

THE WEATHER: FAIR AND WARM.

LIGHTNING HITS CITY HALL BELFRY

FIERCE ELECTRICAL STORM STRUCK CITY LAST NIGHT AND DOUBT DAMAGE.

WORST STORM IN YEARS

FIREMEN WORK IN DOWNPOUR TO HURDLE FLAMES IN BELL TOWER OF CITY HALL. CROPS DAMAGED IN SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

An electrical storm, claimed by many residents to be the worst that they had ever seen, struck this city last night.

Rain fell in torrents for about two hours and blinding flashes of lightning lit up the sky at brief intervals.

Shortly after nine o'clock, lightning struck the city hall and set fire to the belfry. The flames rapidly gained headway and soon the entire wood work was ablaze. The two fire companies turned out and after about half an hour's work, the flames were put out. The firemen were seriously handicapped at first by their inability to reach the flames with water. Three streams were put on the blaze. In spite of the heavy rain which was falling, a large crowd stood in front of the city hall and watched the firemen at their work.

Reports from the country state that crops were considerably damaged and in many cases completely ruined. Several trees were struck by the lightning.

FUNGO FERMS.

We are having fine seasons now. Crops are generally good. Cotton is not as good as usual for the time of year.

Hog cholera is raging among our hogs now. Several farmers have lost hogs already, and others have sick hogs.

Cleveland Smithwick and his sister, Miss Carrie, of Hyde county, were visiting at Pungo Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Katie Harris of Acre are visiting friends and relatives of this place.

Miss Nela Harris, who has been visiting at Acre, returned Monday. She reports a pleasant visit.

Some of our farmers have decided to eat and feed away their Irish potato crop. They are afraid the price will not justify them in shipping.

If you want to see a crowd of little kiddies, go visit R. W. and J. D. Paul and J. B. Hervey. They have purchased a 240 egg incubator and are keeping it busy. They have had two very good hatches.

J. D. and Luther Paul made a business trip to Yatesville Tuesday.

The Children's Day exercises were held at the church Sunday night. It was a success.

Rev. Raleigh Topping of Pantego, N. C. was in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary E. Ecklen died June 11, 1913. She was a daughter of Peter G. Yeates, an old-time settler who moved from Bertie County to the section now known as Gilead. She was the sixth of a family of 12 children of whom two sisters, Mrs. F. M. Langley and Mrs. S. F. Woodard, and one brother, W. G. Yeates of Gilead, survive her.

Mrs. Ecklen was the wife of the late Henry D. Ecklen, who died several years ago. Ten children were born to them, of whom the following are now living: Joseph Ecklen, Mrs. R. F. Forrest, Mrs. J. A. Lewis, and Mrs. M. E. Lewis of Gilead; E. B. and J. H. Ecklen of Washington, N. C.; W. W. Ecklen of Aleshio, N. C.; and Mrs. James Crutch of Enfield, N. C. She leaves 40 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was for many years a member of the Primitive Baptist church, but united some years ago with the Free Will Baptist.

Of Mrs. Ecklen much can be said in few words. Simplicity, service, duty—these three composed the threads into which she wove her life work. While she lived we may have but half realized her true worth, but now she is gone and we view her life in perspective it rounds out in all its reality and becomes a shining figure before us.

10,000 ATHLETES IN DENVER.

Denver, Colo., June 24.—There are 10,000 athletes here from all parts of the United States participating in the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Grant which will continue for two weeks. Jacob Schmitt, who has charge of the affair says that it is the biggest meet of athletes that have ever been held in the United States. The stadium at Lakeside, which is 400 feet wide and 800 feet deep, where the events take place, seats 10,000 persons and accommodates many more.

HON. J. H. SMALL PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIMMONS

SAYS THAT HE'S PROUD OF SENATOR SIMMONS' RECORD AND SERVICES.

WORK AN HONOR TO STATE

SIMMONS PROMINENT IN TARIFF REVISION. BILL IS SPOKEN OF AS 'SIMMONS-UNDERWOOD TARIFF BILL.'

