

# Throughout Tarheeldom.

## The Principal Events of a Week in The Old North State.

### Republican State Convention.

Senator Pritchard has requested the Republican Committee to alter the date for holding the Republican Convention to August 28, because of a conflict in dates which has just been discovered by him, August 21 having been set for the meeting of the Confederate veterans.

In writing Judge Bynum of the matter Senator Pritchard stated: "I have the greatest sympathy and highest regard for the Confederate veterans, and I would not be a party to anything that would in the slightest degree interfere with the proceedings of that organization on the occasion in question."

Cotton spinners exceeding 100 in number and representing six Southern States and about a million spindles practically decided to form a "merger" or trust, so as to amalgamate their interests, at a meeting held at Charlotte a few days ago. When the annual convention meets at Charleston, next month, the arrangements will probably receive additional attention looking to the perfecting of the plan.

Wilmington, N. C., April 26.—Six additional fishing steamers have arrived from Norfolk, Va., to provide a supply of menhaden for the enlarged Cape Fear Fisheries down the river. Between 300 and 400 hands will be employed during the season, which will last about four months. The menhaden industry is now one of the leading ones of the lower Cape Fear. The establishment of other factories is being talked of by local capitalists.

### A STRIKE AT NEW BERN

Hosiery Mill Operatives Out. A Mass Meeting No Agreement Reached.

As a result of the strike at the New Bern Knitting Mill, which began on the 23rd instant, a mass meeting was held at the court house this afternoon at 4 o'clock, attended by 100 women employes, 250 men employes and citizens. The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. R. Spears, who called on Rev. J. A. McKaughan for prayers, after which Rev. Mr. Spears stated the object of the meeting. Mr. Ruth, an employe, offered a resolution on which only employes were allowed to vote. The resolution was to appoint a three citizens to wait on the hosiery company, with full power to adjust all matters under contention. This committee consists of Rev. T. M. N. George, Messrs. J. L. McDaniels and J. J. Tolson, Jr. Mr. R. B. Nixon was requested to act as secretary. The committee waited on the company but no satisfactory arrangement of the matter has been reached as yet.

It is stated that a cut in prices precipitated the strike.

### A MURDER.

Negro Killed a White Man With Scantling.

Wilmington, N. C., April 29.—Special William Memory, a white man, was murdered by Bill McCall, a negro desperado, at a saw mill fifteen miles from Elizabethtown, Bladen county, yesterday afternoon. Both men were employed at the mill. They had a dispute and the negro struck Memory over the head with a piece of scantling, rendering him unconscious. Memory died two hours later. The negro skipped. The sheriff has organized a posse and a search is being made for the murderer. All details are meager on account of the place being out of the way.

### Will Kill Himself.

In Rutherford county lives Allen Cogsdell. He is an old farmer of good means. He wants to die, has prepared for his suicide. He has been in the spectacular and on a

novel soale. He has issued printed invitations to friends and relatives to be at his home on the 10th of June at a dinner. A dispatch to The Washington Post has this: "The dinner will be served at 11 o'clock. Promptly at 12 o'clock Cogsdell will give his guests an opportunity of seeing a man take his own life. Just how Cogsdell will commit the deed is not stated, but it is understood that he will shoot himself at the table after the repast has been concluded. Cogsdell and his aged wife drove to Rutherfordton the other day carrying Cogsdell's old army pistol to a gunsmith's instructing the smith to have it in first class order by June 9th." Of course he will not be allowed to carry out the program.

Ex-Judge A. M. Moore, who died at Greenville, N. C., was buried there last Saturday. He was a Republican and succeeded Judge Dorsey Battle on the Criminal Court bench a few years ago, and was highly esteemed by those who knew him well; aged 65 years.

It is now generally believed that the Appalachian Park bill will go through the House branch of Congress if Speaker Henderson will only "permit" its consideration. The Speaker is the czar of all the czars in the matter of legislation at Washington, and the scepter did not depart from the office when Mr. Reed retired as Speaker. Senators Pritchard and Simmons have handled the measure most admirably in the "upper house" and the former will doubtless be able to exert no little valuable influence with Speaker Henderson now when so much depends on his attitude towards the measure.

