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NORTH CAROLINA SINCE THE WAR

Governor Aycock's Address Before the North Carolina Society in New York.

Solution of Suffrage Question Brings Larger Liberty of Thought and Action.

New York, May 21.—[Special.]—Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina responded to the toast "What is North Carolina doing to meet the changed conditions brought about by the war?" at the annual banquet of the North Carolina society last night. He said:

"I read the other day, with some amusement, an account of my proposed speech in which the editor was kind enough to give your society advice to call me down, for that I was to speak in defence of secession. I have never had any intention of speaking on this subject. There are two subjects upon which I take it there can be no debate—that the states had a right to secede in 1861 and have no longer that right. This union is our union and there is no one in North Carolina to dispute this assertion. In the war between the United States and Spain it was both the sorrow and the pleasure of North Carolina to spill the first blood in evidence of our devotion to the union. When Worth Bagley died for the cause of the United States we felt that for all time our fidelity to the union had been established. We shall, therefore, make no apologies for what has passed in our lives and no promises for the future. We love the heroic deeds of those who have gone before us and who have demonstrated the strength of southern character. We cannot forget, and will not, their sufferings, their trials and their fidelity. We do not stop to ask whether they were right or wrong. We merely inquire how did they bear themselves when the hour of peril came, and when we make this enquiry we are proud of the glorious men who made the charge at Gettysburg and laid down their arms at Appomattox.

"North Carolina has recently been the subject of much thought in the United States. The newspapers and magazines have devoted considerable space to what she has done. Some of this space has been given to abuse, and I am here tonight to tell you the things which we have done in order that you may set us forth before the world as we are. No one shall unanswered attack the good state from whence you came or in whose institutions you learned the lessons of life which have made you what you are. Why should any one attack the Old North State? It was there that the first American child of English parentage was born, named Virginia Dare; it was in North Carolina that the first stand was made against British tyranny, when the men of Alamance taught Governor Tryon that the love of liberty was inborn in North Carolinians and could not be trampled upon without resistance; it was in this good state that the first declaration of independence was written, at Mecklenburg on the 20th day of May, 1775, and if there be among you those who doubt that declaration, the resolutions of the 31st of May, 1775, cannot be questioned. It was in this state that the first victory was won over British arms in the long struggle for freedom. At Moore's Creek, in Pender county, the colonial soldiers taught the British that they could gain no foothold in that colony, and gave peace to our people for years and enabled them to swell the army which was fighting for liberty.

NORTH CAROLINA IN WAR.

"It was North Carolina that stayed in the union in 1861 until she was compelled to make choice between fighting against her neighbors or against those who dwelt apart, but when she had made choice, as did Robert E. Lee, he of the 'Hall of Fame,' the greatest soldier in all the world, gave the first soldier to death at Bethel, and laid down more guns at Appomattox than any other southern state. It was North Carolina who sent to the front more men in proportion to her voters than any other state on either side, who lost more men in killed and wounded and who suffered most by reason of their loss. I was in my cradle when the war began, and nine-tenths of my life has been spent in the union. I love the union and its flag; this country is my country; I am a North Carolinian and you dwell in New York, but we are all citizens of the United States—glorious country, great flag, the emblem of all that we are and hope to be; our protection in war, our guardian in peace, our hope at all times, but neither you nor others will expect of me to forget the deeds of those who served the south. I care not whether we were right or wrong, though on this point I have convictions; the only thing that concerns me is how did they bear themselves?

"In matters political, in the interpretation of the constitution, we care not so much whether one is right or wrong as we care how he conducts himself and how he maintains his convictions. If other test than this were made I should find myself unable to respect those who differ from me in politics. It is not in political matters what one believes, but with what sincerity he believes it that gives us faith in him and makes of him a hero. I do not disagree with many of the views of President Lincoln, and yet I believe him a great and good man whose death was a calamity to the south no less than to the entire union. I do not agree with

FIFTY THOUSAND MACHINISTS OUT

Cincinnati and the Pacific Coast are Storm Centers of Strike.

Washington, May 21.—The storm centers of the great strike of machinists throughout the country today are the vicinity of Cincinnati and on the Pacific coast. The number of firms that have agreed are added to by about 100 which brings the aggregate of establishments making concessions to 1000 in round numbers during the past three or four days.

It is claimed at general headquarters of the machinists that where agreements are not effected by this afternoon or tomorrow many of the men in allied trades will go out in individual shops where machinists already are out. The estimate of President O'Connell of the national association as to the number of strikers today remains at 50,000 approximately.

Today's reports show that only three railroads in the United States are now affected by the strike, namely the Central of Vermont, the Lehigh Valley and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

ROGERS AT CAVITE.

SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER ON ASIATIC STATION.

Washington, May 21.—A cablegram has been received at the navy department from Rear Admiral Rogers announcing his arrival at Cavite aboard the flagship New York. He becomes senior squadron commander on the Asiatic station, succeeding Admiral Kempff, who will be junior squadron commander on the station.

The Newark has left Hong Kong for Colombo on her way home.

GOING TO HAWAII.

