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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Big Storm in Buncombe

Asheville, Special.—Reports received here are to the effect that one of the severest storms in the history of Buncombe county passed over the Reem's Creek, Flat Creek and Ivy sections of the county Wednesday, doing thousands of dollars' worth of damage to lands by washing and to crops. The storm was little short of a cloudburst. Reem's creek went 18 inches higher than it had ever been known to go before. The abutments of a new steel bridge across the creek were washed away, while a mill near Weaverville was damaged \$20,000. The creek rose rapidly after the storm had passed and as a result of this an old couple, Mr. and Mrs. McCannless, of Baker's Mill, came near losing their lives. Mr. and Mrs. McCannless went out to view their garden to see what damage had been done when the waters rose and cut them off from their house. They were marooned on a strip of land scarcely six feet square, where they were forced to remain in water until near midnight. Efforts to rescue them were futile. Had the creek risen much further they would probably have been drowned.

Davidson Gets \$100,000.

The general education board endorsed by John D. Rockefeller, gave out for publication a resume of gifts made to colleges and institutions, and also announced the election to the board of President Charles W. Elliot, of Harvard, and Andrew Carnegie. The list of gifts was announced as follows: Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., \$100,000; Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., \$50,000; Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., \$50,000; Wash College, Crawfordsville Ind., \$50,000; Williamsburg Institute, Williamsburg, Ky., \$50,000; University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., \$30,000; Smith College, Northampton, Mass., \$12,500; MacAlister College, St. Paul, Minn., \$75,000; William Jewett College, Liberty, Mo., \$125,000; Western College for Women, Oxford, O., \$50,000; Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (for graduate school of business) \$62,000; for farmers' co-operative demonstration work in the Southern States, \$80,000; for special high school agents in connection with State universities in the Southern States, \$20,000; Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., \$10,000; Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, \$10,000; Spellman Seminary, Atlanta, \$12,500; total \$782,522.

Three Interesting Opinions.

Raleigh, Special.—The Supreme Court filed three interesting opinions Friday. That of Commissioners of Pitt county against McDonald, involves the bonds issued for the Eastern Training School at Greenville, which have heretofore been held valid. The buyer now wants adjudication so that the county can exceed the limit of taxation to pay the principal and interest. This the court declines to do as there was no such promise in the statute under which the people voted the bonds. In Holtwell against Borden, from Wayne, it is held that bonds issued to build a schoolhouse are not valid unless submitted to the vote of the people. In Victory against Louise Cotton Mills, from Mecklenburg, it is held to be ultra vires and without authority for a corporation to insure the lives of its officers out of the corporation's funds.

Four Years in Penitentiary.

Fayetteville, Special.—The Cumberland Superior Court convened here last week. The only case of interest was that of Adolphus Ingram, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years, for bigamy, in eloping with and marrying Ito Neal, a young girl of Cambellton, while having a wife and family living in South Carolina.

Rope Broke, Elevator Fell.

Asheville, Special.—An accident that may prove fatal befell Seab Grant at the Asheville laundry Friday morning. Grant had gone to the third floor to make some repairs and was starting down the elevator when a rope broke and the elevator with its human freight crashed to the bottom. Grant was rendered unconscious and remained in this condition for several hours. An examination established the fact that there were six broken ribs and a rupture of the lungs and bladder.

Five Convicts Pardoned.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn Friday granted five pardons and refused ten applications.

Pardons are granted to the following:

Amzie Helms, Mecklenburg county, sentenced to 12 months on the road for manslaughter. Helms was a youth of fine character and the mother of the girl whom he killed joins in the request for pardon.

Joseph Dauley, Bertie county, 2 years for carnal knowledge of a child. The Governor believes on testimony that the man is innocent.

C. W. Hyams, Mecklenburg county, 12 months for larceny. Hyams was once a professor in the A. and M. College in Raleigh, and took books from lawyers. Many persons have asked the Governor to give the man another chance.

Jack Palmer, Wilson county, for storebreaking, sentenced to three years. The man has consumption and will die if kept in jail, and is too weak to work.

George Rhyne, Gaston county, six months for larceny.

The pardons refused were as follows:

Sam Watson, Chatham county, murder in second degree, sentenced for 25 years.

Ed. Causey, Guilford, larceny, two years.

W. J. Archbell, Beaufort county, six months for assault with deadly weapon.

Warren Perkins, Mecklenburg, murder in second degree. 12 years.

Pure Food Law Effective July 1.

Raleigh, Special.—Mr. Allen, head of the pure food section of the Agricultural Department, says that on the 1st of July the law becomes effective which forbids the use of any preservatives in foods. This will be strictly enforced and the sale of all such food will be prohibited. Many manufacturers of foods who had said they could not put up and ship them unless preservatives were used are now sending them out pure and in proper shape. Mr. Allen says the law is sweeping. The department has usually depended on publicity, which is really more powerful, he thinks, than arrests and wonderful improvement has been made in the foods on sale in this State.

