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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

Made Him Stop.

Wilson, Special.—Parties from Rocky Mount report a shooting in that town just before the shoo-fly started southward. The facts as gleaned are as follows: Mr. Matt Overman had just left his residence which is opposite the North Rocky Mount passenger depot, for his place of business, leaving no one at home but his wife and son Frank. The father had not more than left the yard before a white man, besotted with drink, stepped on the front porch and attempted to enter the door. Young Frank asked him what he wanted, but received no reply. He then ordered the fellow to leave the premises, but instead he drew a knife and again tried to enter the door. Once again the fellow was ordered from the premises, but paid no heed to the warning, and continued to advance. Then the young man, to save his mother and himself from harm, caught up a gun and sent a load of shot into the intruder's shoulder. When last heard from the fellow was unconscious.

Night Riding Threatened.

Raleigh, Special.—Because he threatened to form a band of night riders and burn the cotton gin of W. Adams in New Light township, Wilson county, if Adams did not stop selling cotton gin until prices advance, J. B. Thompson, a well known farmer, has been arrested and will be tried Saturday. Threats to burn a number of other gins and barns are charged against Thompson, who has retained a prominent Raleigh lawyer to defend him. In this connection it is of interest that Mr. Clarence H. Poe the editor of the Progressive Farmer having wide circulation throughout the South, has addressed letters a second time to all the Governors of the Southern States pressing upon them the idea that the better element of farmers throughout the country will back them in the most vigorous efforts to stamp out night riding wherever it breaks out. He says farmers in many sections of the South are really terrorized by this growing evil and the weel-being of the country depends on the most summary justice being dealt out to every offender by the State authorities.

Debris of Odell Mill Sold For Junk.

Concord, Special.—A large force of hands has been put to work between the walls of the old Odell Mill No. 4, which was destroyed by fire several months ago, removing the debris and getting the old iron and fixtures in shape for shipment, the stuff having been purchased by some Northern concern as old junk. The task of moving this great mass of iron will be an enormous one, but with the force with which the force is now working, it will not take a great while to have the grounds clear of all of it. The bare towering walls will soon be the only remanants of the big fire to remain, and it is thought that when the mill property is sold, that a movement will be made at once to build a new mill on the same site.

Another Iredell Veteran Dead.

Statesville, Special.—Another of Iredell's loyal veterans of the struggle of the '60's passed away last week when Mr. Wiley Hamon, of Allenany township died. While Mr. Hamon had been in poor health for a time his condition did not become critical until Sunday evening. Funeral services were conducted at Friendship Methodist church, and interment was in the churchyard. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

Negro Torn to Pieces in Cotton Gin.

Elizabeth City, Special.—A report is received here Friday that a negro, Will Gregory, was Thursday killed in the Cowell cotton gin at Moyock. The negro, who was an old hand, got mixed up in the machinery in some way and was literally torn to pieces.

State Sabbath Convention.

High Point, Special.—The State Convention of the N. C. Sabbath Observance Association had its opening here last Thursday in Washington Street M. E. church. The address of welcome was delivered by W. T. Parker, of High Point, and response by Dr. S. B. Turrentine of Greensboro. Dr. Wm. Dinwiddie of Charlotte Reformed church, gave an address on "Modern Conditions Change Our Obligations to Observe Sabbath." After the address enrollment of delegates followed, and an enthusiastic meeting was held.

Barn and Automobile Burned.

Grange, Special.—The barn of Emmett Robinson with its contents including an automobile and a quantity of feed, was consumed by fire Thursday night at midnight. The automobile had been used only about two months by Mr. Robinson, who is R. F. D. carrier. Mr. Robinson succeeded in saving his horse. There was some insurance on the barn and automobile.

Sentenced to Death.

Smithfield, Special. — Thursday morning Judge Higgins sentenced Frank Gilbreath, colored, to be hanged Nov. 11. The crime for which Gilbreath is to be hanged was committed Aug. 24, when he shot and instantly killed Edward Pigg, a farmer, after lying in wait for him. The jury rendered a verdict of murder in the second degree within fifteen minutes after receiving the charge. An appeal to the Supreme Court will probably be taken.

