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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

Peace Meeting in October.

Greensboro, Special.—A peace conference under the auspices of the North Carolina Peace Society will be held in Greensboro during the celebration of centennial week in October, a formal invitation for the conference to be held here at that time having been extended by the board of centennial managers and accepted for the society by President Hayne Davis. Messrs. Julius I. Foust, Robert D. Douglas and A. M. Seales have been appointed members of an executive committee to make preparations for the meeting.

Eller Elected Chairman.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Democratic executive committee elected Mr. A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem, chairman, to succeed Mr. Hugh G. Chatham, resigned, and Chairman Eller reappointed Alex J. Field, secretary. The committee named the following central committee composed of four members from each of the ten congressional districts:
First—E. F. Adlyett, W. C. Rodman, W. H. Hampton, Dr. E. A. Moye, Jr.
Second—T. W. Mason, J. W. Granter, H. A. Gilliam, Dr. J. E. Green.
Third—T. C. Whitaker, A. J. Maxwell, E. M. Koonce, W. M. Webb.
Fourth—J. A. Thomas, F. S. Spruill, H. J. Olive, H. A. London.
Fifth—C. O. McMichael, R. L. Holt, J. S. Carr, H. G. Chatham.
Sixth—E. J. Hale, J. D. Bellamy, James Powell, A. W. McLean.
Seventh—J. A. Lockhart, A. S. Dockery. (Other two to be named.)
Eighth—Dr. R. S. Young, Edmund Jones, R. A. Doughton, A. D. Watts.
Ninth—J. H. Wedington, Maj. H. F. Schenk. (Other two to be named later.)
Tenth—C. A. Webb, W. T. Lee, Marshall Bell, T. T. Ballinger.
In accepting the chairmanship Mr. Eller spoke enthusiastically of the outlook and expressed confidence that he would have the hearty support of Democrats all over the State. The chair was directed by a resolution to appoint a committee of five to revise the Democratic plan of organization and report to the next meeting of the executive committee.
Governor Glenn, called on for a speech, expressed the wish that some of the enthusiasm he saw in Denver might be injected into the committee meeting and into North Carolina Democracy. He never saw anything like it. He said he believed enough Western States would be carried for Bryan, with the solid South to assure Bryan's election without New York. At the same time he believed the Democratic financial and other planks would so impress the New York financial and other interests before the campaign is over as to go a long way toward Democratic majorities in a number of Eastern States.

Get More Than They Give.

Raleigh, Special.—State Auditor B. F. Dixon expects to visit within the next few weeks a number of the counties that for years past have been receiving from the State in pensions, school funds and for other purposes more money than they have paid in State taxes. There were forty-five such counties last year and it seems now that there will be nearly as many this year, although the tax valuations as sent in from the counties indicate that values have been considerably raised, but the whole State valuation is fast having more than doubled within eight years. The purpose of these visits will be to personally look into the situations as to the assessments of property for taxation and report to the State board of equalization at its adjourned meeting August 4th. Dr. Dixon went to Boone, Watauga county, to deliver the address for the closing of the teachers' institute there in which sixteen counties were represented. Then he will go to Valle Crucis for ten days' rest, during which time he will work on the Confederate pension returns that have come in from the county boards of pensions. Thereafter he will visit Burke, Iredell and other of the western counties that are in the column of "State dependencies" in that they receive from the State more money than they pay in State taxes.

Extensive Street Work Going On.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Extensive street work is now going on in both Winston and Salem and other work is contemplated as soon as that already mapped out has been completed. Never before in the history of the city has so much of this kind of work been going on at one time. Some improvement is being made on practically every principal street of the city. Salem will put down considerable bituminous pavement in the near future.

Big Lumber Company.

Raleigh, Special.—A charter was issued last week to the Tar River Lumber Company of Rocky Mount, with a capital of \$300,000, all subscribed. The company will do a general lumber business, erect factories, dwellings, etc. The principal incorporators are Kate J. Harris and Horace E. Parker, Elmira, N. Y., and W. E. Groom, Rocky Mount.

Election of Dr. Hill as President.

Raleigh, Special.—There is much gratification among the alumni of this city over the election of Dr. D. H. Hill as president of the A. & M. College. Dr. Hill has been with the college since it was established over eighteen years ago and has ever been a faithful officer. As professor of English he has done much to raise the standard of the literary department, and as acting president, he has ably filled that position. His friends are confident that he will reflect credit upon himself and the institution.