(By Parker R. Anderson.)

Washington, June 25.—Speaking of the splendid work Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, is doing as chairman of the senate finance committee and of the great honor his work will bestow on the state in years to come, Representative John H. Small, of the first congressional district, last night said:

"There is one comment on contemporaneous history interesting to North Carolinians and creditable to her senior senator, and well worth recording. I refer to a phase of the pending tariff bill. While the bill was pending in the house it was generally referred to as the 'Underwood bill.' This was just and proper. The distinguished Alabama member not only gave prolonged study in its preparation, but he exhibited a mental poise and self-control during its consideration in the Democratic caucus and in the house which entitled him to distinguished credit.

"But for weeks now the bill has been in the senate. The finance committee of that body has given to the bill exhaustive consideration. Senator Simmons as the chairman of that great committee has exhibited qualities of real leadership. With prodigious industry and fine intellectual vigor he has analyzed statistics and other material bearing on the several schedules and winnowed the wheat from the chaff. No fallacies have escaped him. No protection dogmas have obscured his vision. He has earned the confidence of his colleagues on the committee and in the senate not only in his clear and logical mind, but in his loyalty to Democratic ideals. Even the brilliant but impulsive senator from Kentucky, Mr. James, who is frequently characterized as a radical in tariff reduction, openly expresses his implicit faith in Chairman Simmons as an ideal tariff reformer.

"The senate committee has substantially completed consideration of the bill, and it is now before the caucus of Democratic senators. Several hundred amendments have been adopted, but they represent substantial revision downward. It is the first time since the civil war a senate finance committee has amended a tariff bill in the interest of the consumer and with a view to restoring competitive industry. In all this Senator Simmons' has been the guiding hand. As one piece of evidence among others that the amendments will meet the approval of the administration and the house I may quote from a statement made last Saturday by Mr. Underwood, who said:

"The bill is presented to the Democratic caucus of the senate in satisfactory form in a large measure. None of the amendments is of a nature to cause a serious disagreement. The bill, if it is passed by the senate without further material alteration, will, I believe, speedily become a law."

"The press recognizes his efficiency and capacity. Sunday's papers referred conspicuously to the Simmons-Underwood tariff revision bill. The name of the senior senator will hereafter be linked with the greatest tariff reform legislation since the famous Walker act. I have followed

SERMON TO AGED AT METHODIST CHURCH

PREACHED BY MR. DAILEY AT REVIVAL MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

THE ATTENDANCE GOOD

IN SPITE OF RAIN, A GOODLY NUMBER WERE PRESENT TO HEAR LAST NIGHT'S SERVICES AT THE CHURCH.

The meeting in the First Methodist church continues with deepening interest and widening influence, and Mr. Dailey must have been at his best in both efforts yesterday.

A few old people took advantage of the special sermon preached in their behalf in the afternoon, and greatly enjoyed not only the sermon but also the good old-time hymns that were sung. The text was Psal. 71:9, "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth." The speaker declared that the aged were not in his way, and would never be, that he was much benefited by fellowship with them; and spoke words of comfort to lighten the burdens of life's evening time.

A goodly company was present in the evening to hear the eighth and perhaps strongest and most practical discourse of the series—Repentance and Revival—out of 1 Sam. 7: 1 and 4. The preacher's great earnestness seemed not at all disturbed by the fierce storm which raged almost throughout the service. Indeed while God was speaking through his faithful servant to those devout people who had come to his house, He was emphatically speaking through the thunder and lightning to obstinate Washington who would not come.

"Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like Him?"—Job 40:9.

"Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."—Heb. 3: 7 and 8.

Hours of worship: 4 to 5 and 6 p. m.

"And let him that is athirst come."—Rev. 22:17.

NEWS FROM BROAD CREEK.

We regret very much to know of the illness of Mrs. C. C. Cutler. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allgood and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Black of Washington.

