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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Railroad Laid by Night.

High Point, Special.—Word from the north of much excitement in the Durham and Charlotte railroad, which has been in construction since the late fall, took on new life Tuesday night and put on an extra force of several hundred men building its new road alongside that of the Durham and Asheville, on the latter's right-of-way, and when the people of the town saw a new railroad had been born and was right up near the Aberdeen & Asheville station. This morning the road had been laid for a mile and a half, and the Durham and Asheville road was to be torn up on the tracks of the new road, which was to be laid on the right-of-way of the Durham and Asheville road. The new road was to be laid on the right-of-way of the Durham and Asheville road, and the Durham and Asheville road was to be torn up on the tracks of the new road.

Was Drowned in Georgia.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Mr. Luther B. Meyers, division salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, with headquarters at Macon, Ga., was drowned in a lake near Macon while he and three others were swimming. It seems from the advice received here that Mr. Meyers went with a party of friends on a picnic expedition near Macon. About noon he and Mr. Robert Williamson and two others, whose names were not secured, decided to go in swimming in a small lake near the picnic grounds. Soon after going into the water, Mr. Meyers complained of the water being too cold and said he must get out, at the same time moving toward the bank. Mr. Williamson looked up and noticed that Mr. Meyers had gone under the water. He hastened to the rescue of his friend, but was too late to be of any service. In attempting to rescue his friend, Mr. Williamson came near losing his own life and for some time it was feared that he would not recover. A search for the body of Mr. Meyers was begun immediately and in about two hours it was brought to the surface. It was turned over to an undertaker and prepared for burial.

Orphanage Site Selected.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The orphanage committee of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church met here last week to select a site for the institution and to outline plans for the erection of the buildings at the earliest possible moment. The George F. Dwire farm, just west of the city, containing 165 acres, was accepted over the Mickey and R. J. Reynolds farms, which were considered. The price agreed upon is \$100 an acre. The tract of land is a beautiful one and the selection is considered a good one. The main building will cost between \$18,000 and \$25,000. This and the superintendent's home will be erected first and then other buildings will be put up later. The members of the special committee here were Rev. Dr. H. B. DeWilder, of Greensboro, ex-officio chairman, S. L. Rogers, of Franklin; J. A. Glenn, of Charlotte; Walter Thompson, of Concord.

Hebrew Convention Adjourns.

Wilmington, Special.—District Grand Lodge No. 5, Independent Order B'nai B'rith adjourned its thirty-fourth annual convention here last week to meet in Savannah, Ga., at the third Monday in March, 1909, at which time the grand lodge will go to Atlanta to attend the twentieth anniversary exercises of the Hebrew Orphans' Home there. Officers elected are: President, Henry S. Hunter, Richmond, Va.; first vice president, Montague Priest, Charlotte; second vice president, Leonard Hays, Atlanta, Ga.; secretary, Joseph L. Levy, Richmond, Va.; treasurer, A. Goodman, Baltimore; sergeant at arms, M. W. Jacob, Wilmington.

A. & M. Commencement.

Raleigh, Special.—Invitations have been issued to the 16th annual commencement of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts May 24th to 27th. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. George W. McDaniel of Richmond, Va.; the alumni address will be delivered by Mr. A. E. Escott, of the class of 1906, and the annual address will be made by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, of Blacksburg, Va.

Goldboro School Bonds Purchased at 110.

Goldboro, Special.—At 12 o'clock Thursday sealed bids for the purchase of the Goldboro High School bonds were opened. The bonds were for \$20,000 and were for 20 years, bearing 6 per cent. They were awarded to Sessing & Mavor of Cincinnati for \$110.

Incorporation.

Raleigh, Special.—The Goose Grease Company, of Greensboro, with \$100,000 total authorized and \$50,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered last week. The incorporators are: R. F. Rice, W. R. Land and B. H. Merrimon.

State Board of Examiners.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Board of Examiners met in the office of the State Superintendent and graded the papers of the teachers who stood the examination in April for high school certificates.

