

Partly cloudy; probable showers tonight or Friday.

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COLORED THIEF PAYS PENALTY

Bound Over to Court for Larceny of Toy Express Wagon from Jefferson Furniture Co.

Jimmie Ward, colored, was indicted before Mayor C. H. Sterling yesterday afternoon for the larceny of an express wagon, the property of the Jefferson Furniture Company.

Mollie Brown, also colored, was charged with disorderly conduct. She was fined \$1.00 and cost.

Hon. Jno. H. Small Speaks Sunday

On next Sunday evening, at the First Methodist Church, Hon. John H. Small will speak on "The Life of Service." This is a postponed meeting of the laymen, which was to have been held some few weeks back, but was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather at that time.

Of No Use to Signal Mars

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—This is a most interesting date for stargazers and others interested in astronomical science. It is not only the day of the autumnal equinox, when the sun crosses the celestial equator going south, and the winter half-year begins, but it is also the date of the opposition of Mars, when that planet is at its minimum distance from the earth, 34,000,000 kilometers.

Some scientists have suggested that it might be a good time for Mother Earth to try the experiment of signalling to her nearest neighbors. Aside from all other considerations, the success of such experiment is manifestly impossible at this time, for when the two worlds are nearest together, the earth is invisible from Mars. This is because of the fact that at the time of the opposition the sun and the two planets are in line. Thus, when the earth passes between the sun and Mars, the bright hemisphere being naturally turned toward the sun, the other one, turned toward Mars, remains plunged in darkness and is consequently invisible. It would, therefore, be in vain for the Martians to try to discover anything on the earth at this time.

Adolph Eberhart New Governor

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 23.—Adolph O. Eberhart, a Republican who, upon the death of Governor Johnson becomes the chief executive of this State, is a graduate student for the ministry from the Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minn., the home of the Johnsons.

He was born in Sweden 23 years ago, and came to Minnesota when he was 10 years old. After a short experience in the pulpit he abandoned church work and studied law in Minnesota, where he lived up to the time of his choice for the lieutenant governorship. While in Mankota he adopted his present name. His former name was Olson, but on account of the confusion which resulted he adopted the name of his wife.

When one sees assessments, why bother about a tax rate?

New Advertisements in Today's News. J. K. Hoyt—Separate Shirts, C. D. Parker—Fire Insurance, Jas. E. Clark Co.—Kuppenheimer Clothing, Spencer Bros.—Caps, Hicks' Capoline, Gem Theater—Inauguration of 1910, Govan's Phonograph Cans, Pevin Memorial Hospital.

THE PRESIDENT OPENS TUNNEL FOR IRRIGATION

Irrigate 150,000 Acres

Tunnel is Six Miles Long—Taps Gunnison River—Many Difficulties Overcome—Varied Crops Promised.

Montrose, Colo., Sept. 23.—The first great project undertaken by the Federal Reclamation Service in its efforts to redeem the semi-arid lands of the West became an accomplished fact today, when President Taft, in the presence of a large crowd of railroad magnates, financiers, Federal and State officials and other interested spectators, touched a button which opened the great flood gates and turned the waters of the swirling Gunnison river into the Uncompahgre Valley. In a brief address the President expressed his pleasure at being present at an event which meant so much to the future of the country at large and particularly to the Western States, where vast areas of fertile lands await the magic work of the irrigator to blossom as the rose.

The completion of the Gunnison project means the reclamation of nearly 150,000 fertile acres, making their cultivation certain and successful. Homes for at least 50,000 people will be created. The Uncompahgre Valley, in the heart of the main ridge of the Rockies, where thousands of acres of mesa, bare and brown, will within a few years be covered with orchards and truck farms. The great tunnel, which is the main feature of the project, will not only assist in the work of irrigation, but will be used also to generate electric power sufficient to light every town and every farmhouse in the valley and to provide power for all kinds of commercial and industrial purposes. Already there are three flourishing towns, Montrose, Delta and Olathe, located in the valley.