Bad Storm at Newbern.

Newbern, Special.—The worst storm in several years has raged here all day. Four inches of rain fell, the wind has been blowing a gale all day and the tide is higher than in the past year or two. Many trees have been blown down in the streets and the city electric plant has been out of service all day. Just how much damage has been done to the trucking interests cannot be learned for a day or two. The storm was so bad that the graduating exercises for the city school were postponed until Monday.

Receiver For Printing Company Asked For.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The regular two weeks' term of Forsyth Superior Court adjourned late Friday afternoon. Major J. E. Alexander, attorney for Bradley Reese Company, made application for a receiver for the King Printing Company, of this city, Friday afternoon. The motion was continued until June 15th, when the matter will probably be heard before Judge Jones.

Items of State News.

The State Agricultural Department asked its fifteen hundred correspondents for information as to the acreage of crops May 20th, compared with last year's acreage, which is put down as 100, and the reports show the acreage of cotton this year is 87, corn 100, tobacco 102, peanuts 101.

The North Carolina National Guard.

Raleigh, Special.—Adjutant General T. R. Robertson has issued commissions to the following officers of Company G, Second Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, at Washington: Captain O. B. Wynne; First Lieutenant, J. F. Ross; Second Lieutenant, R. B. Cowell. General Robertson has accepted the resignation of Z. L. Walser, First Lieutenant Company A, Third Infantry, Lexington, and W. O. Brown, Second Lieutenant Company L, Third Infantry, Greensboro.

THE UNIVERSITY CLOSING

Closing at Chapel Hill This Year Marks the End of Successful Year's Work.

Chapel Hill, Special.—The commencement exercises of the State University were marked by unusual interest this year. Judge Pritchard addressed the senior class on "The Judiciary." There were fifty-seven graduates, representing many of the most prominent families in North Carolina and other States. President Oscar R. Rand, of Smithfield, who was recently awarded the Cecil Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University from North Carolina and who has been a leading spirit in his class for years, was in charge of the exercises. Education and democracy, was the basic theme treated in his address. The class history was read by J. A. Andrews of Chapel Hill. H. B. Gunter was class prophet, J. W. Hester announced the class gift, and M. L. Wright, of Greensboro, read the class will. The exercises were of a very high order, reflecting the excellent work done by the University the past year.

Young Man is Drowned.

Greensboro, Special.—Will Lyon, the 17-year-old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Lyon, of this city, was drowned while swimming in Lake Wilfong, at Guilford Battle Ground, Saturday afternoon. The body was recovered after a search of about two hours. Young Lyon was accompanied by two boy companions, the three riding out to the battle ground on their bicycles early in the afternoon. Soon after going into the water Lyon was attacked by cramp, sinking before his companions could reach him. The dead boy was a manly young fellow, of spotless character and pure life, and had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He held a position in the Commercial National Bank.

Asheville Man Dies Suddenly.

Asheville, Special.—Asheville was shocked to learn of the death Saturday morning a few minutes after 3 o'clock of Mr. W. A. Boyce, proprietor of the W. A. Boyce hardware establishment of this city and one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the city. Mr. Boyce's death occurred at his home on Haywood street after a few hours of acute illness. While he had been in bad health for the past several months and recently suffering fearfully with neuralgia, none of his friends or acquaintances thought for an instant that his illness was serious and the announcement of his death came as a distinct shock.

Big Sum For a Patent.

Lexington, Special.—Mr. H. Cam Heitman, who recently invented and secured a patent on an automatic hanging arc light and took the matter up with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburg, has been offered by the above company the sum of \$125,000, he states for the right in the United States and Germany. The Westinghouse Company writes Mr. Heitman that after testing the arc light for twenty-four hours they are satisfied it is the most perfect thing of the kind yet invented. The light with this arrangement only needs trimming every three months. It holds sixteen carbons and has other attachments. Mr. Heitman wants not less than \$200,000 for the patent.

Been Collecting Too Much.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Forsyth is one of those counties that has been violating the poll tax law. For years the sheriffs have been collecting \$3.30 on polls in Winson township and \$2.70 in all townships outside of the twin city.

Salisbury Men Quarrel and Shoot on Street.

Salisbury, Special.—N. S. Freeman a coco cola dealer, of Salisbury, was fired upon from the street here by C. M. Bailey, a saloon-keeper, who claims he was assaulted by Freeman. The gun was knocked out of Bailey's hand and the men were soon separated. The shooting followed a quarrel.

