

THE WEATHER.—RAIN TONIGHT AND FRIDAY. COLDER TONIGHT IN INTERIOR. COLDER FRIDAY. MODERATE WEST AND NORTHWEST WINDS.

FRIGHT TRAIN DERAILED LAST NIGHT ON N-S

THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR WENDELL, BETWEEN HERE AND RALEIGH, N. C.

NO LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

ALL PASSENGER TRAINS DELAYED—CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT NOT ASCERTAINED

Trains on the Norfolk Southern Railway were greatly delayed last night and this morning due to a derailment of a freight train near Wendell last night, and considerable inconvenience to the traveling public in this city and along the system was the outcome. Passenger train No. 4 due to arrive here from Raleigh at 2:30 this morning was nearly seven hours behind her schedule time on her way to Norfolk.

Passenger train No. 17 due to leave here at 8:50 a. m. from Raleigh did not leave the station until near 9 o'clock.

The 10:50 passenger train scheduled to arrive here from Raleigh was nearly two hours late.

The cause of the freight wreck has not as yet been given out. No loss of life is reported.

AYER'S OPENING WELL ATTENDED

Ayer is affording the ladies of the city today an opportunity to examine the latest fads in millinery for the spring and summer at his store. All day groups of ladies have been visiting the well known emporium and viewing with delight and pleasure the large and beautiful array of foreign and domestic creations. Mr. Ayer has secured as his head milliner for the season, Miss Baker, a well known designer and trimmer of New York. Already she has demonstrated her ability in her line. The opening was a conspicuous success.

NOTED HOSPITAL IS A BEAUTY PARLOR

Hahnemann of Philadelphia Advertiser for Warty Patients and Gum-Two Thousand

Philadelphia, March 21.—Hahnemann Hospital, the Homeopathic institution of Philadelphia, is on the verge of being turned into an immense beauty parlor owing to an advertisement recently inserted in the local newspapers which requested one hundred men and women afflicted with warts call at the institution to undergo treatment.

The physicians at the Hahnemann are experimenting with a new treatment for the removal of warts, which consists of hypodermic injections of a mixture of ether vitae. The preliminary reports show that the treatment has been beneficial to every applicant. Later a long medical report will be issued on the result of the treatment for the benefit of the medical world.

CONCERT BAND IS A CREDIT TO AURORA

The Aurora Concert Band, assisted by members of the Washington Concert Band, consisting of fourteen pieces, for the past two days have been treating the city to some first class music under the direction of Prof. Will E. Smith. The band is here for the purpose of rendering music at the sale of the Grist property. This musical organization is a credit to Aurora. It has only been organized a little over a year and under the direction of Prof. Smith has made rapid progress. The music rendered yesterday and today was certainly excellent. The Daily News hopes the boys will visit the city again at an early day. The band returned here this afternoon.

Phases Meeting

The meeting of the First Methodist church was held at 8 o'clock this evening.

The schooler Annie Wain, Capt. Carroll Williams is committed, arrived in port last night from Chesapeake.

ATTACKED BY TURTLE RIDES IT TO SHORE

W. J. CONNOR'S BROTHER-IN-LAW CONQUERS MONSTER AFTER STRUGGLE

ESCAPED WITH BITES ON ARMS

HE WAS ATTACKED WHILE IN BATHING AT PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 21.—John Jordan of Buffalo, a guest of William J. Connor, his brother-in-law, was attacked while bathing yesterday by one of the largest turtles ever seen here, and for fifteen minutes while he tried to defend himself was threatened with bodily injury and perhaps death by drowning.

He escaped with bites on the arms and legs, which are not considered serious.

A turtle has never been known to attack a man in these waters. Mr. Jordan entered the water alone in front of the Connors residence and was swimming 300 feet from shore when the turtle rose under him striking at him with its head. To save himself Mr. Jordan jumped on its back.

The turtle swam for deep water and dove, unceasing its ride. Coming to the surface it again struck at him viciously. Unable to swim away Jordan again climbed to the turtle's back and using his feet as a rudder and holding to the flippers he steered it toward shore.

Meanwhile Miss Alice Connors, seeing his plight from the shore, summoned two Japanese servants, who rushed out with a clothes line, forming a noose, which they got over the turtle's head after a struggle in which both were bitten. The turtle measured five and a half feet in diameter.

