenly to teach music in Kenly Academy.

Miss Mamie Tuck left Wednesday morning for Oxford, where she has a position as teacher in the Orphan Asylum.

Misses Aaron and Hurley, who have been visiting Miss Fannie Jackson, left Wednesday for Mount Olive and New Berne.

Miss Mallie Preston has moved to "Smith" house on Railroad street, having closed her boarding house to accept a position as teacher in the Graded School.

The first session of the Graded Schools will begin on Monday, September 2nd. The trustees hope that the parents will send their children promptly. They have bought new desks, made new rooms, and everything will be as convenient and up-to-date as is found in any school.

Some of our farmers are curing their fodder in tobacco barns. They take it from the field green, tie it up in bundles, lay it on tobacco sticks and run the heat gradually to 140 to 150 degrees. It will cure in 24 hours a nice green. A careful man can put five stacks in a barn. With as many barns in the county as there are, there should be no trouble in saving fodder. In putting fodder green in the barn care should be taken not to put the bundles on top of one another without sticks between them.

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SPILONA SCRIPS.

Mr. J. A. Wellons was out to see us Sunday.

Several of the boys went to Wilmington Monday on the excursion.

Miss Vessie Coats has returned home from a long visit in upper Johnston.

Mrs. J. A. Wellons and children spent last week with her father, Mr. R. L. Lassiter.

Miss Bernice Ellington, one of Raleigh's highly accomplished and most beautiful young ladies, is visiting Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Crops in this section have improved wonderfully after all the growling about too much rain, the farmers are going to gather an average crop.

L. R. Moore is very sick with fever. He had the misfortune to lose a barn of tobacco by fire Saturday night—a negro was curing; carelessness was the cause.

Tobacco is bringing high prices and we farmers will no longer have to be drummed and told that Smithfield is one of the highest price markets in the State for the sale of leaf tobacco. Almost everybody already knows it.

Mr. A. B. Willingham, Smithfield's high price tobacco buyer, and one of the best judges of tobacco in the State, was out to see us recently. We were very glad to have him with us and hope he will come again soon and spend more time with us.

F. L. T.

Horses Dying in Dare.

Mr. B. G. Crisp, of Manteo, Dare county, the only member of the bar in that county, is in the city on business. He is here to argue some cases in the Supreme Court next week. Mr. Crisp says that the mosquitoes are not so bad as they have been, but that the horse epidemic in Hyde has got to Roanoke Island and is killing the horses. It does not attack the banks ponies. Asked if it attacked the mules, Mr. Crisp said there were only three in Dare county, and if the epidemic strikes those mules it will probably be the end of the mosquito epidemic.—News and Observer 24th.

Pay your subscription next week.

MUCH RAIN LAST WEEK.

Lands Badly Washed and Field Work Impeded—Cotton Shedding Badly and Not Fruiting as Desired.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for North Carolina, issued by the Weather Bureau, says that the reports of crop correspondents for the past week indicate very unfavorable weather conditions for farm work, due to the continuous rains in all sections, which have not only washed the lands hardly, but have seriously impeded all field work, at the same time being most favorable for the growth of weeds. The temperature averaged about 2 degrees daily above the normal, the rainfall being also from half an inch to an inch above.

Such cotton as is well cultivated is doing nicely, but as a rule it is shedding badly and not fruiting as much as could be desired. Rain has injured the top crop and on flat lands it is rusting. Farmers are behind in hilling on account of the death of so many horses in the miasmatic regions. Turnips are coming up to a good stand, but the wet weather has hindered sowing. The fall crop of potatoes is doing nicely, but the second crop of Irish potatoes is coming up badly. More sunshine is needed. The reports of fruit indicate that the crop is a failure. Apples are dropping, and peaches and grapes are rotting badly. Tomatoes are rotting. More sunshine is needed for peanuts, which are not doing so well. Field peas are in fine condition. There has been too much rain for tobacco, although some curing has been done, the color being very good. Fodder-pulling has begun, although retarded by the rain. Late planted corn is doing well, although the indications are that the crop will be late; that planted on high lands has improved, while on low lands it has been much injured by wet weather; replants not earing well. Hay is doing well, but the rains are giving farmers trouble in covering that which is cut. Rice is promising, although, as with all other crops, there has been too much rain for a favorable growth. Wheat not threshed is injured in the shock. Turning land for planting is going on rapidly. Reports about oats are conflicting, rotting being reported in some sections and in others the reports are favorable. Winter oats are said to be turning out well. Pastures have improved and the second crop of clover is coming on finely.

