

What we want most, sighs the Commoner, is not always what we most need.

Let those who invent the fashions provide for ladies a modest, church-going hat, prays the Christian Register.

Perhaps at one time married life was one grand, sweet song, admits the Philadelphia Record, but nowadays it seems more like a talking machine.

The Pharaoh who was supposed to have perished in the Red Sea died and was embalmed, asserts the Christian Register, and his mummy remains to this day.

It is a waste of time, warns the Philadelphia Ledger, to advise people whose mental construction impels them to indulge in panics when there is nothing to be scared about.

One of the significant incidents of the rioting at Chung-Sha to the Chicago Tribune, is that six thousand foreign drilled soldiers who were stationed there went over to the rioters. If they are fair representatives of the army which China has been endeavoring to create it will be impossible to place much dependence on that army for any purpose.

Because the clam has not been cultivated and coddled like the oyster, the natural clam beds hereabouts are becoming gradually barren and stripped, bewails the New York World. Friday's favorite, the clam chowder, may now be dearer than of yore. Little Necks on the halfshell, the prelude to a well-regulated feast at all seasons, are liable to be raised to the luxury class, like shrimps or goose livers.

The prevailing note among all the tributes incident upon the centenary of the birth of William Ewart Gladstone is recognition of the spirit of justice and sympathy for the oppressed that filled the heart of the man, asserts the Boston Post. The little nations of the earth—Greece, the Balkan countries, Bulgaria, Armenia, Finland—have reverently honored the event because he was their friend and not afraid to own it.

Thoma's appeal for the parental blessing were unavailing. What further action the family of the young woman will take in the matter was not announced, the mother of the bride wishing to consult her husband. The couple had not known each other but 24 hours.

York, Pa., Special.—Mrs. Mary Weaver, of Dover, this county, the woman who had the distinction of having fed three Southern generals 47 years ago when part of the Southern army bivouaced near her home, died Sunday. She was 73 years old.

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Mastodon Skeletons.

In charge of State curator H. H. Brimley, who will have them on exhibition in the museum shortly, are parts of two giant mastodon skeletons, which were dug up in the eastern part of the State at Maysville and Jacksonville.

At Jacksonville the skeleton was discovered by a drummer, who reported it to the curator. Mr. Thomas Addicks was immediately sent to investigate and found that the skeleton was buried in the bed of a stream.

It is supposed that mastodons were once common throughout the country that now composes the eastern part of North Carolina. They are supposed to have existed 50,000 to 300,000 years ago and were somewhat larger than the average African elephant.

Receiver For Electric Line.

Mr. Charlie A. Scott, a prominent banker of Graham, was Saturday appointed by Judge J. Crawford Biggs receiver for the Burginaw Interurban Company.

The company was chartered to construct an electric line from Burlington to Haw River via Graham, and after grading the track the entire distance, placing the ties and laying the track as far as Graham work was stopped last October.

A Jewell Lost and Recovered.

The romance of Miss Rena G. Jewell of Charlotte, and Arthur D. Thomas of Washington, who eloped last Friday night from Washington, D. C., and were married early Saturday morning at Rockville, Md., has been shattered.

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135th Annual Meeting.

The last Sunday in this month will be a great day at Rocky River Baptist Church, Anson county. From the surrounding counties and from South Carolina will gather the people who are looking forward now to the annual "July meeting" which has been held at this point for 134 years with hardly a break.

A Strange Looking Bird.

Mr. John McDowell has an exhibition at his store at Morganton a curiosity in the shape of a young rain-crow. It is snow white and has pink eyes or in other words is a full-fledged albino.

Second Hosiery Mill for Hickory.

Hickory is to have a second knitting mill. A charter has been issued. The capital stock is \$25,000. Hickory already has one hosiery mill, the Hickory hosiery mill, which has had a very successful career under the management of Mr. Cline.

Good Thing for Other Towns.

Since Mr. C. B. Sikes, special officer for the humane association, began his duties of office about ten days ago, at Charlotte, he has found five cases of cruelty and brought the offenders into the recorder's court. In every case there was a conviction and the members of the association which was recently organized for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals are highly gratified with the success it is meeting.

NEWS OF NORTH STATE.

Late Important Events and Facts of State-Wide Interest Printed Here for Public Benefit.

Historical Drama Re-Enacted.

The epochal drama of 1710 was re-enacted at Newbern Monday in every detail, but there was marked contrast in the scenic setting.