Boy Killed by Train.

New Bern, Special.—Willie Boyette, a white boy, fourteen years old, was killed here while jumping on a string of moving cars in the Norfolk and Southern yards. In some way he lost his grip and his clothes caught, dragging him along the cross-ties until he was dead. The body finally fell away from the track, and was not mangled. His father, W. J. Boyette, an employ of the Norfolk and Southern, was at work in the railroad shops only a short distance away from the place where the accident happened.

PARIS COTTON MEET

World's Manufacturers Talk Over Their Troubles

DESIRE CHEAPER RAW COTTON

Sentiment of Congress of International Cotton Spinners Is That Americans Will Not Sell Their Cotton at Fair Prices.

Paris, By Cable.—The reports to and the debates before the fifth international congress of cotton spinners and manufacturers which opened in this city Monday, all indicate that Europe stands in great fear of American monopoly and feels the urgent necessity of freeing this immense foreign industry from American domination of the price of raw material, especially when cotton is the subject of speculative movements. The official French report insists that foreign manufacturers have a right to fair prices in order to avoid a derangement of the industry abroad. Moritz Schany, a German expert, expressed the opinion that while there is a possibility of a largely increased American production, labor difficulties beyond the Atlantic make an increase in the supply of American raw material abroad unlikely, especially as the United States undoubtedly will greatly increase the consumption of its own cotton. Herr Schany joins with his colleagues in the cry against the Americans on the ground that they are not disposed to deliver their cotton at fair prices. To remedy this condition the European delegates advocate, first, some method to put a stop to improper speculation, and second, the fostering and the extension of the production of cotton in the colonies of Europe, especially in Africa and Egypt. It is claimed that in ten years' time these countries will be able to produce 10,000,000 bales of cotton a year.

The American delegation, on the contrary, contend that the Southern States are the natural field for cotton production, and say they will be capable ultimately of an output amounting to a hundred million bales a year. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., submitted a report in which he urged that the existence of a large new cotton area was problematical and it was therefore the duty of the European manufacturers, instead of pursuing illusory dreams, to turn their attention to aiding emigration to the Southern States, where, with adequate labor, sufficient cotton can be grown to supply the entire world.

A. S. Perrill, of Chicago, insisted that the only way to reduce the price of cotton was to increase its production. The European manufacturers who had so greatly lessened the cost of manufacture, he said, could best contribute to this end by co-operating with the American planters in finding methods to lessen the cost of production.

At a secret session held Monday afternoon there came up for discussion a resolution in favor of organizing a systematic campaign of agitation to induce the governments of Europe to co-operate in the exploitation of colonial cotton production by furnishing seed and teaching colonists how to plant and cultivate. The American delegates, realizing that the practical results of such action are vague and distant, assumed a passive attitude. Mr. Perrill, however, argued that some of the European opposition would be disarmed if greater care was exercised in the South in the picking and preparing of cotton.

The committee of the congress finally proposed a compromise resolution to the effect that the best means of evading disaster in the trade whether in the direction of lack of raw material or overproduction in mills, were to be found in the establishment of an international agreement to the restriction of production. The resolution, which probably will be voted, invites all confederated organizations of the various countries to act in harmony for a short time when conditions demand a concerted curtailment.

Wholesale Grocers.

Atlantic City, N. J., Special.—On the register of the Marlborough-Benheim appear the names of leading food jobbers from all parts of the nation, here for the annual convention of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association. A meeting of the executive committee and of the board of directors will precede the formal opening of the convention. The association represents 80 per cent of the wholesale grocers of the country and has members in 38 States.

Late News

In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Chinese boycott has paralyzed the matchmaking industry in Japan.

Gus Deford, an alleged safe blower and bank burglar, wanted in Columbia, S. C., is held in London.

A thousand persons were killed in a typhoon and as many more in a mine fire in China.

A revolt on the Island of Samos caused women and children to flee from an expected massacre.

The mines of the Fairmont Coal Company are now running on full time.

Army and navy officers disagree as to the success of the firing test made on the monitor Florida.

President Roosevelt appointed Captains Wainwright and Schroeder acting rear-admirals.

Commissioner of Corporations Smith recommended that uniform cotton grades be established by the exchanges.

The newly created National Currency Commission met and elected Senator Aldrich chairman and Representative Vreeland vice-chairman.

Congress enacted a radical militia law, giving greatly increased power to the President over State troops.

Judge Hundley, at Farmville, decided against a tobacco growers' association in a suit for a pooled crop.

After 22 years the Newburg mine, in Preston county, West Virginia, where 39 men were killed, will be reopened.

The Governorship of Georgia was decided Thursday, when the Democratic State primary took place.