Given Fifteen Years.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Hardin, colored, who was indicted for the murder of William Christopher, a white farmer, at Pine Hall on charges of first degree murder, will have to serve a term of fifteen years in the penitentiary for his crime. The case was disposed of in Stokes Superior Court at Danbury Thursday afternoon, counsel for the defendant pleading a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, which was accepted by the counsel for the state. The presiding judge then sentenced the negro to a term of fifteen years. The case did not reach jury.

Verdict Set Aside.

Raleigh, Special.—On the ground that it was against the weight of the evidence and excessive, Judge Biggs set aside the verdict of \$3,000 awarded Mrs. Virginia G. Eastman, the death of her husband. The case was set aside to be tried again. The case was set aside to be tried again.

Arrest in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Special.—As a result of a fight in a Greek restaurant, Carlos Pappas, a young Greek, was arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon. The assault was made by Pappas on a man named under the name of Eric, colored, who is under arrest. A crowd of negroes became unruly in the restaurant and the police were called. This led to the arrest of Pappas, who was acting as a waiter. The case was set aside to be tried again.

Dead Body Found Buried.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Early Tuesday morning the body of Hugh Cameron, a colored man, was found near Ormondsville, in the county, the throat cut and the body was found with several wounds and bruises on the person. A coroner's inquest was held and the body was buried. The case was set aside to be tried again.

WORK OF CHURCH WOMEN

Methodist Home Mission Society in Session in Durham.

Durham, Special.—The Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. church, held its seventeenth annual meeting in Main Street church in this city. The exercises opened Thursday evening. Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. M. Bradshaw, in behalf of Main Street church; by Prof. R. L. Flowers, in behalf of the Sunday school; by W. A. Bivins, in behalf of the Epworth League; and by Mrs. J. C. Angier, in behalf of Main Street Auxiliary. The response to these addresses was made by Mrs. R. O. Burton, of Raleigh. The work of the Woman's Home Mission Society was then outlined by Mrs. W. H. Shaw, of Wilmington. Mrs. Shaw was, for several years, president of the Conference Society. She knows the work thoroughly and knows how to present it in a most interesting way. The foundation, or cornerstone of this work is parsonage building.

The session was well attended and was one of much interest to the denomination represented.

Young Rigbee's Injuries Proved Fatal.

Durham, Special.—Clifton M. Rigbee, the young white man who was fearfully hurt a few days ago by getting an inch bar of iron thrust through his body, died Sunday afternoon at Watts' Hospital. Young Rigbee was 23 years of age and left a wife and one child, a father and several brothers and sisters. He was one of the chief linemen for the inter-State Telephone Company and was on the tool wagon when a digging bar, an inch in diameter and eight feet long, dropped, one end forward, while the wagon was moving. This shoved the steel bar into Rigbee's body, the bar entering in the small of the back and going almost through him. He and the man with him at the time made several efforts before he could get the bar from his body. From the very first he was in a serious condition and but small hopes were ever entertained for his recovery.

Prompt Work Saves Town.

Burlington, Special.—What promised to be one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city was by the prompt work of the firemen and a favorable calm averted Sunday night only after the destruction of W. A. Loy's livery stable with two horses and about all his vehicles, and two blacksmith shops adjoining. Some of the horses which were set out were badly burned. The fire started about 9 o'clock, but the origin is not known. None of the losses carried insurance, the rate on account of the proximity of three other stables being almost prohibitive. For several minutes after the firemen arrived on the scene the water pressure was very weak and it seemed impossible to save any of the buildings near, which include three other stables, the Ward Hotel and several dwellings.

Default of \$1,000 Bond.

Wilson, Special.—There was a large crowd in Wilson in anticipation of being present at the preliminary examination, which was scheduled to have come off before Squire W. R. Wood at 10:30. Messrs. Woodward and Hassell have been retained by defendant, while Mr. W. A. Finch will assist Solicitor Daniels in the prosecution. The attorneys held a conference, and those appearing for defense waived examination—only Mrs. Wells being examined. On default of a one thousand dollar bond, the fellow was committed to all. He is the negro who a week ago attempted the life of Mrs. Robert Wells, in Old Fields township.

