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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1901.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, through the death of President McKinley, and by virtue of his office as Vice-President, has been elevated to the Chief Magistracy of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt is not 43 years of age—the youngest man ever elevated to the Presidency. Though young he has seen much public service and is well-known as an honest, earnest and patriotic American. We will have more concerning the new President in our next issue.

At a conference held in New York last Saturday between the officers of the companies of the United States Steel Corporation and the Amalgamated Association the great steel strike which began about the first of July was ended. No concessions were made to the strikers. Instead of gaining they lost many mills in which their unions were recognized before the strike. Full terms of agreement have not yet been made public. The idle mills all started up Monday.

Last Saturday as Theodore Roosevelt was about to be sworn in as President of the United States he made the following statement: "In this hour of deep and terrible national bereavement, I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue absolutely unbroken the policy of President McKinley for the peace and prosperity and honor of our beloved country." These are significant words and they had great power towards strengthening the confidence of the people in the new President. That his honesty, his sincerity, and his high purposes may equal that of his lamented predecessor is the cry that will find echo in the heart of every true American.

Thrice within two score years the head of the American nation has been laid low by an assassin's bullet. First in 1865 the great and good man Lincoln fell at the hands of a cranky actor, Wilkes Booth. Again in 1881, Garfield, another good man, met his death at the hands of a disappointed office-seeker, Guiteau. And now for a third time the nation mourns because of the rash deed of an anarchist, Czolgosz. All these men who have died by the assassin's bullet have been good men and wise rulers. No other civilized nation of the earth has had such a record—three rulers assassinated within less than forty years. It is a serious question and one that causes every man to think. Why is it that this land of the free, this the best government in the world should so suffer? We have been too free, we have tolerated anarchistic meetings, we have allowed secret organizations of a murderous nature to be formed unmolested, we have allowed too much freedom of the press in criticising those in authority; and above all we have opened our doors too wide to the scum of other nations. All these things are a menace to our government and it is time that our national congress devise some means to avert these threatening conditions.

A LESSON FOR US.

The death of President McKinley was sublime in its sadness. It teaches a lesson not soon to be forgotten. For a week the martyred President lay on a bed of extreme suffering and never uttered a word of complaint. He had been shot down by a man whose opportunity for the horrible deed presented itself as the President extended his hand to him with a smile. Yet Mr. McKinley was solicitous that his murderer should suffer no violence at the hands of an angered people. After the President had been shot and preparations were being made for the operation his lips were seen to move and the whispered words "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done" were heard as he was losing consciousness under the influence of the ether. What a lesson of sublime faith!

And a few hours before he died when he realized that the end was near he called for his wife, and with her hand in his, he said "Goodbye, all goodbye. It is God's way. His will be done." Then chanting "Nearer my God, to Thee" he lapsed into a state of unconsciousness to awake in a better world. This most touching and pathetic scene will not be forgotten but will touch and influence millions in the years to come. It will teach them that God's way is best, that the only truly great are they who love God and try to serve Him.

Never in the annals of our history have the people had such a lesson—William McKinley, the private citizen, the tender and devoted husband, the friend of the people, the great statesman, the wise ruler of the greatest nation on earth, and the faithful Christian dying a death worthy to be placed with those Christian martyrs of the darkest days in the history of Christianity! Verily, he gave his life for his country!

Though he died at the assassin's hand, in the midst of a life of usefulness, we feel that he died not in vain, but in his death left a lesson of such great import that its influence will reach into the remotest future.

"God works in mysterious ways,
His wonders to perform."

Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, will be put on trial for his life. The country expects a speedy conviction and execution of the scoundrel who has brought such a calamity on this nation.

In this hour of national bereavement the hearts of the nation turn towards Mrs. McKinley with the deepest sympathy. The brave woman who for many years has been an invalid, has borne up remarkably well through all these trying hours and everywhere prayers are ascending to the Father that He may sustain and comfort her in this darkest hour of sorrow. The nation has lost a safe and honest ruler—Mrs. McKinley has lost a tender and affectionate husband whose devotion to her through a life of invalidism is one of the most beautiful on record.

Married.

At the residence of A. E. Surles, near Benson, on last Sunday morning, Sept. 15th, 1901. Mr. J. J. Holmes, of Benson, N. C., and Miss Arlena Hudson, of Johnston, were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony, A. E. Surles, J. P., officiating. A good many of Benson's young people attended the ceremony. After the marriage the bride and groom returned to the groom's brother-in-law where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. After spending a happy afternoon they returned to Benson, where they intend making their future home. We bespeak for them a happy and prosperous future, as the groom is one of Benson's bright and prosperous young men, and the bride possesses all the charms and beauties that go to make life and home pleasant.

