

THE one hundred and eleventh annual commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina were held last week and were much enjoyed by all who attended them.

All friends of higher education should feel gratified at the present flourishing condition of our State University. The past year has been its most successful in its long career of usefulness. Its students have been more in number than ever before, its standard of scholarship higher, its faculty more numerous and the department of its students better.

Some months ago Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered to give the University \$50,000 for the erection of a library building if an additional \$50,000 would be raised for its endowment. President Venable announced at the meeting of the alumni association, held on Tuesday of commencement, that \$45,000 of the required endowment had been raised, and steps were at once taken to raise the needed \$5,000. It is hoped that the proposed library building will be completed next year.

One of the most pleasing incidents of commencement was the conferring of the University's highest honorary degree (that of LL. D.) on President Potot of Wake Forest and President Smith of Davidson College. Such acts as this will draw closer the kindly relations that should always exist between the State's University and the denominational colleges.

Hereafter "commencement day" will be the first Tuesday in June, instead of the Wednesday before the first Thursday in June as heretofore.

If there was a Presidential election this year there is no doubt that Hon. William Jennings Bryan would be nominated as the Democratic candidate almost without opposition. Although a President will not be elected until 1908, yet already several State conventions have declared for him. Not only that, but prominent Democrats who had opposed him in 1896 and 1900 are now advocating his nomination. He will return early in August from an extended trip to Europe and Asia, and will be welcomed on his arrival at New York with a grand ovation, when he is expected to make a most notable speech.

SENATOR Simmons should feel highly gratified at the unanimity with which he is being endorsed for re-election. Nearly every county convention thus far held has by a unanimous vote endorsed him for re-election to the Senate, and he will not be re-elected without opposition. This endorsement of Senator Simmons is well deserved by him, and shows that he is properly appreciated by the best people of this State.

It should be very gratifying to all North Carolinians, regardless of party, to note the high stand taken in Congress by both of our Senators, both Simmons and Overman.

MANY persons think that cotton is the main crop of the United States, but in this they are mistaken. The value of the cotton crop last year was \$575,000,000, while the value of the hay crop was \$600,000,000 and the value of the corn crop was twice that sum. The value of the wheat crop was \$625,000,000, nearly as much as the value of our cotton crop. These figures may surprise many of our readers.

THE annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of this State will be held the latter part of August at Morehead City immediately after the annual encampment of the State Guard. Governor Glenn has kindly consented that the veterans may have the use of the tents and camp equipage of the State Guard, and they will no doubt enjoy their camp life for a few days.

Brave Lady Shoots Negro.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Selma, June 10.—Last night about 11:30 o'clock Miss Pearl Jones, the telephone operator at this place, shot and fatally wounded Bud Richardson, a negro, who, by his own confession, had premeditated an assault upon her.

The telephone office is located in a narrow room between a large store and the bank fronting on Main street. In the rear of the office, enclosed by a high board wall, is a small back lot private to the operators. This lot is entered through a screen door in the rear of the office and there is also a door through the wall in the rear of the lot which is kept fastened by a hook on the inside. About two weeks ago a negro was caught climbing over this high wall and scared away by one of the operators. Three nights afterwards, one of the young ladies stepped into the back lot from the office, she was confronted by a negro man. This time there happened to be a young man in the operating room who ran to her rescue, only to see the negro's back and give a fruitless chase.

Hearing of this second attempt the young men of the town decided to guard the office at night, which they did regularly, taking turns, until last night, the two men assigned to this duty were sitting in front of the drug store awaiting for the stores to close so they could take their positions, when at 11 o'clock they heard a pistol shot, followed by four more in quick succession. These two, with the chief of police, ran to the office, when they found the young lady with the pistol in her hand. She told them she started out into the back lot and some one started toward her, then she jumped back into the office, grabbed the pistol and fired once. By the aid of that fire she could plainly see some one crouched in the corner. Then she aimed at him and fired the other four shots as he went out the door and thought she hit him with the last one.

The crowd that had gathered by this time began the search for the negro, when some distance away they saw a negro boy coming on the run toward the drug store. When he was halted he said he was going after the doctor for his brother, who had just been shot. Not waiting for the doctor they made him lead them back to where the boy lived. They found him at home lying on the bed, groaning and praying. He confessed the whole affair then and there before the doctor came.

The doctor's examination showed that the ball went through his left arm and into his body between the third and fourth ribs. The bullet was probed for, but could not be located.

[Since the above was put in type a later report says the negro is dead.—Ed. Recomp.]

Edison Finds Cobalt.

Special to News and Observer.

