

ONE ACRE CORN BROUGHT \$4400

John Batts, the Champion Corn Grower of the World, Disposed of Prize-Acre Crop for That Sum.

CHILD, KIDNAPPED BY ITS MOTHER RETURNS TO FATHER

Much Interest Felt in Eastern Carolina in Immigrant Movement—Raleigh Stays in League—Other News Items.

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MANY people have wanted to know how much Batts, the champion corn grower, got for his acre which took the prize last year. He sold the corn from it for \$4400. No doubt that breaks the record for any acre-crop ever grown in this country.

Father Gets Child.

Chief Justice Walter Clark sat in the Supreme court room yesterday afternoon to hear the case brought by Rosecoe Ayers, formerly of Roanoke, Va., to get possession of his little six years old girl, who was kidnapped by her own mother from Durham last Friday. Some years ago Ayers and his wife separated at Roanoke, she saying she had found in his pockets photographs of other women, and that he was faithless. He, on his part, charges her with unfaithfulness. Recently she found that their child, which he had taken, was at Durham, and to that place she made her way and found the little girl in a boarding house kept by a Mrs. Rogers, where she and her father were boarding. The mother sent a message to the little girl to come out on the street and there told her she was her mother and sang some baby songs to her, which the child remembered. Then the two went in a carriage to a place about 12 miles from Raleigh, and thence came here on a train and stopped at a boarding house. The husband had a wild chase, and first went westward, but found his wife was here with the child and came to Raleigh in an automobile. Both sides employed lawyers, and he brought up a habeas corpus case. The husband and wife had a long private talk in the consultation room of the court during the afternoon, but could come to no agreement. Chief Justice Clark ordered that the child be taken back by the father to Mrs. Rogers at Durham, and that the case be heard on its merits a week from next Friday. The child is quite pretty and played about the court room very artlessly.

Immigrant Question.

Much interest is felt here in the news that there is a possibility of a big movement of people from Europe to the South Atlantic states. North Carolina cannot exercise too much care in prescribing the sort of people to come here. Your correspondent saw while in Europe this summer a great many undesirable, notably in the cities and large towns in southern Italy, and saw great numbers in the northern part of that country and in other countries who are desirable.

Raleigh Stays in League.

Raleigh's baseball team stays in the league. The money, \$1000, necessary to pay the players has been raised and the old management, which was utterly unsatisfactory, is replaced by an entirely new one, composed of men who have public confidence.

It is now certain that the tobacco crop will be a fair one and there is expectation of good prices. The general opinion is that cotton will be high because of a short crop.

At the penitentiary, or rather within a couple of hundred feet of it, a large planing mill is being erected. Until very recently the penitentiary has been isolated but now buildings are going up on three sides of it.

The failure of a little bank at Chapel Hill has brought out not a few expressions of disapproval of the granting of charters for banks with less than \$10,000 capital stock.

AMERICANS INJURED WHEN BELFAST HOTEL BURNED

Belfast, Ireland, July 27.—Rev. William John McCaughan, formerly of Chicago, and his wife leaped from a window of a burning hotel here last night and were frightfully injured.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather, with probably showers and thunderstorms tonight or Wednesday.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy, with probably local thunderstorms tonight or Wednesday; not much change in temperature. Moderate southwest winds.

Twenty-five Perish in Floods.

Budapest, Hungary, July 27.—Twenty-five persons perished in a flood, following a cloudburst, at Towns of Dees. The damage to property and crops is heavy.

Aeroplanes Will Never be Practical as Agents of War



ADMIRAL SIR ALBERT MARKHAM AND MISS JAY

New York, July 26.—In talk on naval matters and on the possible use of air craft in future warfare, Admiral Sir Albert Markham, of the British Royal navy, retired, who arrived here on board the Adriatic, expressed the opinion that aeroplanes and dirigibles never would be practical as agents of war for other purposes than those of scouting. He also expressed the belief that the most practicable size for battle ships was in the neighborhood of 20,000 tons and that efficiency would not be increased by building them larger.

