

"This ARGUS o'er the people's rights
Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maia's son
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

The Latest Telegraphic News of the Day Boiled Down to a Focus For Busy Readers.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., February 19.—Judge Allen, in the Circuit Court, Thursday fined A. R. Featherstone, a local saloon-keeper, \$100 and costs for an assault on Mrs. Wiggins, a member of the Salvation Army, and wife of Adjutant Wiggins, in charge of the Salvation Army headquarters in this city. After imposing the fine, Judge Allen informed the defendant that no even his age would have been sufficient to keep him from prison for his brutal conduct, had he not already apologized to the lady and made amends to her for her injuries, and she had pleaded in his behalf.

MAON, Ga., Feb. 19.—Rev. H. Lee Harrell, a Presbyterian minister of Monaca, Ga., was shot to death accidentally by R. K. Powell, a cotton buyer, his friend while they were hunting birds. Mr. Powell, after a covey had been flushed, stepped back to reload, and in breaking the gun, a cartridge was discharged, the lead striking the side and neck of the clergyman. Death was instantaneous.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The first session of the second Parliament of the reign of King Edward VII and the twenty-seventh of the United Kingdom will be opened to-morrow afternoon by the King. Since His Majesty ascended the throne he has personally opened each of the six sessions of Parliament adding much to the national ceremonial occasion. To-morrow's event has the added interest in that it will be the first new Parliament to be opened by the King, but more particularly because of the great change that has come over the personnel of the House of Commons as a result of the recent general election.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 19.—Sheriff John B. Traynham, of Roanoke, was murdered in his bedroom in this city Sunday night, his slayer crushing his skull and almost severing the head with an axe which he carried away after committing the deed. The body was found today lying across the bed.

OAKLAND ITEMS.

We have been having very fine weather for the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Aycock, of near Fremont, visited Mr. Aycock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Grantham, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Herbert Fitzgerald and sister Miss Annie, of near Pine Level, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. W. U. Grantham's, where they always have a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sasser, of the Buck Swamp section, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. George Worley.

Mr. George Rose and Miss Mary Howell spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Sallie Grantham.

Rev. E. E. Perkins filled his regular appointment at Oakland Sunday. There was a large crowd present.

Mrs. W. A. Grantham left last Thursday for Jamestown, N. C., where she will spend several weeks with her friends and relatives in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Edwards, of Princeton, were in this section Sunday.

Mr. Sidney Pail and Miss Agnes Worley, of this section, visited friends at Greenleaf Saturday and Sunday, they reported a fine time.

URGES LOCK CANAL.

THE PRESIDENT TRANSMITS REPORT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON THE PANAMA JOB.

Declares That the Precedent Established by the Soo Canal is a Guarantee of the Efficacy of This Type as Opposed to the Sea Level.

Washington, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt today transmitted to Congress the report of the board of consulting engineers on the Panama canal project, together with the letter of Secretary Taft, the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission and a letter by Chief Engineer Stevens. The letter of the President says:

"The Secretary of War recommends a lock canal pursuant to the recommendation of the minority of the board of consulting engineers and of the majority of the canal commission. After careful study of the reports submitted and full and exhaustive consideration of the whole subject, I concur in this recommendation."

It will be noticed that the American engineers on the consulting board and on commission by a more than two to one majority favor the lock canal, whereas the foreign engineers are in a unit against it. I think this is partly to be explained by the fact that the great traffic canal of the world is the Suez canal, a sea-level canal, whereas the great traffic canal of the new world is the Sault Ste. Marie canal, a lock canal.

"Although the water, the Soo, is used to have gotten during the winter months, it carries annually three times the traffic of the Suez canal in my judgment the very able argument of the majority of the board of consulting engineers is vitiated by their failure to pay proper heed to the lessons taught by the construction and operation of the Suez canal."

"I call especial attention to the fact that the canal engineer, who will be mainly responsible for the success of this mighty engineering feat, and who has therefore a peculiar personal interest in judging aright, is emphatically and earnestly in favor of the lock canal project and against the sea-level project."