The main tunnel is six miles long and extends through a mountain of almost solid rock. Through this great tube the waters from the Gunnison River, which flows through a granite bound canyon, the walls of which are 2,500 feet high in many places, are carried into the valley. The tunnel is the largest underground waterway in the world. Its capacity is 1,300 cubic feet of water a second. It is cement lined throughout and it cost more than \$2,500,000. With the main and distributing canals the total cost of the project amounted to over \$5,000,000. The main canal is 30 feet wide at the bottom, 83 feet wide at the top and the average depth of water is 10 feet. Four and a half years were necessary to complete the great engineering work.

The preliminary work on the undertaking was difficult and spectacular, for the Gunnison river flows at the bottom of a great canyon with almost perpendicular walls, and the surveys for the location of the tunnel heading required both heroism and engineering skill. Actual work on the tunnel was preceded by the construction of a road down the canyon walls over which supplies and heavy machinery could be carried. For four years crews of men were employed in boring into the granite mountain from both ends of the tunnel. On July 6 last the two gangs met at a point 10,812 feet from the intake on the Gunnison River. In the progress of their work they had encountered all sorts of discouragement, gas, caveins, hot and cold water, running sand and treacherous material which required careful timbering in order to protect the workmen.

Instead of the customary dam at the point where the river is turned into the tunnel, the tunnel itself taps the river from beneath its granite bed. By this plan neither floods nor slack water can prevent the tunnel from taking all the water needed from the river. All the flumes, culverts, diversion gates, drops and other works along the line of the main canals are built of steel and concrete, of weight to last for centuries. Wherever there is danger to the main canals from seepage or of sliding banks, the canals are heavily lined with concrete. Besides building the tunnel, the Reclamation Service has acquired all the important canals and irrigating systems in the valley. These are to be reconstructed into one comprehensive and complete system.

GENEROUS GIFT TRINITY COLLEGE

Duke Gives to That Institution Another Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Durham, N. C., Sept. 23.—Trinity College, through the generosity of B. N. Duke of the American Tobacco Company, it is announced today, is to have erected two buildings, exactly alike on the exterior, but different inside, and connected with a tower, which will cost entire \$200,000.

At the June commencement Mr. Duke offered \$50,000 for one building. Architect C. C. Hock started that one today. Later plans have caused him to take up the twin building with the monumental tower. The recent growth of Trinity, to which the Dukes have now given more than \$1,000,000, influenced Mr. Duke to make this latest gift. To this double building he adds the support of five new professors. The college has also twenty-five acres of land valued at \$50,000, to be added to its campus. The Durham Traction Company has been asked to change its line and operate its cars by this campus to a ball ground, all of which Mr. Duke gives his gifts in a single lot being about \$250,000.

BOILERS ARRIVE

The new boilers for the Grist and Flour mill of Mr. Jonathan Havens have arrived, and are being moved from the A. C. L. warehouse to the mill plant, where they will be installed at once.

RETURN FROM VISIT

Deputy Collector of Customs Buckman and Mrs. Buckman have returned from a two weeks' trip to the North, including a visit to their son, Guy E., in New York. Mr. Buckman has removed his office from its temporary quarters at Gallagher's drug store to the regular station opposite City Hall.

Championship Rifle Matches

Very much interest is being shown by local National Guardsmen in a series of rifle contests to take place in the armory if the next few weeks. Previous official scores of the men will be thrown aside, and the point at issue will be to decide whether the team of five men known as the sergeants' team, composed of three sergeants of Company G and two local non-commissioned members of the field and staff, or the team made up of corporals and privates of Company G, shall be declared the local champions. Captain Simmons and Lieutenant Cowell will captain the two teams, and Lieutenant Ross will coach both aggregations.

The sergeants have an average of 75 to their credit officially, while the corporals and privates average 80. The two qualified marksmen of the company belong to this team, and every other man of both sides is rated "first-class." The first match is to be strictly a secret affair, but after that the armory will be thrown open and visitors made welcome. In each contest a total of 100 will be the possible for each man and 500 for a team, including work on the 200, 500 and 1,000 yard ranges and at 500 yards silhouette. A novel feature will be the dissembling and re-assembly of the 33 parts of the regulation rifle by the competing teams, an exciting contest in itself, since some of the men are very expert in this.