Salisbury's Fair a Great Success.

Salisbury, Special.—Thursday was the closing day of the Yadkin Valley Fair, which opened here Tuesday. On account of rain no races were called at the grounds of the fair association here Thursday afternoon. There were, however, two thousand to three thousand people on the grounds, notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions. The day was spent in viewing the various exhibits and visiting the midway. A number of the fakirs pulled stakes and left the city when the rain began. The stake races will, according to the rules of the National Trotting Association, be made as soon as the track can be used even if the horsemen are compelled to remain here for a week.

Serious Affair in Caldwell County.

Hickory, Special.—As a result of booze and an old feud, John Hafer, living just across Catawba river in Caldwell county, was cut to the heart with a knife and left for dead, by an unknown would-be assassin supposed to be either Earl Brinkley or Frank Propst. The deed was committed Sunday, but full details unobtainable, except that Dr. H. C. Menzies was called and gave attention, Hafer's life, the physician stated, was hanging by a mere thread as it were, but after patting in an entire night with him, Dr. Menzies expressed a belief that he might be able to pull him through.

Site For Wilmington's New Custom House.

Wilmington, Special.—Mr. G. D. Ellsworth, an agent of the United States Treasury Department at Washington, arrived in the city Tuesday evening and spent the day in company with Collector of Customs B. F. Keith inspecting the number of available sites in the city for the new and handsome Custom House recently authorized by Congress for this port. It is understood that the sites considered most available are those at the southeast corner of Water and Princess streets and at northeast corner of Water and Market streets.

Finds 'Possum in Mail Box.

Wadesboro, Special.—Carrier Allen on Route 2, of Polkton, was much surpirsed one day last week when he opened a mail box, looking for letters, and found a big 'possum grinning at him. Mr. Allen is not quite sure whether the owner of the box was using it for a 'possum cage or that this is a new idea among patrons for showing favors to their carriers. Be that as it may, the 'possum was quickly dumped into a mail sack and experienced not a little mental anguish for several hours, fearing that he might be starting on a long and rough trip by way of postal routes. Mr. Allen was grinning next day.

Two New Hospitals For Gastonia.

Gastonia, Special.—Gastonia will soon be well supplied with hospitals and they will be up to date. The city hospital will likely be occupied first. The painters are finishing up one of the T. L. Craig residences and the furnishings are being put in by Rankin Bros. The building is being renovated and an operating room built on the third floor in the rear of the building, with good skylight. Everything is being put in first-class shape. The rooms are large and airy and neatly painted. The building is practically a new one.

Items of State News.

Work is progressing rapidly on the concrete sidewalks which are being laid on the main streets of North Wilkesboro.

Upon the charge of pushing his wife from a moving train Tuesday night, J. W. Wells, of Rocky Mount, is being held without bail. Mrs. Wells' condition is still critical.

Seven Thousand Dollar Fire

Wilson, Special.—Thursday morning about three o'clock Middlesex citizens were disturbed from their slumbers by the cry of "fire." On investigation it was found to be the store and residence of Mr. B. F. Holland. The fire originated in the second story of the building, which is used as a residence by Mr. Holland and his family. The building, with stock of goods, furniture, etc., was completely lost. Loss about seven thousand dollars.

A Murderer Respited.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn last week granted a reprieve till Thursday, November 19th, to Henry Harvey, a negro murderer, who was to have been executed in Rockingham last week. It is understood that the counsel for Harvey will make application to Governor Glenn to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment on the grounds that the negro is of a low order of intelligence and half-witted.

News in Brief.

A fine new cotton mill is going up at Vass, in Moore county, the project being the undetraking of Mr. A. Cameron, a sawmill man who has been in the Vass territory for several years. An equipment of 5,000 spindles will be installed at the start, with more machinery to be added as the demand justifies. The capital stock of the mill is $125,000.

When the Hudson day steamer New York burned at her dock four negro waiters perished.

HAINES PLEADS INSANITY

Capt. Peter C. Hains Will Plead That He Was Temporarily Insane When He Killed William E. Annis—Demurrer of Denfense Overruled—Date For Trial to Be Set Monday.