Veterans are disposed to regard Secretary Taft's reference to General Grant's drinking habits as in-bad-taste.

The reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Birmingham June 9 to 11.

Mrs. Rachard T. Wilson, known in New York as "society matchmaker," is dead.

Commander Peary is making preparations for a new dash to the North Pole.

The Automobile Club of France, the world's biggest organization of the kind, was formed 13 years ago by a mere handful of enthusiasts, headed by the Marquis de Dion. Now it has 2,300 members and owns a magnificent five-story home, containing even a theater seating 800.

George West Wilson, president of The Jacksonville Times-Union Company, died Tuesday. He was a well-known Democrat and had been president of the Semi-Tropical Exposition a commissioner to the Paris exposition, collector of internal revenue, and president of the board of trustees of the University of Florida.

Governor George E. Chamberlain, Democrat, is the choice of the people of Oregon for the United States senatorship to succeed Charles W. Fulton, Republican, and a Republican Legislature has been chosen to elect him. Chamberlain's majority over his opponent, Henry M. Calk, Republican, will exceed 1,000, it is believed.

Announcement was made by the United Fruit Company of New York that it will shortly inaugurate a fortnightly service between that city and Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, and Bocas del Toro, Colombia. The company also announces that the service between Charleston and Jamaica will be discontinued this week and an increase will be made in the service between Baltimore and Jamaica.

Mrs. Susan Reid Paulding, former wife of Governor Paulding, 3d, of Boston, was married in Norfolk to Theodore Laurence Bogert, of New York.

Congressman Robt. N. Page, of North Carolina, enjoys a rather unique distinction in that he did not miss a single roll call during the recent 49th session of congress.

The revolt of the Mohmands in India has been suppressed.

The New York Life Insurance Company has served notice that it will not pay taxes in South Carolina as required by the law of that State.

The Arkansas State Democratic convention instructed for Bryan for president.

President George T. Winston, of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical college, has resigned, his resignation to take effect at once.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company has been indicted for rebating.

A monument to Confederate soldiers and sailors was unveiled at Leesburg.

MAYOR OF SUNBURY SAYS PERUNA IS A GOOD MEDICINE.

Hon. C. C. Brooks, Mayor of Sunbury, Ohio, also Attorney for Farmers' Bank and Sunbury Building and Loan Co., writes:

"I have the utmost confidence in the virtue of Peruna. It is a great medicine. I have used it and I have known many of my friends who have obtained beneficial results from its use. I cannot praise Peruna too highly."



HON. C. C. BROOKS.

HERE are a host of petty ailments which are the direct result of the weather.

This is more true of the excessive heat of summer and the intense cold of winter, but is partly true of all seasons of the year.

Whether it be a cold or a cough, catarrh of the head or bowel complaint, whether the liver be affected or the kidneys, the cause is very liable to be the same.

The weather slightly deranges the mucous membranes of the organs and the result is some functional disease. Peruna has become a standby in thousands of homes for minor ailments of this sort.

St. Petersburg has had 85 suicides a month for three months.

The case of Aek Hale, accused of the murder of his sweetheart, Lillie Davis, was given to the jury at Blountsville.

Mrs. Anna S. Allen, widow of Abner McKinley, was sued for \$72,000 insurance by the McKinley estate.

Risking death for science Frank Merritt, a wanderer, was inoculated with tuberculosis germs that scientists might gain knowledge for a cure.

The Wright brothers give the first authoritative explanation of their successful airship.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church took action designed to prevent concentration of authority in the hands of a few.

Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, died at Vicksburg.

Hearst gained 68 votes in the New York Mayorality recount.

The West Virginia Democratic Convention was held at Wheeling.

Cotton Compress Meets.

Paris, By Cable.—Cotton planters and manufacturers of Europe, America and Egypt were present when the International Cotton Federation began its deliberations in Paris Tuesday. A preliminary meeting was held last week. One of the matters to be considered is the project of the British delegation to establish a large cotton plantation in America.

Charged With Stealing Ship.

Washington, Special.—Upon receipt of official confirmation of the arrival of the steamer Goldsboro the Honduras State Department has requested the American minister at San Salvador to request Honduras to arrest and surrender F. G. Bailey, alleged to have stolen the ship. Although there is no treaty with Honduras, it is said that the friendly feeling between the governments may bring about the surrender.

More Votes For Hearst.

New York, Special.—The contents of 26 ballot boxes had been recounted when the work of counting the ballots cast for W. R. Hearst and George B. McClellan, in the last mayoralty election ended for the day. The net result was a gain of 89 votes for Mr. Hearst. In the presence of the court 10 boxes of ballots were counted, giving Mr. Hearst a gain of four votes for the day. More than 1,900 boxes remain to be counted.