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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

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

FARMERS' CONVENTION.

The Sixth Annual State Farmers' Convention will be held at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, August 25, 26, 27, 1908.

This is to be a splendid three days' meeting for the study of Agriculture and the discussion of all questions of direct and specific interest to farmers.

Stock Breeders' and 'Dairymen's meetings will be held August 28th.

Programs are being arranged for the study of the following subjects: cotton culture, tobacco culture, corn and small grains, horticulture, forage crops, general live stock, husbandry, dairying, etc. Also special meetings for the women from the farm homes, and lectures and addresses of general interest to all. Speakers have been secured from the United States Department of Agriculture and from neighboring States, who will be assisted by the leading agricultural workers of our own State. All should plan to come and make this the greatest meeting of farmers ever held in the State. Reduced railroad rates, lodging free and meals at cost.

Some of the best speakers on agricultural subjects in the United States will deliver addresses at this meeting. Dr. S. A. Knapp, who has developed the Farm Demonstration work to its present extent and usefulness for the Southern Educational Board and the United States Department of Agriculture, and who is one of the strongest speakers on agricultural development in the whole country will deliver an address on Tuesday evening, August 25. Prof. W. J. Spillman, Chief of the Division of Farm Management of the United States Department of Agriculture, will deliver an address on Agricultural Education on Wednesday evening, August 26th.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to the study of agricultural problems, and in addition to strong speakers from this State, Dr. A. M. Soule, President Georgia Agricultural College, will assist in the program for Wednesday, August 26th.

There will be special meetings for the women on all three days for which an excellent program has been prepared.

On Thursday evening, August 27, and Friday afternoon, August 28, the State Dairymen's Association will hold its annual meeting for which an attractive program has been prepared.

On Thursday night, August 27, or Friday afternoon, August 28, a State Live Stock Breeders Association will be organized.

Seven Injured by Explosion.

Charlotte, Special.—Seven male members of the Rabbit's Foot Co., a colored minstrel organization which appeared in Charlotte several nights ago, were badly burned in a car at Shelby at 7 o'clock Friday morning and it is thought that two of them will die. The injured were given medical attention at Shelby and were later brought to Charlotte in a special car, the train arriving about noon, and placed in the Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment. Most of the victims of the flames were horribly burned about the hands and face. Two horses which belonged to the company and which were hauled in one end of the car, where the members of the troupe slept, were burned to death. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline tank attached to a cooking stove which was located in one end of the burned car.

State News Items.

A charter is granted to the Bank of Jacksonville to do a commercial and savings business, the capital stock being \$10,000 and E. L. Cox and others being the stockholders.

Rockingham's new water tank, with a capacity of 250,000 gallons, is nearly complete. The town will soon have an up-to-date waterworks and sewerage system.

Work has begun on the buildings to be occupied by the Rockingham Foundry and Machine Company at Rockingham.

The American Motor Company, of Greensboro, is chartered by the Secretary of State to manufacture and sell motors and motor carriages and other vehicles and do an automobile rental business. The capital is \$25,000 and the incorporators are H. L. and L. B. Hopkins and J. C. Watkins.

The work at Blawett's Falls is getting along nicely and 35,000 electrical horse-power, it is said, will be ready for delivery by June 1st, 1909—perhaps a few months earlier.

Moore's Creek Celebration.

Wilmington, Special.—It is estimated that upwards of five thousand people attended the annual celebration of the first triumph of American arms in the war of revolution on the celebrated battlefield of Moore's Creek, two miles from Currie, while nearly as many more were kept away by continued freshets in many of the water courses and the absence of bridges swept away by the recent floods in that section of the country. The Atlantic Coast Line operated special excursion trains from Wilmington and from Roseboro to Currie but the larger number of course came from the countryside in private conveyance. The feature of the exercises this year was a masterly address by Senator Lee S. Overman, who was shown distinguished honors by people from six counties gathered in the patriotic demonstration. The exercises took place in the large pavilion recently erected on the grounds and were presided over by President James F. Moore, of the monumental association, who delivered a welcome address ornate and pleasing. Senator Overman eschewed politics in his address and spoke largely of the influence of North Carolina in the formation of this republic, incidentally coming out strong for the sovereignty of the States and against the tendency towards a centralized government. He was listened to with rapt attention and was given the most enthusiastic applause.