CARGO OF GRAIN HAVENS MILL

The large three masted schooner Edwin and Maud, of Baltimore, Md., has arrived in port and is now discharging a cargo of grain at the Havens Grist Mill. The vessel is laden with 10,000 bushels of corn, 3,000 bushels of oats and 200 tons of coal.

PANORAMA WITH A RENO DIVORCE REMARKS

Miss Kelly Traveled 3,000 Miles to Wed Her Former Husband

Reno, March 21.—The Rev. Samuel C. Weatherly, a former pastor of the Unitarian church of Rockland, Mass., who resigned his ministry to secure a divorce here from his wife, Harriet, was married yesterday in Los Angeles to Miss Norma Kelly, a member of Weatherly's Rockland congregation.

Weatherly was married four years ago to his first wife. It was brought out in court here that she declared she would kill her husband because he was too attentive to certain young women members of his flock. On one occasion, said the minister, she became so enraged that she attacked him with a butcher knife after throwing several dishes at his head.

After securing his divorce here Weatherly went to Los Angeles, where he has been teaching school. He was once pastor of a church in Barneveld, N. Y.

Are Morning

Mr. C. G. Morris and family are moving to the residence formerly occupied by Mr. W. W. Maloney and family on West Second street, next to the First Methodist church.

Services Delayed

Funeral services for the late Mrs. J. W. Maloney were postponed until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

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SALE OF GRIST PROPERTY WAS GREAT SUCCESS

OVER THIRTY LOTS WERE PURCHASED YESTERDAY AND MANY SOLD TODAY.

MEANS OUTLAY OF OVER \$30,000

THERE ARE FIFTY LOTS IN THE TRACT ALL OF WHICH ARE ATTRACTIVE AND DESIRABLE.

Grist property took place this morning and as on yesterday was largely attended by people from all sections of the county. The sale today was for both white and colored and at the time of going to press quite a number of desirable lots had been disposed of.

The sale took place on Fourth and Fifth streets today and was conducted under the auspices of the Atlantic Coast Realty Company and Elm Wood Realty Company. As on the first day the music for the day was furnished, most acceptably by the Aurora Concert Band.

There are about 55 lots in the tract being offered for sale and of this number over 25 were disposed of yesterday, meaning the passing of over \$30,000. The auctioneers were the well known Burton Bros., of Wilson, N. C., who are experts in their line and know their business in every particular. The president of the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, Mr. J. W. Ferrell, was on the ground both days. This company is doing an enormous business in this section of North Carolina and the result of the sale here demonstrates fully their address in the realty business.

The Grist property is certainly ideal for building purposes. Next to the history of Washington has property under auction sold for better prices, going to show how attractive and desirable the location is for residence.

CLARK'S OPENING VERY TYPICAL

Truly typical of the manner employed by James H. Clark Company, whose store is one of the handsomest in the city, was the spring and summer opening of millinery today, when the best of the market was spread forth for the observation of the critical eyes and choice tastes of the ladies of the city and county.

The store was a pretty scene and the opening there was well high as delightful as the opening of spring on the outside. A finer place and a finer day could not have happened.

From the large show windows in the front to the millinery parlors on the upper floor everything was trim, beautiful and attractive. Decorations gave a finishing touch that could hardly be equaled and demonstrated only the thought and taste in making the opening a rare treat. It is needless to state that the store was thronged.

The company is to be congratulated on their opening and especially so is the head milliner, Miss Mayne Burbank. The display of hats in the latest creation both foreign and domestic were the subject of high praise from all who called during the day. The opening will continue tomorrow.

BALTIMORE NOT "GOUGING"

Democratic National Executive Committee Approves Hotel Rates

Baltimore, Md., March 21.—In a statement issued, the executive committee of the Democratic National Convention Committee unanimously declared its belief that in view of all the circumstances the rates charged by the Baltimore hotel men for convention week are reasonable and fair.

The action was taken after a report had been made by the sub-committee appointed to investigate the charges made by Urey Woodson, Secretary of the Democratic National Committee. The committee conferred with distinguished New York hotel men who had represented the movement in New York City to secure the convention for that city.