Killed by Runaway Car.

Waynesville, Special.—Late Tuesday evening as the tram cars of the Champion Fibre Company were coming down grade from Quinlan Town to Hazelwood, the man on the rear car, finding he had lost control of his car, jumped, escaping injury. His car crashed into the car in front of him, instantly killing Jim Whitener, the young man in charge. Whitener's remains were interred here in Greenhill cemetery.

DROWNED IN BRAVE ACT

Jerome Lanning Goes to Rescue of a Drowning Companion in French Broad River and Loses His Own Life, While His Friend is Saved.

Asheville, Special.—Jerome Lanning, a lad 19 years of age, lost his life in the waters of the French Broad river Sunday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock in a heroic and successful effort to save the life of John McGuinn, a companion in swimming. It seems that young Lanning, McGuinn and about twenty other boys were in swimming at a point near the mouth of the Swannanoa and French Broad rivers, where the river is not only deep in places but wide, when McGuinn, far out in the river and away from his companions, gave the signal of distress. Lanning, a magnificent swimmer, went to the rescue and succeeded in getting a firm hold on the drowning companion. Lanning started for shore supporting McGuinn, and in the meantime three other members of the party swam out to meet Lanning and McGuinn to lend aid in the rescue. They met Lanning and McGuinn some distance from the shore, and just as they caught hold of McGuinn and started for the shore, Lanning sank. The trio of rescuers were unable to save Lanning from the swift current, although they were successful in saving McGuinn's life. Several members of the party, it is said, started to the rescue and dived but were unable to find the body. Two members of the party came to town, a distance of more than two miles, to notify the coroner. At 8 o'clock the body had not been recovered.

Good Roads Meeting Held.

Mebane, Special.—Over five thousand people were here Saturday to attend a big good roads meeting, view the industrial exhibits made by the manufacturing interests of the town and enjoy a barbecue provided by the White brothers and other liberal-spirited citizens of the community. It was the biggest day Mebane ever experienced and the occasion was altogether enjoyable. In addition to the other attractions there were three baseball games, a tournament, a table race and other forms of amusement. No one was allowed to spend a cent for anything to eat or drink or any form of amusement. About six thousand people were fed at the barbecue dinner.

A. & M. Trustees Meet.

Raleigh, Special.—There was a lengthy conference last week between the executive committee of the trustees of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts and Professor Newman, the new head of the college department of agriculture, for the discussion of policies whereby during the approaching school year further developments in the usefulness and importance of this department of college work will be put on foot. Reports to the committee show rapid progress in installing the city water system for the college. Water and sewerage will be installed by the time for the opening. The committee decided to sell the valuable ice plant the State board of agriculture installed at the college, it being demonstrated to be cheaper to buy the supply of ice for the college than to undertake to operate the plant. It was also decided that the machine shops and foundry will be operated together with Fred Wheeler, of High Point, in charge of the two plants.

Shot by Brother-in-Law.

A special from Gaffney, S. C., to the Charlotte Observer says: In a difficulty last Thursday in Cleveland county, N. C., between Hyman Wyatt and Bank Sanders, brother-in-law, Sanders shot Wyatt and inflicted what is thought to be a mortal wound. Sanders made his escape and came to his home in this county. A warrant was sent to Sheriff Thomas and Monday night, accompanied by Arthur Hooper, he went to the home of Sanders and captured him bringing him to jail here, where he is at present. The sheriff is expecting an officer from North Carolina to take charge of the prisoner, as the authorities have been notified of the arrest. Sanders and Wyatt are both respectable white men and the occurrence is much regretted by their acquaintances.

Found Dead in Bed.

Waynesville, Special.—Last Sunday morning about 8 o'clock Mr. James Watson, of Salisbury, was found dead in bed at one of the hotels here. He had been here for about a week and had the attention of a physician. Saturday night at 12 o'clock he dictated some letters to the hotel clerk, while lying in bed, and then said he was feeling better and the lights were put out for the night. Sunday morning he was found dead as stated.

Three Desperate Convicts Make Their Escape.

Fayetteville, Special.—Three desperate convicts on the city chain gang, one bound over to court for threatening lives of policemen, escaped Saturday afternoon and have not yet been apprehended. The gang was at work in Moore street when three of the men with the permission of the guard, Charles D. Jones, stepped off for a drink of water and failed to return.

