

We have recently read with much interest a sketch of the Congressional career of Nathaniel Macon, written by Mr. Edwin Mood Wilson, a student in the History Department of the University of North Carolina...

This sketch of Macon gives a truer and clearer insight into his character and services than anything else published about him that we have read.

While Mr. Macon was not a statesman of brilliant talents nor a scholar highly educated for his left college to enlist in the patriot army in 1776, yet he attained a wider national reputation and exercised a greater influence in Congress than any other Congressman from this State served...

This is the second number of historical monographs published at the University under the direction and editorship of Dr. Battle, who has done and is doing so much to preserve a true and full history of North Carolina.

The fire at Jacksonville, Florida, on last Friday was one of the most destructive that has ever been known in the United States. In a few hours three-fourths of the residence and business portion of that city was destroyed...

As soon as the news of this calamity became known contributions were promptly telegraphed from many cities North and South for the relief of the homeless and the suffering.

Destructive as was this fire at Jacksonville, it was not such an appalling calamity as was the destruction of Galveston last year by the tidal wave...

Persons who have never been similarly situated can not appreciate or even imagine the horrors of such a catastrophe as that which visited Galveston and Jacksonville.

Last year many political conventions were held all over the United States and politics engrossed public attention.

This year other kinds of conventions are being held and subjects other than politics are engaging the time and attention of the country. One of the most important of the conventions of this year is the Southern Industrial Convention to be held next month at Philadelphia.

We regret that some of the prising towns which voted more money for their public schools...

Washington Letter.

Washington, May 3, 1901.—It was idle for Republicans to deny that this administration is unfriendly to the rich corporations, in view of the donation it is now quickly accepting from them.

Has the Supreme Court agreed to decide Porto Rico to be a part of the U. S.—that the Constitution follows the flag—and that the Porto Rican tariff bill was unconstitutional? Many lawyers believe it has, and that the decision will not be handed down until next December...

Mr. Montague White, Boer agent in the U. S., has been in Washington for some days. While he does not publicly admit that his object was to sound the administration to ascertain how it would receive President Kruger, if he paid the U. S. a visit, there are reasons to believe this to have been his object.

The first claim to be filed with the Spanish Claims Commission in which damages are asked for other than property losses is that of Mrs. A. T. de Goyin, for the death of her son, Charles Goyin, an American citizen, who accompanied one of the filibuster expeditions on the steamer "Three Friends to Cuba..."

Admiral Dewey occupied the seat of honor at a dinner given in Washington to celebrate Dewey Day, and among the guests were twenty-five officers who participated in the battle of Manila Bay.

A Congressional party, largely made up of Democrats, have arranged to go to the Philippines on the U. S. Transport Englees, which will start from New York in a few weeks to be gone about four months.

The members of the River and Harbor committee of the last House and their wives are going to initiate the McKinley excursion in a small way by making a junket to the Pacific Coast, via the gulf ports of Texas, and so they announce that their junket is not to cost the Government anything.

Fire in Moore County. Carthage, May 4.—A very destructive fire visited a portion of Moore county, eight miles west of Carthage, Friday. Mr. B. R. Phillips' dwelling house was burned, together with his household furniture. Other dwelling houses are reported burned but the report cannot be authenticated just now.

Mr. M. E. McCown is re-elected mayor of Durham.

Jacksonville Almost Destroyed.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—Jacksonville's great fire, which began yesterday, has burned itself out. One hundred and forty-eight blocks of a beautiful city have been laid waste.

The city is under martial law and all of the available State militia is on duty in the streets. Some order is being brought out of the confusion.

During the progress of the fire, hundreds of people moved their goods out into the street, but it was impossible to get drays to cart the goods away and furniture and bric-a-brac were burned up.

Wadesboro has a new industry here—culture and the production of honey. Miss Annie Knight has now something over 100 bees general in working order, and is adding more.

Elkin May 2.—A little girl of Mr. Morgan Cockerhams was bitten by a rabid dog two or three weeks ago. It was thought at the time that the dog was only suffering from a dose of prion, as it died shortly after biting the child.

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Gen. Carr in Detroit.

Last night's Loyal Legion banquet at the Cadillac was addressed by a distinguished Southerner from North Carolina, who fought in the Confederate army during the civil war.

Gen. Carr responded to the toast, "Our Country." Among other things he spoke of the enterprise and projects of Michigan scattered thickly throughout the Union.

Gen. Carr touched upon the negro problem. "We went through the horrors of reconstruction and of nigger suffrage," said he, "until the white man rose and threw off the yoke."

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