New York, Special.—Temporary insanity will be the defense of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., United States army, who killed William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club's landing last August.

In the Supreme Court at Flushing, L. I., Judge Garretson overruled the demurrer entered by counsel for the defense in the case of Thornton Jenkins Hains, brother of the captain, which set up the claim that the indictment was defective in that it charged Jenkins Hains both as principal and accessory before the fact. Jenkins Hains was then called to the bar and pleaded to the indictment not guilty. J. F. McIntyre, of counsel for the defense, entered a plea of not guilty for Captain Hains, on the ground that at the time of the killing of Annis, Captain Hains was insane. District Attorney Darrin offered no objection to the plea so that the court could set a date for the beginning of the trial. This Judge Garretson said he preferred to leave to the judge who would preside at the November term of the court.

Mr. Darrin announced that he will go before the Supreme Court at Flushing next Monday and ask that the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains be set for November.

He said it has not yet been definitely decided whether or not Mrs. Hains shall be called as a witness for the prosecution at the trial.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.

Census Bureau Says 6,283,780 Bales Have Been Ginned From Growth of 1908 Up to October 18th.

Washington, Special.—The census report on cotton issued Monday shows a total of 6,283,780 bales, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1908, up to October 18th, and a total of 25,440 active ginneries. This is as compared with 4,420,258 bales ginned for 1907; 4,931,621 for 1906; 4,990,566 for 1905, and 6,417,894 for 1904. The number of active ginneries in 1907 was 24,926, for 1906 was 26,125, and for 1905 was 26,577. Round bales included this year number 115,438, as compared with 97,797 for 1907; 132,144 for 1906, and 146,574 for 1905. Sea Island bales aggregate 32,462 for 1908; 18,775 for 1907; 12,091 for 1906, and 31,487 for 1905. The report by States, giving bales (counting round bales as half bales) and active ginneries, respectively, is as follows:

Alabama, 690,788 and 3,295.
Arkansas, 347,108 and 1,934.
Florida, 34,577 and 231.
Georgia, 1,119,617 and 4,2500.
Kentucky and New Mexico, 566 and 2.
Louisiana, 296,207 and 1,499.
Mississippi, 621,425 and 3,190.
Missouri, 20,234 and 66.
North Carolina, 276,173 and 2,443.
Oklahoma, 131,578 and 862.
South Carolina, 659,076 and 3,046.
Tennessee, 132,227 and 581.
Taxes, 2,041,570 and 3,978.
Virginia, 12,816 and 63.

The report also announces that the corrected statistics of the quantity to September 25th are 2,590,639 corrected bales.

Mrs. Magness Pleads For Clemency For Her Deserted Husband.

Washington, Special. — Assistant Secretary Newberry, of the Navy received a letter from Mrs. Magness asking clemency for her husband. Mr. Newberry said the letter was one of the kind that is constantly being received by him, that it will be replied to in the usual way, and the usual course will be taken in relation to the Magness case. He declined to make the letter public.

Cashier Found Guilty.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—William Montgomery, former cashier of the defunct Allegheny National Bank, which failed some time ago for over $1,000,000, who was placed on trial last Friday on two indictments charging the embezzlement and abstraction of $469,000, was found guilty as indicated by a jury in the United States District Court. Montgomery was immediately placed on trial on a third and last indietment, charging him with the misapplication of $144,000 in bonds.

Rounding-up Prisoners.

Camp Nemo, Reel Foot Lake, Tenn Special.—Fourteen more prisoners were brought into camp in connection with recent night rider outrages in this section. This makes a total of 61 prisoners now in custody here. Three mounted scouting parties went out and two of them returned. The detachment away is under command of Captain C. B. Rogan, United States Army.

Dr. J. W. Moore Discharged From Paris Asylum.

Paris, By Cable.—Dr. John Miller Moore, of South Carolina, who has been confined here in an asylum for the insane, was discharged from the asylum Monday night and placed in the charge of his brother-in-law E. H. Fullenwide, who will take him back to the United States.

Peonage Cases Dismissed.