Sir Albert, whose home is in London, is accompanied by Lady Markham and their little daughter, Miss Jay.

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN RE A. L. WEST

Charlotte Creditors Sought to Secure Pulverizing Machinery but Were Stopped.

Although A. Lincoln West, president and promoter of the West Pulverizing Machine company, which was proposed to be constructed on the banks of the French Broad river, has gone to New Jersey or some other either warmer or cooler climate, the tangle that he left behind has not ceased to attract attention and cause some Asheville creditors worry and trouble.

The latest chapter in the case came today and is an outgrowth of an action before Clerk Marcus Erwin of the Superior court, when yesterday Thomas Settle, representing Alexander and Garsed of Charlotte, appeared before him and representing themselves as the original mortgagees of the machinery at the proposed site, obtained an order on Sheriff Hunter to release the machinery to him. Tucker & Lee, representing S. Sternberg and Otis L. Green gave Sheriff Hunter notice that should he release the machinery he would be held under his bond. At 11 o'clock today Clerk Erwin held another hearing at which both sides were represented and rescinded his former order and entered an order that the sheriff release the machinery only upon the filing by the Charlotte firm of a bond for \$1200—being double the value of the machinery—to await the final outcome of any controversy over the ownership of the property.

It seems that West purchased the machinery from Alexander and Garsed and gave a mortgage and the Asheville creditors, while admitting the mortgage, did not like to see the property taken away from them without their side being heard.

Immediately thereafter Alexander and Garsed gave notice of a suit before Magistrate Waddell at 4 o'clock this afternoon when they would ask for \$50 damages against Messrs. Sternberg and Green. It is probable that the hearing of this suit will be continued.

BRIDE FOUND MURDERED; HUSBAND UNDER ARREST

Mrs. Margaret Barcha of Chicago Found Shot to Death in Her Home This Morning.

Chicago, July 26.—Mrs. Margaret Barcha, a bride of less than a year, was discovered shot to death in her Chicago Heights home this morning. Her husband was arrested, suspected of committing the crime.

Big Plant Will Shut Down.

Manchester, N. H., July 26.—The Stark Cotton Duck mill will be idle July 29 to August 15. The plant employs 1500 operatives.

Two Fatally Injured.

Houston, Tex., July 26.—Because of a fire in a rooming house, C. C. Renfro and wife were fatally injured and a dozen others had narrow escapes.

GARFIELD MAY BE NOMINATED

Leader of Progressive Republicans in Ohio Added to List of Possibilities by Conferees After Adjournment.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN DICK, BURTON OTHERS HELD LATE

The Nomination Will Be Made at Tomorrow's Session—Progressives Outline Platform Which They Insist on.

Columbus, O., July 26.—The conference between Senators Burton and Dick, State Chairman Ellis and the allied republican leaders, ended at 3 o'clock this morning, leaving the contest for the gubernatorial nomination for tomorrow's session of the state convention unsettled.

Statements made by the conferees after adjourning added James R. Garfield's name to the list of possibilities. The field, now consists of Garfield, Warren G. Harding, former lieutenant governor, and Carmel Thompson, secretary of state.

Progressives Outline Platform.

In behalf of the progressives among the Ohio republicans, James R. Garfield last night made public an outline of the planks which they will insist upon incorporating in the state platform to be framed. In particular he gave in full the endorsement of President Taft to which the progressives are willing to subscribe. The plank relating to the national administration will be substantially as follows:

Confidence in Taft's Patriotism.

"We reaffirm our adherence to the great policies announced in the last national republican platform. We express our confidence in the patriotism and sincerity of President Taft in his efforts to fulfill our party pledges. We endorse his actions in obtaining much that was promised, and we pledge him our loyal support in his endeavor further to carry those policies and to make them effective by proper legislation."

The arrival at the capital last night of James R. Garfield, leader of the progressives in the convention, brought no illumination as to the candidate who will be nominated Wednesday to oppose Judge Harmon for governor. Mr. Garfield declined to talk about the governorship at all.

"I am interested in the platform first," he said. "The governorship comes second."