HONORS FOR DR. COOK

New York, Sept. 23.—There will be nothing suggestive of the frozen north in the warmth of the welcome to be tendered to Dr. Cook tonight, when hundreds of admirers gather in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria to listen to stirring addresses in praise of the intrepid explorer. The Arctic Club of America is to be the host of the occasion, and Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, the president of the organization and himself an experienced explorer of the far north, will occupy the chair. Other well-known Arctic explorers will be in attendance, together with a thousand or more other guests who are anxious to testify to their belief in the honesty and sincerity of the man who claims to have discovered the North Pole. The demand for tickets is so large, in fact, that were the banquet hall capable of accommodating thousands instead of hundreds, it could easily be filled with Dr. Cook's admirers.

The party upon their arrival here reported that over 400 passengers, including many women and children, are still tied up at Chef Menteur, without anything to eat, and unless relief is shipped to them immediately, it is asserted, the situation will become serious. A relief train and a small steamboat have been sent to

GULF STORM STILL RAGES IN ALL ITS FURY

Great Loss of Life

No One Can Give An Estimate of the Ruin That Has Been Wrought—Millions of Dollars Damage to Property.

DEATH LIST OF GULF COAST HURRICANE.

- Terrebonne Parish, La., definite, 29; reported, 40. New Orleans, definite, 5. Frontier, La., definite, 4. Desair, La., definite, 3. Jackson, Miss., definite, 2. Baton Rouge, La., definite, 1. Mandeville, La., definite, 1. Bay St. Louis, Miss., definite, 1. Donaldsonville, La., 1. Grandport, La., definite, 1. Paratara Bay, La., reported, 1. East Fork, Wis., definite, 7. Total definite, 55; reported, 72.

Central last night in Mississippi, and sweeping north at the rate of 200 miles a day, the hurricane which devastated the Gulf Coast and left a trail of wreck and ruin through four States, continued on its course with unabated fury.

Of the ruin that it has wrought, no one can give an estimate. In New Orleans alone five are known to be dead and a million dollars will not repair the damage done to the beautiful Crescent City. It is said that plate glass alone will cost \$100,000 to replace.

From the little aristocratic summer colonies on the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast, come vague tales of devastation and fears that many lives have been lost. Biloxi, the mecca of the wealthy, is still isolated and its fate is unknown. Jackson, Miss., the capital of the State, is still cut off from the coast points.

The dome of the new Capitol at Jackson was wrecked and the old Capitol unroofed. The streets were a tangle of live wires and the fallen trees and debris made the highways impassable.

At Vicksburg two vessels were sunk and a third was driven ashore. Their passengers were rescued. One vessel lies across the channel and has blocked navigation. From Mobile comes the tidings that the steamer of Pensacola Bay is missing, and the people hope that it has been driven ashore and its passengers saved. How many are on board is not known. The property damage in Mobile and vicinity will not be large. Some loss of life is reported in the vicinity of Chef Menteur, La. The hurricane was severe at Gulfport, Miss., waves coming over the mammoth pier and water going into the city, doing considerable damage. Nothing south of Gulfport has been heard from.

Great Damage in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—The tropical hurricane which swept the Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi yesterday, caused the death of a number of persons and a property loss of perhaps many millions and left New Orleans practically shut out from wire communication with the outside world for 24 hours. Railroad schedules are still disarranged. Reports of property damage along the Gulf Coast are meager, because of crippled wire service. No loss of life outside of New Orleans has yet been reported, but overflowing waters, falling trees and timbers and a possibility of parties being caught unaware in small craft, make it almost certain that the death list will be added to. The actual property damage to New Orleans will exceed \$250,000.