New Orleans, Special—Two charges of peonage against William Williamson, a levee contractor, were dismissed in the United States commissioner's office here. Tuesday's action completed the hearing of several peonage cases against this contractor all of which were dismissed.

Five negroes were legally hanged in Louisiana and one in Illinois while a seventh who had killed two men was shot dead by a posse in Georgia

COTTON CONVENTION

To Be Held in New Orleans Beginning November 11th

PRESENT PRICES ARE TOO LOW

Meeting Called to Plan for Better Prices for the South's Great Staple.

Union City, Ga., Special.—Charles S. Barrett, national president of the Farmers' Union, has issued the following statement regarding the industrial congress he has called to meet at New Orleans, November 11th, for the purpose of formulating a campaign for advancing the price of cotton in the south:

"As the executive head of an organization of more than 2,000,000 farmers in the southern states, controlling approximately 60 per cent of the cotton grown in the United States, I feel that is incumbent upon me to take the initiative in practical steps looking to stopping the downward trend of the price for this staple, and restoring it to a figure warranted by the cost of its production and its value to civilization.

"It is needless for me to state that the prosperity of every business interest between Mason and Dixon's line and the Rio Grande river is largely dependent upon the return the cotton crop is bringing to this section.

"A proper return for cotton means prosperity to the farmer, the country and town merchant, the city business man, the manufacturer, the wage-worker, the salary-earner, every railroad and corporation in the southern states.

"Today spot cotton is selling in the neighborhood of 2 1-2 cents per pound less than one year ago. In many instances, this means that the producer is called upon to dispose of his output below cost.

"If this price-level prevails throughout the sellong season of 1908-9, the south will sustain a loss approaching $150,000,000.

"The significance of such a development would be sluggishness in every southern commercial circle constriction of money in every business, a stoppage of construction and development in each direction, and a failure to recuperate from the panic of last fall as rapidly as we have a right to expect.

"There is no logical or necessary reason for this slump in the price of cotton. The output of the south will be infinitely smaller than last year, when prices ranged to a higher level. American and European spinners admit that they expect to book the usual volume of advance orders at the prices obtaining in 1907.

"The sole excuse now standing between fair prices and the south's cotton, is the belief of spinners that they will be able to obtain the staple at their own figure. In this belief they have been aided by exchange manipulators, whose efforts have been to show that the cotton belt would make a record-breaking yield. As a matter of fact, we who are in most intimate touch with the situation know there is not the slightest ground for such an opinion.

"The members of the' Farmers Union, as I have said, control in the neighborhood of 60 per cent of the south's staple crop.

"With the co-operation of the business interests, large and small, of every southern state, they will undertake to secure for this crop its intrinsic value in the markets of the world.

"We are determined to win this fight, regardless of the temporary sacrifice it may entail upon us. I serve this notice freely and frankly upon every business man of the south.

"They can aid us materially and they can shorten the time of waiting by active co-operation in this effort.

"We are battling not alone for ourselves, but for the prosperity and the freedom from debt of every man, woman and child in the southern states.

"We have a right to expect their assistance under these conditions.

"To the end of arriving at a definite plans, I have summoned delegates from every southern state to meet in New Orleans on November 11th. I will answer for a large attendance of these men, each thoroughly familiar with the cotton and the financial situation in his community.

"I invite the co-operation of business man, manufacturer, professional man, banker and wage-earner in the south. I urge them to be present personally. I urge on commercial bodies, chambers of commerce, boards of trade and labor organizations to send representatives to this convention.

"We are going to adopt extraordinary measures to meet extraordinary conditions. That fact is settled. With the active help and counsel of the business men of the south, the success of our plans, and the prosperity of the entire section is assured beyond peradventure.

"I will be glad to receive notice from parties, as well as suggestions for promoting this universal movement, unprecedented in scope and vital importance in the history of the south.

"Bear in mind that the moment the south makes it evident at New Orleans that it intends to work in concert for a just price for cotton the price for that staple will begin to mount and that it will not stop short of an equitable level, corresponding to the laws of supply and demand.

"Are the business interests of the south ready to join hands with the producers of the south in promoting this end?"

CHARLES S. BARRETT,
President of Farmers' Union.