Judge Fred Moore Dead.

Asheville, Special.—Judge Frederick Moore, of the Superior Court bench, died shortly after 8 o'clock Friday night after an illness of two weeks of typhoid fever. An operation was performed in the hope of saving his life, but in vain. Judge Moore was one of the best known judges on the bench and a leading Democrat of this section of the State. He had been on the bench for about six years, having held court in every county in North Carolina. Judge Moore returned from Bakersville, ten days ago suffering with typhoid fever. The disease had made considerable progress before Judge Moore would consent to adjourn court and when he reached Asheville he was quite a sick man. His conditions grew steadily worse until Friday night when the end came as above stated.

Clash Between the Southern and the Corporation Commission.

Durham, Special.—The Southern Railway Company will fight the order of the Corporation Commission in regard to making an underground street crossing at Grogan street. The company has filed exceptions to the ruling of the commission and will ask to be heard in the matter. Should the commission refuse to rescind or modify the order the railroad company will appeal to the Superior Court. The order of the commission recently made, was that the underground way is a necessity, and directed the road to proceed and make the way. The city had offered to pay \$750 towards the cost and the commission directed the city to pay \$1,000, which was promptly done.

North State Items.

R. W. Bishop, patent attorney, Washington, D. C., reports the issue of the following patents on the 11th inst. to residents of North Carolina: Continuous sales-slip, J. R. Williams, Fayetteville, assignor to the National Stamp-Vending Machine Company, same place; seissors sharpener, N. J. Northam, Wrightsville; card clothing attaching means, Addison Arnold, Charlotte; game apparatus, J. B. Mercer, Wilmington.

Messrs. Gilmer Siler, of Charlotte, and Louis I. Jaffa, of Durham, two Trinity College students, have returned from a trip abroad. They left Durham soon after commencement and at Philadelphia hired themselves to a cattle boat and worked their way across the water, receiving a return trip from Liverpool to Philadelphia. While abroad they visited several points in England, Scotland and Germany and Holland.

Convention of Fish Dealers.

Washington, Special.—A number of the local fish dealers are deeply interested in the approaching convention of fish dealers to meet at Morehead City, August 25th to 27th, and Washington will be well represented there. The especial purpose of this convention is the exchange of ideas among the fish dealers for bringing about a change in the State fishing laws, for improving the fishing industry and bringing it back to that highly profitable basis enjoyed several years ago.

MONUMENT CONTRACT LET.

Rowan County Will Dedicate About October 1st a Shaft to the Memory of Her Confederate Dead at Cost of \$10,000.

Salisbury, Special.—Rowan county's monument to her Confederate soldiers is to be unveiled about the 1st of October. The contract for the base and pedestal and the placing of the monument was let to the Balfour Quarry. Company, of Salisbury, and the understanding is that the work is to be completed in time to have the unveiling by October 1st. The base and pedestal are to be of the famous pink granite. The figure is a replica of the Baltimore monument. This tribute to Rowan's soldiers is erected at a cost of \$10,000 and is made possible by earnest efforts of the local chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy. The Balfour Quarry Company will receive \$1,500 and of this amount \$1,000 has been secured by the soliciting committee—Col. C. R. Barker and Capt. T. B. Beall. They felt safe in letting the contract with \$500 yet to collect as they are certain this amount will be forthcoming.

Big Quantity of Whiskey Found in Middle of Street.

Asheville, Special.—Patrolmen Lominae and Lanning, of the local police force, desire the acquaintance of a certain person or persons who "lost" a quantity of whiskey. It is hardly probable, however, that the owner of the whiskey will put in a claim. The officers were making a round in a dark section of the city when they stumbled upon a big quantity of "wet goods." They were just in time to see a man vanish in the dark. The whiskey was found in the middle of the street and it is the opinion of the officers that a "blind tiger" was in process of opening.

State News Items.

Mr. James W. Brown, owner and manager of the Lorene Oil Mill, at Mooresville, has placed an order with the Westinghouse Electric Company, of Pittsburgh, for two motors. One will be 50-horse-power and will be used to drive his up-to-date ginny. The other one will be 30-horse-power to drive his corn crusher.