The details of the reported inundation of sections of Plaquemine and St. Bernard parishes are still lacking. Fifteen young men who were among passengers on the Louisville and Nashville train, which has been tied up at Chef Menteur, La., since yesterday morning, left that place today for New Orleans, walking along the track of the railroad. For seven miles they fought their way against heavy odds, and were forced to wade and swim across several washouts. They were finally picked up by a relief train that was unable to get any farther out than a point about one mile this side of Mechaud station.

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FLEETS GATHER IN HUDSON RIVER

Flying the Colors of Many Nations Warships Are Anchored at New York.

New York, Sept. 23.—Flying the flags of many nations, several great warships are anchored off Sandy Hook today, the latest arrivals being three British vessels. The inflexible, the flagship of Sir Edward H. Seymour, is due tomorrow. The German cruiser Victoria-Louise, the flagship of Grand Admiral von Koester, and the cruisers Bremen, Hertha and Dresden, also arrived today. The foreign vessels will remain off Sandy Hook until Saturday, when they will sail up the Hudson to participate in the naval pageant which will inaugurate the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Seventeen vessels of foreign powers, their guns booming out salutes, will then steam up the river and take up their allotted places at the foot of Forty-fourth street. Following the rendezvous, the smaller vessels which are to constitute the parade will sail around the great international feet and the replicas of the Half-Moon and the Clermont will be escorted up the river and formally presented to the celebration commission.

Great Britain sends four vessels, one of which, the Inflexible, is an armored cruiser of 17,250 tons, and she will carry the flag of the highest admiral in the British navy. The others are armored cruiser Drake, which was the flagship of Prince Henry of Battenburg when he visited here, which will carry the flag of Rear-Admiral Frederick T. Hamilton, commanding the Fifth Squadron, and the armored cruiser Duke of Edinburgh and Argyle.

France is represented by three turret ships in charge of Rear-Admiral Jules L. M. LePord, who will fly his flag from LeJustice. The other vessels are the Liberty and the Verite. The Netherlands cruiser Utrecht is already here. Mexico sends the tiny gunboat Bravo, with the Full Captain Manuel E. Izaguirre in command.

From Cuba comes the revenue cutter Hatney and from the Argentine Republic the training ship President Sarmiento, 17,500 tons. The President Sarmiento will be the largest ship in line in point of tonnage.

Russia will be represented only by the naval attaché of the embassy in Washington, Captain Wassiloff, as the czar is sending no vessels to represent his country.

The best show of course, will make the best showing of the lot. He will have about 52 vessels in line and they will be of all types, from the great battleships to the small submarines.

To add to the excitement of the occasion there will be an echo of the German-English war scare. The Germans expected Admiral von Koester to be the ranking naval officer of the occasion, but when the English heard of this they decided that it would never do to have their prospective enemy honored in so conspicuous a manner, so they nipped the thing in the bud by dispatching the ranking officer of the British navy in place of Rear Admiral Hamilton, who had been originally scheduled for the job.

This Was Unusual But Very Effective

As the result of a novel petition to Mayor Sterling, there has been quite a changeabout in the neighborhood of Third and Harvey streets. The petition was started, and subscribed to in a very unusual manner. Several colored families of quarrelsome disposition and rowdy demeanor, made themselves obnoxious to an old and respectable colored man who lived in their midst, on the west side of Harvey street near Third, and he appealed to a white neighbor for his aid in remedying the conditions. The consequence was that the colored families having also made themselves especially undesirable to the white residents of the section, the petition was arranged, and signed by a mixture of the ladies of the neighborhood, not having the signature of a single man on it, and presented to his honor, who was not long in attending thereto. Now a complete change has been made and several colored families have moved to other parts—the outcome of the mayor's order.

A. C. HATHAWAY IS ELECTED SECRETARY

Chamber Commerce

Mr. Stephen C. Bragaw Introduces Resolutions Commending Governor Kitchin and Council of State.