Railroad Question Settled.

Troy, Special.—The railroad question at Troy between the D. and C. and A. and A. was finally settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Officials and attorneys on each side met here and held a conference and left over the D. and C. rails on the A. and A.'s motor car for use, N. C., where these two companies connect.

Memorial Exercises at Durham.

Durham, Special.—Memorial Day exercises were held Sunday afternoon, the veterans, daughters of the Confederacy and others going to Maplewood Cemetery and decorating the graves of the dead soldiers who now rest in that burying ground. Quite a large number went out to attend the impressive exercises held in honor of the dead heroes. Mr. W. J. Brodgen, of this city, was the speaker for the occasion. Taps were sounded by one of the veterans. There was a fine musical programme, this being by a picked number of singers.

Shooting in Durham.

Durham, Special.—Saturday afternoon Horace Stroud shot and probably fatally wounded Lee Shaw, both colored. The trouble occurred in a negro suburb. Stroud made an attempt to shoot Agnes Leathers, his paramour. She dodged just as the pistol fired and the ball entered the back of Shaw. He was taken to the Lincoln Hospital and Stroud escaped. Shaw may die.

CHILD LABOR EVIL

Discussed in Connection With Compulsory Education

MANY FORCEFUL OPINIONS GIVEN

Three Speakers From the South Champion the Cause of Compulsory Education and Attack the Employment of Children in the Cotton Mills.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Dealing with the world wide topic of children, their education, their training and the evil of driving them under steam pressure at the wheel when their frail limbs and bodies were too weak to stand the terrible punishment and strain, the general session of the national conference of charities and correction at St. Paul's church aroused the public to the importance of more adequate laws to protect them from the evils of factory work. Three speakers, natives and residents of the South, first championed the cause of compulsory education, and then attacked the employment of children in cotton mills, where they helped to give leisure and comfort to lazy and worthless fathers. The broad statement was made that illiteracy would disappear from the South if these young people could be dragged from spindle and loom and turned over to the tender care of teachers.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Atlanta, assistant secretary of the national child labor committee, who discussed "Child Labor and Citizenship," declared that there was a time when a declaration of independence by the children of America was needed.

Prof. W. H. Hand, of the University of South Carolina, and Miss Jean Gordon, factory inspector of New Orleans, pointed out the imperative demand for compulsory education. While Miss Jane Addams, of Hull-house, Chicago, urged a modification of the school by which the child should be taught to dominate his machine of labor and impressed with the relation of his studies to the work which he would later perform.

The interdependence of the varying themes was so clearly impressed upon the audience that there was a touch of human interest throughout the appeal and with more definite understanding of conditions as they exist today. Though deploring the child labor evil, there was a tone of optimism in the addresses, for it was shown that good and substantial results had been accomplished by the enactment of laws to limit the age at which the young might be employed in factory and mine.

Confederate Memorial Day.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Sunday being Confederate Memorial day throughout the South, the occasion was observed by decorating the graves in the cemetery and by appropriate exercises fitting to the day. From all Southern centers of population came reports of befitting ceremonies in honor of both Confederate and Federal dead.

Monument to Pocahontas.

Washington, Special.—A monument to Pocahontas is to be erected at Jamestown, Va., according to a bill reported from the committee on commerce by Senator Daniel and passed by the Senate. The measure appropriates \$50,000 for the memorial provided an equal amount is supplied by the Pocahontas Memorial Association. The monument is to commemorate the first permanent settlement of English speaking people in the Western hemisphere through the intervention of the Indian maid.

Big Fire in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Fire Sunday damaged the three upper floors of the six-story department store of Goldberg Bros., on Woodward avenue causing a loss of \$150,000, on which there was \$100,000 insurance. The lower floors, which were not burned, were flooded with water, causing heavy damage there.

Life Had Lost its Charms.