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SISTER OF AN ISLAND GOVERNOR



Visitors to Porto Rico were fortunate enough to be received by Governor George Colton, an always enthusiastic in their praise of his sister, Miss Margaret Colton, who presides over the palace with the utmost grace and dignity. Miss Colton was part of the winter in Washington, where she was extensively entertained.

U. S. MINISTER EGAN LECTURES IN THE SOUTH

PURPOSE OF THE TOUR IS TO ENLIGHTEN THE SOUTH ON THE DANISH PLAN.

Copenhagen March 21.—Dr. Maurice Egan U. S. Minister to Denmark, left today for America for the purpose of giving a series of lectures in the Southern States. Dr. Egan's trip is in response to a special invitation from the Southern Commercial Society to speak before the commercial bodies in a number of the leading cities of the South on the subject of "Danish Agricultural Co-operation and Conservation."

The position of Denmark as a school for the study of scientific agriculture, is becoming more important every year and Dr. Egan has made a close study of the methods which have made Denmark a leader in co-operative agriculture, especially the effect of the plan of the cost of living. It is his belief that the remedy for the present shortage in the food supply and the consequent high cost of living is to be found only in perfect co-operation among the farmers, aided by the hearty support of the national and State governments.

RALEIGH GETS THE CONVENTION

Raleigh has been selected by the Democratic State Executive Committee as the meeting place for the next State Democratic convention. The date for the assembling of the convention will be June 8. There will be a primary for the selection of a United States Senator on the general election day.

Recorder's Court

There was only one case before Recorder Grimes in his court this morning. Singleton Wallace was indicted for allowing a yellow dog to run the streets. He was fined \$5 and cost.

Getting Along Nicely

Mrs. James Butler, of this city, who underwent an operation at the Fowle Memorial Hospital the first of this week, is getting along nicely and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. W. W. Maloney and family have moved to the residence next to the Fowle Memorial Hospital on East Second street.

COTTON CROP BIGGEST EVER GOV. REPORT

THE YIELD SHOWS OVER SIXTEEN MILLION BALES OF FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS.

TOTAL CROP UNPRECEDENTED

THE CENSUS BUREAU GAVE OUT THE FIGURES YESTERDAY.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—The census bureau's preliminary report on cotton ginning, giving the government's first figures, other than estimates, on the size of the 1911 cotton crop of the United States, was issued yesterday and shows the total crop to have reached the unprecedented size of 16,059,819 running bales, counting round as half bales and including linters, which is equivalent to 16,205,097 500 pound bales.

The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture in its estimate of the 1911 cotton crop, issued December 11, last, reckoned the total production at 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight. The country's 1910 production was 12,005,688 bales of 500 pounds. In previous record years the total crop was 13,587,306 bales in 1908, 13,595,498 in 1906 and 13,679,954 bales in 1904.

The number of ginneries operated for the 1911 crop was 26,340, compared with 26,234 for 1910, and 26,669 for 1909.

In this state the cotton crop grown in 1911 with that grown in 1910, and the big crop years of 1908 and 1906, expressed in equivalent 500-pound bales, follows:

North Carolina: 1911, 1,101,301; 1910, 726,850; 1908, 662,167; 1906, 594,387.

GOV. KITCHIN WILL BE HERE TONIGHT

Governor W. W. Kitchin will arrive in the city this evening and address the citizens of Washington at the club house tonight at 8 o'clock upon the political issues of the day. Governor Kitchin is one of the aspirants for the office of United States Senator to succeed Senator F. M. Simmons. All the citizens of the city are cordially invited to hear him.

The governor speaks at Blounts Creek tomorrow morning and at Belhaven tomorrow night.

MASTERS ROSS ENTERTAIN

Yesterday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ross, on Bonner street, Masters Lyndall and Jack Ross aged respectively five and eight, were at home to their many playmates and friends, the occasion being the celebration of their natal day. The day was greatly enjoyed by the little tots and the hosts were voted thanks for such a pleasant day. Games of all kinds were indulged in. Delicious and tempting refreshments were served.

