

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Tar Heel Notes.

There was another negro shooting scrape in Statesville Tuesday night and as a result Tom Ferguson a hack driver is dangerously wounded.

Charters are granted the Clanton Planning Mill Company, Capital stock \$25,000, O. L. Clark principal stockholder. Another charter is granted the High Point Machine Company, capital stock \$25,000, which is in take over of the High Point Machine Works and the Dixie Motor Company. E. W. Vandross and H. A. Menagar of High Point being the stockholders. The company will make numbers of articles, including bicycles.

The King Whiskey Distilling Company, Salisbury, has changed its name to the H. J. Summers Company.

A charter is granted the Montreal Concrete and Building Company, to make blocks, brick and tiles, capital stock, \$10,000. Fleming Ramsey, of Shelby and others stockholders. Another charter is granted to the Newton Pulp Mill Company, Elizabethtown, \$40,000; F. A. Adlington, of Wake and other stockholders.

The county superintendent's campaign against the State Superintendent of Education is progressing. The State Superintendent has been let for seven new public schools and the four local tax elections in school districts will be held in a few days and that a favorable result is sure. When the board meets Monday three more petitions for such elections will be presented. A first-class county school is to be established at Salisbury, and besides, this more rural schools are to be built.

B. C. Beckwith of the State board of internal improvements sold the State arsenal in the corner of capital square by order of the Legislature for \$155. The building is 60 years old.

The pensioning authorities announce that John Bailey, a militia, aged 22, sentenced for kidnaping last December for 25 years for number, escaped from the county jail near Godwin. A reward of \$25 and all necessary expenses is offered.

A new company of the national guard has been organized at Shelby to take the place of the one disbanded last week for failure to appear for inspection. It seems that the failure to appear is owing to some local trouble. In a few days the new company will be mustered in and will take the old place in the regiment.

State Superintendent Joyner is notified by Superintendent Giles of McDowell that local tax election is being carried in two school districts in that county and that another is pending with good prospects.

The agricultural department is making very complete arrangements for its summer series of county institutes for farmers. These will cover more than two-thirds of the State and very great care is to be taken in making up a strong corps of field workers to conduct them. The department is very much gratified by the fact that from year to year interest in and attendance at these institutes has increased. The work of arrangement is entrusted to State Veterinarian Butler.

Two lives were lost on the Seaboard Air Line at Norfolk, Engineer N. S. Efferon drove his last freight train northbound into the tender and some cars shifting engine in the yards a quarter of a mile the other side of the station. The engineer and his fireman B. F. Johnson were instantly killed and their engine utterly wrecked. Strange to say the engineer and fireman on the shifter were unharmed.

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A Big Real Estate Deal.

Wilkeshore, Special.—One of the largest real estate sales took place here that has ever been made by any individual in this section of the State. Mr. T. B. Finley sold to the Giant Lumber Company over 10,000 acres of the timber lands. This land has very fine white pine oak and chestnut on it and lies at the foot and in the coves of the Blue Ridge mountains on Redfish river.

Hurt by Dynamite Explosion.

Newbern, Special.—Moses Thom, a colored laborer on the Pamlico, Oriental & Western Railroad, lost his right hand by the explosion of a stick of dynamite. He discovered the explosive in the fire and endeavored to remove it. When in his hand it exploded fearfully lacerating it, and inflicting the leg in three places. Thom was taken to a different institution where the hand was amputated at the wrist.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

Condition of North Carolina Crops for the Past Week as Given Out by the Department—Conditions for Week Ending Monday, May 6.

The weather was very favorable during the past week in most respects. The temperature was slightly above normal, and the rainfall was unevenly distributed. Tuesday and Wednesday were fair.

On Thursday and Friday heavy rains fell in the eastern half of the State and moderate rains in the western half. These rains were in general beneficial, but some correspondents report too much rain, the effect being to delay farming operations. Some hail fell but no damage resulted. The remainder of the week was fair.

