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## DR. COOK IS BANQUETED.

Cook has Made Good his Claims of Having Discovered the North Pole.

New York, Sept. 28.—The first of the inevitable series of banquets which all men who do things must face, was given by the Arctic club of America in honor of Dr. Frederick A. Cook this evening at the Waldorf. At this meeting was extended America's formal greeting to the returned hero.

Twelve hundred guests attended Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, president of the club, who rescued the members of the Greely expedition, presided. Acting Mayor Patrick F. McGowan spoke on behalf of the city. Borough President Bird S. Coler represented Brooklyn. Count Molke spoke for Denmark. Prof. W. H. Brewer told what the discovery of the pole means to science. Job E. Hedges made a few observations on the subject of magnetic variations and W. S. Bennett, a member of the house of representatives spoke on behalf of the residents of the Delaware Valley and Calliope, where Dr. Cook was born.

Dr. Cook was today presented with an engrossed copy of the resolution of the board of aldermen granting him the freedom of the city and was highly pleased at the unusual honor conferred upon him.

While there is no precedent to follow, the unusual privileges will be set for an indefinite time, probably a week or ten days, during which there will be a series of events held in recognition of Dr. Cook's polar feat.

A public reception will be held in city hall for Dr. Cook probably in October.

When asked why he had imposed secrecy upon Harry Whitney, William Pritchard of the Roosevelt, and his two Eskimoes, Dr. Cook replied:

"I do not think that I was bound to disclose to Mr. Peary the nature of my work and he might have found out about it on his arrival at Etah. I told Mr. Whitney that he was at liberty to give to the world all that he knew after I had given the announcement first. I knew that Mr. Whitney would probably not get back to civilization before the middle of October. The Jeanie, on which he is aboard is now following out the programme as I understood it. He told me he was going to the American side of the Hudson Bay to hunt."

Cook said that he took both astronomical and nautical observations at the pole. He described his instruments and said he left them with Whitney rather than risk them in making the trip in sledges across the ice-fields.

## North Carolina Man Lived as a Negro.

Fayetteville, N. C., Sept. 18.—A. G. Thornton, a character well known in the reconstruction history of this State, is dead. Thornton was a man of wealth and a prominent politician in reconstruction days.

So far as known Thornton is or was the only white person in North Carolina ever legally married to a negro, he having married a negro named Elsie Hargrove by permission of the military authorities in control of the State at that time.

The marriage was afterwards legalized by the constitutional convention held in 1868. He had lived for many years as a negro and his funeral will be conducted from a negro church. He leaves a widow and five children.

## The Road to Success

has many obstructions, but none so desperate as poor health. Success to-day demands health, but Electric Bitters is the greatest health builder the world has ever known. It compels perfect action of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, purifies and enriches the blood, and tones and invigorates the whole system. Vigorous body and keen brain follow their use. You can't afford to slight Electric Bitters if weak, run-down or sickly. Only 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

## DEATH TALE OF HURRICANE.

Conservative Estimate Places the Total at 100 People.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Those engaged in the work of rescue and repair, made necessary by the West Indian hurricane, which swept Louisiana and Mississippi last Monday, have found their task a far more colossal one than they expected. Practically all of the isolated country sections of the storm-swept area, have now been explored, but until definite reports have been received from relief parties it will not be possible to for many things like an accurate list of the dead and injured. A conservative estimate, tonight of the number of people, who lost their lives as a result is placed at 100.

In spite of the work of thousands of men brought in by the railroad, telegraph and telephone companies, New Orleans and many smaller cities in Louisiana and Mississippi are still seriously handicapped in the way of communication with the outside world. Many miles of track, trestles and bridges are yet to be replaced by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and at the present time their depot at the foot of Canal street has the appearance of a deserted village. The trains of this road are being sent out over the Queen & Crescent route.

