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CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT

ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

Joseph H. Choate Appears for the Excluded Chinese.

The case coming before the court on an appeal from a United States Circuit Court.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The special session of the Supreme court yesterday to hear argument upon the constitutionality of the Geary Chinese exclusion act, attracted an attendance that exhausted the limited accommodations of the court room.

The argument was opened by Joseph H. Choate, of New York, for the Chinese petitioners for a writ of habeas corpus.

Charles H. Aldrich, solicitor general, appeared on behalf of the United States and argued in favor of the constitutionality of the Geary law. He said: "It is assumed that Chinese alien labor is a public danger threatening the safety of the people, and that to cope with it rests somewhere."

The court adjourned until Monday next, when it is expected a decision will be announced.

IN GRAHAM COUNTY.

Robbinsville Now an Incorporated Town—Other State News.

ROBBINSVILLE, N. C., May 8.—The commissioners appointed by the Legislature to organize the corporation of the town of Robbinsville under an act of the Legislature, met today in the clerk's office in the court house and organized by electing N. G. Phillips, mayor; W. F. Manney, secretary-treasurer, and J. A. Ammons, town constable. Under the act of the Legislature M. E. Slaughter, J. B. Walker, N. G. Phillips and W. G. King were appointed as town commissioners, thus leaving after making Mr. Phillips mayor, the other three gentlemen a board of aldermen.

The board then adopted a very nice and mild set of ordinances for the control of affairs in the town, which sufficient penalties attached to bring about quiet and good conduct generally in our town, if the ordinances are executed.

The board of aldermen were very conservative in their rules, and I think there will be very little if any friction between county and town.

It is our first venture of the kind in our country, and our town officers, I think, have a disposition to "go slow," and let the people get into the way of by-laws before they shut down on them so severely.

The rains are upon us and the people are not ready for them. What would become of this old world if every man had the power to manufacture the weather to suit himself? She would go by default.

The latest thing I have heard on the street is our Register of Deeds bragging on the "hilly," "Juniuski," which he got from *Tas-Crisis* man (Rowland Howard) T. A. Carpenter.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Fayetteville's Negro Postmaster May Yet Go

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The President tells Representative Grady that he is aware of the difference between Buffalo and a southern city, and the Fayetteville postoffice question is considered in better shape than it was Saturday.

Special charges will be filed and submitted to the President. Mr. Grady is very much pleased with his reception by the President.

The President asked Senator Vance about an extra session. The senator said: "Mr. President, if you call us the dog days, we will be hot and lazy and won't do anything, and you will see because you expect us to do something and we can't, and so I think October is the best time."

"I agree with you entirely," observed the President.

About half a dozen North Carolinians were examined today for the railway mail service before the Civil Service Commission—Charlotte Observer.

TOMORROW EVENING

Rendition of the Cantata "The Flower Queen"

The production of "The Flower Queen, or the Coronation of the Rose," by pupils of the city schools at the Grand opera house tomorrow, Friday, evening, will be an event which all who can possibly do so should witness. The participants have been rehearsing for some time, and the production will no doubt be one well worthy of patronage. The costuming is beautiful. The cantata will be rendered in such style as to merit a good house, and added to this is the fact that the proceeds are to be applied to the library fund, which commends the entertainment to everyone. Keep the date in mind and go. Prices, 50 and 25 cents.

Y. M. C. A.

The New President Takes Hold at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 11.—G. N. Bierce, the newly elected president of the Y. M. C. A. arrived at midnight from Dayton, and assumed the gavel at the opening session this morning. Mr. Bierce expressed gratitude for the honor as a speech in the opening of the convention. The morning program consisted of Scriptural reading and prayers, and the announcement of standing committees by the president. E. S. Speyer of Dayton read a paper on "Educational work in the association; best form and methods."

Power House Burned.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 11.—The train and power house of the Grand Valley beach electric road burned to the ground this morning. Thirteen cars, 500 tons of coal and all the tools and appliances were destroyed. Loss \$80,000.

They Miss Hang.