There was a called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms last evening to consider the election of a secretary to succeed Mr. E. H. Hyman, who recently tendered his resignation, to accept a similar position in Montgomery, Alabama. The names of Mr. A. C. Hathaway and Mr. Jesse L. Warren, were presented, and after a vote was taken Mr. Hathaway was selected, he having received a majority of six votes.

Mr. Hathaway is at present engaged in the real estate business, and no doubt will make the Chamber a most excellent and efficient official.

At the meeting the following resolution was introduced by Stephen C. Bragaw, Esq., and adopted by the Chamber: Whereas, The Governor of North Carolina, by way of determination of the question of approving the use of the State convicts in the work of extending the Mattamuskeet Railroad from Belhaven to Washington, has indicated his purpose to extend such approval upon the conditions embodied in the resolutions adopted by the Council of State on September 21, 1909: be it

Resolved, First, That as citizens of Washington and of Beaufort county, we express to the Governor and to his Council of State, our profound appreciation of this action making possible the construction of this road connecting our city with our neighbor, the county of Hyde, and enabling the establishment of closer and quicker communication and relations.

Second, That as citizens of North Carolina, we express our appreciation of this action as conducive to the building and progress of Eastern

A MASS MEETING SHOULD BE CALLED TO CONSIDER CONDITIONS

The Daily News Suggests That All the Citizens of Belhaven, Bath, Bath Township and Washington Assemble and Discuss Railroad Proposition.

TIME TO ACT IN IS LIMITED

Now that the Council of State, through resolutions, a copy of which appeared in yesterday's Daily News, has ordered that the grading of the Mattamuskeet Railroad be continued from Belhaven to Washington, it behooves every citizen in Washington, Belhaven and Bath township, besides those residing in the country along the proposed route from Belhaven to Washington, to get together and work harmoniously and unitedly to carry out the conditions required by the State to secure the road.

The citizens in Beaufort county should not fail to remember that the time to meet these conditions are limited, so the Daily News cautions everyone not to procrastinate this important matter one hour. If the Mattamuskeet road is to be built to Washington there must be work done—good, hard work. There cannot be any traitors in the camp—all must be of one mind, in perfect accord.

The Council of State has placed their proposition before us, their part has been done. It now remains for our people to meet them half way and do their part. Will they do it? Certainly they will, without a dissenting voice for the conditions on which the road comes to Washington, running through Bath township, are plausible, and the citizens have no occasion to make any kick. The building of the road to this city is the cardinal scheme, and it is going to be built, and every citizen along the proposed line is going to work for its completion and success. The question of the hour is to educate the people as to what the Council of State requires of them. They should and must know what they are expected to do in this matter, and how is the best way and through what channel shall all the people learn of these requirements. Right at this point The Daily News makes

A GALA TIME AT MAGNOLIA

Great Educational Meeting Will Be Held There This Evening.

A gala time is expected at the Magnolia schoolhouse, Long Acre township, this evening, and quite a number from this city will attend. There will be a lawn party, at which refreshments will be sold. The object of this gathering is to raise funds to enlarge and improve the present school building, as it is too small to accommodate the pupils. County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. W. L. VAUGHN; County Treasurer Joseph F. Taylor, will be among the speakers. The Washington Concert Band will furnish music and a royal good time is anticipated. The distance from Washington to Magnolia is not very far, only a pleasant evening drive, and the citizens of the city would do well to attend and help the citizens in that neighborhood toward the betterment of their school building.

WOMAN'S MEETING TOMORROW.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association at the Public School building auditorium, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Every lady in the city is urged to be present and join. There is an annual optional fee of 25 cents. Carolina, and the development of its resources.

Third, That as citizens of North Carolina, we commend our Chief Executive and Council of State that in extending the privilege sought by our citizens, they have in all respects, and in practical details, fully safeguarded the interests of the State committed to their custody, in that they have provided a means for accomplishment of our plan for the development of our section of the State, and at the same time have provided against loss of the labor of State convicts. State property, by requiring the guarantee of completion of the work projected, a condition precedent to the use of the convicts in that work.

It was all right for the Mauretania to smash cigars, records, but why smash her own?