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NORTH STATE MATTERS

New Items Gleaned From Murphy to Blanton.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PROGRESS.

The business men of the State and elsewhere recognize the liberality of our laws, and realize that North Carolina is fostering every legitimate industry, and is inviting capital to help develop its resources, assuring it protection and fair treatment. This is shown by the growing number of corporations in North Carolina. The following table shows the corporations organized in North Carolina, which were chartered by the office: For the year ending November 30, 1893, 21; for the year ending November 30, 1894, 15; for the year ending November 30, 1895, 133; for the year ending November 30, 1896, 151; for the year ending November 30, 1897, 147; for the year ending November 30, 1898, 156; for the year ending November 30, 1899, 207; for the year ending November 30, 1900, 554; the capitalization for two years, 1897 and 1898, was \$2,064,259, or for each year, 1897, \$2,758,887; thirdly dividends due did years, 1898 and 1900, \$17,075,000, or for each year, 1899, \$8,537,500, 1900, \$8,337,500. In the report for 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900 the amount with which the corporations commence business is given. Capital authorized, for 1901, \$26,526,650; for 1902, \$25,025,050; for 1903, \$18,790,150. Subscribed to commercial business on, 1901, \$5,602,750; 1902, \$2,946,467; 1903, \$15,771,490. The last Legislature passed an act authorizing the Secretary of State to charter banks and under that act 24 banks have been incorporated. The same Legislature fixed a tax upon foreign corporations coming into the State to do business which is now yielding considerable revenue to the State. Five railroads have filed charters with the Secretary of State during the past year: Kinston & Carolina Railroad Company; Southport, Atlantic & Western Railroad Company; North State Railroad Company; Atlantic Railway Company. This does not represent the number of new railroads for the State this year, as the Legislature chartered a number.

New charters were granted by the State in one day as follows: Stanly Mining & Realty Company, of Albemarle, capital stock, \$50,000, to mine coal, copper, iron, coal slate, etc.; John E. Leonard and other stockholders; Carolina Copper Company, Asheville, to manufacture still couplers and other kinds; capital stock \$50,000; S. W. Battis and others stockholders; The Union Pharmacy Company, of Southern Pines, to manufacture medicines, capital stock, \$5,000; J. T. Underwood owner; the Dimension Lumber Company, of Willets, Jackson county, to operate saw mills, make lumber, dimension stock, wood novelties, furniture, etc.; W. D. Farwell and W. W. Jones, of High Point, and D. T. Knight, of Willets, being the stockholders.

FIVE MEN LOST.

Wilmington, Special.—Attempting to get over the bar and into a safe harbor in the teeth of a stiff northwest gale, the small coasting schooner, Clarence H., belonging to Brunswick parties, and bound from Shallotte, N. C., to Wilmington, with a cargo of produce, capsized Friday night, off the mouth of the Cape Fear river, and all hands aboard, including Captain Lucian Hewett, Mate Morris Caison, Cook Robinson, all young white men, belonging to good families of Brunswick county, and Captain James and William Lewis, brothers and foremen of fishing crews, who were passengers on the boat, were drowned.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Stanly Mining and Realty Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000, has been chartered by the Secretary of State. The incorporators are all Albermarle citizens.

The Southern Railway shops at Spencer are threatened with a strike on account of the promotion of a non-union workman over union men on the working force.

The increase in the revenues of the Raleigh postoffice is something remarkable. During the past six years the increase has been more than doubled. In 1896 the receipts amounted to \$25,510, while now they are \$54,503, and the net profits last year were \$2,507.

The Charlotte police department has been advised of a safe robbery that was committed at Lowndesville Tuesday night, when Mr. E. R. Horton's store was entered and his safe robbed of between \$500 and \$600. Mr. Horton offers a reward of \$50 for the arrest of the robbers.

State Treasurer Lucy says he is well pleased with the financial results of the fiscal year just ended; that there was \$10,000 more receipts than he estimated; that he is still on the strain, and is calling on the sheriffs for funds.

High Point suffered from a destructive fire on Friday night.