Richmond, Special.—Justus Flavel Wright Gatch, a salesman for the American Seating Company, of Chicago, committed suicide in his apartment on West Franklin street, as a result of despondency due to business reverses. The man, who was 53 years of age, fired a bullet into his own temple while sitting upright in a chair with a blanket wrapped around him. The lifeless body of the man was discovered by his young daughter, Ida, who heard the report of the revolver.

Tank Steamer Still on Sandbar.

New York, Special.—The tank steamer Washtenaw was still upon the sandbar off Monmouth, N. J., where she struck during a fog Friday, though efforts to free her were continued. There was a fresh breeze in the northwest and a moderate sea during the night. The vessel appeared to be in no immediate danger and the crew remained on board.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

City of Atlanta Suffers Severe Property Loss

ENTIRE BLOCK IS SWEEP AWAY

Fire Which Started Early Friday Morning Destroys Two Blocks in the Heart of Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—One million and a quarter is the loss conservatively estimated on a fire which started at 3:30 o'clock Friday morning and which swept two blocks of Atlanta business property.

How the fire started is a mystery. It was discovered in the building occupied by the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, bakery. From there it ran its way in all directions until it struck the Terminal Hotel, one of the largest in the city, and gutted that. During the early morning hours every one in the Terminal Hotel and in numerous other smaller hotels in the district had warning. There was no loss of life and no injuries.

The insurance on the property destroyed is placed by insurance men at \$750,000.

One of the heaviest losers is S. M. Luman, of Atlanta, who owned the entire block bounded by Forsyth, Mitchell and Nelson streets and Madison avenue, and in which were located the Schlessinger-Meyer Company, Branch B of the city postoffice, Liquid Carbonic Company, a branch of Central Trust and Banking Company, and many smaller concerns.

The fire was discovered in the elevator shaft of the Schlessinger Building and is supposed to have originated from crossed wires running to the motor which operated the elevator. By the time the firemen had arrived the flames had broken through the roof of this building, and owing to a light water pressure, it was impossible to check their progress. In a short time this structure was completely gutted and the fire was eating its way through to Station B of the Atlanta postoffice, where mails received from the terminal station, just across the square, are distributed.

The employees of the postoffice, however, by quick work managed to save all the mail and most of the equipment. Jumping across Mitchell street the flames made short work of the Terminal Hotel, the Terminal Annex, Child's Cafe and Hotel, and Child's Annex, at which point the firemen succeeded in checking the onslaught on the north side of Mitchell street.

On the south side, however, the flames continued to sweep everything in their path until Forsyth street was reached, gutting the buildings occupied by McClure's Ten-Cent Store, the branch bank of the Central Banking and Trust Company, the Paragon Store, and the Liquid Carbonic Company. The Schlessinger Building extended half a block on Nelson street (a) from it the flames soon jumped to numerous small storehouses on Forsyth street, destroying the places occupied by Alverson Bros., Grocery Company, the Binders Frame Manufacturing Company, and the Walker Cooley Furniture Company. A strong west wind fanned the flames and scattered burning embers over the whole business section of the city and threatening for a time to cause even greater loss.

The firemen had many narrow escapes from falling walls, but no injuries of a serious nature are reported. The guests from the hotels and rooming houses in the burned section succeeded in saving most of their effects, having been warned in time to remove their trunks which were piled on the plaza in the front of the terminal station, from which point their owners and many early risers watched the progress of the fire.

Boy of Sixteen Murders Four.

New York, Special.—An Italian boy, named Nicoli, whose last name is unknown to the police, 16 years old, cut the throat of a woman and three men and then hacked the bodies to pieces in a barbershop near the Brooklyn Bridge Terminal. The boy ran away with the bloody razor and is still at large.

After Matrimonial Agents.

Chicago, Special.—Revelations in connection with the "House of Horrors," operated at LaPorte by Mrs. Guinness caused United States District Attorney Sims to issue orders for the arrest of every manager of any matrimonial bureau operating in the Chicago district. Isaac A. Warn, said to be a wealthy proprietor of an "affinity bureau," was the first to be arrested. He was taken on the charge of using the mails to defraud in the operation of the bureau under the name of Kate Warn, his wife.