The temperature was highest on the first two days of the week, and the highest temperature reported was 90 degrees on May 1st in Lenoir County, during the remainder of the week, the temperature was moderate except on Friday when the lowest temperature was generally reported.—A. H. Tiltgen, Section Director.

Greensboro Female College Commencement.

Greensboro, Special.—Following is the programme of the exercises of the commencement of the Greensboro Female College:

Sunday evening, May 19.—Sermon before Y. W. C. A., by the Rev. W. A. Lambeth.

Monday evening, May 20.—Recital by expression students.

Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., Richmond, Va.

Tuesday, 4 p. m.—Alumnae evening.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Plano recital, under the auspices of the Alumnae association, by Clamie Roberts.

Wednesday morning, May 22, at 9:30 o'clock.—Graduating exercises; reading of theses; conferring certificates, diplomas, Bibles, etc.

Literary address at 11 a. m., by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, University of North Carolina.

Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.—Annual concert.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the public, especially former students, to attend these exercises.

Officers Seize 50-Gallon Still.

Fayetteville, Special.—Saturday night Sheriff Watson with Deputy Sheriff Culbertson seized one of the biggest "moonshiners'" outfits ever captured in this county, comprising a 50-gallon still and 1,500 gallons of beer, situated at the head of an inaccessible cove on the banks of the widest part of Rockfish township. The blockaders were evidently resting at home, but every thing was ready for the night work of turning beer into whiskey.

Fatally Stabbed.

Wilmington, Special.—Sunday night in the northern part of the city George Brown and Robert Walker, an adopted son of Maj. Andrew Walker, an officer of the colored troops in the Spanish-American war from this city, were involved in a difficulty with the result that Walker stabbed Brown to death, a long knife having penetrated the breast between the ribs in the region of the heart. Brown ran a block and fell dead in the street. Walker, who is but 15 years of age, made his escape. Brown was 19. The coroner held an inquest at the city hall and fixed the responsibility of the killing on Walker.

North State Items.

A charter has been granted the Investment Company of Wilmington, Single Mella being the principal stockholder, the capital stock being \$200,000.

Corporation Commissioner Rogers has gone to investigate complaints made by persons at several points on the line of the Transylvania Railway, between Roxboro and Hendersonville.

The Greensboro High School Athletic Association has decided that no member of the high school baseball or football teams will be allowed to play until he has signed a pledge stating that he will not under any circumstances drink a drink of whiskey while he is away on a trip to play, while the team is together for practice.

State Veterinarian Butler has gone to Tryon to investigate the cause of glanders existing there. It is a very dangerous and deadly disease, and is communicated to human beings. It is the first case reported in North Carolina in almost a year. This State is remarkably free from it.

Husband Held For the Murder of His Wife.

Durham, N. C., Special.—Laid out for burial with a photograph of her husband on her breast, the body of Lizzie Gutierrez, colored, was found in bed. Finger prints on her throat showed that she had been strangled. Her husband, "Major" Gutierrez, has been arrested and held without bail.

Young Man Loses an Arm.

Mooresville, Special.—Mr. Calvin Cooper sawyer at Reynolds mill near here was struck on the left arm near the shoulder by a wheel that broke loose from a section in rapid motion Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The bones of the arm were shattered and doctors amputated the arm at the shoulder last night. Mr. Cooper lost his left arm and below a sound man of splendid physique his physician thinks recovery will be prompt.

A TEXAS TORNADO

Sweeps Several Small Towns Out of Existence

SOME LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

Wind Assumes Proportion of Tornado in Some Sections and Results in Deaths of Two and Injury to Many Other Persons, Besides Great Damage to Cattle.

Fort Worth, Tex., Special.—A storm of wind and rain, which was general throughout a considerable area in northern Texas, and which at some places assumed the proportion of a tornado, according to meagre reports received here has resulted in the loss of at least two lives, the injury of many other persons, and great damage to property and crops. Several villages are wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telegraph and telegraph wires, details are almost impossible to obtain.