Rutherford B. Hayes, of Asheville, appeared before the board of agriculture in Raleigh in behalf of the Appalachian Forest Reserve, asking \$2,000 appropriation to push the work regarding this important measure. The sentiment of the board seems favorable.

A statement was issued describing the plans of Andrew Carnegie for spending \$2,500,000 to make Dunfermline, Scotland, a model town.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

A Great Meeting at Charlotte—Meets Next at Elizabethtown.

Charlotte, Special.—The North Carolina Baptist State Convention assembled here on Wednesday night. This is one of the largest religious bodies in the country, consisting of nearly 600 representative Christian workers from all parts of the State. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Luke, of Elizabethtown.

At the first session Wednesday night Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, was re-elected president of the convention and Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, and Rev. Hight C. Moore, of Chapel Hill, were re-elected secretaries. Other officers elected were: Vice president, W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; T. M. Arrington, Rocky Mount, and R. A. Sentelle, Waynesville; treasurer, Walter Durham; assistant treasurer, J. M. Stoner, Asheville; auditor, F. H. Briggs, Raleigh; corresponding secretary, Livingston Johnson, Raleigh; trustees, W. C. Tyree, Raleigh; C. M. Cooke, Louisburg; F. P. Hobgood, Oxford; F. H. Briggs, Raleigh, and L. R. Mills, Wake Forest.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

Large audiences witnessed, with great interest, the three sessions of the Baptist State Convention Thursday.

At all of the sessions, matters of large importance were discussed or attended to. Some results of the day's meetings are as follows:

The report of the secretary of the Convention shows that \$82,563.33 have been contributed to the various objects of the Convention, a gain of \$8,000 over the preceding year, and indicates that the present year is the most prosperous in the history of the Baptist Church in North Carolina.

It was found that the Simmons bequest, which amounts to \$78,800, together with other bequests, will permit the erection of 10 or 12 new buildings at the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville. A layman has offered to give \$1,200 for an orphanage library building, and the churches have been asked by the convention to raise \$1,200 more for the same purpose.

Dr. J. R. Sampey raised over \$1,000 for ministerial education at the seminary at Louisville.

A laudatory resolution was passed, asking Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, not to leave North Carolina.

The president appointed, in addition to regular committees, two special committees: one on temperance and on the spiritual condition of Baptist churches in this State.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the Virginia idea of having the Southern Baptist convention appoint a special commission to investigate and report on the obligation of the Church in regard to the negroes.

It was decided to raise \$20,000 for foreign missions next year.

It was reported that the women have raised \$11,322.55 for the different objects of the Convention. Many other interesting and important matters were considered.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Three sessions were held Friday. The debt on the Baptist Female University was wiped out. The home missionary contribution was raised to \$12,000. \$60,000 was contributed to Wake Forest College. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Interesting topics again came up for discussion in the three sessions held Saturday. At the morning meeting it was decided to elect a Sunday school field worker, who will be under the supervision of the State Sunday school board, and \$1,000 will be appropriated for this work. The State board of missions was authorized to secure more than 50 ministerial students for co-pastor's work in destination sections. The students will be engaged in this service during their vacation. For this purpose the board was authorized to use \$1,200 from the general fund.

Dangers that confront the Baptist churches were mentioned in a report on the spiritual condition of the State churches, and a recommendation for special time for prayer was made.

The report of the committee on publications provoked a spirited debate in which Rev. J. C. Massee, of Raleigh, expressed the fear that there are serious dangers in the license of the secular press, and thought that "the day was not far distant when the government would lay the strong arm of the law on the press."

The mid-summer meeting at Jackson Springs will be continued.

The resolution promising to stand by the trustees of Wake Forest College in their efforts to enlarge the usefulness of the college was adopted.

At the afternoon session the Convention adopted a resolution condemning the running of trains on Sunday; and pledging itself to the cause of education as the best safe-guard of government.

The pulpits of the city churches were nearly all occupied Sunday by visiting Baptist ministers. The city was thanked for the hospitality it showed in the entertainment of the Convention.

The next session will be held at Elizabeth City.

FOUR HUNDRED REPORTED LANDED.