### To Enlarge Plant.

Wilmington, N. C., April 26.—The Angola Lumber Company, composed of Norfolk capitalists, has decided to enlarge its plant here so as to increase the capacity 25 per cent. Mr. W. T. Sears, general manager of the company, has recently secured options on additional timber lands in Pender county and is now in Charleston, S. C., negotiating for the purchase of a tug boat with which to move timber for the enlarged mill. The enlargement of the plant will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

### The Western Senatorship.

The people of the western counties are beginning to warm up on the Senatorial question, which appears to be of more interest to them than anything else in the political line. I found during the course of a recent visit that Senator Pritchard not only has no opposition in his own party, but that many (especially some cotton mill men and other manufacturer and leaders in industrial investments and the like) speak kindly of him some of them going so far as to say openly that the "State would lose nothing and might be a gainer by his re-election."

This sort of talk sounded a little strange at first, but before returning home I grew more accustomed to it, for really I heard a good deal of it. Certainly the Republican party has had no leader since the day of its inception in this State, who, apparently, stands so well in the estimation of the business world of north Carolina. But the Democratic politicians, while granting this, say he cannot possibly be re-elected—and give several reasons for that view.

From all I can learn, Locke Craige will prove to be the strongest Democratic candidate for the Senatorship, especially in the far western counties, and he will probably show up well (if a primary is held) as far east as Greensboro.

Private advices reach us to the effect that while Durham will get a public building, Greensboro's claims have been turned down by

the committee. This is a pity, for Greensboro needs a Federal Court room as well as a capacious post office worse than any town in the State—business of a 20,000 town being conducted on the basis of its population of some 5,000 a few years ago. We hope Greensboro will yet succeed in securing a new Federal building. It needs and deserves it.

### Aycock and McIver Score a Big Hit.

Governor Aycock's speech at the Southern Educational Conference at Athens, Ga., last Saturday was the feature of the day's proceedings, the regular press dispatches state—the "entire audience arising at the close of his address and cheering him." Among the declarations of our eloquent Governor was this: "The State of North Carolina has determined that every child in the State, white and black, shall be educated."

Dr. Charles D. McIver, President of the State Normal and Industrial College (one of the greatest individual forces in the State in the great work of education we now have in hand) also made a great hit at this Conference.

### Mr. Glenn Retires From State Treas.

Mr. Chalmers Glenn has resigned as teller of the State Treasury, the resignation to take effect May 1st. He retires from the Treasury to become secretary and treasurer of the Washington Loan and Trust Company of Fries, Va. It is understood that Treasurer Lacy has already selected the successor to Mr. Glenn but the appointment is not yet officially announced.

### MONEY TO EDUCATE THE NEGRO.

Since 1873 the State Appropriation to Negro Public Schools Has Been \$5,061,533.17.

Calculations are being made in the office of the superintendent of public instruction which shows some interesting figures regarding the money expended in North Carolina for the education of the negro race. It is developed that there has been paid since 1873 for this purpose, not including amounts paid for colored institutes normal schools, and special taxes \$5,061,533.17. Of this amount \$596,647.83 was expended between 1874 and 1880; \$1,916,485.53 between 1880 and 1900 and \$455,499.72 between 1900 and 1901. Thus far during 1902 the amount is estimated at \$250,000.

In addition to the above amounts the special tax funds devoted to the negro schools will amount to \$450,000.

When it is stated that the amount of tax paid by the negroes as compared with the total tax paid in the state is less than 4 per cent some idea of what the white people are really doing for the education of the negro can be formed.

### A FROG HEAD BABY.

A Negro Woman Gives Birth to a Montrosity.

Waxhaw, April 29.—A colored woman living not far from this place, has given birth to what the doctors pronounce a "monstrosity." It has the body and limbs of a fairly well-developed infant, but its head is very much like that of a huge frog. The head is almost flat on the back, the eyes being large and in the top of head. Its face has somewhat of an owlish appearance, but is perhaps more like that of a frog. Drs. H. C. Houston and J. V. Hunter made an autopsy and found that it had no brain whatever, its spinal column extending clear up the back of the head. It has no neck at all. A photograph of both front and side views were made and will be preserved.

### Tunnelled Under Rail Road.

Raleigh N. C., April 30.—The Carolina and Northwestern railroad made a night attack on the Seaboard a few nights ago at Lincolnton and with seventy-five hands, carpenters and bosses, tunnelled under the latter's track. The Carolina and Northwestern asked permission to go under the Seaboard, but not having received a satisfactory reply proceeded as above, working all night.

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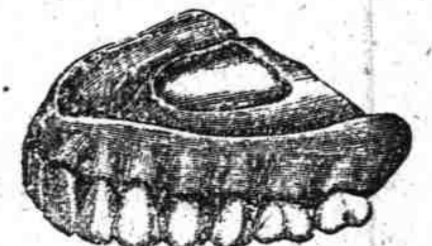
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