At Depout, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northward, cutting paths about 100 yards wide in the residence portion on the east side. The Baptist parsonage was blown to pieces, its timbers and the furniture scattered over the ground. R. H. Bryson's residence was demolished and several other residences damaged. As far as can be ascertained, no one was hurt at this place.

Crops are badly damaged and many fences and barns were blown away. It is reported that at Palestine, in Red River county, the wife and child of Andrew Bell were hurt. A terrible wind passed over Sulphur Springs about 2 o'clock.

The damage in Sulphur Springs was trivial, but west of there the proportion of a tornado, carrying death and great property damage in its wake, was assumed. A passenger train on the Cotton Belt was held by the train crew until the storm passed. The telephone and telegraph wires were blown down and details of the storm are almost impossible to obtain.

At Antioch, or Pleasant Grove, as it is also called, the whole village was practically destroyed. Antioch is about seven miles north of Sulphur Springs. This is the tornado belt and most of the homes are provided with storm cellars.

The home of William Lemmons was completely destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. Three barns on the place were also destroyed and many head of live stock killed. A tenant on the place named Brazil, with his family, consisting of his wife and seven children, saw the storm coming and made a run for a cell. Brazil was caught by the wind and crushed by flying debris. Five of the children reached the cellar in safety, but Mrs. Brazil and two of the children were fearfully hurt and two are entertained for their recovery.

The home of Joseph Ferguson was destroyed and Mrs. Ferguson was dangerously hurt by flying debris. Ben Porges and his wife were blown down, but it is thought they may probably die.

Mrs. Sid Lacey as hurt and will probably die.

The village of Byrd Wright was entirely destroyed and it is known that at least one death occurred there, although more may have been fatally hurt. Crawford Martin and Jap Conner were seriously wounded and may die. Byrd Wright is a village of between 300 and 400 persons and it is said to have been utterly wrecked, with the exception of a few business sections. Many of the townspeople were in that part of the village and thus escaped death.

The Transport Logon Sails.

San Francisco, Special.—The United States transport Logon sailed Monday afternoon for the Philippines, Honolulu and Guam, carrying the 13th Cavalry, (colored), with the members of the families of the married enlisted men, 250 members of the Twenty-seventh Battery Field Artillery, 200 recruits for Honolulu and a few seamen for Guam.

Watson to be Given Hearing.

Washington, Special.—Immigration Commissioner Watson, of South Carolina will be given a hearing by the national immigration commission in Washington on Friday of this week. Mr. Watson has been abroad a number of times in efforts to interest a desirable class of immigrants in the opportunities afforded for work in the southern part of the country and the commission is anxious to hear from him. Six members of the immigration commission are to sail for Europe on May 18 to pursue their investigation into the immigration question.

Investigating Alleged Fertilizer Trust

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Alleging that there exists a fertilizer trust, injurious in its operations in Alabama, a legislative committee began work Monday to investigate it.

The committee is headed by Senator M. L. Leith, who asserted in the Senate some weeks ago that fertilizers of the same grade and excellence made at Florence, Ala., cost the Alabama farmer as much as that made at Baltimore.

Double Sentence For Wrecking Church.

Wilkeshore, Pa., Special.—Peter Savage and Joseph Chonowsky were sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs for wrecking with dynamite the Welsh Congregational church at Edwinstown, near here, two years ago. Savage confessed to the murder of former Governor Stuebner, but was pardoned on Wednesday and implicated Chonowsky.

President Defines Position.

New York, Special.—In a letter read Sunday before the Central Federation Union, President Roosevelt states that if evidence is submitted to him showing that there has been a miscarriage of justice for against Meyer and Haywood, awaiting trial at Boise, Idaho, charged with the murder of former Governor Stuebner, he will bring such evidence to the attention of the attorney general for such action, if any, as may be in the power of the Federal authorities to take.