A ROYAL WELCOME

Shown the American Fleet By Japanese Government

ENTERTAINED IN GREAT STYLE

Tremendous Procession of Miles of Madly-Cheering People Reviewed by Admiral Sperry and the American Fleet Officers.

Tokio, By Cable.—The capitol of Japan witnessed Thursday night the most extraordinary evidence of the spirit of the new Japan. After having an audience of the officers of the American battleship fleet on Tuesday the Emperor issued an order directing the people to increase in every way possible, the enjoyment and pleasure of the American visitors, who came, he said, as historic friends of the Japanese nation. The response to this imperial mandate was seen and heard at night.

Originally a torchlight procession of 15,000 people was planned as part of the day's programme, but this feature went far beyond expectations and developed into a great popular demonstration. Japan's war celebrations after peace with Russia, "London's Mafeking Night," and even New York's election night revel would seem almost insignificant compared with Tokio's celebration.

Mile after mile through madly-cheering people, the great procession wound its way. Representatives of various guilds, universities, schools of every class for boys and other organizations took part, each individual carrying a lighted lantern held high on a long pole with American and Japanese flags interwound. Admiral Sperry and the other chief officers of the American fleet viewed the procession from a special grandstand, standing with bared heads above the sea of waving lanters, the deafening roar of cheers and the clash of the music from scores of bands which played the American national hymn continuously. So dense became the crowds around the stand that the entire procession was blocked until Admiral Sperry was forced to leave in order to keep an engagement at the dinner given by Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura.

Again at the American embassy the great procession halted and the climax of the enthusiasm was reached. When the head of the procession arrived at the embassy and halted Mrs. O'Brien and the other ladies of the embassy appeared upon the veranda and received a prolonged ovation from the crowds, every man and boy among the paraders lifting his hat to the ladies, while there were continuous shouts for the American ambassador, who had also left to attend the dinner.

The entire grounds surrounding the embassy were lighted with a sea of lanterns and the demonstration lasted for two hours. Every band in Tokio turned out for the parade and their favorite airs were "Yankee Doodle" "Dixie," and "John Brown."

Thousands of the paraders wore fantastic costumes characteristic of Japanese celebrations.

Every foreigner in Tokio was deeply impressed by the night's remarkable demonstration, coming as it did from an ordinary undemonstrative people.

The entire day was taken up by a series of elaborate entertainments to Admiral Sperry and the other admirals of the American fleet and their aides.

Prince of Prussia Weds.

Berlin, By Cable.—Duchess Alexandra Victoria, of Schleswig-Holstein, daughter of Prince Frederick Duke of Schleswig-Holstein, was married in the chapel of the imperial palace at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon to Prince August William, of Prussia, fourth son of Emperor William. The ceremony was witnessed by the members of the imperial family and fifty princes and princesses of the minor German royal house.

By Wire and Cable.

President Roosevelt has signed a contract to become associate editor of the Outlook on his return from his African trip.

Philadelphia doctor to prove his contention that vaccination does not prevent smallpox challenges an advocate of its efficacy to sleep with him with a smallpox patient between them, the challenger never having been vaccinated, while the challenger has been.

Construction Foreman Decapitated.

Kingston, N. Y., Special.—Fred Bowen, a forman employed by the New York water supply department in the construction of a big shiphon at High Falls, was decapitated and two negroes were mortally injured when a huge rock fell into a shaft in which they were working to adjust a floating pump.

News Notes.

President Roosevelt in a letter to Senator Knox demands that Mr. Bryan state whether he is committed to Gompers' labor legislation program, and points to the Pearre bill as a dangerous invasion of property rights.

Explorer Evelyn Baldwin plans to float on an ice pack across the Polar sea from Alaska to Greenland.

The Pacific fleet is expected to reach Panama from its South American cruise the same day the Atlantic fleet reaches Hampton Roads—February 22.

FLEET LEAVES TOKIO

After Splendid Reception By the Japanese People

VESSELS HOMEWARD BOUND

The Departure of the Big Ships the Prettiest Feature of the Week—Tokio Resumes Normal Condition After a Week of Delirium.