Soldier Burglars Arrested.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Privates George Roberts and Joseph Henry, of the 11th company coast artillery stationed at Fort Dade, were brought to this city and lodged in jail. The men broke into the postoffice and post exchange at the fort and took the cash register and contents and numerous other articles, then escaped in a boat belonging to the government. They were run down and arrested near Bradenton.

NOMINATE JUDGE HARMON

Democrats Hold a Tumultuous Meeting, in Which Intense Factional Feeling Holds Sway.

Columbus, O., Special.—In a tumultuous convention, characterized by the intense factional feeling Democrats of Ohio Wednesday nominated Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, formerly Attorney General of the United States under President Cleveland, for Governor, and endorsed William J. Bryan and instructed the Ohio delegates to the national convention to vote for him for President.

A complete State ticket was nominated, former Gov. James E. Campbell, of Butler county, was endorsed for the United States Senate and delegates and alternates at large to the national convention were selected. David L. Roswell, of Kent, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor.

The following were elected delegates and alternates at large to the national convention: Delegates at large, Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland; W. S. Thomas, of Springfield; E. W. Hanley, Dayton, and Matthew R. Denver, Wilmington. Alternates at large, H. T. Sutton, Zanesville; Isaac R. Sherwood, Toledo; G. N. Saltzfarber, Van Wert, and John E. Monnot, Canton.

National issues were left to the Denver convention and the platform adopted dealt solely with State questions, attacking the administration of various Republican State officers and endorsing especially the initiative and referendum in State and local legislation and the taxation of franchises.

Alabama Endorses Taft.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The State convention here Wednesday of the Thompson or administration wing of the Republican party was all for Taft. Strong resolutions endorsing his candidacy for the presidency and commending the national administration were adopted and the delegates to the national convention were instructed to cast their votes at Chicago for the Secretary of War. The delegates elected were: J. O. Thompson, Birmingham; W. R. Fairley, Pratt City; F. H. Lathrop, Birmingham; N. H. Alexander, (colored) Montgomery. Alternates: Byron Trammel, Dothan; H. F. Owen, Montgomery; Jere Murphy, Huntsville; Dr. U. G. Mason, (colored), Birmingham. The electors chosen were I. Pollak, Cullman, and James W. Lee Birmingham.

The Paper Trust Investigation.

Good progress was made before the special committee investigating the control of prices of white print paper by the paper trust. Many telegrams and letters from publishers in all sections of the country were placed in evidence, all going to show that prices have been arbitrarily advanced, and that if the duty should be removed a fall in price of \$6.00 or more per ton would result. Many papers men have expressed a willingness to go to Washington and testify. The committee will adjourn to Palmers Falls, New York, to investigate the cost of manufacturing paper.

Pretty South Carolina Girl Sues a Railroad.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Miss Salie Bragg, a pretty young lady of Campbell, this county, has commenced an action against the Charleston & Western Carolina road for damages in the sum of \$50,000, alleging that while she was a passenger on one of the trains of the defendant she was grossly insulted by the conductor of the train. The complaint is now being prepared by I. A. Phifer, attorney for the plaintiff, and it is understood that the allegations will be of a highly sensational nature.

Georgian Charged With Wife Murder.

Fort Gaines, Ga., Special.—Herbert Robinson was arrested charged with murdering his wife and throwing her body into the river. It is alleged that on the night of April 29th, Robinson who had been drinking, killed his wife, then carried her body to the bridge crossing the Chattahoochee river and threw it into the water.

Three Hundred Afghans Killed.

London By Cable.—Three hundred Afghans were killed and many more wounded in Sunday's and Monday's fighting with General Sir James Wilcock's British force at the west entrance to the Kyber Pass, according to the official report.

New Jersey Summer Hotel Burned.

Barnardsville, N. J., Special.—Somerset Inn, one of the most beautiful summer hotels in Northern New Jersey, was burned Wednesday. The fire is believed to have been started by an incendiary. The loss is a quarter of a million.