An Atlanta Man Has Been Granted a Patent for an "Educational Appliance."

Patent for "rhythmic" asks the Journal.

BOLD MAIL ROBBERY

Car Entered and Route Agent Bound and Gagged

MUCH MAIL MATTER RIFLED

Two Desperate Men Board Ulster Express at Edge of Catskill Mountains, and After Disposing of Mail Clerk Peck in an Original Manner, Loot the Mail Car—Posses are in Pursuit, Seeking the Robbers in the Mountains, Where They are Believed to Have a Hiding Place.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—A report from Grand Gorge, a country station on the edge of the Catskill mountain region says two desperate mail robbers held up the Ulster Express between there and Stamford, and after binding and gagging Mail Clerk Peck and throwing him into the mail box, the cover of which they secured, went through the mail and took everything of value. They also took a watch, chain and \$25 from the coat of the clerk, which was hanging in the car. After rifling all the pouches they made their way back to the day coach and got off at Stamford, taking a road that leads to the mountains, where the sheriff and railroad detectives believe them to have a hiding place. At Stamford, Peck was mistreated, and a search by the conductor and brakeman resulted in the clerk's extortion from his tight quarters in the mail box. An alarm was sent out all along the line from this city to Montreal, and posses are looking for the robbers.

LIGHTNING KILLS SIX.

Terrific Storm Strikes Encampment of Pennsylvania National Guard at Gettysburg—The Dead Members of the Militia—A Score or More Injured.

Gettysburg, Pa., Special.—As the result of a terrific electric storm which passed over the Pennsylvania national guard encampment here it is reported that at least six troopers were killed, and two scores injured, some of them seriously, by being struck by lightning. The known dead are:
Private Morrison.
Private Barbe.
Unknown Man, Tenth Regiment.
The tent occupied by Governor Stuart was blown down as were a number of others. Several friends were sitting with Governor Stuart when his tent collapsed, but the party managed to hold the canvas and all escaped injury. The camp is flooded and telegraphic service is practically at a standstill. The entire camp is panic stricken. The darkness is impenetrable and men are wildly running about through rivers of water, seeking the injured.
Every tent of Battery B was blown down, but no one in the battery was hurt. The regimental guard tent of the Tenth regiment was struck by the lightning, and forty men of Company C were badly injured.
The field hospital is full and men are lying about the camp waiting for aid.
The Young Men's Christian Association tent, which was filled with men and women who had taken refuge from the storm, was razed to the ground, but so far as known no one was seriously injured.

Assistant U. S. Treasurer Dead.

Washington, Special.—Major James F. Meline, for sixteen years past the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, died at his home in this city late Friday afternoon, after a long illness. He was 67 years old and a native of Ohio. He will be buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

Richard Croker to Come Back.

New York, Special.—Richard Croker, one-time boss of Tammany, is to return to New York this fall, according to a New York World special. While denying that he would take an active part in the campaign for Bryan, Croker said he hoped the Nebraskan would win and thought his chances good.

Montana Is in Commission.

Norfolk, Special.—The new armored cruiser Montana was commissioned at the Norfolk Navy Yard last week. Capt. Alfred Reynolds is in command. The Montana will begin taking on stores at once for her shaking down to Guantanamo, Cuba, which will occur within the next two or three weeks. It is expected that the Montana and her sister ship, the North Carolina, will form the nucleus for a new armored cruiser division of the Atlantic fleet, and that they will shortly be joined by the Tennessee and Washington, now on the Pacific.

Populists and Independents.

St. Louis, Special.—The alliance between the Independence party, which holds its convention in Chicago Monday, and the remnant of the old Populist party is in contemplation. The union may depend upon the outcome of a conference to be held here. M. W. Howard, former Congressman from Alabama, is coming as an emissary of the Independents to treat with the populists.

NEW REFORMS IN TURKEY

Turkish Ruler Takes the Reins Into His Own Hands and Restores the Constitution of 1876 Announcement of His Decision to Convoke a Parliament Causes a Sensation Throughout the Empire.