NINE HUNDRED EMIGRANTS LEAVE PORTO RICO.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 21.—Nine hundred emigrants embarked on the steamer California at Guanica for Hawaii today, leaving 400 more to sail. Joyous manifestations accompanied the departure of the emigrants. The emigration agents are spending, it is estimated, \$10,000 in recruiting and maintaining emigrants.

\$8000 DISAPPEARS

SUSPICION THAT IT WAS TAKEN BY A POSTAL CLERK.

Kansas City, May 21.—A package containing \$8000 in currency consigned by registered mail by the National Bank of Commerce to a bank in Great Bend, Kan., has disappeared and detectives are working on the theory that it was stolen by a postal clerk.

The mail pouch indicates that it had been tampered with.

GENERAL PORTER DEAD.

New York, May 21.—General Fitz-John Porter died at his home at Morristown, N. J., today from chronic diabetes. He was 80 years old.

GRADUATION AT ORANGE STREET

Large Audience in Attendance Upon the Closing Exercises Held Today.

An Interesting Program Rendered by Pupils of Montford Avenue School.

The exercises at the city high school passed off quite pleasantly this morning, despite the downpour of rain. Before a large audience of friends and schoolmates the first class of the new century successfully completed its graduating exercises.

To the stirring notes of a march played by Miss May Kimberly the members of the class marched to their places on the platform. Rev. W. M. Vines opened the exercises by an appropriate prayer. The following program was then rendered:

Chorus, "Vocal March".....V. E. Becker.
President's address.....Irving C. Long.
Salutatory and essay, Alice R. Emanuel.
Class poem.....May E. Stockton.
Class song.....Jesse A. Leszinsky.
Essay.....M. Lizzie Lee.
Oration.....Hubert B. Gudger.
Chorus, "The Three Bumblebees."
History.....M. Bona Summers.
Prose.....F. Arriena Nichols.
Gifts.....Perry D. Cobb.

The class poem by Miss May Stockton was especially entertaining, and showed taste and originality.

Hubert Gudger, as class orator, delivered a well prepared and eloquent oration on "The South the True El Dorado."

The diplomas were presented to the following graduates by Superintendent Tiche in his usual happy manner: May Beverly Bernard, Perry Dietz Cobb, Jennie Weldon Doe, Alice Ruth Emanuel, Maude Doake Fitzpatrick, Hubert Bernard Gudger, Altha Leon Jarrett, Mary Lizzie Lee, Jessie Allen Leszinsky, Etta Gussie Lindow, Irving Cone Long, Frances Arriena Nichols, James Claudius Perry, Thornton Stearnes, Katherine M. Stelling, May Estelle Stockton, Margaret Bona Summers.

J. A. Nichols, on behalf of the school committee, presented diplomas of honor to Rebecca Leszinsky, Gladys Summers and Alice Emanuel, and certificates of award to Martha Carson, Jesse Huff, Roy Rankin, Sallie Biggar, Nellie Yeatman, Dora Blomberg, Sallie Ziegler, Ossie Noblett, Dan Caubie, Caille Payne, Nan Burnette, Corrie Chambers, Eula Buttrick, Nora Hampton, Ethel Rivers, Mary Steele, Susie Summers, Frank Lutz, James Perry, Kate Stelliar and Bona Summers.

C. A. Webb then addressed the class. He spoke of the pleasure he had in being once more in the halls where he had taught. Then, in an eloquent and impressive manner, he spoke of North Carolina and especially of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

The valedictory was delivered by Miss Etta Lindow.

Professor Hamby presented beautiful books to the following young ladies for efficient services rendered during the school year: Hannah Baird, Jennie Doe, Bettie Sites, Effie Wolfe, Rena Nichols, May Bernard. He also presented (Continued from page 1.)

LOUBET RECEIVES PIERPONT MORGAN

First Step Toward Formation of a Great Financial Enterprise.

New York, May 21.—President Loubet of France will receive J. Pierpont Morgan in a separate audience today, the Paris correspondent of the Journal says. The interview was requested by the American ambassador, General Porter, to afford Morgan an opportunity to thank the president for the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

It is reported that the interview is significant as being the first step toward the promotion of a great financial enterprise in which American capitalists will largely figure.

MR. WESTON AT HOME.

FROM A TRIP TO CHARLESTON AND NEW YORK.

George F. Weston, superintendent of live stock and the dairy department of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian exposition, has returned from New York and Charleston. Mr. Weston attended the annual meeting of the American Jersey Cattle club while in New York and secured a donation of \$1000 in premiums on condition that the exposition management contribute a similar sum.

The Shorthorns association offered a premium of \$525 on like conditions as the Jersey club, and both propositions were accepted by the exposition.

Mr. Weston says arrangements are progressing finely toward a successful exposition and that the number of premiums offered are increasing daily.

INCENDIARY FIRE.

BURNING OF THE WILLIAMS STORE AT DEMOCRAT.

G. M. and J. G. Williams, whose store was burned at Democrat about 10 days ago, have not received their insurance. It is said, probably owing to the fact that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The fire originated inside the store and a quantity of kerosene had been spread over some of the goods. The insurance is said to be very much less than the value of the goods. The fire spread with great rapidity and nothing at all was saved.