AUSTIN, Tex., May 11.—Governor Hogg has refused to interfere in the matter of the execution of the death sentence in the case of Lettrel and Carlisle, to be hanged tomorrow at Sherman for murder.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Interesting Fact as to the Date of the Killing of Brockus

The State rested in the examination of its witnesses in the Lewellyn case at 8:15 yesterday afternoon. A night session was suggested in order to expedite business, but the defence counsel said they would ask three-quarters of an hour for consultation before beginning the examination of their witnesses. The idea of a night session was then abandoned. Judge Carter inquired how many speeches would be made, and was informed that there would be three from each side. One of the counsel remarked that they would be "short-winded" in their talks. Judge Carter replied that, judging from what he had heard in the other cases, the speeches would be "long-winded."

An examination as to the date of the killing of Brockus by the Lewellyns was made by the Judge and Solicitor yesterday. It was found that it was done on the 14th of February, just three days after the ratification of the Legislature of the act dividing the crime of murder into two degrees. This being the case the accused will be tried under this law.

The examination of the witnesses for the defence was concluded at noon today, and when court reconvened the argument was begun. Marshall L. Mott, representing the State and the United States, made the opening speech.

AN OCTOGENARIAN DEAD.

Col. Wm. B. Thomas, a Prominent Western Carolinian.

Col. Wm. H. Thomas, one of the best known and, for many years, one of the most prominent citizens of Western North Carolina, died at the State hospital at Morganton on Tuesday and his remains were taken today to the old home of the deceased in Swain county.

Col. Thomas in his earlier life was for many years Indian agent in the Cherokee reservation in Western North Carolina, and also served in the State Legislature. He was a close friend of the late Mrs. Thomas, who was a devoted and true friend of the Indian people, and many of their improvements are the result of his work. He spoke the Indian language fluently.

Col. Thomas was one of the first to advocate the building of a railroad through this section of the country, and spent much of his time in working to this end. Perhaps 15 years ago Col. Thomas became deranged and was taken to the asylum at Raleigh, where he remained until the Morganton asylum was completed, when he was transferred to that institution. He remained there until his death.

Col. Thomas was about 80 years of age and leaves several children.

IT WILL BE NOTABLE.

The Inauguration Exercises Next Monday

On Monday next, at 11:30 o'clock Judge Carter will adjourn the Criminal court, if it be in session, to make way for the installation of the new officers of the city government, Mayor Patton and the Board of Aldermen, which will occur in the court room. The mayors of Ramoth, West Asheville, Kenilworth and Victoria will attend and will be kindly invited toward the new administration, and the ceremony promises to be notable for that reason if for no other. So far as the actual swearing in of the new officers is concerned, however, the act will be attended by no special exercises of any kind. Good, old-fashioned democracy will simply characterize it, as befits such a turning over of power in a Republic. But it is probable that many citizens will be present to extend their congratulations to the brand new City Fathers.

MRS. JOHN CLARKE DIES.

Wife of a Well-Known Engineer of the Western Road.

John J. Clarke, one of the Western North Carolina railroad's most trusted engineers, is deeply bereaved, his wife, Mrs. Belle Clarke, having died at her home on Jefferson Drive yesterday afternoon. Her death was due to heart trouble. Mrs. Clarke was about 25 years of age, and was married two years ago. She was a graduate of the Asheville Female college and during her residence here as student and during her residence here as secretary, and wife won a host of friends to whom the news of her death will be exceedingly painful.

The funeral will occur Friday at Wanesville, the old home of Mrs. Clark.

DID YOU EVER?

Why Wasn't This Found Out Long Ago?

Contrary to expectations, Asheville's water supply is not flush today. The connection between the new water pump and the pipe line was made yesterday, but when the pump was started it was found that H. M. Smith, the contractor for the pump foundation, had failed to dig the "tail race" deep enough to prevent the flooding of the pump. To remedy this mistake will require at least all of today. The water was on a little while this morning, and may be on this evening. Superintendent Ingle says he has done all that he could in the matter, and hopes the water renters will be patient (which they have for a long time).