Panama, Special.—Advices received here from Cartagena say that the Colombian cruisers General Pinson and Cartagena have landed 400 men under Generals Bustamante and Ortiz at Cape Tiburon, at the mouth of the Atrato river, with the object of cutting paths across the mountains to enable the Colombian troops to invade Panama. According to these advices these advances there is in Cartagena a standing army of 1,000 men.

WORK OF CONGRESS

A Lot of Discussion and Little Practical Business.

The House Thursday adopted a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the official conduct of Chas. Swayne, judge of the United States District Court for the northern district of Florida, and to "report whether the action of the House is requisite."

Mr. Lamar, Democrat, of Florida, offered the resolution, announcing that he desired to impeach Judge Swayne. A lively debate was had before the resolution was adopted. A number of the members on the majority side sought to have the resolution referred to the judiciary committee, that a recommendation might be had from that committee before voting on its adoption. The minority solidly supported Mr. Lamar in his opposition to the motion to refer, and several Republicans voted against reference. There were but few dissenting votes on the motion to adopt the resolution.

The first of the appropriation bills—the pension bill—was reported to the House today and notice was given that it will be called up tomorrow for consideration.

Mr. Lamar, Democrat, of Florida, rising to a question of privilege after announcing that he would offer a resolution in which would be embodied a joint resolution of the Florida Legislature.

"In pursuance of that joint resolution I desire to impeach Charles Swayne, judge of the United States District Court, for the northern district of Florida, with high crimes and misdemeanors."

The resolution, after reciting in the preamble the resolution of the Florida Legislature, says:

"Resolved, That the committee on judiciary be directed to inquire and report whether the action of the House is requisite concerning the official misconduct of Charles Swayne, judge of the United States District Court for the northern district of Florida, and say whether said judge has held terms of his court as required by law, whether he has continuously and persistently absented himself from the said State, and whether his acts and omissions in his office of judge have been such as in any degree to deprive the people of that district of the benefits of the court thereon to amount to a denial of justice; whether the said judge has been guilty of corrupt conduct in office and whether his administration of his office has resulted in injury and wrong to litigants of his own side."

The resolution further authorizes the judiciary committee to send for persons and papers and to do other things essential to the investigation.

The birth of the republic of Panama and its recognition by this government was the subject of a spirited debate in the House. Mr. Dinsmore, Democrat, of Arkansas, during the consideration of the pension appropriation bill, severely criticised the administration in connection with the canal, and Mr. Hitt, Republican, of Illinois, chairman of the foreign committee, put in a generous defense of the President and his Central American policy. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, replied to Mr. Hitt, declaring that the minority did not condone the part taken by this government. Nearly the whole of the four hours' session was taken up in a discussion of the Isthmian question. No conclusion was reached on the pension bill. Mr. Dinsmore said the Panama republic had been established and that it exists by the power of the United States and that without that power it could not exist. Nothing had, he said, been gained that could not have been gained in a straightforward way.

TRUE BILLS FOUND.

Omaha, Special.—The United States grand jury late Thursday afternoon brought in true bills against former State Senator Lowe, Bartlett Richardson, a cattle baron of the West, and all of the officers of his company known as the Nebraska Land and Feeding Company; former State Senator Frank Curry, of Custer county, and about 15 other indictment.

THE COUNTRY-MADE CITY MAN.

Former President Grover Cleveland has taken for the text of his latest essay about things outside the realm of politics "The changes that are going on in our rural populations, and the steady stream of the sturdy young men and women toward the cities, with the dangers apparent in such a widespread tendency." But against his arraignment of the "town-made country man" there is something to be said for the country-made city man and his wholesome exodus to the green fields and the old pastures.

There are 1,122 organized clubs for golfing in the United States, and the club houses and courses represent an investment of \$20,000,000.

In 1888 there were not thirty automobiles in America, but within the first six months of the following year the companies formed for the manufacture of automobiles had a total capital of \$388,000,000. On August 1, 1903, nearly 7,000 machines were licensed in the city and State of New York alone. Twenty years ago the total outlay for equipment in baseball, tennis, rowing, etc., was only \$2,000,000, whereas last year \$10,000,000 worth of sporting goods were sold.—Illustrated Sporting News.

