

Goldboro Argus: The death of Mr. W. H. Bardin, a distinguished citizen of Wilson and a widely respected gentleman, occurred at his home in that town yesterday after an illness of several weeks.

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MINOR MENTION.

Senator Plumb, Republican, of Kansas, hit the bull's eye in his speech on the Silver bill Friday when replying to Senator Hiseock, he asked why, if this country was as prosperous as the anti-silver men asserted it was Mr. Hiseock and his committee were "piling up protective duties?"

Hon. J. H. Walker, Representative in Congress from the Tenth Massachusetts District, is a man of somewhat original views. By trade he is a shoe-maker, and by occupation at present a leather-maker as well as a law-maker.

The announcement comes that the pensions appropriations for the present fiscal year are about exhausted and that a great many pensioners will have to wait until July.

Speaker Reed demonstrated his patriotism and rallied round the flag in the late war as an assistant paymaster in the navy. What a loss the navy and the country both sustained when he abandoned the pay rolls and went into the business of law making.

NEW HANOVER DEMOCRATS.

The delegates to the New Hanover County Democratic Convention assembled in the Court House yesterday afternoon. The meeting was organized with Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., in the chair and Mr. W. L. Vollers secretary.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee on credentials consisting of Iredell Meares, H. McL. Green, Frank Meier, C. Schulken and R. E. Heide.

On motion of J. M. Cronly the convention then proceeded to the nomination of a full county ticket, with the following result, all of the nominations but two being unanimous.

CHAPEL HILL.

Commonwealth Week at the University. CHAPEL HILL, N. C., June 5.

One who attends for the first time a Commencement at the University is astonished to see the number of people attracted to Chapel Hill. They pour in from everywhere, not only from all over the State but from distant parts of the country.

A considerable number came in on Tuesday night; the special train Wednesday morning being the largest of the day, regular and special trains, and vehicles of all sorts, have brought visitors from near and far.

For the purpose of yesterday was full of interest, and it was an important day for the University. In the forenoon the Association of Alumni met in the Chapel Hill, with the President, Col. W. L. Steel, of '44, in the chair.

THE ONSLOW RAILROAD.

The first shipment of a car-load of truck for Scott's Hill.

The first shipment over the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina railroad was made last Wednesday, June 4th, from Scott's Hill, the shipment consisting of a car-load of truck.

NASH AND WILSON.

A Fine Outlook for Crops—The First Barn of Tobacco.

A STAR correspondent writing from Wilson, June 5th, says: Rufin Fenwick and L. F. Lucas, of Lucas, Wilson county, will cure their first barn of tobacco this week—grown from plants set out April 12th last.

The outlook for tobacco in Nash and Wilson counties is ahead of anything yet heard of. The tobacco crop is looking fine, the plants being healthy and in a vigorous growing condition.

INFORMATION WANTED.

J. Frank Churchill, of Plymouth, Mass., makes inquiry of the Postmaster at Wilmington, Mr. G. Z. French, as follows:

"Can you find out for me which one of the families by the name of 'Brand' it was in your vicinity, in which was Virginia C. Brand, who had a friend killed by the explosion of the Great Eastern Railway, 1865, and give me their address, and oblige."

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

The Democratic voters of Masonboro township met Wednesday, June 4th, pursuant to the call, to elect delegates to the County Convention.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Present Condition of the Channels of the Cape Fear River from Wilmington to the Ocean.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.

The past year's work on the improvement of the Cape Fear river and below Wilmington has given results which will be most beneficial to vessels navigating this highway.

At Log's and Big Island shoal the channel has been also plainly marked by permanent buoys at all angles.

OBITUARY.

Major James H. Hill, a Confederate Veteran.

Major James Hoffman Hill died yesterday afternoon, after a lingering illness.

Major Hill was born at Hancock's Barracks, Maine, on October 26th, 1824, his father, Col. Joseph Hill, being stationed there at the time.

NAVAL STORES.

Comparative Statement of Receipts and Stocks at this Port. Receipts of naval stores at this port from April 1st (the beginning of the crop year) to June 6th, as compared with receipts for the same period last year, are as follows:

WASHINGTON NEWS.

More Representative Men Before the Senate Finance Committee—No More Hearings to be Granted.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The opening of the doors of the Senate Finance Committee to the importers yesterday has had the effect of bringing down upon the committee hosts of people interested in the tariff bill, who desire to make statements. In consequence of the demands of this class the committee made no progress this morning in the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Moen of the firm of Washburn & Moen, of Worcester, Mass., was before the committee for a short time advocating free steel blooms and a revision of the duty on wire, a reduction on some grades and increase on others.

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DENVER, June 5.—J. H. Holt, a cattle dealer of Wyoming, arrived here this morning, and gives an account of an Indian massacre which occurred in upper Green river county several days ago.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Some Particulars of the Railroad Accident, Near Benwood, on the Ohio River Railroad.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 6.—A telegram received at the offices of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad this morning, states that engine No. 71 and postal car No. 73 were wrecked about twenty-five miles south of Benwood, on the Ohio River Railroad, last night.

HOW COLUMBUS LOOKED.

Is There a True Portrait of the Great Discoverer Extant?