BENSON BUDGET.

Miss Callie Strickland returned from a visit to Fayetteville, Monday.

W. S. Utley takes a few days off and visits his family this week.

A large crowd of our people went on Hatch Bros. excursion Monday.

Efforts are being made for two rural free delivery routes from this place.

Mrs. G. W. Cavenaugh and Miss Nellie Parrish returned Tuesday from a visit to Clayton.

Rev. T. H. Leavit, a favorite with the Holiness congregation, preached two sermons here Sunday.

Misses Eva Madrin, of Orange county, and Addie Hardee, of Elevation, entered school here this week.

C. F. Neighbors has rented Richardson & Aikin's music house and is putting in a stock of assorted clothing.

J. H. Boon & Son moved into their new store Thursday. J. R. Denning will be with them after September 1st.

The Misses Mangum, of Raleigh, returned home Tuesday after spending several days with Mrs. J. P. Canaday.

No fence law is being agitated and it is proposed to extend it from Hunter road to include Elevation, most of Banner and Ingram townships.

Section 29 of the newly printed ordinances need give no alarm. It has never been enacted into law, and crept in by mistake.

Hill & Broughton, barbers, will, after this week, open a branch office at Dunn. This course becomes necessary for the reason that they cannot serve their Dunn patrons by mail nor telegraph.

Among the visitors here are Willie Pearsall, of Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Dixon, of Elm City, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bryan, of Clayton section, H. E. Boykin, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Godwin, of Kenly.

A bogus telegram straightened out the recollections of two citizens Tuesday and they had not done any such things as at first they thought they had. What they did on the excursion reads like a different book since the telegram came.

Farmers are discussing the advisability of assembling in mass meeting to express their disapproval of tobacco drumming. They are finding out who pays the freight, and are bold to declare that they have sense enough to sell all the tobacco they can make, and that this sort of self constituted guardianship comes too high.

Among the many farmers who have realized fancy prices for tobacco, since our last, we mention H. Massengill, A. Altman, Ulius Eason, J. R. McLam, E. Johnson, Amos Johnson, J. I. Jones, W. E. Massengill and Luther Allen, at the Farmers; P. L. Hayes, W. B. Massengill, R. L. Weaver, Thomas Barber, B. F. Langdon, and J. E. Allen at the Banner. The farmers are showing proper appreciation of our home markets.

It was the pleasure of your correspondent Tuesday to travel over a goodly portion of the Southern part of our good county, and it was a continual delight to mark the crops, one after another, so much better than we had even dared hope to see. Good land carefully cultivated makes a good crop almost every year, and that's what these people have. They are industrious, honest, law-abiding, Democratic, and when you go among them you feel like you are in the choice section of God's country.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. Carson Durham is quite sick.

Miss Verta Garvis is visiting Miss Nellie Pool.

A number of houses are being built in Darktown.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Ellington, of Raleigh, are guests here this week.

Mr. M. E. Cotton has accepted a position with the Clayton Hardware Co.

Mr. Floyd Harris, who has been relieving an agent at Morrisville, is at home.

Mrs. Geo. L. Walker, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Mr. W. H. Stallings recently purchased a fine pair of horses. His rig is a "dasher".

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes and John, Jr., spent a part of the week at the home of Mr. Barnes' mother.

Prof. Archie Jones spent a few hours in town Tuesday, returning to his father's home, accompanied by Miss Eula.

Mr. D. L. Barnes is preparing to build a beautiful residence preparatory to locating here, permanently, we think.

Everybody we have heard speak of it likes the story, "The Gunmaker of Moscow." Hope you will give us another as good.

Our boys experienced a slight surprise Monday; a game had been arranged between themselves and Shotwell's team; on reaching the Shotwell grounds they found the pick of Wendell's team and three of the Shotwell boys arranged for the game, our boys were defeated, the score standing 5 to 2 in favor of the other teams.

RAY.