The main line of the Illinois Central Railroad is still blocked, and eight miles of the track and roadbed were washed out at Manchac. Sections of the rails and ties were carried clear out of the right of way by the rushing waters, and it will be several days before through traffic is resumed over the main line. The trains are now being detoured over the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road. The other railroads have succeeded in clearing their tracks, and traffic has been resumed.

## Germany to Attempt to Grow Cotton.

Berlin, Sept. 24.—Speaking of the trip to the United States of Colonial Secretary Bernhard Dernburg, to study the cotton growing conditions in the South, a leading German cotton manufacturer said today: To become independent of the United States and at the same time to utilize our more or less valueless African colonies' the German government is making strenuous efforts to encourage cotton culture. A few rich German mill owners have bought large tracts of land in the African colonies for almost nothing, hoping in future years to draw such supplies therefrom as will allow them to view Yankee cotton speculation with equanimity.

Whether such an ambition is ever realized, is a matter of the distant future. At this moment the outlook is not encouraging, either as regards climate, transportation or monetary or labor conditions. One thing is certain, nobody of the present generation will live to see the value or size of the American cotton crop seriously affected by cotton from the German colonies."

## A Hopeful Sign.

The fact that Mr. Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, is interested in the development of electric car line in this immediate section of the State and has been personally viewing the lay of the land, is a matter of much encouragement to all who have the best interests of the State at heart. It appears that Mr. Shaw is immediately interested in the building of the line from Salisbury to Concord and from the latter place to Charlotte, Monroe and Gastonia, but he has also seen the inviting opportunities of an extension of the electric car service to connect Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville and Lexington. This field of urban car service has been laying invitingly open for a dozen years to the developing hand of the capitalist. Mr. Shaw's stake in this development would mean business.—Charlotte Chronicle.

## Peary Says He Wishes to Remain Silent as to Dr. Cook's Claim.

Vanceboro, Maine, Sept. 28.—Commander Robert E. Peary and family reached here this morning at 9:10 o'clock on their way to the Peary home on Eagle Island. It was his first stop on United States soil.

The pole finder was greeted at the station by a crowd of enthusiastic citizens, who cheered wildly as he came out on the platform and doffed his hat.

At St. John, N. B., where the train stopped for half an hour, from 6:15 to 6:45, Commander Peary was met by a group of school children and newspaper men. He said that he still wished to remain silent concerning Cook's claim, adding:

"I expect to have something to say soon. I would be glad if this controversy might be settled once and for all by a competent tribunal."

Elaborate preparations were made to welcome Commander Peary at Bangor. John F. Woodman, the mayor wired that the city desires the explorer to stop there at a reception prepared for him by Bangor's most prominent citizens. A loving cup is to be presented and speeches made. Arrangements were accordingly made by Commander Peary to remain in Bangor from 1:15 to 8:40 p. m.

From Portland the Peary family will go to Eagle Island, Casco Bay, Friday morning in a motor boat.

The explorer traveled over a triumphant route today and wherever the train stopped there were groups of men and women to cheer the discoverer of the north pole. In some of the villages houses were draped with flags and the Commander was invited to speak from the car platform.

## About the Cotton Crop.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—More than \$100,000,000 will be distributed among the people of Georgia along during the next six months through the marketing of the cotton crop, according to Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, and one of the leading cotton men of the country. "With spot cotton selling at 12-12 cents at interior points and cotton seed at \$19 per ton," he declared, "the fall season is opening with a veritable tidal wave of prosperity which will increase the pulse of trade in all departments."

"The crop will be shortest in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, while the production in all the eastern States will be under that of last year. Reports indicate a considerable portion of this crop was sold during the summer by growers and supply merchants for delivery in October and November and when these deliveries are made the original hedges sold against them will have to be bought in and this fact alone will tend to strengthen and maintain the market."

## Gets Concord Band.

A Concord special to the Charlotte Observer says: Max L. Barker, of Salisbury, is in the city and has closed a contract with the famous Forest Hill band to furnish music the week of the Rowan County fair. This aggregation of wind-jammers is equal to the best and it is always in demand on public occasions.