Mecklenburg Presbyterians.

The Mecklenburg presbytery met in Charlotte on last Tuesday and adjourned to meet in the Southside Presbyterian church in this city next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of installing Rev. L. H. Baldwin as pastor of that church and to ordain Rev. H. M. Parker as an evangelist. This will be an open meeting of the presbytery and all are invited to attend. A car will leave the church for the square at the close of the service. Mr. Parker will have charge of the Swannanoa group of Presbyterian churches.

Both From The South.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The President today appointed J. Hampton Hoge, Virginia, United States consul at Amoy, China; vice Edward Bellor, Philadelphia; and John Mitchell, Texas, collector of the Swannanoa group of Braxode Santiago.

NOT PLEASANT READING

A HEAVY BANK FAILURE IN WILMINGTON, DEL.

The Liabilities are \$300,000 With Only \$100,000 of Assets Right

—Another Bank Goes Under in Chicago.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 11.—The announcement of the failure of K. K. Robinson & Co., bankers and brokers, this city, today created a profound sensation. Rumors of the failure of this well known firm have been on the street for several days and business circles have been excited. The liabilities of the firm are \$300,000, while the assets will not exceed \$100,000. The sheriff has seized all the property of the bankrupt firm.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 11.—The Capital National bank of this city has suspended.

The closing of the bank's doors was made necessary by the failure of the Chemical National Bank of Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 11.—The Columbia National bank of this city has failed.

A VICIOUS SQUIRREL

It Goes Out on the War Path Yesterday Afternoon.

For about seven years, T. W. Branch has had a pet squirrel in his family, and this squirrel frequently takes a mischievous turn. Mr. Branch lives on Starnes avenue, his lot being back of the Soudler property, which fronts on Cherry street. Yesterday his squirrelship got into a tantrum and crossing the lot entered Mrs. Sondley's yard. It sprang upon that lady's shoulders and tore her beaddress from her head, but not injuring her. A servant ran to Mrs. Sondley's aid and attempted to take the squirrel away, when the animal sprang at the servant and bit her severely in the wrist.

Later Col. J. D. Cameron, who lives at Mrs. Sondley's, entered the yard and the squirrel ran to him and climbed to his shoulders and set to clawing his head and neck. Miss Cameron ran up and finally succeeded, at the expense of a bit, ten hand, in getting a good grip on the squirrel, and it was thrown into the yard, when it ran away. The death of the squirrel has been decreed.

LITTLE OVER THE LINE.

The Pope Accused of Going Too Far.

ROME, May 11.—Newspapers of this city assert that Von Bulow, Prussian minister to the Vatican, visited Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary of State and expressed surprise in behalf of the Prussian government that the Pope had departed from his customary limits of prudence in his recent political remarks to Catholic pilgrims from Germany.

The Kentucky Derby.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—The nineteenth of the long line of honored winners of the Kentucky derby was crowned yesterday and the victor's name is Lookout, twenty thousand people were present.

Too Fast to Realize.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11.—The New York Central's new engine, "999," yesterday between Rochester and this city made a mile in 32 seconds, equal to 112½ miles an hour.

Blount Appointed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president has appointed James H. Blount of Georgia to the Hawaiian Islands, succeeding John Stevens, resigned.

NEWS IN OUR OWN STATE.

Hendersonville Times: On Friday morning of last week, fire destroyed the storehouse of Staton & Robertson, at Saluda, with its contents. Two other small buildings standing near were also burned. Messrs. Staton & Robertson were among the most prosperous merchants of the town, and their loss is heavy, but we have not learned the amount of two-thirds their value.

—Odd Fellows new officers: Grand master, W. D. Gaster of Fayetteville; deputy grand master, W. C. Douglas of Carthage; grand warden, Charles F. Lunsford of Raleigh; grand secretary, B. H. Woodell of Raleigh; grand treasurer, R. J. Jones of Wilmington; grand representative, J. D. Bellamy, jr., of Wilmington; trustee, George H. Home of Goldsboro, A. H. A. Williams of Oxford, Goldsboro is the next place of meeting.