

Throughout Tarheeldom.

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

Depot Burned.

Raleigh, N. C., May 2, 1902.—The Union depot here was destroyed by fire last night shortly after 11 o'clock. The telegraph operator, Mr. J. A. Mason, who stays in the blockhouse, asked permission from the dispatcher at Johnston street to let him go after some water. This was granted, and when he started back the house was in flames. It was entirely destroyed. The bridge caught several times, but was saved. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a lamp exploding.

Use Paris Green.

Raleigh, N. C., May 8.—Tobacco buyers and members of the trade generally are much opposed to the announced intention of a number of Virginia planters to use Paris green, a deadly poison, for the purpose of killing off horn worms and bugs, which are a continual worry and vexation to the farmer. It is held that the practice would be extremely dangerous, and that, as is the case in the West, the lives of the tobacco chewers would be imperilled by the new move.

SECOND CROSEY CASE.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Young Girl at Lenoir.

Miss Cordie Childers, who lived with her uncle in Lenoir, has mysteriously disappeared. A posse has gone out in search of her but no trace was found. She left the house Wednesday evening.

Miss Childers is about 23 years old. She attended church near her home, on the Blowing Rock road, Wednesday night, and was accompanied home by Mr. William Fulwood, a young widower. She has not been seen since. Fulwood says she asked him if he was not engaged to another girl and he told her that he was. He left her at her door crying. Search all of yesterday failed to show any trace of her. Fulwood bears a good reputation and had not been paying the girl any special attention. She had told friends that she was unhappy. Two theories have been suggested, that she suicided or was helped away.

Frog Raising.

It will be news to many to know that the raising of Bull Frogs has become an industry that is being followed by many residents of the sound counties. We have in course of preparation a story of this new and paying industry and will give same to our readers in a near issue.

Shipments of frog legs, pass through here weekly, for the northern markets. They net the shippers a neat sum and besides the business is a fascinating one.

The Norfolk Fire.

Norfolk, Va., May 6.—Norfolk was visited by another conflagration last week. When a fire started in the building of the Virginia Candy Company on Commercial Place and gained such headway that at one time it was thought that the entire block, bounded by Commercial Place and Water street and Roanoke avenue, would be destroyed.

The loss will aggregate \$83,500 but it is fully covered by insurance. The estimated damage is as follows:

Virginia Candy Company, \$20,000; R. W. Macdonald, \$2,500; H. Hoffheimer & Co., \$4,500; L. P. Roberts & Co., \$1,000; Dispatch Printing Co., \$4,000; Old Dominion Paper Co., \$1,500; other firms, \$2,000. Damage to buildings, \$44,000.

Rail Road Earnings.

The comparative statement of approximate earnings of the Seaboard Air Line system for the third week in April is given out as follows:

Week ending April 22, 1902, \$233,261; 1901, \$225,077; increase, \$8,184. Week ending April 22, 1902, \$736,887; 1901, \$705, 899, increase \$30,988. July to April 22, 1902, \$9,261,566; 1901, \$8,858,795, increase, \$402,771.

The estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system for the third week in April are, exclusive of the St. Louis, Louisville lines, 1902, \$657,296; 1901, \$593,003; increase \$64, 293. St. Louis and Louisville lines, 1902, \$54,639; 1901, \$54,116 increase, \$523.

Commencement at Chowan.

Handsome invitations have been issued to the fifty-fourth annual commencement of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, which takes place at Murfreesboro from May 11th, to 14th.

The Baptist Convention.

Chairman Tucker, of the Baptist convention committee, received word today that five special trains will be run to Asheville from Southern points for the convention, two of the trains via Spartanburg, two by Hot Springs and one from Salisbury. Preparations are being made to accommodate four thousand delegates.

Guilty of Simple Assault.

In the case of Thomas Fort, the young white man charged with attempted rape on Mrs. James Driver, the jury found a verdict of simple assault and Fort was sentenced to thirty days on the roads. He has been in jail eighteen months.

Robbed Mail Bag.

Hot Springs, N. C.—The mail pouch thrown from train 35, which passes here about 3 o'clock in the morning, was stolen by unknown parties on Monday. It was thrown off the train, but the telegraph operator who usually looks after it had been called into the office by the train dispatcher and when he went for it in a few minutes it was gone. Later it was found near the river, but had been ripped open and but few letters remained.

The Durham Traction Company has bought twenty-seven acres of land from W. H. Proctor and Mrs. Nancy Riggsbee, on the Chapel Hill road, and will commence work at once to build a park and to run the street car track to that place. The cars will be in operation the 10th of next month.