"A careful study of the reports seems to establish a strong probability that the following are the facts: The sea-level canal would be highly less exposed to damage in the event of war; the running expenses, apart from the heavy cost of interest on the amount employed to build it, would be less; and for small ships the time of transit would probably be less."

"On the other hand, the lock canal at a level of eighty feet or thereabouts would not cost more than half as much to build and could be built in about half the time, where there would be very much less risk connected with building, and for large ships the transit would be quicker; while, taking into account the interest on the amount saved in building, the actual cost of maintenance would be less. After being built, it would be easier to enlarge the lock canal than the sea-level canal."

"The law now on our statute books seems to contemplate a lock canal. In my judgment a lock canal is herein recommended is advisable, if the Congress directs that a sea-level canal be constructed its direction will, of course, be carried out. Otherwise the canal will be built on substantially the plan for a lock canal outlined in the accompanying papers, such changes being made as course as may be found actually necessary; including possibly the change recommended by the Secretary of War as to the site of the dam on the Pacific side."

"THE ODORE ROSEVELT."

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NEWS FROM WALTER.

ARGUS BUREAU
WALTER, N. C.
Feb. 13, 1906.

Chronicle of a Week's Events in That Thriving Neighborhood.

Miss Carrie Hines, of your city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luby Edwards last week.

Miss Sadie Howell, who has been visiting the Misses Swinson, returned home yesterday, accompanied by Miss Edie Swinson.

Mrs. Walter Grantham and children, from near Oakland, left last week to visit her sister Mrs. Dr. Gordon at Jamestown.

Mrs. R. P. Howell, of your city, spent Friday night at Oak Glen, after attending the exercises at the school.

Prof. A. N. Cullum and daughter, Misses Ada, Blanch and Selma, of Wilson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell last Friday night.

Mrs. R. L. Hooks spent several days in your city last week, nursing the family of her brother Mr. Ed Gurley, of whom have been sick, we regret to know.

There was a large crowd present at the supper given at the new schoolhouse last Friday night, and the financial standpoint it was a decided success, having realized \$50 from the proceeds, which will be applied to the interior of the building. Prof. J. M. Mitchell and Miss Selma Cullum were managers of the occasion.

Mr. P. C. Caldwell has been appointed to organize the farmers of this township, in place of Mr. J. M. Mitchell, who resigned. A better selection could not have been made, as Mr. Caldwell requests all the farmers to meet him at the new schoolhouse next Friday, Feb. 23, at 3 o'clock for the purpose of organizing the Township Farmers Association. A full attendance is desired, and we hope to have an enthusiastic meeting.

Mr. N. J. Northam, of Wrightsville, spent Friday night and Saturday here returning Sunday to your city to spend the day with Capt. and Mrs. R. P. Howwell. We were glad to see him from a social standpoint, and a gastronomic also, as he brought oysters and clams fresh from the sound, and we had oyster roasts, oysters fried, oysters stewed, oysters on the half shell, and on the whole, oysters dishabille, and clams, till we had to extend our corporate limits, and felt like a city alderman in a dry town. We want him to come again.

The estimable wife of Mr. Wm. Rufus Cox, the miller at Bakers mill, met a tragic death Monday. She was standing near the upright shafting, when her skirts in some way became entangled in the slick shafting and before her venerable husband could shut down the gates, she was wound around in such a manner as to crush both arms and legs from the effects of which she died while being attended by physicians. Mrs. J. E. Person, of Selma, and W. B. Crawford were hastily summoned by telephone and rendered all medical attention possible, but to no avail. She leaves a devoted husband and several children, and grand children. Among her children is Mrs. Maud Smith of our community. She was a good woman, and her bereaved husband being a long Quaker, noted for their quiet life and deep piety. May the God whom they served comfort him in this sudden and inexpressible grief. The burial will take place from the home to lay (Tuesday).

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BLACKBURN'S HOME.

It Will Play a Part in Final Settlement of Greensboro Postmaster's Office.