A stately De Graffenreid and a doughty Lawson were Messrs. W. N. Pugh and W. O. Guthrie, fellow-members of the Woodmen of the World, impersonating the colonists, while Mr. D. E. Henderson as Chief Taylor and the local Red Men made realistic "painted savages."

It was 10 o'clock p. m., when the pageant was concluded and the ceremonies were brought to an end by a spectacular illuminated parade through the principal streets by Indians and colonists.

The week's program which will make memorable the two hundredth anniversary of Newbern's birth, was really ushered in with the preliminary exercises at the Moses Griffin auditorium. Mayor C. J. McCarthy welcomed the visitors within the city's gates and Senator Simmons' eloquent tribute to the City of Elms, which he declared "two hundred years young."

The Senator presented Hon. Hannis Taylor, Newbern's most distinguished son, who looms up strikingly as the guest of honor in the week's festivities. Statesman, diplomat, counsellor, former minister to Spain, author of world-renowned textbooks, authority on constitutional and international law, Dr. Taylor, born in Newbern and now head of the Columbian University at Washington, has achieved distinction that comes to few men in a lifetime.

Dr. Julius I. Gobel, of the University of Illinois, also a guest of honor this week, followed Dr. Taylor, making an historical address and going more into detail. He laid emphasis upon the type of men composing the sturdy band of settlers, characterized by Baron Von Graffenreid, as he said the leader was really known as a great man, though improvident, and Lawson as a rascal.

Dr. A. A. Stanford, of High Point, and Dr. C. A. Julian of Thomasville will probably be important witnesses as they were the gentlemen who investigated the institution about a year ago at the instigation of the State Board of Health and closed it.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium Cloud.

The investigation of the charges against Dr. J. R. Gordon and Dr. J. E. Brooks in connection with the State tuberculosis sanatorium at Mont Rose, which was ordered by the Governor to be held last Friday, has been postponed until August 2. The investigation is the outcome of charges made public a short time ago by Dr. John Roy Williams of Greensboro against Dr. J. R. Gordon of Jamestown, chairman of the governing board, and Dr. J. E. Brooks of Mont Rose, superintendent of the sanatorium.

Values in Winston-Salem.

The exact figures for the valuation of real estate and personal property in Winston-Salem have been completed, and show a total valuation of \$11,741,605, against \$10,463,798 last year, an increase of \$1,277,807.

The Stats After a Rascal.

The State is taking a hand in the effort to capture Levy Maynard, the young white man charged with being concerned in the death of Bessie Thomson, at High Point. Governor Kitchin offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of Maynard, who has skipped out from High Point, and whose location is unknown. The authorities are making a fight to locate him.

Chapel Hill Bank in Distress.

The business quiet of Chapel Hill was disturbed Thursday by the closing of People's Bank. Mr. J. K. Doughton, the State bank examiner, posted a notice on the door that the bank was closed by order of the Corporation Commission. The condition of the bank is by no means precarious and it is not thought that the depositors will lose a single penny. The officers of the bank are making every effort to straighten out its affairs. It is not known yet whether the bank will be reopened or whether it will be absorbed by its older rival, the Bank of Chapel Hill.

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NORTH CAROLINA EVENTS

Life in the Land of the Long Leaf Pine

Rates to Rockingham Unsatisfactory.

That satisfactory through routes and joint rates between Rockingham and various points in South Carolina, not only do not exist, but are refused by the railroads, is the burden of a complaint filed Thursday with the interstate commerce commission. The complaint was instituted by the manufacturers' freight department of Rockingham, representing the cotton mills at that place against the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. It is alleged that the rates charged by the carriers on cotton piece goods from Rockingham to points in South Carolina are unreasonable and discriminatory.

Yeggmen Leave \$150 in Church.

A mild sensation was created at Catawba Tuesday. While several ladies were cleaning and rearranging the interior of the Methodist church, they found a stack of papers which they decided to destroy. In removing it one of the ladies saw a package that she was prompted to investigate. An Atlanta Constitution and Asheville Citizen, bearing date of October, 1907, were unrolled, in the folds of which a large number of sheets of postage stamps, of several denominations (mostly 2c) were revealed. A count was made, and \$151.25 was the amount.

How the stamps got into the church is a puzzle; but the supposition is that some yeggman passed that way and slept in the building, accidentally leaving his booty or purposely hiding it. It is recalled that about 1907 robberies of country stores and small post-offices occurred. The find has been reported to the department.

Clark Defeats Congressman Godwin.