The following has appeared in the Washington Post—In addition to your short editorial in to-day's issue of Post relating to the Columbus statue, permit me to state the following:

Before contracting with either an American or European sculptor for the monument in honor of the great navigator, who, by the way, did not know that he had discovered a new continent, it would be well to ascertain beforehand whether there is any trustworthy and faithful portrait of him by any artist of his time.

Many alleged likenesses have been painted, carved in marble, cast in bronze, or engraved, but none of them bear the seal of authenticity from competent historians. Like the portraits of Buddha, Homer, Christ, Confucius, Mahomet, etc., those accepted without evidence as representing Columbus are spurious or simply imaginary, and resulting from unreliable traditions, some, perhaps, made from the mere description given by contemporary or modern biographers.

It is the Columbian Library, founded by his illegitimate son, in the principal libraries and museums in France, Spain, Italy and England, nothing to this day has yet been discovered, claimed or proved to be the unquestionable portrait of the Great Admiral and First Viceroys of the Indies.

True, we have a meager and pen and ink sketch of his appearance by Las Casas in his "Historia de las Indias" (Vol. III), but no painter or sculptor could make even an acceptable likeness from it, unless gifted with a marvelous imagination. This is what Las Casas says:

"He (Christopher Columbus) was above the ordinary height; his face was long, but with a dignified expression; the nose aquiline, the eyes blue, complexion fair, his hair and beard red, tinged with gray."

This answer the purpose to help the sculptor or the painter representing Columbus in any momentous event of his life? It is very doubtful. Therefore, I would suggest that, through the medium of the Department of State, our Ministers in Spain, Italy, France and England be instructed to consult with or apply to the most competent historians, biographers, directors of museums and librarians in those countries, to obtain, if possible, reliable information of every kind which would serve as a true basis for a satisfactory likeness of the discoverer whose tomb bears the glorious epitaph:

A Castilly a Leon. Nuevo Mundo dio Colon. AMEDEO HUERTON. WASHINGTON, May 24.

IRON AND STEEL WORKERS.

No Material Change to be Made in Present Scale—General Rejoicing at their Action.

PITTSBURGH, June 7.—At yesterday's session of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, last year's scale of \$3.50 per ton on the two-cent card rate was adopted. The balance of the scale will be arranged next week.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Senate Committee on Commerce Busily at Work on the Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The Senate Committee on Commerce is working on the River and Harbor bill all the time that its members can spare from the sessions of the Senate.

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FEARFUL FIRE.

A Shower of Burning Oil—Eleven Firemen Badly Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6.—While firemen were engaged this afternoon in extinguishing a fire in a small frame building of the Pennsylvania Globe and Gaslight Company, the flames reached the storage basin, in which were stored barrels of gasoline.

WINCHESTER, VA.

Confederate Memorial Services—Ten Thousand People Participated in the Confederate Memorial Services to-day.

WINCHESTER, June 6.—Ten thousand people participated in the Confederate memorial services to-day. The procession marched to Stonewall Cemetery, where the following exercises were held: Prayer by Rev. Thos. E. Carson, of the Methodist Church, South, a poem recited by Mrs. Schaeffer, of Charlottesville, West Virginia, which was read by Mayor-elect W. R. Alexander, of this city, and an address by Col. H. K. Douglas, of Hagerstown.

THE LOUISIANA LOTTERY CO.

Text of the Proposed Lottery Amendment to the Constitution, to be Submitted to the People.

BATON ROUGE, June 7.—The text of the proposed lottery amendment has been made public under the following caption: "An act providing for submission to the electors of the State, for adoption or rejection, an amendment to the constitution of the State, by inserting therein an article on lotteries, schools, charities, pensions and drainage."

PREMATURE EXPLOSION.

Several Men Injured While Firing a Salute on a Hayrack Man-of-War.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—While a salute was being fired to-day by the Hayrack corvette Desalline, in honor of the visit of A. H. Lennox, Hayrack representative, in this city, a premature explosion occurred in one of the thirty-pounder guns. A salute of fourteen guns had been ordered. At the third shot the gun went off prematurely. One of the gunners was blown overboard and had his hand torn off, and two others were hurt, but no body was killed. The man who went overboard was ramming the charge when it went off.

Three negroes were hanged yesterday at Linden, Texas, for the murder of James McGregor, a white man, last December. All confessed.

Chatham Record: Mr. E. W. Atwater, of Williams township, has sent the Record an egg laid on the 15th of May by a pullet that was hatched the last week, in last January. The revenue officers sent a raid in this county last week, and cut up two illicit stills on Rocky river, in Matthews township. Did you know that a cat hatching chickens? Well, such a strange event recently occurred in Chatham county. A few weeks ago the wife of Mr. Matthew Seymour, of Matthews township, placed some eggs in a basket, and soon afterward noticed that the cat laid down on the eggs, and it continued to lay there day after day until at last a chicken was hatched from one of the eggs. We hear that a new railroad will be constructed in this county during this summer. It will be built by the Egypt Coal Company from their mine at Egypt to Coopers station on the Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line Railroad, ten miles distant. The survey was made last month and the route has been rapidly as men and money can do it. Already contracts have been made for the construction of this road the Egypt Coal Company will have direct communication with the Seaboard Air-Line system of railroads, and thus have better facilities than they now have for transportation of their coal.