The residence of Representative Blackburn is understood to be figuring in the settlement of a postmaster for Greensboro, and the question of the official domicile of the Congressman from the Eighth District may finally determine whether the nomination of Cyrus P. Frazier shall be withdrawn or remain before the Senate. The leverage that is being used by the organization at the White House to effect withdrawal of Frazier's nomination is that of Blackburn's residence, the claim being made that he is a resident of the Eighth District and therefore not entitled to the selection of the postmaster for the metropolis of Guilford, which is in the Fifth. It is declared that the President gave to Chairman Bollius as a reason for the appointment of Frazier the statement that it is the custom to permit Senators and Representatives of the Republic to can faith to make postmasters in their home cities. This at once created the issue as to Blackburn's residence. The organization has represented to the President that Greensboro is not Blackburn's home, and the Congressional Directory has been offered in evidence. This official document, which is issued by the authority of Congress, gives the address of each Congressman, his biography, which is prepared by members, his committee assignments and also a cut outlining the respective districts by county. Mr. Blackburn's official residence in the directory is Wilkesboro. The organization is attaching much importance to this circumstance. It is also being represented to the President that Mr. Blackburn is said to friends that Wilkesboro is his home and that he will reside there as soon as Congress adjourns.

DON'T DOSE THE STOMACH.

Cure Catarrh By Breathing Hyomei. Sold Under Guarantee By J. H. HILL & Son.

Hyomei is not a cure-all; it is a specific for the cure of catarrhal troubles. Breathed through the nasal pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, the aromatic healing of Hyomei penetrates to the most remote parts of the nose, throat, and lungs, neutralizing inflammation and killing the catarrhal germ wherever present. So successful has Hyomei been in the cure of catarrh, that J. H. Hill & Son, sell it under a guarantee that it will cost nothing unless it gives satisfaction. The complete Hyomei outfit sells for \$1, and consists of an inhaler that can be carried in the vest-pocket, a medicine dropper, and a bottle of Hyomei. The inhaler lasts a lifetime, and if more Hyomei is needed, extra bottles can be obtained for 50 cents.

It is the most economical of all remedies advertised for the cure of catarrh, and is the only one that treats this disease without stomach dosing, applying the medication and healing where the disease germs are present.

Frazier and Grant.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The information was given out at the White House today that the nominations of Frazier and Grant are still being held up by disapproval of the President. Inquiry with reference to the nominations was made by reason of the fact that Frazier has made adequate and satisfactory answer to the charges preferred against him by Judge Douglas and there is no longer an obstacle to the confirmation of either the nominee for postmaster at Greensboro or at Goldsboro. Speaking of these two appointments, Private Secretary Loeb simply said they were being held up for further investigation.

Mention of the hold up of the Dockery nomination being made, Mr. Loeb said: "The whole situation in North Carolina is giving the President lots of trouble." This last remark indicates that the President is not over pleased with the situation regarding the Republican party in the state, and that there may be another shake up, much after the fashion of that administered the winning factions when Holton and Milliken were re-appointed on the authority of an official of the Department of Justice and not upon the recommendation of any North Carolina Republican.

Frazier's answer to charges against him reached Senator Simmons today. The answer meets the charges fully, and the Postoffice committee is ready to make a favorable report, but it looks like the President will withdraw the nomination. The organization has played well the game of delay.

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ORDERS ISSUED TO KNIGHTS OF GIDEON

Must Not Put Members Fees in Virginia Bank Stocks. Lodge Funds Must Be Deposited To Credit Of The Order.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young issued several important directions yesterday to the officers of the Knights of Gideon, a negro insurance order, whose officers had been summoned to appear before him and show cause why their charter should not be revoked.

J. J. Maynor, of Norfolk, Supreme Commissioner, and others, represented by Messrs. Dorch and Barham, of Goldsboro, attorneys, appeared before the Commissioner.

The officers of the order, being Maynor and other negroes present, admitted that they were mixing up the affairs of the company's charter in North Carolina with the company's charter in Virginia, both having the same officers; and that most of the business was done in Norfolk, and that all the money collected in Virginia was sent to Norfolk, and all the money collected in this State was placed in a bank at Goldsboro to the credit of J.