Asheville, N. C., June 11.—Thomas Alva Edison, the wizard of Menlo Park, who has been searching for cobalt in a number of counties in this State, was in Asheville Saturday night, arriving here in the early evening, and leaving shortly after midnight for Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Edison, while here talked of his search and its fruits, stating that he had been entirely successful, having located rich beds of the mineral, of which he was in search, sufficient quantities of it having been found, he declared, to insure a great reduction in the cost of operating automobiles and to reduce the weight of their storage batteries 50 per cent. He declares that the cost of city traffic can now be reduced 55 per cent. "The heavy storage batteries have been a great handicap to the electrically propelled machines," he said "and at present this cost is prohibitive to the great majority of people. With large quantities of cobalt available, however, I can equip an automobile propelled by the cobalt system, which will have a great advantage in weight over the machines now in use, and at a cost which will greatly increase the use of the machine."

Catch Drunken Fish.

Franklin, Ky., Special to New York Herald says: Since early morning farmers along the banks of Benson creek have been gathering in baskets and catching with their hands thousands of live fish that became intoxicated by the breaking of the flask stand at the Fitzgerald distillery. More than 13,000 gallons of whiskey were turned into the stream. In droves the fish came to the surface of the water, sported around and cut the most fantastic capers. They seemed to be about three sheets in the wind, and generally sported themselves in the most unbecomingly manner. The distillery will lose about \$25,000 in addition to being forced to shut down for repairs.

Mr. J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, will be the Democratic nominee for judge of the ninth judicial district, as enough votes have been instructed for him to insure his nomination. He will succeed Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, June 7, 1906.

The packers have at last come into the open to fight the meat inspection provision of the Agricultural bill as embodied in the Beveridge amendment. And the chances are that they will win the day finally as great business interests usually do when they undertake to bring influence to bear on Congress. Chairman Wadsworth and his associates on the Agricultural Committee gave a hearing this week to Mr. Thos. E. Wilson, one of the representatives of the packers. There were present at the hearing Secretary Wilson, Dr. Melvin of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Mr. Neill, Commissioner of Labor and the joint author of the now famous Neill-Reynolds report. All of the big Chicago packers constituting the Trust had with their usual thrift assigned Mr. Wilson to speak for them, and he played the dew-exense me-packers' advocate to the best of his ability.

The session was warm at times. He flatly contradicted the report of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds as to the foul conditions under which meats were prepared and retorted hotly when Mr. Neill replied to him. In reply to questions he admitted that eyes were used in some cases and preservatives in others—after first denying that any such things were ever resorted to. But he insisted that the houses were clean and sanitary. Though he did not say they had always been so. He wound up by inviting the committee to visit the plants and see for themselves. It is quite possible that a part of the committee at least will accept the invitation. It will be a nice junket. And according to all reports from Chicago, it will be quite safe for the packers to have them do so. Dispatches indicate that since the exposures commenced and especially since the President made public the Neill Reynolds report, the packers have been working with feverish energy cleaning up their plants. All that scrubbing and painting can do with the foul, blood and grease soaked buildings, they have done and they have also installed thousands of dollars worth of sanitary plumbing where there was no plumbing to speak of before. They have warned their employees through the foreman to keep clean on pain of instant dismissal, and in fact are rapidly putting their plants into about as presentable shape as can be done short of tearing down the old wooden buildings and replacing them with sanitary modern structures. That much the President's efforts backed by publicity have already accomplished. But the packers do not want the drastic inspection bill proposed by the Beveridge bill, and they are going to fight it off if it can be done.

There will be an earnest effort made to push through the Beveridge amendment, but if it fails, there is another remedy that may be tried and there is already talk of its taking shape, not at this session but at the next. It is nothing less than breaking up the immense central killing plants and having the cattle slaughtered in the region where they are raised. This would save the long haul to market during which the poor beasts are unmercifully tortured and where for a day and a half at a stretch they are railroaded through without food or water and frequently arrive maimed and dying and totally unfit for human food. The humane societies all over the country have protested for years against this practice, and in the end the decentralization of the killing plants would be a benefit both to the packer and the stock raiser. It would allow the inspection and the killing to be done in the less thickly populated regions, would save the transportation charges all cattle condemned and on those that now die in transit. The actual transportation of dressed beef, even with moderately high icing charges, is less expensive than the transportation of live cattle. Of course such an arrangement would throw the cost of transportation on the packer, but the packer is a thrifty person and would easily find means to take the cost out of producer and the consumer. No one would be any worse off than they are now and the cattle would be vastly better off.