A FRIEND.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. L. D. Debnam, of Clayton, spent Sunday in our town. Mr. W. H. Hare spent Sunday with friends near Clayton. Mr. Geo. D. Vick returned from a trip to Chapel Hill, Wednesday. The repair shop of the Selma Manufacturing Co. is doing well. Messrs. R. B. Whitley & Co. moved into their new brick store Thursday.

Miss Fannie McKoy, of Manchester, N. C., is visiting Miss Margaret Etheredge.

Miss Ola Youngblood, of the Wilson's Mills section, is visiting Miss Nola Mitchener.

Messrs. Robert Millard Nowell and C. W. Richardson, spent Sunday at their old homes, returning via Clayton.

Miss Mattie Gill, of Wake Forest, returned to her home Monday. She has been visiting Miss Margaret Etheredge.

Our people were distressed to hear of the death of President McKinley and look to our excellent Congressman Ed. W. Pou to assist in passing such laws as will drive all anarchists from this free land of ours. Run them out root and branch.

On last Saturday our rainfall was seven tenths of an inch. On Monday it was five tenths of an inch and from Tuesday at 1 o'clock p. m. till Wednesday night the fall was five and one-tenth inches. This is the heaviest rainfall that has been in that length of time since a record has been kept.

Dr. W. H. H. Cobb, of Goldsboro was up to see Mr. Thos. H. Atkinson last Saturday, in consultation with Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., who was here with his parents. Dr. Atkinson is looking very well, like his new home agrees with him. He returned to Washington Monday night.

There is no doubt about it, Selma is the place to sell cotton. Last Tuesday cotton sold here for 8½ cents cash—not on account. Other markets may have more regular buyers, but they can't begin to compete with Buck Hudson for high prices. The farmers know that Buck always gives the highest prices and are satisfied with what he offers.

The telephone system here is a perfect nuisance. The phone here has not worked for three days. About two weeks ago the central office was moved to Smithfield and since then the service has been miserable; it was bad enough before, but it is a great deal worse now. Our county has given the phone companies a valuable franchise in allowing them to use our roads free and they ought to give good service or the right to use the roads revoked. We hope the County Commissioners will look into the matter at their next meeting and see if they cannot be forced to give better service.

Lightning struck the kitchen chimney of Mr. D. E. Wallace, who lives about one mile north of here, last Saturday afternoon. No great damage was done, but Mr. Wallace was slightly burnt on the leg and Mrs. Wallace was knocked down. Why Mr. Wallace was not seriously hurt we cannot see as he was within three feet of the stove at a south door. Mrs. Wallace was in another room at an east door of the kitchen about eight feet from the stove. A ball of fire ran down the stove and out of the east door they say, but no thunder was heard. There is a small hole in the roof near the stove flue.

Bird-Shot For Tiger.

No use to hunt tigers with bird-shot. It doesn't hurt the tiger any and it's awfully risky for you.

Consumption is a tiger among diseases. It is stealthy—but once started it rapidly eats up the flesh and destroys the life. No use to go hunting with ordinary food and medicine. That's only bird-shot. It still advances. Good heavy charges of Scott's Emulsion will stop the advance. The disease feels that.

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Well, what about our line at 25c? This is just up-to-date. We have about fifteen pieces all wool flannels bought at a bargain. These will go for 20c. and 25c.; worth 30c. and 50c. Don't miss this line. We also have a full line of plain weaves and figured cashmeres in all shades, blacks, blues, reds, garnet, green, gray and tan. Our line of cheaper dress goods is bang up at 10c., 12½c., 15c. and 20c.

SHIRTTWAISTS.

Our line of shirtwaist goods would do credit to a city. In this line we have a beautiful selection of silks and silk flannels in all fancy colors and black and white. A nice assortment of all-wool Albatross in plain weaves and fancy stripes. Also French flannels with fancy bands for trimming in the newest shades.

We have a full line dress trimmings in braids, jets, gimps, appique, Persian bands, velvets and silks.

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| NEW PERCALES, | NEW HOSIERY. |
| NEW CALICOS, | NEW SUSPENDERS. |
| NEW CH-VIOTS, | NEW SHIRTS. |
| NEW SHEETINGS, | NEW COLLARS. |
| NEW PLAIDS, | NEW VESTS. |
| NEW OUTINGS, | NEW PANTS. |
| NEW FLANNELS, | NEW TOWELS. |
| NEW PANTS GOODS, | NEW HOODS. |
| NEW SHEETS, | NEW CAPS AND HATS. |
| NEW QUILTS, | NEW UMBRELLAS. |
| NEW CLOAKS. | NEW JACKETS. |

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| NEW SHOES FOR MEN, |
| NEW SHOES FOR LADIES, |
| NEW SHOES FOR MISSES, |
| NEW SHOES FOR BOYS. |
| NEW SHOES FOR CHILDREN, |
| NEW SHOES FOR BABIES. |

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Selma N. C.

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