## Night on Bald Mountain.

On a lonely night Alex. Benton of Fort Edward, N. Y., climbed Bald Mountain to the home of a neighbor, tortured by Asthma, bent on curing him with Dr. King's New Discovery, that had cured himself of asthma. This wonderful medicine soon relieved and quickly cured his neighbor. Later it cured his son's wife of a severe lung trouble. Millions believe it the greatest Throat and Lung cure on Earth. Coughs, Colds, Croup, Hemorrhages and Sore Lungs are surely cured by it. Best for Hay Fever, Grip and Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by All Druggists.

## ROWAN WOMAN'S SUICIDE.

Mrs. John Upright Takes Her Own Life.

Of the suicide of Mrs. John Upright, of Western Rowan, Wednesday, The Mooreville Enterprise says:

The people in the vicinity of Concordia church in Rowan county were startled yesterday evening when the news passed from lip to lip that Mrs. John Upright had committed suicide by taking either cocaine or laudanum, the doctor was not quite positive which. Mrs. Upright is the mother of twelve children, the oldest one married and the youngest an infant about two months old. From all indications the woman took the deadly drug about 8 o'clock in the afternoon when all except herself and small children were in the field picking cotton. One of the daughters went to the house about 8:30 o'clock and found her mother lying on her bed in an unconscious condition. Frightened at the condition of her mother, the daughter ran to the field to inform the father.

Medical aid was summoned and antidotes administered but all of no avail, and at 8:30 last evening she died as a result of her own act.

Mrs. Upright was a Miss Richie before her marriage and was well thought of in her community, though there was some domestic infelicity of late years and this is the alleged cause for her taking her life. It is said she threatened to take her life for several weeks past, and as she ate yesterday at noon she declared she would take her life before night, but little attention was paid to her threats. She was a member of Concordia church at which place her funeral and burial take place this evening.

## Push Along the Movement.

In many of the towns in this State a relentless war is being waged on vagrants. They are being driven out and made to work on the street or public roads.

This is right. In the face of the abundant opportunity for work on the farms and elsewhere—there ought not to be tolerated in any community a horde of consumers and not as most towns are infested with. Let the flat go forth that the able-bodied man who does not work and who has no visible means of support without it will not be permitted to live as a parasite and exist off of those who do work.

## Man Killed by Passenger Train Near Morganton.

Hickory, N. C. Sept. 29.—The carnival which has been here for the benefit of the fire company has gone and the fire boys are one hundred dollars better off though the town is several hundred dollars poorer. There was some dispute among the members of the company here. The rest of them went to Morganton.

The date of the Catawba County Fair has been changed from Oct. 8 to October 15.

New reached here from Morganton several days ago about a man named Deal killing himself by getting on the railroad track in front of a fast passenger train. It is reported that he had been drinking heavily and had tried to kill himself in other ways. A post mortem examination was held at Morganton and it was decided that the man committed suicide. He lived near Morganton and was acquainted with many people in that county and this.

## Good Roads Meeting in Asheville.

All who are interested in Good Roads cannot afford to miss the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Convention that will be held at Asheville, October 5, 1909. The Convention has a definite object in view, namely, to provide ways and means for the construction of a system of good roads in the Southern Appalachian Country with connecting roads leading down into the Piedmont sections.

## NO, THANK YOU.

Concord not Anxious to be at the Mercy of the Bell Telephone Company.

Last week a petition was circulated among our business men asking the Concord Bell Telephone Co. to allow the Bell Telephone Co. to run its long distance toll lines into the switchboard of the former company here, thus enabling patrons of that line to talk to long distance points over their local phones.