COMPLAINTS AGAINST CENTRAL OF GEORGIA

Southern Plow Company Asks Commerce Commission to Adjust Existing Rates.

Washington, July 26.—

Because through rates on parts of plows shipped from Columbus, Ga., to New Orleans, La., and to points beyond in Texas, exceed the sum total of local rates, the Southern Plow company of Columbus, Ga., has instituted a complaint with the interstate commerce commission against the Central of Georgia railway and several other carriers. It is maintained that the through rates are excessive and discriminatory and the commission is asked to adjust them on a reasonable basis.

Will Delegates Be Instructed?

The delegates from Buncombe to the republican state convention which meets August 10 were selected at the time the delegates to the congressional and judicial conventions were selected in April. They were uninstructed at the time and it is said today that they will in all probability go to the state convention uninstructed as to a state chairman, although the county convention Saturday may decide to take some steps.

The solicitors' race is becoming interesting and both C. E. Masbourn of Madison and J. L. English of Transylvania are developing considerable strength and it is hard to predict just who will be nominated. Fred W. Thomas is spoken of for the position of candidate for judge from the Fifteenth Judicial district.

Detective Force Increased.

Wilkes-Barre, July 26.—In order to protect property and insure the safety of passenger trains during the strike of truckmen on the Delaware and Hudson, the company has increased its detective force on the Pennsylvania division.

Fatal Accident at Saw Mill.

Mount Gilead, July 26.—While sawing lumber at J. C. Galloway's mill, five miles south of his place, Saturday Nelson Dennis in some way got his leg or foot caught in the carriage of the mill and his leg was sawed off just below the knee. He died later.

A Nine Years' Romance Ends in Happy Marriage



MRS. MELVILLE BURKE WOOD

New York, July 26.—After a romance lasting nine years Miss Estelle Marion White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White, of No. 366 Anderson avenue, the Bronx, was married to Mr. Melville Burke Wood, a son of the late Edmund Burke Wood, once chief justice of Canada. Mr. Wood and Miss White first met nine years ago at a musicale given by a mutual friend in Denver, where Mr. and Mrs. White and their daughter were living at that time. This meeting ripened into love and culminated in the wedding.

After a honeymoon trip of several weeks Mr. Wood and his bride will make their home in Minneapolis.

SCOTLAND YARD ENTERS DENIAL

Says That Crippen Has not Been Arrested; Miss Leneve Has not Confessed.

London, July 26.—Dr. Crippen has not been arrested and Miss Le Neve has not confessed, so far as known by Scotland Yard officials. They absolutely discredit published stories to the contrary.

No Word From Steamer Montrose

The police have received no word from the steamer Montrose, aboard which are two passengers suspected of being Dr. Crippen wanted in London in connection with the disappearance of his actress wife, Bell Elmore and the Doctor's typist, Ethel Clara Leneve, since Saturday morning. News of the suspects is not expected by the authorities until the steamer reaches Rimousi, Canada, whither Inspector Dew, aboard the steamer Laurentic, is traveling to have a look at the passengers.

CUBAN INSURRECTION CAUSING SOME ALARM

Following Midnight Conference Troops Are Rushed to Disaffected Districts.

Havana, July 27.—The government is much alarmed over the insurrection at En Caney province of Santiago. Following a midnight council at the palace troops were rushed to the disaffected districts. The insurgents are reported retreating to the hills, pursued by troops.

Heavy Fire Loss.

Waukegan, Ill., July 26.—Fire today destroyed the plants of the DuRand Steel Lacquer company and the Thomas Brass and Iron company, causing a loss of \$350,000.

James A. Hawke Dead.

Washington, July 26.—Rear Admiral James A. Hawke, retired, of Bristol, Tenn., formerly medical director of the navy, died at the naval hospital here today, aged 63.

Former Dean of Princeton Dead.

Princeton, July 26.—Professor William Ross Finlay, former dean of Princeton university, died today after a three weeks' illness.

Liang Tzu Yen Is Out.

Peking, July 27.—An imperial edict is issued accepting the resignation of Liang Tzu Yen, president of the board of foreign affairs and appointing Tsung Tchia Lao his successor.