Albert J. Respass made a flying trip to Jessama Saturday night.

Miss Laura Whitley returned from Washington Thursday, after spending a few days with friends there.

Wake up Pinetown and give us your news.

Miss Nellie J. Latham spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Pinetown. She reports a fine time.

Chester Whitley of Pantego spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitley.

Miss Lelia Cutler spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Mable and Ruby Respass.

James Allgood is quite ill at this writing.

Misses Beatie and Martha Latham spent awhile with Miss Lelia Cutler Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Singleton spent Sunday afternoon in Washington.

John B. Respass of Washington was down on his farm Tuesday afternoon.

Jesse B. Latham made a business trip to Washington Tuesday.

Chacy and Chester White visited friends at Jessama Sunday afternoon.

Misses Laura and Goldia Whitley attended the children night at Asbury church Sunday night. They report a most pleasant trip.

AURORA 4, GREENVILLE 5.

Greenville played Aurora yesterday at Aurora. The game resulted in a victory for Aurora, the score being 4-5. Lanier and Joyner acted as the battery for Greenville, while Hooker and Thompson served for Aurora. Another game will be played today between the two teams.

The work of Senator Simmons closely and I know whereof I speak. "As a North Carolinian I am proud of his record and his distinguished services."

LOCALS TO PLAY MEETING GOLDSBORO NEXT WEEK

TO PLAY AT FLEMING FIELD IN A THREE-GAME SERIES.

BLAND TO PITCH FOR LOCALS

GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. WASHINGTON TO HAVE STRONG BATTERY.

Guy Weston, manager of the Washington baseball team, has arranged for three games to be played on the local diamond next week. The games are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Goldsboro will oppose the locals in the three-game series.

Rector Bland will do the pitching for the locals. Bland is one of the crack amateur pitchers of the state, having recently pitched a no-hit game against Farmville. Ralph Thompson, of Aurora, will do the catching.

It is hoped that the baseball lovers of Washington will come to the support of the local team. Manager Weston has secured out of the best batteries that there is in this section of the state. It costs money however, to run a winning ball team. All those who are willing to contribute are requested to communicate with P. P. Maxwell.

INTERESTING ADDRESS MADE

J. Z. GREEN, ORGANIZER-LECTURER DELIVERS INTERESTING ADDRESS.

ABOUT 75 MEN PRESENT

About seventy-five men were present in the court house this morning and listened to the address made by J. Z. Green, organizer-lecturer of the Farmers' Union.

Mr. Green made a most interesting address. He showed where the strength of the farmer lay in co-operation and organization. He mentioned several incidents, which proved that for the farmer to try to work single handed was guilty of the height of folly. There was only one way, he stated, for the farmers to thrive and prosper, and that was for them to establish themselves on an equal basis, co-operate with each other in an effort to obtain just prices for their produce and become educated to modern methods of farming.

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In order to get the fullest enjoyment out of your week-end holidays approach them with a peaceful and untroubled mind.

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MEETING TO DISCUSS RATES

ORGANIZING SECRETARY OF JUST FREIGHT ASS'N. IS IN THE CITY.

MEETING HELD TONIGHT

ALL MERCHANTS ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT. WILL BE HELD IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOMS AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Hubert Ramsaur, organizing secretary of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association is in the city. Mr. Ramsaur is here for the purpose of interesting the merchants of Washington in the matter of freight rates and showing them the exorbitant rates which they have been paying. He has been engaged in this work for over a month and organized the merchants in twenty counties. A meeting will be called tonight at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and every resident of the city, who is interested in the matter is urged to be present.

(By Mr. Ramsaur)

Our plan is to organize every county in the state to end the discrimination against North Carolina towns in freight rates. The present rate basis is such that it makes it impossible for the development of shippers and manufacturers in this state. This is due to the low rates which are in effect in Virginia cities.

The high rates prevailing over North Carolina are very harmful to merchants, farmers and consumers, and all should rally to the support of the cause, which tends to relieve the present situation.