Farmers in Forsyth and adjoining counties say they are in the best condition they have known for many years. Crops are in excellent condition generally. Tobacco shows up well. The fruit crop is of the "bumper" class, growing in such luxuriance that it cannot all be handled.

A charter is granted the Meldon Chemical Company, of Zebulon, Wake county. It is given power to make many things but will probably devote itself to fertilizers. The capital stock is \$50,000. The stockholders of this company will build a cotton oil plant at the same place.

Another charter of special interest is the Farmers' Protective Truck Growers' Association, Mount Olive, Wayne county. This corporation has \$100,000 authorized capital and \$1,000 subscribed by H. L. Faison, Wellington Patton and others and has for its purposes the promotion of the best interests of farmers and truckers generally and the co-operation of members of the corporation in the distribution of truck crops.

Capt. John Duckett, of the State department of education, who has the supervision of the four State normal schools, says the contracts will be awarded within a few days for school room and dormitory furniture for the new normal building at Fayetteville, just completed at a cost of \$8,000. The location of the Fayetteville school has been changed and will reopen this fall very much "better fixed." The cornerstone of the new building has never been laid yet and the negro Grand Lodge of Masons for this State will perform this ceremony, August 27th.

Assault on Married Woman Charged Against Young Man.

High Point, Special.—Jim Poole, a young white man, is under arrest here charged with a most serious crime, that of a assault upon Mrs. Will Smith wife of a factory employe living near the suburbs of the city. The trial occurs before Magistrate Johns. The case has caused no little excitement. There is said to be conclusive evidence against Poole.

Fatal Accident at Henderson.

Henderson, Special.—one of the most horrible accidents in the history of Henderson occurred Monday morning in Parkam Bros' bagging factory at 5 o'clock. While feeding the picker Henry Allen, colored, age 30 years, had his left arm caught in the machine, which drew his body also into the works, crushing not only his arm and shoulder, but a part of his face disappearing. In an unconscious condition the mangled form was removed to the office, where death soon relieved him of his suffering.

TWO BOILER VICTIMS

Deadly Explosion Gets in Its Work at Sawmill

TWO OTHERS SERIOUSLY HURT

Henry Gilbert and Fred Jackson Two White Men, Lose Their Lives in Explosion of Boiler at Reid's Sawmill in Caldwell County.

Taylorsville, N. C., Special.—Two men lost their lives and two others were seriously, probably fatally, injured by the explosion of the boiler at Mr. William Reid's sawmill, near Draco, in Caldwell county, sixteen miles from Taylorsville, Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The dead are: Henry Gilbert, aged about 50. Fred Jackson, aged 21.

The injured are Mr. William Reid, the owner of the mill, and his son, Hugh.

All the parties are white and were working at the sawmill when the explosion occurred. Mr. Reid is not expected to live and his son is in a serious condition.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained but it is thought to have been the result of too high pressure. The safety valve was tied down and the exact pressure at the time of the explosion is not known. The boiler was thrown 50 yards and demolished. The engine was also completely wrecked.

Bryan Denies Canard.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—The most important happening at Fairview was the emphatic denial given by William J. Bryan to a story printed in Pittsburgh saying that he had "sold out" to the Kerr faction of the Pennsylvania Democratic party in order to accomplish the defeat of Col. James M. Guffey for national committeeman. The price alleged to figure in the transaction was \$200,000 as a campaign contribution. The charge is said to have been made that Mr. Bryan "made good" but that Mr. Kerr and his supporters had not come forward with the money. Mr. Bryan declared that he had never heard of the offer or agreement and he suggested that the proper persons to consult were the members of the committee on credentials which decided the Pennsylvania contest.

Mr. Bryan would not permit himself to be drawn into further discussion with James W. Van Cleave, president of the Manufacturers' Association, who came out in the press with additional reasons why the business men of the country should not support the Democratic ticket. The decision was based on the fact that Mr. Van Cleave had failed to defend his former contentions but instead had shifted the discussion to other questions, Mr. Bryan said.