Tokio, By Cable.—After a week's suspension of almost every kind of business, because of the presence of the American fleet in Japanese waters and so that fitting welcome might be given to the American officers and sailors, Tokio is resuming its normal conditions. Already many of the decorations have been taken down, although every one is yet discussing the remarkable features of the past few days.

President Roosevelt's messages to the Emperor was presented to him through Count Komura, the foreign minister, and the Emperor probably will make a reply soon, but there is no reason to expect that the Emperor's message will contain other than a graceful acknowledgement and an expression of gratification at the President's warm words of appreciation. Nothing could possibly exceed in the public mind in Japan the significance of the Emperor's previous message.

The departure of the fleet Sunday morning was one of the prettiest features of the week. The flgship Connecticut slipped her cables at exactly 8 o'clock. She steamed past the Louisiana and saluted and was followed by the remainder of the first squadron. When the eight ships had passed, the Louisiana led the second line, and the entire fleet then formed in single column.

As each of the American battleships passed the head of the Japanese column the crews of the ships of both nations cheered enthusiastically, and the band of both the American ships played the Japanese national hymn. When the last of the sixteen ships was saluting, the Connecticut was invisible on the horizon. Within exactly fifty minutes the entire manouvre had been completed.

Seven New Cases of Cholera.

Manila, By Cable—Seven new cases of cholera were reported in this city for the day ending Sunday night The slight increase in the spread of the disease is ascribed by the authorities to the many gatherings of the people on Saturday night and Sunday and the feasts that accompanied the assemblies. The situation is not considered to be grave and the health department feels as though it has the epidemic well under control, expressing no alarm over the increase. It is probable that the government will further restrict the gatherings of the natives and also the sale of dangerous foods. It is believed that cock pits located in the suburbs of the city where it is difficult to maintain a strict watch over the sale of foodstuffs are responsible for the slight increase in the number of cholera cases noted at each week end.

Orville Wright Improving Nicely.

Washington, Special. — Orville Wright, the aeroplanist who narrowly escaped death in the accident to his aeroplane during a flight at Fort Myer, Va., five weeks ago, will soon be able to leave for his home at Dayton, O. His most serious injury was a broken thigh and the splint was removed from this Sunday. It was found upon measuring the left leg, the one injured, that it is but a quarter of an inch shorter than the other. An X-ray examination of the fracture showed that the knitting of the broken bones has been perfect.

To Have Lobbyist at Capital.

Baltimore, Special.—William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Maryland anti-saloon league, has been chosen by the national headquarters committee to represent the national league at Washington as acting superintendent during the coming session of Congress. Supt. S. E. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, who has been serving in that capacity, owing to the fact that the Pennsylvania legislature will be in session this winter, will be compelled to give his entire time to looking after legislation in that State.

Effort at Suicide Successful.

Spartanburg, Special.—Will Burnett, a well-known young white man who shot himself in the head with a pistol last Sunday, died at his home as a result of the wound. Burnett was one of ten men who were arrested a short time ago for taking part in the mob that sought to lynch John Irby, the negro charged with attempting a criminal assault upon a young white woman.

Korean Insurrection Over.

Tokio, By Cable.—The so-called insurrection in Korea is practically ended. The troops are still on active duty, but the insurgents have dwindled to merely a disorderly element. It is stated that Prince Ito, former resident general, a Steoul will probably return to Korea early in November. Two thirds of the Japanese troops in north China will be withdrawn in a few days.

Chapel Hill Man Elected President of Peat Producers' Society.

Toledo, O., Special.—The second annual convention of the American Peat Producers' Society has adjourned to meet in Boston next year. Joseph H. Pratt, Chapel Hill, N. C., was elected president. Robert Ransom, Jacksonville, Fla., was elected vice president for the Southern States.

OLDEST EDITOR DIES

At the Ripe Age of Ninety-Four Years Col. Richard Benburg Creecy a Distinguished Journalist Passes Away—His Influence as a Writer Was Great and He Was a Terror to the State's Enemies During Reconstruction Days.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Special.—Deepest gloom is cast over the city in the death Thursday morning at 9 o'clock of her oldest, most honored and most revered citizen, Col. Richard Benbury Creecy, Colonel Creecy, while always bright, had been gradually falling away for months and his death was not unexpected. He was entering into his 95 year and would have celebrated the occasion on the 19th of December. Colonel Creecy was one of the State's most learned and beloved sons and had the distinction of being the oldest living editor in the world. He was also the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina.