At first blush this seemed reasonable enough and innocent enough, but on second thought it proved to be a case of the Greeks bearing gifts. The petition was prepared by and circulated at the instance of representatives of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. The Concord company has been trying for several years to be allowed to establish a long distance station in Salisbury, as by so doing it could connect with Concord the towns of Statesville, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point and Winston-Salem, as all these now connect with Salisbury over independent lines. The Bell Telephone Co. has so far been able to prevent our company from doing this. The Salisbury board of aldermen claim that they cannot do this as they do not want to have two systems in Salisbury, when the Concord company does not want to establish a local exchange but only to connect with the other towns.

The Bell people have made a proposition to connect with the Concord company for long distance business, but their contract is so made as to give every advantage in the world. It is utterly unreasonable, and places our people at the mercy of the Bell. Under it all subscribers here are compelled to obey the rules of the Bell, and no local lines can be extended without the permission of the Bell. All messages must go over the Bell lines, even between points connected with the Concord company, as Mt. Pleasant and China Grove are. Besides it is a stipulation that all new phones put in must be Bell phones or those approved by them. They are only a few of the many advantages demanded by the Bell people, and the Concord Telephone Co. under it has to take "the crumbs that fall from the master's table."

The Bell Telephone Co. now charges for local service in Salisbury \$2.00 and 2.50 a month for exactly the same service the Concord Telephone Co. gives here for \$1.00 and \$1.50 a month, just about half. If the above arrangement were entered into the Concord company would be compelled to advance rates equal to those in Salisbury.

We are glad to note that only a few of our people signed the petition prepared and circulated here by the Bell company, and some of them did so under a misunderstanding.

We are informed by good authority that the arrangement proposed by the Bell company is a plain violation of section 1, paragraph 9, of the anti-trust law of North Carolina.

Concord has a splendid local telephone system, and it does not court the calamity of being at the mercy of the Southern Bell and Telegraph Company.—Concord Times.

## Salisbury Doctor Right.

Rowan is one of the counties in the State that is free from pellagra. Rowan is a populous county and of the largest consumers of corn meal in the State. A Salisbury doctor, talking to a reporter for The Post on the pellagra scare, said that "while it is a matter that naturally calls for utmost precaution and the application of the best thought of the profession he believes the gravity of the situation has been overdrawn." He is right, and time is going to prove it.—Charlotte Chronicle.

## MEETING CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Raynal to Be Installed as Pastor of Statesville First Church and Branch to Go to S. C.

The ministers and delegates from Statesville and vicinity who attended the meeting of Concord Presbytery at Banner Elk last week report an interesting and profitable meeting of Presbytery and a delightful stay in the mountains, the entertainment given them at Banner Elk being termed "royal." Dr. J. M. Wharey was moderator of the meeting.

Rev. C. E. Raynal was formally received from Mecklenburg Presbytery into Concord Presbytery as pastor of the First church of Statesville and Rev. Drs. J. M. Wharey and C. M. Richards and Elder W. J. Martin, all of Davidson, were appointed a committee to install him as pastor of the Statesville church the first Sunday in October.

The pastoral relation between Rev. J. B. Branch and Front Street Presbyterian church was dissolved and Mr. Branch was dismissed from Enoree Presbytery, South Carolina.

Rev. Robert Grant, who was granted license to preach at a called meeting of Presbytery in Statesville some months ago, and who has been serving Third Creek and Cleveland churches in Rowan county, will give up his work there to take up work in Georgia, and was dismissed from this to the Savannah Presbytery.

An adjourned meeting of Presbytery will be held at Davidson the 30th of this month. The next regular meeting will be held at Spencer next April.—Statesville Landmark.

## Set out Some Berries.

Plantings of raspberries and blackberries made from November February should produce fruit next spring, or one year from planting. A planting of blackberries or dewberries will bear indefinitely and requires but little attention. Raspberries are a little more difficult to handle successfully, but are well worth the effort, especially in the north half of Mississippi. Do not argue for a moment the question of getting blackberries needed from the thickets and fence corners. Nine times in ten this will mean that few, if any, berries will be seen at the house.—A. B. McKay, in Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

## "Shoots up" the Town.

Goldsboro, Sept. 28.—While under the influence of too much "blind tiger" this afternoon, Charlie Head, a young white man of this city, came down John street and proceeded to empty the chambers of a revolver which he was carrying, yelling and shooting at random.