For the session at least the Senate has killed the proposition to give the American Navy the biggest battleship afloat. The Naval Committee struck out of the appropriation bill the item for the \$10,000,000 warship and there is deep gloom in the Navy Department in consequence. But it has ordered the Department to go ahead with the plans for the rival of the "Dreadnaught" and have them ready for presentation to Congress at the next session in case it should be thought desirable to try such a ship.

The Department of Justice is planning itself just now on the report from Albuquerque that the grand jury there has found indictments against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company for violation of the Elkins anti-rebate law.

Dead, as She Saw Him in Dream.

From the New York Herald.

Tired of waiting for her husband to come home, Mrs. Mary Bobland, of No. 57 Henry street, Jamaica, went to bed about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. She awakened suddenly from a dream in which the body of her husband was seen by her suspended from a rafter in the cellar.

Springing from her bed she hurried to the cellar and there, true to her dream, was the dead body of her husband, Nicholas Bobland, 57 years old. He had made a noose of a new pair of suspenders, and after making it fast to his neck and after he had kicked a barrel from beneath him.

Bobland suffered greatly from the heat Saturday. He left the house in the evening, promising to return in an hour. His wife believes his mind had become unbalanced.

Destructive Floods in China.

Victoria, B. C., June 12.—Mail advices from Hankow, China, show that the great floods of this spring in Hanan caused an appalling loss of life, amounting to tens of thousands. The rivers were higher than in any previous year, and swept over the dykes, submerged houses and covered an immense area. In fact the whole valley of the Siang was flooded. Siantan, a prosperous city, was flooded with water to the second stories of the riverside buildings. The river was thick with wreckage and villagers on floating roofs. The foreign missionaries in Siantan were heavy losers though all escaped in boats.

Furious Man Kills His Horse.

Greensboro, June 11.—A farmer named Sol James, while driving home in the country from church here yesterday, became so infuriated with his horse, which balked near the Holiness church in South Greensboro, he procured a stick of dynamite and literally blew his horse's head off. The newly organized society here of the P. C. A. are thus furnished a pretty good case to begin work on, unless the jury should return a verdict of justifiable killing for an aggravated offense on a hot day.

Virginia Negress Dead at 105.

Washington, June 11.—Fanny Loumax, familiarly known as "Aunt Fanny," died today at her home in Rosslyn, Va., near this city, aged 105. "Aunt Fanny" was a celebrated negro character. She was born in January, 1801, and up to the time of her death recalled with remarkable vividness the early history of the country. Her oldest child is still living at the age of 84, and she had 59 grand-children.

Half a Village Burned.

Rochester, N. York, June 12.—About half of the village of Sodas was burned today entailing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000. The postoffice, Charles D. Gaylor's bank and the Sodas Alliance newspaper were among the buildings destroyed. Explosions of gas added to the confusion and danger. Myers Hospital caught fire but was saved. Most of the buildings were wooden structures.

Mr. Richard N. Hackett, of Wilkes county, was nominated yesterday as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the eighth district against Spencer Blackburn.

General Fitz-Hugh Lee's Last Cent That Was Presented to Mrs. Gibbon.

Major General John Gibbon thus describes his meeting with General Fitz-Hugh Lee at the McLean house, Appomattox county, Va., in April, 1865, at the time of the Confederate surrender: "Going to the door, I found General Fitz Lee seated on his horse and looking, as I thought, somewhat uneasy. He had been a cadet under me at West Point, and I had not seen him for years. As I looked at him a vision of the past came up before me, and I could think only of a little rollicking fellow dressed in cadet gray, whose jolly songs and gay spirit were the life of his class. My salutation of 'Hello, Fitz! Get off and come in,' seemed to put him at his ease at once and brought him to his feet. He came into the house and told me his story. Before leaving, with a grim humor, he took from his pocket a five dollar Confederate note, and, writing across its face, 'For Mrs. Gibbon, with the compliments of Fitz Lee,' he said, 'Send that to your wife and tell her it's the last cent I have in the world.'"

Special Rates via Southern Ry.

Richmond, Va.—Biennial meeting G. U. O. of O. F. (colored) October 2-6, rate one fare plus 25 cents.

Washington, D. C.—Negro Young Peoples Christian and Educational Congress, July 3-6, rate one first-class fare plus 25 cents. Knoxville, Tenn.—Summer School of the South, June 19 to July 27, rate one fare plus 25 cents. Asheville, N. C.—Convention of Commercial Law League of America, July 30 to Aug. 4, rate one fare plus 25 cents.

For further particulars call on any agent of the Southern Railway, or address T. E. GREEN, C. T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

Lightning Destroys Dwelling.