After a most turbulent session the Sixth Congressional Convention, at Wrightsville Beach Friday, on the 43rd ballot, nominated Hon. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton. Congressman Godwin was defeated.

Book for Hookwormers.

"Hookworm Disease," by John A. Ferrell, M.D., assistant secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health, "for the Eradication of Hookworm Diseases," is the title of a booklet just issued by the North Carolina Board of Health. It is to be given circulation in every section of the State, with special effort to get a copy in every rural home. The booklet gives the history and the geographical distribution of the hookworm and a detailed presentation of its nature and characteristics and its attacks on the human system. The treatment for eradication and the sanitary precautions necessary for prevention of the disease are also given in a remarkably clear and effective manner. It is profusely illustrated.

New Law Professor at University.

Prof. A. C. McIntosh, assistant professor of law at Trinity College, is elected to a law professorship at the University of North Carolina to succeed Dr. Thomas Ruffin.

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GOOD-BYE BRYAN.

Nebraska Democrats Dethrone World Renowned Orator.

LEADER FOR TWENTY YEARS

Delegates Silent When Roll Call of Counties Proceed But a Storm of Cheers Follow Result of Vote.

Grand Island, Neb., Special.—Amid a tumult of cheers from the former followers of William J. Bryan, permanent Chairman Smyth of the Democratic platform convention Tuesday read the result of a test vote of the gathering practically taking from Mr. Bryan the Democratic leadership of Nebraska, which he has maintained for 20 years.

The vote came on a motion made by Congressman G. M. Hitchcock, a candidate for the senatorial nomination, and in effect was to eliminate the idea of platform planks, with accompanying speeches, unless submitted as a section of the majority or minority report of the committee on resolutions.

Mr. Bryan, seated as a member of the Lancaster county delegation, was upon his feet at once with a protest and proffered an amendment that would modify that intent of the original motion. A dozen delegates made as many motions and heated speeches on the subject, the Bryan adherents denouncing the Hitchcock motion as "gag rule" and their opponents asserting that "individual rule" must not prevail in the convention.

Chairman Smyth ordered a roll-call on the amendment and the gathering was silent as the vote of the counties was called that would determine the strength of Mr. Bryan.

When two-thirds had been called foes of Mr. Bryan realized that he was defeated, and a wave of cheers that drowned the roll-call began. As Chairman Smyth finally read the result, 465 against the amendment to 394 in favor of it, the delegates sounded a fresh volume of cheers that seemed to indicate their relief from the uncertainty that had existed as to the strength which Mr. Bryan might develop in the convention. The original motion of Mr. Hitchcock then was adopted.

Race Riot at Ashland, W. Va.

Bluefield, W. Va., Special.—A race riot occurred late Monday afternoon at Ashland, W. Va., on the Norfolk and Western Railway in which six men were injured, two perhaps fatally. Knives and rocks were used with which to cut, stab and throw, according to a report received here. The situation was extremely serious for a time. Negroes, it is stated, invaded quarters of white men at a coal operation and trouble, on account of whiskey drinking due to the recent pay day distribution of money, precipitated an encounter.

The fight soon became general and twenty-five men took part in the riot. Two white men were stabbed and two negroes received injuries that are likely to prove fatal. The names of the victims are not given.

Too Late for Arbitration.

Montreal, Special.—The efforts made by MacKenzie King, minister of labor for the Dominion, to bring the Grand Trunk strike to an end by arbitration, have proven futile. In answer to a further request that the matter should be left to arbitration, Mr. Hayes, president of the Grand Trunk, wired to the minister that while the company had been agreeable to arbitration before the trouble started, the time for arbitration has passed and all that the company now required to operate the system was the protection of their employes from molestation.

Determined to Capture Assassin.

Ridgeway, Va., Special.—At a special meeting of the town council Tuesday afternoon a reward of \$500 was offered by the town for the capture of the murderer of ex-Mayor Bousman. The governor of the State and authorities of Henry county will be asked to duplicate the amount. It is believed friends of Bousman will offer personal rewards.

Man and Woman Tried to Sink.

St. Louis, Special.—Bound together with two steel chains and 15 feet of rope and weighted with a valise filled with sand, two revolvers, an axe, an oil stove and other junk to insure their sinking, Briece Womack, a wealthy farmer of Troy, Mo., and Mrs. Mollie Anderson, of St. Louis, jumped from a skiff into the Mississippi river here Sunday. They were rescued by people on the bank, and when brought to land were revived and arrested.