Washington may think that she enjoys a very low rate, but an investigation will show to the contrary.

BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND PARTS—1909.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Statistics for the bicycle, motorcycle, and parts industry are presented in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. It was prepared under the supervision of W. M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures.

The number of bicycles made decreased from 1,182,691, valued at \$23,656,487, in 1899 to 250,487, with a value of \$3,740,923, in 1904, and 233,707, valued at \$3,228,189, in 1909, while the output of motorcycles increased from 160, valued at \$93,674, in 1899, to 2,323, valued at \$359,180, in 1904, and 18,628, with a value of \$2,015,988, in 1909.

The evolution of the bicycle from primitive and unserviceable types to a useful and attractive means of travel may be said to have taken place between 1858 and 1890; and its perfection and standardization into practically one form of structure, the modern "safety," between 1890 and 1895. During this latter period the popularity of the bicycle became so wide-spread that the industry grew very rapidly, but after about 1897 it began to decline.

In 1899 there were 27 establishments engaged in the industry, which gave employment to an average of 1,797 wage earners and reported products valued at \$2,568,326. At the census of 1899, after the industry had begun to decline, the average number of wage earners was nearly ten times the value of products more than twelve times as great as in 1889.

A considerable recovery of the industry as a whole is indicated by the statistics for 1909. While the number of establishments in that year shows a decrease from the number in 1904, the average number of wage earners increased 1,118, or 33.7 per cent, and the value of products, \$5,546,527, or 107.6 per cent. The most important factor in the renewal of activity in the industry has been the growing demand for motorcycles.

The average number of persons engaged in the bicycle and motorcycle industry during 1909 was 5,017, of whom 4,437, or 88.4 per cent, were wage earners. Of the total number of persons engaged in the industry only 3.2 per cent were females. Of the establishments reported in 1909 about half were operated by individuals. The value of the products of such establishments, however, represented only five per cent.

AT THE LYRIC.

The management has been fortunate in securing "Whitrow and Glover" as the vaudeville feature for tonight, tomorrow night and Saturday. This well known team have met with a rousing reception wherever they have played. There is nothing old or worn out about their act. It is new and fresh from start to finish. A specialty in singing, talking and eccentric dancing.

The pictures will be of a high order, and taken altogether, tonight's program will be one of the best that has been presented at the Lyric for some time.

JOHNSON TRIED IN COURT THIS MORNING

JUDGMENT SUSPENDED. WILL BE TRIED BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT.

TRIED BY U. S. COURT

PRELIMINARY HEARING TOMORROW. NEGRO FOUND GUILTY OF CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS AND OF ASSAULT.

The case of Dick Johnson was brought up before Recorder Windley this morning. Johnson was accused of having more than one gallon of liquor in his possession. Judgment was suspended upon his paying costs of court. He will be tried at the next session of the Superior Court.

Johnson will be tried tomorrow by the United States Court on the charge of distilling whiskey. The trial will be a preliminary hearing. James Blount, colored, was brought into court charged with assault and carrying concealed weapons. He was fined \$25.00 and costs, which was paid.

MOLASSES CURE FOR CANCER

The following is the "molasses cure for cancer," asked for with its authority: "The Glasgow (Scotland) Mail, November 1, 1902, offers a simple home remedy for cancer entitled 'A New Use for Molasses.' Owing to the unprecedented drought throughout Australia, animals are being fed on chaff and straw, mixed with molasses to make the food more palatable. A correspondent writes from Mackay, Queensland, describing what is believed to be a simple and wonderful cure for cancer. He states that a resident who had what had been diagnosed as a cancer under his tongue, casually applied some molasses to the affected part, and suffered intense pain for about an hour. Then the pain abated and the spot in his mouth felt less troublesome than before. After a further daily course of molasses he was completely cured. Another resident, whose case had been diagnosed as internal cancer, also claims to have been cured by taking a tablespoonful of ray molasses five times a day for five weeks." It is certainly a simple and harmless remedy, and I trust, if any one tries it, she will let us know with what success. I have the knowledge of one case of cure, which was cancer of the breast.