Town Destroyed by Fire.

Warsaw, Special.—Fire totally destroyed the town of Tyszowce, in the province of Lublin. Three thousand persons are homeless.

MARVIN BOY FOUND

His Dead Body Discovered By His Father

ASSUREDLY HE WAS MURDERED

Theory Advance That Child Was Murdered and Placed Where Found as the Marsh Had Been Burned Off and Cleared Four Weeks Ago, and Child's Clothing Bore no Evidence of Fire.

Dover, Del., Special.—The body of little Horace Marvin, who disappeared from the farm of his father at Kitts Hammock, near here, March 4, was found Saturday afternoon in a marsh in a fair state of preservation. The spot where the body was found is about a half mile east of the farm house toward the Delaware river. Kitts Hammock is between seven and eight miles from here and is without communication with any place. From information brought by a horseman it is learned that the clothes on the child were the same as he wore on the day he disappeared. The body was found lying face downward.

Dr. Marvin at the moment the body was found was not ready to say whether the body of his child was placed where it was found or whether he believes the child wandered into the marsh and lost his life. The marsh was frozen over the day the boy disappeared.

There is a theory that the child was murdered and his body placed in the marsh as the long grass where the body was found was burned and cleared four weeks ago. It is said that the same marsh nearly every day and that the clothing showed no evidence of having been touched by fire.

Hunter Discovers Body.

The body was found by Ollie Pleasanton, a neighbor, who was hunting for ducks on the marsh. He had the body laid under the pile of grass and with a sheet. Pleasanton has figured in the case since Horace was lost, having first reported that he had seen the two strange men who appeared there enquiring about the topography and enquiring three days before the disappearance of the child.

When Ollie Pleasanton came upon the child's body he found the clothing intact. His tiny wooden reefer was buttoned up securely about the body and not an article of clothing which he had on when he disappeared was missing. His knit cap was pulled over his face and his mittens were on his hands.

Dr. Marvin says he searched over the marsh and saw no signs of the disappearance and with detectives burned the grass of the place four weeks ago but saw no signs of the body.

The theory that the child had been recently placed where he was found is supported by the fact that Dr. Marvin as well as detectives who stood on the spot when they burned the tall sage grass from it. Further than this the marsh has been trampled over the last few days and just west of the neighbors no sign of the child was seen.

Dr. Marvin went on a run to the place described by Pleasanton and finally picked up the little form, pulling the body out of the nest of grass and sure that it was his boy. Being satisfied that it was his son, the doctor wrapped the remains in a sheet and carried them to the house, where he notified the family.

Met With Foul Play.

Dr. Marvin is convinced that his son met with foul play. Shortly after the body was found he said: "I'm certain he was murdered. His body brought back and left by the wind and blowing force here and there that he wandered out there and died. The clothing showed no signs of being burned, as would undoubtedly be the case had the body lain there when the fire swept over the marsh."

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Two Bodies Float Ashore.

Pass Christian, Miss., Special.—The drowning of five men of the schooner Sioux on Monday night came to light when the bodies of two floated ashore and a third body was seen off shore. The missing include Captain James Connelly, formerly of Baltimore. He and the four sailors started to row out to their schooner Monday evening, but they never reached the vessel. The Sioux is from Biloxi.

Stroke Killed Minister.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Special.—Rev. J. D. Simmons, of this city editor of the Baptist Banner and one of the best known ministers in West Virginia, died at the Virginia Hospital, at Backhannon, last Sunday Rev. Mr. Simmons left here to preach at Backhannon, but before church time he was stricken with apoplexy and was found unconscious in his room at the hotel. He never regained consciousness. His wife and daughter were at his bedside.

Prevent Wrong Posting.

A writer in January Business Man's Magazine suggests an easy method to minimize the posting of amounts to the wrong account in the ledger. He uses black ink for credits and violet for debits.