Anniversary of Barcelona Riots.

Madrid, July 26.—This is the anniversary of the Barcelona riots. The threatened strikes did not materialize. Ten thousand occupy strategic points in the capital.

CRUCIAL TEST OF LEADERSHIP

Mr. Bryan Is Facing Something Like That in the Nebraska Convention Being Held Today.

HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS IN THE CONVENTION HALL

The Delegates Will Devote Their Undivided Attention to the Work of Framing the State Platform.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB., July 26.—The democratic state convention is being held today. The presence of William Jennings Bryan, and the belief that he will make one of the most notable speeches of his career, in what is regarded as the crucial contest for his political leadership, served to draw hundreds of spectators. Mayor Dahlgren of Omaha, now arrayed against his former political leader, in opposing the county option contest, was headed by a large Omaha delegation, which loudly proclaimed the candidacy of Dahlgren to succeed Governor Shalenger.

Will Merely Adopt Platform.

The headquarters of Congressman Hitchcock of Omaha and Richard L. Metcalf of Lincoln, candidates for the nomination for United States senator, were crowded. Much partisan feeling was evinced. The convention will take no action regarding the candidacies for the state and national offices. The body probably will confine itself to drafting and endorsing the platform on which the party will make the campaign in this state this year.

Bryan's Plank Combated 2 to 1.

County option was the issue that divided the delegates and the insistence of Mr. Bryan that the county option plank be inserted in the platform was combated by a majority of almost two to one of the 86 delegates.

The attempts of several friends of Mr. Bryan to make him recede from his radical stand on county option were unsuccessful. It was evident that the downfall of Mr. Bryan before the convention meant the elimination of Metcalf's candidacy for the senate.

Unsuccessful Attempts to Derail Train

South Bend, Ind., July 26.—Although two attempts were made to derail passenger trains and one freight car was partly burned by strikers and sympathizers, the Grand Trunk strike situation today opened quietly. The mob was small and easily controlled. The police patrol the railroad property. The attempts to derail passenger trains were unsuccessful.

Says Jeffries Has Simply Got to Face Johnson Once More—Mental Collapse?

New York, July 26.—"We want to see Jim try it again," said Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, who arrived from Chicago with Jack Gleason, fight promoter, and who was importuned about prospects of another battle between the former champion and Jack Johnson. "Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear upon him," Berger added. "All we ask is that he face Johnson again and show the form he did at his California training camp and there will be a big drop in the price of anthracite. Jeffries has simply got to try again to square himself with his friends and backers. None of us were satisfied with Jeffries' work at Reno." Berger was inclined to the mental collapse theory to explain it.

OKLAHOMA CORN CROP ENDANGERED BY HEAT

The Loss This Year, It Is Reported, Will Be Twenty Million Bushels.

Guthrie, Okla., July 26.—

The corn crop is greatly endangered because of the intense heat. The loss this year will be 20,000,000 bushels.

MYSTERY STILL SURROUNDS ASSASSINATION OF BOUSMAN

People of Ridgeway, Where Mayor Was Murdered, Are Quiet.—Funeral Held Today.

Roanoke, July 26.—

Mystery still surrounds the identity of the assassin or assassins of Mayor A. H. Bousman, who was killed at his home in Ridgeway by a stick of dynamite thrown at him Sunday night, while lying on the grass in his yard. The people in town are quiet. If the assassin is captured there will probably be no resort to violence. The murdered man's funeral took place today.

Desmond Dunne, Jr., Killed in Automobile Accident.

New York, July 26.—Desmond Dunne, Jr., was instantly killed in an automobile accident at West Hampton this morning. The machine turned turtle.

Favorable Week for Cotton.

Washington, July 26.—The department of agriculture's weekly bulletin says: "The past week was the most favorable of the season over the cotton growing states east of the Mississippi, and conditions were favorable in states west of the Mississippi."

Sons of St. George at Boston.

Boston, July 26.—Representing 29 states, officers and members of the Grand Lodge Sons of St. George, opened their 32 annual convention today.