W. J. Oliver Indicted.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The Federal grand jury has returned indictments on five counts against W. J. Oliver, candidate for national committee from Tennessee, charging him with violating the federal 8-hour law. The charges recite that Oliver habitually required laborers on the work at Hales bar to work 10 hours a day after the government had decided that the lock and dam construction was government work.

THE BLUE AND GRAY

Meet at Salisbury, N. C., and Unveil Monument

TO MEMORY OF MAINE'S DEAD

Beautiful Monument of Gray Granite Dedicated to the Heroes Who Gave Up Their Lives For the Union in Salisbury Prison.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.—With elaborate ceremony, marked by a dignity and solemnity befitting the occasion, the State of Maine, through her official representatives, unveiled a stately shaft to the memory of the 203 soldiers who died in Salisbury prison during the Civil war.

Throughout the exercises there was a tender note of sympathy for the heroic dead who lie in the trenches of this beautiful city of the dead, and every speaker voiced in words inspired by deep-founded patriotism tribute as eloquent as if it had been delivered upon those who fell in the thickest of the fray. That they had sacrificed their lives in prison was but the fortune of war, and their sacrifice was as glorious, for

"Their fittest place where man ead
dies
Is where he dies for man."

Full five thousand people, most of them men and women who had been true to the Confederacy, looked upon the exercises and entered into the spirit of a momentous occasion—applauding earnestly and sincerely this tribute of a great State to the men who died that the Union might live.

Crowded into the speakers' stand were the men and women who had traveled so far to do honor to their countrymen; flocking the hillsides in every direction, as far as the eye could reach, were sympathetic thousands who joined heart and soul in this tribute to the brave; who realized that

"No more shall the war cry sever
Or the winding rivers be red."

And over yonder, hard by the trenches stood the "thin gray line," with tear-dimmed eyes.

It was a scene never to be forgotten by those privileged to witness it. Never was this hallowed spot more beautiful with its carpet of green, shaded by the sorrowful willows, dotted with its thousands of headstones, mute tribute to those wrapped in eternal slumber; for here—

On fame's eternal ramping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

The formal ceremonies of the day began with the parade to the National Cemetery, which formed in front of the Empire Hotel and under command of Adjutant General T. R. Robinson proceeded through the principal streets of the city and thence to the cemetery. The parade was headed by the Fors. Hill Band and the Rowan Rifles, and then came a detachment of Confederate veterans on foot and the ladies and gentlemen of the Maine party and the speakers of the day in carriages.

The visitors and the State officials occupied seats in the band stand and when the exercises began at 2 o'clock there was no standing room as far as the eye could see from this point of vantage. Hon. Thomas G. Libby, State councillor, acted as master of ceremonies and, following a prayer by Hon. W. Scott Libby, introduced Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, who was present as the personal representative of Governor Glenn.

Secretary Grimes apologized for the absence of the Governor's statue that important engagements kept him away. Then, in an address of considerable length, he extended the greetings of the State of North Carolina to the visitors from the Pine Tree State.

In happy contrast was the response on behalf of the State of Maine by Hon. Thurston S. Burns, of Westbrook, Me., and this felicitous strain spoken with an earnestness and enthusiasm that betrayed the sincerity underlying it, was re-echoed and emphasized by Mayor Bechoff, in extending a welcome to the City of Salisbury and in the response by Hon. Leroy F. Pike, of Cornish, Me. Mayor Boyden never made a happier speech in his life and it was applauded to the echo. He voiced the welcome of all Salisbury and all North Carolina. The occasion was one long to be remembered, and will be largely helpful in cementing the friendship between the North and the South.

Excitement at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Special.—Tobacco growers are in a heat of excitement. A band of men, declared by the growers to be night-riders, visited this county during the night. Following their visit a big tobacco shed and six thousand pounds of tobacco were destroyed on the farm of Barney Harbison. The invasion of the strangers and the subsequent fire have caused the growers to place their crops under an armed guard.