Womack is charged with the theft of the skiff, from which he and the woman leaped. Mrs. Anderson is in the city hospital.

Music Demoralized Girls.

Cleveland, O., Special.—Twenty-eight girls employed in the hot rollers, kneaders and cutters room at the American Chicle Company's plant, driven to desperation by the tantalizing music at a dancing pavilion in a nearby park, went out on strike here Monday. The girls have been getting \$1 per day. They want \$1.25, the wages paid the wrappers of chewing gum.

BANK ROBBED \$600,000

Cashier Erwin Wider is Badly Wounded By Police—Description Given.

New York, Special.—"Wanted: Erwin Wider, about 32 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height. Weight about 135 pounds, swarthy of complexion with a small black mustache curled at the ends. Wears rimless nose glasses, talks with a German accent and is timid in address."

Such is the general alarm sent out by the police for the missing cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, although, oddly enough, the district attorney's office says that no aid has been asked of it by the bank and that no application for a warrant had been filed.

But this contradiction is only one in a series that have kept step with every development of what is now admitted to be at once the most puzzling and the most serious defalcation in the history of Wall Street since Cornelius Alford stole \$606,000 from the First National bank, served a term in Sing Sing and then retired to the seclusion of a princely country place.

When the Russo-Chinese bank first made public the fact that its strong box was short, the amount was given as \$80,000, all in negotiable bonds, a list of which was furnished. Monday afternoon the amount suddenly jumped to \$600,000, of which the additional \$520,000 is said to be in stocks partly owned by the bank and partly by its customers.

Bids Opened For Building Sites.

Washington, Special.—Bids for the sale of sites for the erection of Federal buildings authorized by act of the recent session of Congress were Monday opened by the supervising architect of the Treasury of the cities of Rocky Mount, Wilkesboro and Burlington. There were fifteen offers of property in Rocky Mount, the prices ranging from \$10,500 for corner of Main and Thomas streets to \$26,000 for property on corner of Washington and Hall.

There were two offers of Burlington property, each for \$10,000 and located on Davis street.

Three offers were made of Wilkesboro lots along Main street at prices from \$6,000 to \$7,500.

No selection will be made for these sites until the towns are visited by an agent of the Treasury, who will personally inspect each offer. The visits will probably be made early in the fall.

Virginia Ex-Mayor Assassinated.

Ridgeway, Va., Special.—Ex-Mayor A. H. Bousman was assassinated by a dynamite bomb, which was thrown Sunday evening. He died an hour after the explosion. No clue to the identity of the murderer, or the cause of the crime, has been found.

Mr. Bousman had been spending the hot evening in a hammock swung between two trees on the lawn in front of his residence. The dynamite bomb was thrown about 10 o'clock by some one passing along the street. It landed on the hammock at his feet and in another instant exploded. The ex-mayor's feet were torn away by the bursting shell and his legs frightfully mutilated. In great agony he died an hour later.

As mayor of Ridgeway, Mr. Bousman presided over the police court of the town trying petty cases. It is thought some person upon whom Bousman, in his court, had passed sentence of punishment, held a grudge against him.

No State Taxes—Gee Whizz!

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—There won't be any State taxes in Minnesota in 1911. The State government expenses will all be met by the huge surplus in the State treasury.

No State taxes is an unheard-of thing. The condition is supposed to be without precedent in the United States, as it is in Minnesota.

Plenty Money.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Forty-one new banks, capitalized at \$2,612,000 in the aggregate, commenced business or completed organization in the South during the past month. Six existing banks added \$470,000 to their capital, making a total of \$3,082,000 new banking capital added to the South's resources in the past thirty days.

Would Be Postal Bank Depositories.

Washington, Special.—Among the applications for designation as postal savings bank depositories which have been received, are those of the First National Bank of Gastonia, N. C., and the National Loan and Exchange Bank of Greenwood, S. C., and a bank at Rock Hill, S. C.

The Proper Way.

Montreal, Special.—Vice President Murdoch, of the Order of Railway Trainmen, has wired to the department of labor at Ottawa accepting Minister King's suggestion of arbitration by a board to be named by the government.

To Keep Out Diseased Cows.

Washington, Special.—Another period of watching importations from South American countries to prevent the introduction of the foot and mouth disease has been inaugurated by the Department of Agriculture. The disease is now reported to be prevalent among South American cattle. Wool, hair, straw, hay and other foodstuffs have been known to carry the germs of this disease, and such importations are being watched.