PRIMITIVE FARMING UTENSILS.

In southern Greece many primitive agricultural implements are still in use, including plows similar to those used here in the age of Pericles—the pole, bent-bow hayrack, common in America in pioneer days, and hand-made hoes and shovels, the hoes with blades as large and as heavy as the American spade.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

TWO ENGINES OVERTURNED WHILE ON A HEAVY GRADE.

A BAD ACCIDENT ON THE B. & O.

Nearly All of Twenty-Four Loaded Cars Overturned and Much Property Loss Sustained.

Piedmont, W. Va., Special.—Five men were killed and several injured by the overturning of two engines, attached to a heavy Baltimore & Ohio freight train on the seventeen-mile grade Sunday near this city. The dead are:

Engineer Ernest D. Ervin, 28 years old, Cumberland, Md.

Enginner Emery Ervin, 56, of Tunnelton, W. Va.

Fireman Walter Miner, 32.

Fireman J. E. Carter, 28 North Carolina.

Brakeman John Hayes, 23, Staunton, Va.

The more seriously injured were:

Engineer Michael J. Gibbon, 30 years old, of Cumberland, Md., fatally crushed.

Fireman E. C. Buckler, Terra Alta, W. Va., legs, arms and head cut and bruised.

Brakeman B. F. Bollinger, Grafton, W. Va., seriously wounded.

While descending the seventeen-mile grade, the train, to which were attached two engines, left the track. The engines and nearly all of the 24 loaded cars, tumbled into a ravine, and took all the trainmen with them. The tracks were torn up for nearly a hundred yards, but, it is thought, traffic will be resumed late tonight.

FIVE MORE KILLED.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Special.—Five persons were killed and ten injured, but none fatally, in a wreck at 9:15 Sunday morning on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, three miles west of Albia, Iowa. The west-bound passenger train was in some manner derailed while running on to the Cedar creek bridge, and five cars were wrecked by a collision with the steel girders of the bridge. The wreckage immediately took fire, and several of the victims were badly burned. Just what caused the accident is a mystery.

KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Goldsboro, Special.—Bunn Capps, the white man who was assaulted and left for dead near A. L. Sasser's farm, about five miles west of Goldsboro, Tuesday, died Wednesday night without regaining consciousness. Dr. Thomas Hill, county coroner, was notified and held an inquest over the remains. From the evidence the jury found that "Capps came to his death by a blow from a blunt instrument in the hands of unknown parties." Capps was 45 years old, and leaves a wife and four children. The motive for the crime is supposed to have been robbery, as Capps was returning home after selling cotton in Goldsboro, though he had less than \$10 with him at the time.

KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Washington, Special.—The sub-committee of the executive committee of the National Afro-American Council last week decided to hold the next gathering in "1904" and "appointed" a committee of five to appear before the platform committee of the next national Republican convention to urge that it take vigorous action in reference to the practical denial in a number of States of suffrage to the negro. The following resolutions were adopted:

"We are opposed to the un-Republican principle of drawing the color line in the Republican party, which has been inaugurated in certain states, to the detriment of the party, and to the injury of some of the most uncompromising supporters of its policy in the past, and we believe that the proposed reduction of representation in the national Republican convention would be an injustice which the party should not permit."

"We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the President of the United States for daring, at all times to stand up for impartial justice and the manhood rights guaranteed by the constitution and by laws based thereon. We have never asked special consideration in any matter affecting the common rights of citizens and sincerely believe that he has not sought to give us such. He has treated us just like other citizens; we have never asked for more, and will not be satisfied with less. By announcing that he would not submit to the closing of the door of hope to us, he played the whole gamut of principles for which the nation stands and for which its founders dedicated their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor."

"Among those present were Bishop Walter T. Thomas Fortune, Cyrus Field Adams, William A. Pledger, of Georgia; Walter L. Collier, of Louisiana, and John C. Dancy, of North Carolina.

CHICAGO GETS CONVENTION.

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