This arrangement leads the mind to connect each color with its own proper position, and a violation is almost sure to be detected before it has gone far enough to cause much trouble.

FULLAM IN CHARGE

American Officer Takes Hand in Affairs

OF SOUTH AMERICAN PROVINCE

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A FATAL EXPLOSION

Death of 5 in the Wake of Fire Damp

BODIES OF THREE RECOVERED

Four Other Men Entombed, Believed Dead and Four Severely Burned—Debris Recovered at Whipple Mines in Leap Creek District of West Virginia, in Shaft 450 Feet Deep.

Charleston, W. Va., Special.—Three men were killed, four were severely burned and four others are entombed and probably dead as a result of a mine explosion at the Whipple Mines in the Leap Creek district Wednesday afternoon. The three dead men whose bodies have been recovered are: Hudson Bergess, motorman; Erastus Wiley, sprinkler; Ira Kelley, driver.

The men missing, who are supposed to be dead are: Robert Armstrong, Raleigh Tucker, Charles Bergess and William Wilton, a negro.

Four injured men, who were taken to the State Mines' Hospital at McKendree were: Henry Milton, white, a stable boss, and three unknown white men.

The mine where the explosion occurred is a shaft 450 feet deep. It has two openings and belongs to the Dixon interests, who also own the Star Mine, where an explosion occurred last January, that killed 86 men. The explosion Wednesday afternoon occurred at about 3:30 o'clock in the main return heading, about 1,200 feet from the foot of the shaft.

Many Women Hurt in Fire.

Chicago, Special.—More than 100 persons were pinned in a burning building at 253 Wabash avenue, and narrowly escaped with their lives. Fully half of these persons were injured in the panic to escape, but none are expected to die. Many of those who were only slightly hurt made off in the confusion without assistance. Several received their injuries while assisting women from the building.

The building is a four-story structure, the first floor of which was occupied by the Story & Clark Piano Company and the second floor by the Lotus Lunch Club. The two upper floors were unoccupied. The injured were either patrons or employees of the lunch club. The inside of the building was burned out, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Capt. Bason Dead.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Capt. George F. Bason, well and favorably known throughout this section died at his home in Gastonia Wednesday at 11 o'clock. At the time of his death he was 63 years of age. Capt. Bason has been counsel for the Southern Railway. He was 63 years of age, served with bravery and distinction in the Confederate army, was a man of deep learning and great popularity.

By Telegraph.

The Italian bark Oriata is ashore and her crew is missing. Atlantic City was "dry" and many visitors were disgusted. Stuyvesant Fish says the trouble with his wife is dyspepsia.

The Census Bureau will give Nashville her dues in the matter of population.

Mayor McCallan, of New York, has made peace with Tammany. News of the signing of a peace compact between Salvador and Nicaragua was received in Washington.

Commission Rejects Report.

Richmond, Va., Special.—In an opinion handed down Wednesday the State corporation commission disapproved and rejected the report of a New York consulting actuary to the State insurance commissioner, at whose instance an investigation of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia was conducted. The commission has ordered that the report be taken before the Southern Railway. The cases were those of the Warren Manufacturing Company and others of Warrentonville, S. C., against the Southern Railway; James L. Quimby, of Laurens, S. C., against the Clyde Line Steamship Company and the Riverside Mills, of Augusta, Ga., against the Southern Railway. Briefs were filed and the cases will be taken into consideration at an early date.

King Edward and President Falliers, of France met. Directors of the Cotton Belt Railway in Texas held a meeting. J. W. Maxwell, general superintendent, was elected vice president and director; vice W. E. Greene, resigned. Directors elected are F. E. Britton, H. E. Farrell, St. Louis, W. C. Conner, Dallas, Tex.; M. A. Cooper, T. J. Jones, Sherman, Tex.; James Garrity, Corsicana, Tex.

According to report J. Edward Adicks is to finance the double-tracking of the Siberian railroad.

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