Pritchard Out of Politics.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The effort of former United States Senator Marion Butler and many influential Republicans in North Carolina to induce Judge J. C. Pritchard, of Asheville, to take the Republican nomination for Governor of this State, is without result. Judge Pritchard will have none of it. He says that from a financial standpoint he is unable to make the sacrifice which such candidacy would involve; that his ambition is to administer the law faithfully, impartially and fearlessly; that he believes he can better serve the whole people in the position he now occupies than by again entering the arena of politics and that he is entirely content with the place he now holds.

News of the Day.

Mlle. Fallieres, daughter of the President of France, was married to Jean Joseph Edward Lanes, her father's secretary.

The divorce of the Countess of Yarmouth (Miss Alice Thaw) was made final.

King Edward is on the way to visit Emperor William of Germany and Francis Joseph of Austria.

A big banquet to the visiting officers and other overservices marked the second day's stay of the American fleet at Auckland.

Four German sailors were drowned while maneuvering in Sondenburg harbor.

Cardinal Gibbons was given a banquet by the procurator-general of the Sulphurian Order.

President Ben Davis of the West Virginia Mine Workers, is at Grafton giving his attention to the strike of the miners at Tunnelton. The men have been out for some time and President Davis expects to be able to settle the trouble.

POOL IS SENT TO JAIL

Damaging Evidence That He Assaulted Mrs. Will Smith Brought Out in Trial Before Magistrate, Who Holds Him Without Bail.

High Point, Special.—Jim Pool, a plumber, charged with assault on the person of Mrs. Will Smith, a mill operative, was tried before Magistrate W. E. Johns, Sr., last week and sent to jail without bond to await court, which convenes in Greensboro September 21st. The woman says the assault was committed in the afternoon while her husband was away and that she struggled to prevent the foul deed. T. J. Gold represented the defendant and C. C. Barnhardt was counsel for the prosecutrix.

The trial was held behind closed doors and developed damaging evidence against the defendant. Mrs. Smith lives with her husband on the outskirts of the city and was alone with her infant when Pool, who she says committed the crime, came to the well while she was engaged in washing some clothes. He inquired about a girl, the sister of Mrs. Smith's husband, whom he called to see in times past. After hanging around for some time he came upon the porch and when Mrs. Smith went into a room where her baby was Pool followed and there assaulted her after a struggle.

Mrs. Smith appears to be rather an ignorant kind of person—in fact the witnesses who testified to her good character said as much, and (therefore she did not make a good witness altogether. She was excited, but apparently told a straight story of the affair. Dr. Duncan was called in for private examination and his testimony before the court was damaging to the defendant, and was one of the strong points in sending Pool to jail, as the magistrate remarked. The trial lasted until after 11 o'clock and excited no little local interest.

Y. W. C. A. Extends Its Sphere.

Greensboro, Special.—The Greensboro Young Women's Christian Association, which has accomplished much good in this city, is preparing to extend its sphere of influence and usefulness by operating a boarding house and home for young women. The directors of the association have bargained for the purchase of the property on the corner of South Ashe and East Sycamore streets, two blocks from the center of the business district, and expect to open the house about October 15th. The building, a large and well-arranged residence, is admirably suited for the purpose for which it will be used. In addition to the boarding department, a lunch room will be operated for the benefit of young women who do not live in the home. For the residents of the place, there will be a gymnasium, a reception hall and a library, besides a number of well-arranged sleeping apartments.

Summer School for Teachers a Success.

Newton, Special.—The Catawba county summer school for teachers has closed its three week's session. More than eighty-five teachers were enrolled, and great interest and enthusiasm marked the daily work. Many who came protesting against having to attend two weeks remained through the entire three weeks. The teachers were required to attend only two weeks but more than sixty continued through the third week.

Horse Killed and Buggy Damaged.

Concord, Special.—No. 46, north-bound passenger train struck a horse and buggy at Mount Olivett crossing, three miles above this city, at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, killing the horse instantly and demolishing the buggy. Paul Walker, owner and occupant of the vehicle, was thrown some distance but escaped unhurt. Walker was going south from the church and did not see the train until the horse was on the track. The animal was valued at \$175.