The store was one of the largest in that section and a stock of general merchandise was carried. It is supposed that some enemy of the proprietors set it on fire.

MRS. FRANK SILER DEAD.

An item in the Charlotte News records the death of Mrs. Frank Siler at Franklin, Macon county, her old home. The deceased was Miss Elizabeth Crawford of Franklin. She was married to Mr. Siler 13 years ago, and they had four children, all of whom survive. Mrs. Siler was well known in Asheville.

NO DECISION.

Washington, May 21.—The U. S. Supreme court adjourned until next Monday without announcing its opinion in the insular cases. The court will adjourn next Monday until October.

FEDERAL COURT BEGINS SESSION

Judge Boyd Sees Jurors in a Hat Hanging Contest and Makes Comments.

In Police Court a New Judge Brown Hears the Stories of the Prisoners.

United States District court opened today with Judge Boyd on the bench. Criminal cases only are being tried at the District court. As soon as the grand jury was selected the government took hold of the trial of cases and two were disposed of before noon and without the jurors leaving their seats.

The following grand jury was selected: Urias Love, Thomas C. Dobson, E. N. Frye, Zeb R. Merrell, Jehu Brooks, T. J. Waters, Thomas J. Ledbetter, Frank Cathey, John T. Sales, J. H. Painter, J. C. L. Gudger, S. H. Allison, R. J. Stokely, W. F. Greenlee, J. F. Fitzgerald, W. B. Tweed, Joseph A. Glass, J. Gaston Neill, William Foster, W. A. Holbrooks and Calvin Patterson.

W. E. Haynie was appointed bailiff and R. J. Stokely foreman of the grand jury.

The case of Brown against Harkins, collector, was set for Monday of next term.

Assistant District Attorney Price is here, and is performing the duties at this place for the first time. Congressman Blackburn, Mr. Price's predecessor, is also here, as are Marshal Millikan and District Attorney Holton of Greensboro, Congressman Moody of Waynesville, T. S. Rollins of Marshall, Walter Moore of Webster and others.

At the last term of court Judge Boyd ordered that hat racks be provided for the jurors and witnesses, and this morning several had been provided, including a fancy stand with a mirror and a place to put umbrellas, which Congressman Moody declared was the finest he ever saw. The wall hat racks were good looking things, but of not much practical good. Judge Boyd watched the jury indulge in a hat hanging contest, and then he said: "I don't know who made that rack, but whoever it was didn't know his business. The hooks are too close together."

Lafayette King of Cherokee county had the distinction of being the first (Continued on page 4.)

FRENCH BROAD RIVER RAGING AND NEAR THE RECORD MARK

At 2 p. m. Superintendent Claffin of the street railway companies reported that the water was within 12 inches of the record mark at their steam plant near the passenger station, and was rising at the rate of eight inches an hour. The water is into their plant and they will be unable to operate it tonight. The same difficulty has caused the Hominy plants to close down, and there will be no electric lights in the city tonight. Some of the arc circuits will be run from the street railroad plant on Valley street.

The local weather prophets are hoping that the sky will clear by tomorrow and that by that time there will be some let up in the dampness. This is the opinion of Mr. Deake, who is a weather prophet with plenty of honor in his neighborhood. It is agreed the humidity has not been on top to such an extent for a long time, and nothing approaching it has been seen this year. A high wind last night and most of today drove the water in sheets and an umbrella was little protection. Around building corners and alley ways the water whirled almost like snowflakes. In places street cars smashed into rivulets between the tracks and the streets flew to the sidewalks. The streets were deserted by all except those having business to attend to, and the stores did a comparatively small business.

As for crops and gardens, the rain was almost too much, in the main. The ground was very dry and packed very hard, from the long lack of rain. The last big rain wet the ground to a depth of only six inches, and yet it was quite an extended rain. The present fall of water began very gently and continued so until last night, giving the ground a very good chance to take a drink to a considerable depth.

Last night's and this morning's heavy downpour has been quite injurious, however, in many places, by washing the land. On the whole, the rain has done much good, and especially to the city, where it has washed the pavements, which get a good cleansing only when we have a soaking rain.

AROUND BILTMORE.

The streams from Busbee are pouring their floods into the Swannanoa with great damage and as far as known from Fletcher's to Biltmore. The main line of the Southern has been lifted 15 feet off its bed and is so badly twisted that it is a question whether the trains now due will be able to transfer their passengers at this point. The track for 150 feet above and below the railroad bridge near Biltmore power house is all in a wash and streams in a mass of floating beer barrels and every other odd thing that the waters have caught up.

At the point where the track was lifted from its bed the rubbish is piled high against what is left of the bridge. Two large iron ammonia tanks are helping to hold down the push. One end of the power house bridge is gone, but the county iron bridge is thought to be safe.

The Brook street row of cottages in the village are surrounded with the water and the ceilings of stores are flooded.

The cold storage warehouse and the ruins of the Biltmore roller mill are surrounded by water and it is reported that several thousands of dollars' damage has been done to the contents.

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AT SMITH'S BRIDGE.

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