Memorial Day Preparations.

Raleigh, N. C., May 7.—Preparations are now complete for the observance of Confederate Memorial Day here May 10th. The orator upon this occasion will be Captain S. A. Ashe and his subject will be "James D. Waddell, of the Shenandoah." Colonel Thomas S. Kennan will be chief marshal, and Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall will be chaplain. Governor Aycock will also speak upon this occasion. The Daughters of the Confederacy will bestow crosses of honor upon those who are entitled to them. The exercises will take place in Metropolitan Hall in the afternoon. Afterwards the graves of the veterans in the Confederate cemetery will be decorated. Luncheon will be served by the ladies to the visiting veterans. The flowers will be sent to Colonel Kenan's office in the Supreme Court room. This day will be appropriately observed in most North Carolina towns. In Shelby Hon. Locke Craig will be the orator of the day.

From All Over The State.

The Teachers' Assembly will meet in Morehead City June 10th to 15th. Governor Aycock, Superintendent Joyner and Dr. C. D. McIver will speak June 12th.

W. J. Brothers, postmaster at Fort Barwell, was found guilty of

tampering with the mails and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Judge Purnell at New Bern.

Will Estes, a farmer in Granville county, was shot in the thigh by a negro named Luke Catlett Thursday. The negro has not been caught and a reward of \$25 is offered.

The proposition has been made to connect High Point and Greensboro by an electric railway. The system in Greensboro is now about completed.

A forest fire has done considerable damage in Cumberland county this week.

Colonel George Morton, State Senator, has announced himself a candidate for the Legislature from New Hanover.

The Raleigh public schools will close May 30th.

Thomas Moore, a young white man near Rockingham, was injured in a wrestling match and died from the effect of his wounds.

Negroes Go North.

Raleigh, N. C., May 8.—The exodus of negroes from this State this spring is not large, but is steady.

Most of those who leave, go North. Sixty men left today to work in brickyards near New York.

So far there are no complaints of scarcity of farm labor. Many farmers who plant cotton make it a habit to plant a larger acreage than they can possibly attend to, but the notably large reduction of cotton acreage will eliminate a good deal of this trouble.

Negro Banjoist Shot.

A row occurred at a negro dance at Rice's store in Caswell county and two were killed and two injured. Stallings Graves, mad with jealousy, fired at Tom Clark, but the ball struck John Paschal, the banjo picker, and killed him. A second shot killed Clark. M. L. Lawson then shot Graves, Graves is still in a serious condition, but is kept in custody for murder.

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such representation as it needs.

In 1880 Gen. Roberts was elected auditor of his state, which office he filled for eight years, with honor to himself and credit to his constituents on a salary which was barely sufficient to maintain him, and I know whereof I speak when I say that Gen. Roberts has given enough money for campaign purposes in this State to buy the best farm in Gates county and still "Gates Sr." makes the unwarranted ascertain that no one in his county can remember his having ever done anything for the cause of Democracy. In 1894 Gen. Roberts was sent by the Government, as counsel to Victoria, B. C., and I am reliably informed that his career as representative at that foreign port was noted for its ability, and his reports sent in from time to time, of the condition of the Consulate received the highest commendation of Mr. Cleveland then President of the United States and yet our unknown friend, "Gates Sr." makes the Roberts, Beltshazer like has been weighed in the balances and found wanting.

What a perversion of facts! Now Mr. Editor, in conclusion, permit me to say that in writing this article there is no intention, on my part, to cast any reflection on Mr. Small's career in congress, for, I am free to say, he has made us a most excellent representative. I merely desire to remove the impression, which may have been made on the minds of the readers of "The Economist," that General Roberts, has lost the esteemed confidence and affection of the people of Gates county. I am satisfied should he be a candidate for Congress, both the young men and the old men of the county will do, as they have always done, rally to his standard.

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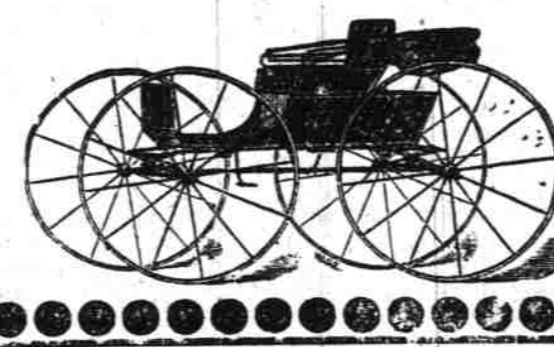
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