State News Items.

A charter is granted the Bank of Stokesville to do a commercial and savings business, the capital stock being \$5,000.

Governor Glenn left Monday to address chautauqua at Purcellville and Harrisonburg, Va. From the latter point he may go to Chicago to aid in preparing the national Democratic handbook.

Insurance Commissioner Young paid into the State Treasury \$44,813 in collections during July.

The annual picnic and barbecue at River Bend, in Gaston county, was held last Friday and Saturday and was a fine success in every respect, being largely attended and the crowds were addressed by prominent speakers.

Governor Glenn offered the appointment of Judge to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Moore who died last week, to Hon. Locks Craig, Mr. Craig, however, telegraphed the governor that he was not so situated as to accept the appointment.

GREAT SINGER DEAD

Ira D. Sankey Transferred to the Choir Celestial

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SINGER

Former Companion of Dwight L. Moody and the Greatest Hymn Writer of the Present Day Passes Away at His Home in Brooklyn.

New York, Special.—Ira David Sankey, known as an evangelist throughout the Christian world, died Thursday night at his home in Brooklyn, but the news of his passing did not become generally known until Friday. Mr. Sankey was 68 years of age. For the last five years he had been blind and had suffered from a complication of diseases, brought on by overwork. But almost to the very last he worked at hymn writing. His tours throughout this country and Europe with Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, brought him into wide prominence.

Composer of Many Songs.

Sankey, it might be said, wrote the Gospel hymns of the world. In China, Egypt, India, Japan, in almost every language known to man, Sankey's hymns are sung. He received a large income from his publications and leaves considerable of an estate. Among Mr. Sankey's most familiar compositions are "The Ninety and Nine" and "When the Mists Have Rolled Away." His songs are said to have had a circulation of more than 50,000,000 copies.

He was a rapid composer and wrote book after book of Gospel hymns. During the last five or six years of his life he was interested in preparing and publishing the story of the Gospel hymns. At the same time he saved his wonderful voice for posterity by singing into phonographs. The records were sent all over the world. Sankey first met Moody at a Y. M. C. A. convention in Indianapolis. Moody was so charmed with the young man's voice that he urged him to accompany him on his evangelistic tours. Sankey explained that he was married and could not give up his position. "You must come," said Moody. "I cannot get along without you."

Tours with Moody.

Sankey consulted with his wife and they cast in their lot with Mr. Moody. They visited Great Britain from 1873 to 1875, and again in 1883, and made many tours throughout the United States. When Mr. Moody died, Mr. Sankey felt keenly the loss of his friend. From that time he tried to conduct the work alone which they had hitherto shared between them, but the task was too great. In 1902 his physical condition compelled him to give up most of his evangelistic engagements, although he continued for some time to compile new series of hymn books. Then came falling eyesight, which speedily developed into total blindness. With the blindness came also a nervous breakdown. After his retirement from public life the impression became general throughout the country that he was dead.

Mr. Sankey lived in Brooklyn for twenty-seven years, and it was there that most of his songs were written. He was a singer from boyhood, and his voice attracted attention in the hamlet of Edenburgh, Pa., where he was born August 28th, 1840. At the beginning of his active life Mr. Sankey was a Methodist, but for the last seven years he had been a Presbyterian. He is survived by a widow, Fanny V. Sankey, his two sons, I. Allen Sankey and Edward Sankey, and two grandchildren.

Negro Killed; Railroad Blamed.

Suffolk, Special.—John Melton, a negro painter, was killed under a train on the Norfolk and Western railroad. He was getting away from a shifting engine and was struck by an express. A coroner's jury, convened by Mayor John B. Norfleet, found that the railroad was guilty of negligence in not providing safety gates or a flagman.

Apple Crop Prospects Good.

St. Louis, Special.—That the prospects are good for a bumper crop of apples in most sections where the fruit is grown is the joyful news brought by the delegates to the sixth American Apple Growers' Congress, which convened at the Southern Hotel. Papers on all phases of the apple business will be read during the sessions by the members of the congress, including commercial orchardists, commission men, exporters, entomological experts of the agricultural departments of the nation and the various States and professors of horticulture at many colleges and experiment stations.