

FROM THE COMMONWEALTH'S CAPITAL.

The "City of Oaks" Pays Honor to the Life and Character of President McKinley.

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SPEEDY JUSTICE GIVEN.

Taxation of Railroad Property Case--Girls Who Couldn't Get in-Increased Receipts for Taxation

Special to TAR HEEL.

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—Since three o'clock Sunday morning, when the bell of the City Hall and those in the steeples of several of the principal churches here tolled the death announcement of President McKinley to a slumbering city, Raleigh has been in mourning—with the City Hall and other public building draped in the colors of death.

In all this town there is probably not a person who does not sincerely mourn the blow to the nation delivered through the death of its universally popular head—"the most beloved of all our Presidents since the time of Madison," says Governor Aycock. "He was a good man in all the relations of life; his private life is to us all an example and an inspiration," added the Governor.

Senator Simmons said: "It is doubtful if the death of any public man in this country has ever been sadder or has aroused a deeper feeling of personal loss and grievance; had he recovered of his wounds, I believe the remainder of his administration would have been a veritable era of good feeling. Mr. Roosevelt is an able man, and though one of the youngest of Presidents, has had valuable experience in public life; he will doubtless endeavor to carry out the general policy of his predecessor."

Anarchy Must be Stamped Out.

The assassination of three Presidents within the personal recollection of men not yet old is a horrible record, and the alarming growth of anarchy is recognized as the greatest danger now threatening this Republic. The demand for its suppression is unmistakable.

Senator Simmons in alluding to this said that "in due time Congress will doubtless devise suitable measures for safeguarding the lives of the heads of the Government—whose lives are shown to be in danger when the ordinary citizen's is not—and to stamp out anarchy."

Heroic measures seem to have become necessary, and the people of this country are in favor of their application without unnecessary delay.

A large representative meeting of the best citizens of Raleigh, irrespective of party politics (though chiefly Democrats), was held here Saturday, at which appropriate speeches were made and resolutions adopted.

A Fight Over Swamp Lands.

The State Board of Education refuses to recognize the option of one Finch, who claims certain rights, secured under the Russell administration, to the State swamp lands, for "mere song," and the best of which he has been selling at advanced prices to others, and therefore refuses to sign his deeds. So he and one of his customers bring suit. Thousands of acres are involved, but the Attorney-General thinks the State will win out.

Quick Example of Justice.

William Monroe, the negro who assaulted a young white woman lately married, near Charlotte, was

hanged there last Friday, just thirty-three days after the commission of the crime. The scoundrel pretended to be certain of "going to glory" from the gallows. This is probably the speediest legal execution that ever took place in North Carolina. The thirty days were allowed by the judge for the brute to prepare for death, else he could have been hanged four days from the date of the crime, had the law permitted it—his trial was speedy enough. Let there be more such examples of "justice" and there will be fewer lynchings, possibly—though I must say I have never found it in my heart to condemn any relative of a good woman thus assaulted for lynching the brute, be he white or black.

The Taxation of Railroad Property Case.

The Corporation Commission has not yet filed its answer to the application for a mandamus to compel the Commission to assess anew the property of railroads in this State this year—instead of waiting till 1903, according to agreement between representatives of the State and the railroad last winter (as explained in these letters last week). It is probable no answer will be made until the date set for the hearing, Sept. 29. Indeed I am told by lawyers here that the proceedings taken by Senator Ward of Washington county, as counsel for Sheriff Jackson, of Washington county, is not to be taken seriously. For instance, Attorney-General Gilmer is reported to have said that the case really amounts to nothing—which would appear to be very little indeed.

Increased Receipts For Taxation.

Increased collections of taxes under the new Revenue Law is beginning to show the receipts at the State Treasury. During the past month the receipts exceeded those of any previous August, the total receipts for the general fund being \$178,882.65. The indication is that the fiscal year the increase will be as large as expected.

Girls Who Couldn't Get In.

The opening of the new scholastic term at the State Normal and Industrial College took place on Thursday of this week. The splendid equipment of this admirable institution is better than ever, and if dormitory space permitted more than a thousand ambitious North Carolina girls would appear in Greensboro this week. As President McIver has been compelled to deny the applications of many. There have been several additions to the faculty since last year, and a great year of the best of instruction for all the students admitted awaits them. The whole State is proud of the State Normal and Industrial College, and its active, competent, talented President and able faculty.

Minor Mentioned.

Disease has been playing havoc with valuable stock in this section lately, as well as in Hyde and other Eastern counties. At the Central Hospital for the Insane here, there was a beautiful "drove" of about one hundred of the finest milch cows, which has been collected and improved gradually by the late Superintendent Kirby—and they were the pride of that able head of the institution, now it is announced that about half of them have been ordered killed because of the appearance of tuberculosis in the herd. The "mosquito theory" was completely knocked out by the reports of the State Veterinarian and a specialist from Washington.

The Council of the State has had under consideration during the last few days the oyster taxation and timberd questions—fruit-

ful sources of action in the State's interests as well as discussion. Somebody has been picking old Commonwealth even to the pinfeathers, in spots, and it's high time means were devised to stop the stealing. "Present company" (the existing administration) is excepted from these remarks.

The trimming of the county pension lists had not been completed at last advices. In many cases fully half the names accepted by the county board have been eliminated. This process will, of course, work a proportionately larger pension for each deserving pensioner.

The National Association of Railroad Commissioners which held their annual meeting at Asheville last week elected the following officers for the next year: President, C. C. McCord, of Kentucky; Vice-President, N. W. Baptist, of Tennessee; Secretary, John A. Webb, of Mississippi; Assistant Secretary, W. M. Barr, of Louisiana. The next meeting will be held at Hot Springs, Ark.

State Superintendent Toon is absent from Raleigh this week, attending "educational rallies" in Wilkes, Iredell and other counties.

The North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their annual meeting at Charlotte, October 9-10. Reduced rates over Southern Railway.

The Presbyterian Orphanage management at Barium Springs solicits contributions of wheat or flour from special friends or those kindly disposed toward the fatherless little ones. The crop of wheat was almost a failure this year at the Orphanage farm.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad stockholders meet at New Bern September 26th.

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WINS DISTINCTION ABROAD.

J. P. Spence Elected Superintendent of Newbern Graded Schools.

Mr. J. P. Spence left Tuesday for Newbern where he assumes charge of the graded schools of that city. Mr. Spence was elected to this position by a very flattering vote, and the TAR HEEL extends congratulations both to Mr. Spence and the citizens of our sister city. They have made no mistake in the selection. He is one of the most scholarly men in North Carolina, and Pasquotank Co. is justly proud of him.

The Newbern paper makes the following favorable comment.

"The newly elected principal of the white Graded School in Newbern, who will be here the last week in the month to assume charge of his important post.

"Mr. Spence comes to us after thorough training and valuable experience as an educator. He did preparatory work in the Atlantic Collegiate Institute of Elizabeth City, his home. Then he took the full course with distinction at Wake Forest College, Crozer Theological Seminary, and Virginia Business College. He has had about five years experience as a teacher, two in country public schools and three as principal of Red Springs High School, Warrington Male Academy, and Northside Graded School, of Danville, Va. For about eight months he served as pastor at Kinston, but being forced to resign on account of nervous prostration, he went to the Orthopaedic Hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained four months. After leaving the hospital he spent six weeks visiting Graded Schools in Philadelphia and Chester, and in Camden, N. J. He has had calls to important pastorates in Philadelphia and Camden where he served as supply while in the Seminary, but under the circumstances he has felt it his duty to devote himself to the training of the young for usefulness in life. He is about 32 years of age and gives promise of a highly successful career."

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