Special to News and Observer.

Salisbury, June 7.—During a fierce electric storm at Whittey yesterday afternoon lightning struck the residence of Deputy Sheriff Charles Moore, of that place, tearing the same into shreds. Two children were asleep in a bed at the time and narrowly escaped sudden death from a bolt which plowed its way through the bedding within a few inches of their heads. As if by the force of a cannon ball the house was penetrated through and through a number of times by the lightning which also did other damage nearby.

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No. 38 Northbound local will leave Raleigh 11:25 a. m. instead of 11:00 a. m.

No. 43 Southbound will leave Raleigh 7:10 p. m. instead of 7:15 p. m.

There will be no change in No. 84 at 1:10 a. m.; No. 66 at 11:50 a. m.; No. 30 at 5:05 p. m. Northbound and No. 41 at 4:00 p. m.

Trains No. 30-40 now operated between Wilmington and Hamlet, will be extended through to Charlotte on old figures same as effective prior to April 15th, these trains making all stops between Hamlet and Monroe, thereby eliminating the necessity of Nos. 38-41 stopping between Hamlet and Monroe.

No. 81 for Jacksonville will leave Hamlet at 6:30 a. m.

No. 33 for Atlanta will leave Hamlet at 6:30 a. m.

No. 41 for Atlanta will leave Hamlet at 10:05 p. m. instead of 7:50 p. m., waiting for connection with No. 43 from the North, the same as schedule effective prior to April 15th, this train will make connection at Atlanta and Birmingham for all points in the Southwest.

No. 45 will leave Charlotte for Rutherfordton at 4:45 p. m. instead of 4:00 p. m. as at present.

No. 33 will arrive at Monroe 8:15 a. m. and No. 133 will leave Monroe 8:20 a. m., arriving Charlotte 9:00 a. m., leave Charlotte 9:15 a. m. for Rutherfordton, instead of arriving at Charlotte 10:00 a. m. leaving 10:15 a. m. as at present.

There is no change in schedule of other trains.

About June 1st Parlor Car Service will be established on trains Nos. 39-40 between Charlotte and Wilmington and vice-versa.

For information, time-tables, rates, schedules, etc., address, C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

SPECIAL RATES VIA S. A. L. RY.

Account of the Summer School, Raleigh, N. C., June 16th July 6th, the Seaboard will sell round trip tickets at rate of one fare plus 25c. for round trip, from same appointments as will apply for the Teachers' Assembly, with eight selling dates, June 15th-16th 18th-19th-25th and 26th, and July 2nd and 3rd, with final return limit July 7th.

For rates, time-tables, etc., address, CHAS. H. GATTIS, Travelling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of W. A. Brown, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 6th day of June, 1907.

FANNY OLDMAN, Goldston, N. C.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. Eliza Long and Miss Jackie Core, deceased; hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedents to exhibit the same to me on or before the 30th day of May, 1907.

T. W. SEGVROVES, Public Administrator, May 21, 1906.

Administrator's Notice.

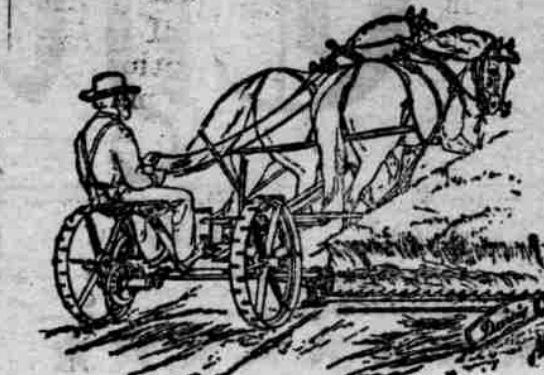
Having qualified as administrator of W. L. J. Brown, deceased, hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 24th day of May, 1907.

J. W. BROWN, May 24, 1906.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of W. L. J. Brown, deceased, hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 24th day of May, 1907.

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Administratrix Notice—Having qualified as administratrix of Marshal Oldham, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 6th day of June, 1907.

FANNY OLDMAN, Goldston, N. C. June 6, 1906.

LAND SALE—By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham county in the case entitled "T. B. Laubeth and others, Ex parte," I will, at the court-house door in Pittsboro on

SAURDAY, 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 1906, expose to sale to the highest bidder, a certain tract of land, lying and being in New Hope township, Chatham county, and bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by J. C. Stone and a colored church lot, on the east by Moses Clark and others, on the south by Tom Lester heirs, now R. E. Harris, and on the west by Corey Moore and James A. Thomas, containing about 274 acres.

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