Constantinople, 27 Cable.—Startling as was the sudden dismissal of Ferid Pasha from the grand viziership and the appointment of Said Pasha in his place, this step was as nothing compared to the sensation created in all quarters by official announcement that the Sultan had decided to convoke a parliament.
It was felt that in view of the general revolt in the army unprecedented in the history of the Turkish Empire, some change was inevitable, and that far reaching measures of reform in the central government were bound to be inaugurated. But the drastic action of the Sultan, who took the reins into his own hands and by the stroke of a pen suddenly yielded to the demands of the young Turks and restored the constitution of 1876, has taken the palace clique, the members of the diplomatic corps in fact, the entire population of Constantinople completely by surprise.

Fight on Freight Rates.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—Brushing aside all intermediated modes of action, the Receivers' and Shippers' Association of Cincinnati has carried its war against a general increase in freight rates directly to the President of the United States. A communication was forwarded to President Roosevelt last Saturday at Oyster Bay and made public here asking the Chief Executive whether he intends to enforce a decree issued several years ago against certain railroads, forbidding increased rates. If so, he is asked at once to cause the Attorney General to bring proceedings for contempt against the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company. Denying that politics has anything to do with the letter at this time it is explained that because of the fact that certain general increases in freight rates are to become effective on August 10th on certain roads, prompt and positive action became necessary.
"Sincerely yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."
Senator James B. McCreary, of Kentucky, is the active president of the league.

PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN.

Prominent Republicans From Every Section Confer With National Chairman Hitchcock in Regard to the Coming Campaign.

Chicago, Special.—As the result of the Republican conference here Saturday, which was called by Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the national committee, headquarters will be established immediately in eight States and active campaigning for Taft and Sherman begun long before these States had expected to take up work. The States taking part in the conference were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio. They were represented by the following: National Committeeman E. E. Hart, Iowa; A. T. Rogers, Wisconsin; and A. R. Burham, Kentucky; State Chairman Roy O. West, Illinois; J. P. Goodrich, Indiana; C. F. Franke, Iowa; R. H. Winn, Kentucky; G. J. Dieckema, Michigan; A. D. Brown, Minnesota; W. J. Diekey, Missouri; and W. D. Connor, Wisconsin. The Secretary, Edward St. Clair, Illinois; Carl Riedick, Indiana; A. P. Adler, Iowa; A. S. Bennett, Kentucky; D. E. Alyward, Michigan; D. H. Salmon, J. A. Martin, Minnesota; and J. E. Thomas, Wisconsin.

Leaders Enthusiastic.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic yet had by Mr. Hitchcock, although at the outset the men were less receptive than were the representatives of the States in the far West who met in early part of the week at Colorado Springs. This was due, it is said, to the fact that some of the men came from States which they regarded as debatable and they had little data on which to base political estimates. It was agreed that polls should be taken at once in order to gather necessary information concerning the voters and William Hayward, State chairman for Nebraska, and Victor Rosewater, national committeeman from that State, explained the system they have used there for a number of years.

No Privileges For Harry Thaw.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—Harry K. Thaw's privileges in the county jail here have been curtailed until he is kept constantly confined in a corridor where there are no other prisoners. He is permitted to receive visitors only by his attorney and his wife, and is not allowed the free use of the jail telephone, which he had up to a short time ago.

Eight Cadets Are Dismissed.

West Point, N. Y., Special.—Eight cadets in the United States military academy here were sent to their homes as a result of hazing members of the fourth class. They were Wm. T. Russell, appointed at large, and Harry G. Weiter, of Illinois, members of the first class; and Byron Q. Jones, of New York; George W. Chase, New York; Wm. W. Prude, Alabama; Isaac Sapulveda, Oklahoma; Wm. Nolle, Virginia; and James A. Gillespie, of Pennsylvania, members of the third class.

New Enterprises for Rockingham.

Rockingham, Special.—Hardly a day passes without some new enterprise bobbing up. Rockingham certainly has got the right "go" on it now. The Rockingham Foundry & Machine Company has been organized and will build a general foundry and machine works within the course of a few weeks. The company will be under the general management of Mr. W. A. Biggs, an experienced man.

HEADS PEACE LEAGUE

In a Letter to Mr. Hayne Davis the President of the United States Signifies His Willingness to Accept the Position of First Honorary President of the Peace and Arbitration League.