Colonel Creecy was born at Greenfield Chowan county, and was reared in Edenton. He moved to Elizabeth City in 1843 and began the practice of law. The year following he married Miss Perkins, daughter of one of the largest planters and slave owners in this county. Colonel Creecy won reputation as a writer by correspondence to different leading newspapers and during reconstruction days need for a strong newspaper was most apparent. Colonel Creecy, of this city; Edward Wood, of Edenton, and T. J. Jarvis, then of Tyrrell county, established The Weekly Economist and elected Colonel Creecy as editor-in-chief.

The great power and influence wielded by the brilliant writer's pen is now a matter of history. No man in the State did more for the South's cause and no man was hated and feared more by the carpet-baggers and scalawags of that day than he.

Colonel Creecy's wife died years ago but he is survived by five daughters: Miss Nannie and Henrietta; Mrs. E. F. Lamb, of Texas; Mrs. W. M. Lawton, of New York, and Mrs. D. C. Winston, of Edenton; and three sons: Joshua and E. P., of St. Louis, the latter chief of police of that city, and R. B. Creecy, Jr., this city.

Firebugs Busy in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Special.—Incendiaries are still working in this city, three fires in the business district having been reported between midnight and 6 a m. The first, at the wholesale notion establishment of I. S. Fine & Co., caused $5,000. The second, at the office of the United States Express Company, and the third, at the City Hay and Grain Company's establishment, were extinguished in their incipiency. The chiefs of the fire and police departments conferred with the Board of Control on the situation and heroic steps are tobe taken to apprehend the incendiaries.

Governor's Life is Threatened.

Union City, Special.—Governor Patterson, surrounded by a personal guard of twenty-five, is in charge of the encampment of State troops at Samburg and will personally lead the hunt for the night riders who hanged Captain Rankin. Detachments of troops are scouring three counties for the murdeders. Fearing a possible raid by the night riders, the State troops are maintaining two lines of sentinels following the posting of notices that if the Governor did not discontinue the hunt he himself would be kidnapped.

Lost His Life for a Hoop.

Lynchburg, Special.— Hooprolling cost Walter Davis, a 7-year-old colored boy, his life in Amherst county Sunday. The hoop rolled into the river and the boy followed it, being unable to check himself. He has not been seen since.

Big Lumber Plant Burned.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—News reached here of the destruction by fire Thursday of the lumber milling plant of the Salye-Davis Company, at Southport. The fire, of unknown origin, was fanned by a high wind and destroyed the entire plant, entailing a loss of $100,000.

Last Reception to Fleet.

Yokohama, By Cable.—The series of the brilliant functions which have characterized Japan's reception of the American battleship fleet came to a close here Friday night with a dinner on board the battleship Fuji, the guests of which were confined to the American ambassador, Rear Admirals and other officers. There was also a brilliant reception on the battleship Mikasa to which all the prominent Americans here were invited, with the accompaniments of an illumination of the fleet, fireworks and torchlight procession on shore.

Textile Workers to Hold Next Meeting in Charlotte.

Schenectady, N. Y., Special.—The eighth annual convention of the United Textile Workers of America, which has been in session in Cohoes, closed Friday. Charlotte, N. C., was selected as the place for holding the next convention. John Golden, Fall River, Mass., was elected president.

News in Brief.

Charles Elliott Morton, philanthropist, scholar and teacher, died at Cambridge, Mass.

That the United States will ask for a new treaty with Russia was made known in a letter from Secretary Root to Jacob H. Schiff.

Three persons were burned to death in a New York tenement fire.

United States Supreme Court decides that H. Clay Pierce must go back to Texas to answer an indictment for perjury.