Mrs. F. E. B. San Francisco, Cal.

JUNE 28 IN HISTORY.

1782—Slavery entirely abolished in Austrian Poland.

829—Boston alderman refused to let Tremont theatre open on July 4.

1831—Cholera made its appearance in St. Petersburg, Russia.

1853—Czar of Russia issued manifesto against Turkey's treatment of Christians.

1852—Seven Days' Battles between Federals and Confederates about Beaver's Dam Creek.

1866—Austrians driven out of Poland by the Prussians.

1884—British House of Commons passed bill extending franchise; Lords rejected it July 17.

1896—Advance Guard of American Army reached San Juan.

1902—Mr. Spooner's Panama Canal bill passed by Congress.

1912—Powers notified of Okina's rejection of terms of a proposed international loan of \$100,000,000.

LARGE CROWDS AT NEW BERN ON THE 4TH

INDICATIONS ARE THAT RECORD BREAKING CROWD WILL BE PRESENT.

MANY ENTRIES FOR EVENTS

MOTORCYCLE RACE PROMISES TO BE BIG FEATURE OF DAY'S PROGRAM. FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT AROUSES INTEREST.

New Bern will have the greatest Fourth of July celebration that has been attempted in this section of the State for a number of years. The railroads are offering special rates for this occasion and thousands will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing some of the greatest speed events ever advertised to take place in North Carolina.

The first event at the fair grounds will be the motorcycle races. There will be two classes. A race for single cylinder machines and a race by machines with more than one cylinder. These races will be two of the big "thrillers" of the day. Those who witnessed the motorcycle races in New Bern during the last fair know that it was the most exciting features of the whole week.

Next will come the horse races. There will be two classes. A three minute class and a free for all. This will be one of the best racing events ever pulled off in this section of the State and lovers of this kind of sport may expect races that will be exciting from start to finish.

Next on the program will be a bicycle race by boys sixteen years old and under. This race will not be quite as speedy as the motorcycle races, but it will be great sport to see the youngsters give a demonstration of "muscle" instead of "gasoline."

The big event of the afternoon's program will be the firemen's tournament. This tournament will consist of hose wagon races with a pressure of one hundred pounds. Four teams have already entered this contest and it is expected that nearby towns will send their team.

Admission to the fair grounds will be only 50c. Children under twelve years of age, 25c. Admission to the grand stand will be free.

SCANDINAVIAN GOOD TEMPLARS MEET.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 26.—The Junior Grand Lodge of the Scandinavian International Order of Good Templars met here today. Lodges from the Northwest are most largely represented.

FLY FACTS.

No woman wants a drunken man or any one in her house who does not duly respect her home. Why? Because she does not care to have the rugs kicked about or the floor spit upon. Such a person is not at all sanitary in behavior, but always an unwelcome visitor.

Flies are ungentlemanly visitors with the most corrupt of manners. From the stable or hogpen they rush to brush their filthy feet on your food, or to wash their face and hands in the milk, or lounge reluctantly on the canned and preserved fruits, or have a picnic in the sugarbowl, and if you open your mouth they'll eat your tongue out! No wonder you are worried and your sanitary indignation pitched upward when you see just a few thousand such visitors in your dining-room. No wonder you are rather chagrined upon an inspection of the table ware, cloths, napkins, etc., for upon these you will find four dozen specks for each fly in the room. Have you ever thought of the risk you are obliged to assume by being ever surrounded by this nuisance? Have you once thought of how much danger your health, and that of your family is placed in from conditions like these? You can best answer these questions when you appreciate the fact that each fly is a germ carrier, and that on everything a fly lights some germs are left. Even by flying over the table thousands of germs very injurious to health, are scattered upon your food. You eat these germs—millions of them. Your system is poisoned. You need not stare, but

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