New York, Special.—President Roosevelt has accepted the honorary presidency of the Peace and Arbitration League, which is the outgrowth of the North Carolina congress, and which has as its object adequate armament and effective arbitration. President Roosevelt's letter accepting the honorary presidency was made public by Hayne Davis, former president of the league. It follows:
"My Dear Mr. Davis:
"I am in receipt of your letter enclosing notice of my election as first honorary president of the peace league, and gladly accept; for I most emphatically believe that the whole American people should subscribe to what you call your 'practical programme for peace'; that is to the doctrine that we should provide adequate armament to protect us all against aggression, and at the same time strive for the effectual arbitration of any and all disputes that may arise between us and foreign powers where it is possible to submit to arbitration. In other words, I cordially sympathize with your announced purpose to secure present protection for the nation and at the same time, make as rapid progress as possible toward permanent world peace. As you well say we should have an unquestionably superior power in our own possessions and in the waters adjacent thereto in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; and we should also do everything possible to secure agreements with all governments to respect each other's territory and sovereignty and to arbitrate all other questions.
"I should be delighted to see Senator McCreary president of the league if you do not feel you can continue in that office.
"Sincerely yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."
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NEED STRONG NAVY

President Roosevelt Expresses His Views

SHOULD HAVE AMPLE DEFENSES

To a Notable Conference of Naval Officers at Newport the Chief Executive of the United States Sets Forth His Ideas in Regard to That Branch of Uncle Sam's Fighting Equipment.

Newport, R. I., Special.—Pleading for popular support for a "first-class fighting navy," a navy capable of seeking out the enemy and "hammering him into the quits," President Roosevelt was the central figure here in the most notable conference of American naval officers ever called together to consult and discuss, in a broad, general way, the future of United States battleships. The President spoke publicly for more than half an hour, and then the conference went into executive session for one hour. During this session the President took a leading part in the discussion. He argued as a layman, he explained, and did not attempt to give advice to professional men.
The President said in part:
"Admiral, Mr. Secretary, Gentlemen: I could not speak to you technically. I can speak to you as fellow-countrymen, who are deeply interested in the American navy, but who sometimes tend to be misled as to the kind of navy we should have and as to what the navy can and ought to do.
"For instance, there are always certain numbers of well-meaning, capable individuals, coupled with others not quite so well meaning, who advocate merely a coast defense navy. Such advocacy illustrates a habit of mind as old as human nature itself—the desire at the same time to do something, and not to do it.
"No fighting was ever won yet except by hitting, and the one unforgettable offense in any man is to hit soft. That applies to the individual and it applies to the nation, and to those who advocating a coast defense navy, are advocating that we shall adopt as a national principle the principle of hitting soft. I hope with all my heart that never will this nation of ours hit unless it cannot possibly be helped. But when this nation does have to go to war, such war will only be excusable if the nation intends to hammer its opponent until the opponent quits fighting.
"For the protection of our coast we need fortifications, not merely to protect the salient points of our possessions, but so that the navy can be foot-loose. A year ago, at the time it was announced that the fleet was to go abroad, there was a certain number of newspapers, especially in my own city of New York, that raised a clamorous protest against it. It took at one time the form of a mistaken prophecy to the effect that the fleet would not be allowed to go around the world, and one of the reasons alleged was that to let it go around the world would leave New York defenseless in the event of war.
"We have taken the Philippines, but if we had not taken them not a particle of difference would be made as regards the needs of our naval policies. There has been a division of this people as to taking the Philippines.
"There has been no division on the Monroe doctrine, no division on building, maintaining, policing, and defending the Panama canal; no division about Hawaii and Porto Rico; no division about asserting our superior right to defend and protect Cuba. Not one of the courses of action thus outlined can be followed out excepting with a first-class navy. The Monroe doctrine was in danger of falling not merely into disuse, but into contempt, until we began to build up our navy. The Monroe doctrine unbacked by a navy is an empty boast.
"If we have a coast defense navy only, we had better at one turn over the Panama canal to some stronger and braver nation, and give up Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska, and say that we had no more interest in Cuba than the smallest outside powers.
"We do not want any navy at all if it is not a first-class one, and such a navy will be necessary for us just so long as we demand the right to administer our national affairs as we think best.
"It is very possible that we shall have to exercise a continually greater supervision, a continually greater exercise of the right of rejection among immigrants that come hither, and shall, it may be, take an attitude that will tend at first to 'provoke friction."

Georgia Baptist College Burns.

La Grange, Ga., Special.—Fire early Sunday destroyed the main building and college chapel of the Southern Female College (Baptist) here, entailing a loss estimated at \$40,000. There was no insurance. The Southern Female College was organized in 1842 and has ranked among the leading educational institutions of the South.