The following were present:

- Doris Ross, Mamie Ross, Blanche Ross, Evelyn Jones, Louise Jones, Zoph Potts, Fred Potts, Lonnie Squires, Ashley Leggett, Margaret Wells, Ruby Swindell, Benjamin Ross, Lucy Mayo, Zelma Russ, Ruth Mayo, Julia Cowell, Sidney Harris, Lottie Dall Ross, Bowen Ross, Robert Dall, Minnie Lee Gerganus, Aubry Gerganus, George I. Dall, Robert Ross, Mable Pippin, Lucile Dall, Margaret Pippin, Annie Harris, William Pippin, Milan Roberts, Gwendolyn Wilkerson, Mary Walter, Mary Y. Stewart, Bessie Adams, Bryan Adams, Annie Mae Respass, Blanche Allison, Jennie G. Gerganus, David Wilkinson, Madeline Wilkinson, Earl Freeman, Lillie Wilkerson, Maggie Wilkerson, Walter Randolph.

Recovery Shows Friday

Mrs. John Rumley of Beaufort, N. C., who was recently operated upon at the Fowle Memorial Hospital, has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to her home. She expects to leave tomorrow.

Master Alton Baker, the bright and interesting son of Photographer Baker, who has been quite sick, is reported to be much better today.

FAMOUS TRIAL OF POISONING STARTS MONDAY

SO-CALLED SPARKING CASE IS BEING AWAITED WITH EAGER INTEREST.

LITTLE IS KNOWN OF EVIDENCE

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED WITNESSES ALREADY HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED.

Bad Axe, Mich., March 21.—The so-called Sparring poisoning case is to come up at the circuit court session starting here next Monday, and it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that every person in Huron county, and many beyond the county borders and even across the Canadian line, is awaiting the developments of the trial with eager interest. The case is regarded as one of the most complex that has ever come before the criminal court in Michigan.

The defendants in the case are Mrs. Carrie Bodie Sparring, the wife and mother of the alleged victims of a wholesale poisoning plot, and Dr. Robert Macgregor, the Sparring family physician. Dr. Macgregor formerly lived in London, Ont., but for several years has resided in the village of Uby, a short distance south of this city, and the home of the Sparring family.

John Wesley Sparring, head of the family, was the first one to die. He was stricken in July, 1908. Two years later the eldest son, Peter Sparring, was similarly stricken. Albert Sparring was the next to die, and the last was Cyril Sparring, 20 years old, who died last August. In two of the cases a verdict of arsenic poisoning was returned by the coroner's jury.

Each of the victims was attended by Dr. Macgregor and later removed for treatment to a hospital in London, Ont., where the deaths occurred. In this hospital Miss Margaret Gibbs, said to be a friend of Dr. Macgregor, was employed as a nurse. Following the coroner's jury verdict in the case of Albert Sparring, Miss Gibbs was arrested and bound over on a charge of accessory after the fact. In the cases of Mrs. Sparring and Dr. Macgregor indictments charging first degree murder were returned.

It is understood that Mrs. Sparring and Dr. Macgregor are to be tried first for the alleged murder of Cyril Sparring, the fourth and last of the family to die under mysterious circumstances. Little has been made public concerning the evidence upon which the indictments were based. Even the probable motive that may have resulted in the alleged slaying of the father and three sons can only be guessed at by outsiders, though there is a general disposition to connect it with the fact that the victims carried life insurance and the policies were written by the father of Dr. Macgregor, a retired life insurance agent living in London, Ont.

Prosecuting Attorney Boomhower has secured the services of a prominent criminal lawyer to assist him in unraveling the mystery. He declares he has unearthed additional facts in the case which, when presented at the trial, will greatly strengthen the prosecution. Nearly one hundred witnesses already have been subpoenaed to testify at the trial.

WILL DECIDE ON PENSIONS

Senate to Finally Determine Pending Legislation on March 28.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—A final determination of the various features presented in pending pension legislation will be reached in the Senate before adjournment of the legislature March 28. An agreement to that effect was reached yesterday afternoon.

At that time a decision will be made between the dollar-a-day Sherwood bill, adding more than \$75,000,000 a year to the pension rolls, and the Smoot substitute, which carries more than \$20,000,000 a year additional.

The Gallinger amendment to prohibit the payment of fees to claim agents and pension attorneys was discussed yesterday afternoon. A majority of Senators seemed to favor a clause of that character, thus leaving to the veteran army dollar of the amount allowed. The bill as reported authorized a year a \$5 fee in original cases and \$3 for renewals.