TENNESSEE TRAGEDY

Two Lawyers Assaulted and One Murdered By Mob

A VERY DEPLORABLE AFFAIR

Prominent Tennessee Attorneys Called From Their Rooms in a Union City Tenn., Hotel by a Band of Masked Men and Carried to the Banks of a Lake, Where One is Strung Up and His Body Riddled.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Col. R. Z. Taylor, aged 60 years, and Capt. Quinten Rankin, both prominent attorneys of Trenton, Tenn., were taken from Ward's Hotel at Walnut Log Tenn., fifteen miles from here Tuesday night by masked "night-riders" and 1 was murdered. Capt. Rankin's body was found Tuesday morning riddled with bullets and hanging from a tree one mile from the hotel.

Tiptonville, Tenn., Special.—Unharmed, save numerous scratches received in a thirty-hour trip through unfamiliar woods and the fatigue incident to the trip without food and the mental strain, Col. R. Zachary Taylor reached here after a miraculous escape from the night-riders at Reel Foot Lake, who mudered his partner, Captain Quinten Rankin.

His own story of his experiences was told by him as follows: "Monday night last Captain Rankin and I went to Reel Foot Lake in response to a letter from a Mr. Carpenter of Union City, who wanted to lease some timber lands. On our arrival at the lake we went to the Log House, or Ward Hotel, and early after supper retired. Some time during the night we were aroused by some one knocking at our door, and on opening the door a mob of masked men was found standing in the hall. We were ordered to dress, and as the leader of the mob said he wanted to talk to us, we put on our clothes and accompnied the men to the back of the lake some distance from the hotel.

"The leader of the mob talked with us telling us we were associating too much with Judge Harris and were taking entirely too much interest in the lake. He said that the course of Harris and the West Tennessee Land Company in prohibiting free fishing was causing the starvation of women and children, and that something had to be done.

"I never dreamed that the mob intended us any harm, but just then the mob threw a rope around Captain Rankin's neck and swung him to a limb. He protested and said: 'Gentlemen, do not kill me,' and the reply of the mob was a volley of 50 shots.

"This was the first evidence of any intention to harm us and when the firing began I jumped into a bayou, and made for a sunken log. Behind this I hid and the mob fired several hundred shots into the log. They evidently believed I was dead, for I heard one of them say: "He's dead and let him go,' and with that he rode away.

"I remained in the water until after the mob was out of hearing and went to an island in the lake where I remained all day Tuesday. At night I started out and walked all night, coming up to a huse at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning."

Governor Directs Search.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Governor Patterson, who arrived here Wednesday night, began early Thursday to direct operations toward apprehension of those concerned in the murder of Captain Rankin at Reel Foot Lake. One hundred and fifty militiamen, under command of Col. W. C. Tatom, arrived and were distributed throughout the district. Posses started from this city to search for Colonel Taylor.

Governor Patterson gave out the following statement before it was learned that Colonel Taylor had not been killed:

"I have offered the largest reward the law will permit for the arrest and conviction of the assassins and have ordered out troops. I have believed that the military should be the last resort of a State governed by law but the time has now come when it is my duty as Governor to use all the power at my command to restore order in the region where these assassinations have occurred and to assist the courts in the apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators. It must be taken by all as a purpose deliberately formed and I hope no man or body of men anywhere in the State will fail to understand it. We have had enough of lawless acts, of thefts, intimidation and other methods of terrorizing citizens and communities. These should be stopped and must be stopped, or the consequences will have to be accepted. For the present I have left the campaign for the Governorship, believing the upholding of law and order in our State is of more importance than political discussion."

Writ of Error Granted Thaw.

Philadelphia, Special.—A writ of error was granted Harry K. Thaw by United States Circuit Court of Appeals on an appeal from the decision of Judge Young at Pittsburg in which the court dismissed the writ of habeas corpus to bring Thaw to Pittsburg to testify in bankruptcy proceedings. Argument will be heard in December.

Prominent Georgian Wounded.

Cartersville, Ga., Special.—W. T. Pucket, owner of a large brick plant and prominent citizen of Cartersville was struck in the right temple by a brick thrown by Jim Clements, a negro workman, and is in a serious condition at his home here. The negro fiet at once and is said to have hidden in a swamp near here. A posse of armed men was quickly organized and started in pursuit of Clemens.