The street was crowded with people, among whom were several ladies, but by a miracle only one person was hit by the flying bullets, this being a colored man who received a wound in the stomach which may prove fatal. As at this writing he is not expected to live.

Head was arrested a few minutes after the shooting and lodged in jail with out bond pending the condition of the man who was shot.—Special to The Observer.

## Thornton House at Spencer Changes Hands.

Spencer, Sept. 28.—The Thornton house, one of Spencer's largest and oldest hostleries, changed hands to-day, Mrs. John D. Owens taken charge of the establishment which has for a number years been a popular stopping place for rail road men and their families. Two years ago Mrs. Thornton erected a new and modern building since which time a large patronage has been enjoyed and it is learned the place will be continued by Mrs. Owen, who is well and favorably known as a hostess, under the same name. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and family will board with her.—Charlotte Observer.

## RATES ADVANCED.

An Increase in the Cost of Registering Letters.

Postmaster Ramsay has been notified that the cost of registering letters and packages will be increased November 1 from 8 to 10 cent.

The order sent out by Postmaster General F. H. Hitchcock, reads as follows:

"By authority of section 8927, Revised Statutes, it is hereby ordered that the fee for registering mail matter be, and the same hereby is, fixed at ten cent for each piece, in addition to the regular postage, both to be in all cases prepaid.

"And by authority of the acts of April 21, 1905, chapter 568, and March 3, 1906, chapter 1009, it is further ordered that the maximum amount of indemnity to be paid for lost domestic registered mail matter of the first class be, and the same hereby is, fixed at fifty dollars.

"This order shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of November, 1909.

"All regulations of the department with this order are hereby modified to conform thereto."

## Rules in Familiar Sayings.

1. Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. (Regular habits.)
2. Joy temperance, and repose slams the door on the doctor's nose. (Be temperate.)
3. Cleanliness is next to godliness. (Be clean.)
4. Man may live without art, and books, but civilized men can't live without cooks. (observe hygienic cooking.)
5. A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men. (Indulge in humor.)
6. A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content, and health for the joys of to-morrow, but a Sabbath profaned, whatever begained, is a sure forerunner of sorrow. (Rest one day in seven.)
7. Don't fret. Fretting never helps any one, only undermines one's strength. (Do not worry.)
8. It is better to wear out than to rust-out. (Perform some manual labor.)
9. Work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. (Indulge in some amusement.)
10. The way the twig is bent the tree's inclined. (Prayerfully and carefully direct a young life.)

## Negro Attacks Two White Girls.

Henry Gibbs' a young negro, was placed in jail at Statesville Wednesday afternoon, charged with the serious offense of attempting criminally assault two white girls near Elmwood, nine miles east of Statesville, this morning between eight and nine o'clock.

The girls tell a thrilling story of their experience with the negro, and the negro practically admits his guilt. It will go hard with him in the courts.

The outrageous occurrence took place in a large tract of woods about a mile east of Elmwood. The negro accosted the twin daughters of Mr. W. K. Fleming, aged thirteen years, and after making improper proposals to them seized a stick, and attempted to lay hands on one of them, running her a short distance. The girls screamed for help and ran to their home some distance away, while the negro left the community in great haste, but was captured just before noon at a point about three miles east of Statesville by a posse of young men on horseback.

The negro was taken back to Elmwood and given a hearing before Justice G. F. Shepherd, who sent him to jail in default of bond.

Mr. Fleming, the father of the young ladies insulted by the negro lives just across the line in Rowan county and his daughters were on their way to Elmwood to deliver a basket of butter when they met the negro in the woods.

John J. Myatt

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