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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Thirteen Post Offices Discontinued.

Advices received at the Raleigh post office from the Department at Washington are to the effect that the following post offices in North Carolina will be discontinued on the dates named, their territory to be served by rural free delivery routes from other post offices: Como, Hertford county, Aug. 15; Clear Run, Sampson, Dec. 14; Tribby, Person, July 15; Owensville, Sampson, July 31; Dobbersville, Wayne, July 31; Cates, Person, July 15; Union Hill, Surry, July 31; Valentia, Surry, July 31; Spencerville, Moore, Aug. 15; Poinceter, Yadkin, July 31; Yatesville, Beaufort, July 31; Pantehr Creek, Yadkin, Aug. 15; Gaylord, Beaufort, July 31.

New Postoffices.

The following named post offices were established in North Carolina in July: Lundy, Mitchell county; Winsatt, Jones; Bee Tree, Buncombe; Boyden, Surry; Millbrauch, Brunswick; Mayesville, Gaston.

Centennial of Gate City Birth.

Greensboro, Special.—As an illustration of the interest already being taken in the proposed celebration next year of the centennial anniversary of Greensboro, and reunion of nonresident native North Carolinians, C. M. Vanstony, chairman of the committee having the plans under consideration, is in receipt of many letters from inside and outside the State urging the culmination of the proposed function. He received the following from a very prominent divine:

"I note the proposed celebration on a large scale next year of the centennial for Greensboro. I am deeply interested in the plan and hope to be able to attend the celebration and reunion. My great-grandfather, Ralph Gorrell, owned the land upon which the city is built and sold it to the commissioners for \$98. My great-grandfather Hugh Forbis, was one of the commissioners. My grandfather, Rev. Amos Weaver, who served one term in the Legislature from Guilford, was the first pastor of the First Baptist church in Greensboro. These facts lead me to deeply desire me to participate or to assist in any way in this celebration I will be glad to comply. With all good wishes.

"Yours faithfully,
"RUFUS W. WEAVER."

High Point Tax Values.

High Point, Special.—The board of assessors of High Point are hot in the collar in regard to Greensboro's insinuations that the property here is undervalued, while Greensboro is paying her full share of the taxes. The men who composed this board did their work well, so much so that many were made mad at the high value put on their property and all of them felt like they were paying enough. Considering that High Point is some smaller than Greensboro it is safe to say that she is paying her just portion of the county's indebtedness in the way of taxes, and has no fear of comparisons.

New Tobacco Sold.

Durham, Special.—The first new tobacco was sold on this market Thursday afternoon. The tobacco came from Chatham county and was the lower primings. The price paid, 7-1-2 cents, for this grade of tobacco, was such as to greatly please the man who had the weed for sale.

Swannanoa Hermit a Suicide.

Asheville, Special.—William Jobe Cleveland, 86 years of age, and known hereabouts as the "Hermit," committed suicide some time Thursday night at his home on Swannanoa river by drinking carbolic acid. The remains were brought to Asheville and relatives in Salem, N. Y., notified by telegraph. No word, however, has yet been received from Salem.

To Discontinue Trains.

Winston-Salem, Special.—It is being talked among the railroad people that the Southern has decided to take off the night passenger train operated between this city and Greensboro—the one leaving there at 8:30 and returning at 12:30. It is argued by those in a position to know that this train is not paying even the operating expenses. "If the railroad loses out in its fight against the 2-1-4 cent passenger rate you will see trains taken off branch lines all over the State," remarked a well posted railroad man.

Big Day at Mt. Zion.

Cornelius, Special.—The annual picnic and veterans' reunion was held Thursday at Mount Zion church, one mile from here. In many respects it was the greatest picnic that has been held at this place in years. The people were here in crowds, coming from Iredell, Cabarrus, Rowan and other counties. About 300 came up from Charlotte. A conservative estimate of the crowd places the number at 8,000.

Warrants for the Southern.

Lexington, Special.—Lexington still issues warrants for the Southern Railway for running its trains faster than six miles an hour through the corporate limits. The papers are served on Agent L. F. Barr. Several have been issued each carrying with it a fine of \$10 and the costs. Still the trains run as they list. This is all because train No. 34 is denied Lexington. Thus far there has been no trial. The conclusion of the matter is not in sight.

Kope Elias, Jr., Weds Miss Kilgo.

Durham, Special.—At the residence of the President of Trinity College Thursday afternoon his accomplished daughter Miss Edna Clyde Kilgo was married to Mr. Kope Elias, Jr., Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo performing the ceremony. Both these young people and their distinguished parents are well known in North Carolina. The honeymoon will be spent in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Getting Ready for Collection of Taxes.

Work has begun in the State Auditor's office on the compilation of the returns from the various domestic corporations in the State, making lists to be sent to the Registers of Deeds of the various counties that they may make out the tax lists of stock holders in these corporations and turn them over to the sheriffs for the collection of taxes. The work is to be completed by August 15th.

Laying New Rails.

Hamlet, Special.—About fifteen miles of the new rail has been laid on this C. C. branch of the Seaboard and it is claimed that with good conditions, the work from Hamlet to Wilmington will be completed by the first of the year.

Charge of Manslaughter.

Detroit, Special.—Representative Charles E. Ward, Speaker pro tem of the State House of Representatives and chairman of the ways and means committee, was arraigned in the police court here on a warrant charging him with manslaughter in connection with the death here from a criminal operation in April of Miss Edith Pressley, proof-reader for the State Senate. Mr. Ward stood mute and his attorneys asked for an examination in the police court, which Justice Stein set for September 6th. The justice then fixed bail at \$3,000 with two sureties which was furnished.

Extra Session in Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—As a result of an all-night conference between Governor Comer and his lawyers an extra session of the Alabama Legislature will probably be called to look after certain railroad legislation. Owing to litigation the recently enacted railroad curbing laws are suspended and Governor Comer would have them repealed while undergoing examination of the Federal judicial robe. Then Governor Comer will try a new strangle grip on the railroads at the extra session. There are fine prospects of a big row over the subject in Alabama.

Nationalists Win Election.

Manilla, By Cable.—The independence faction that united in the campaign under the name of nationalists appear to have won the general election for both independence candidates. It probably will be ten days or two weeks before the complete returns are received.

Japanese and Koreans Clash.

Washington, Special.—The disarmament of the Korean army by the Japanese provoked hostilities and in the fighting that followed 40 Koreans were killed or wounded. The Japanese casualties were light. The information comes to the State Department from United States Consul General Sammons at Seoul.

Will Try to Enjoin Duke.

Somerville, N. J., Special.—Injunction proceedings are to be begun soon by the Raritan Woolen Mills to prevent James B. Duke, the tobacco king, pumping the Raritan river dry to make his two thousand acre park look like fairyland for his bride.

Suspected Stranglers Held.

New York, Special.—Two suspects were held in a police court for the alleged strangling of two women here. One is believed to be implicated in several other murders.

American Fishing Rights.

London, By Cable.—In the House of Commons Foreign Minister Gray announced that the government was attempting to arrange with the United States a modus vivendi governing fishing in Newfoundland waters during the present season. Negotiations are also proceeding to settle the whole question of American rights under the treaty of 1818.

MAKING FINE PROGRESS

Dozen New Warehouses Launched Within 10 Days.

Charlotte, Special.—"I got about twelve new warehouses and holding companies launched on my recent trip over the State," said President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association while relating his experience during the trip through the State on matters which are of interest to the association at large. This is one of the most successful trips that President Moore has ever made. He visited many counties to the section to the north and west of Charlotte on his rounds, and found everything in good shape and the cotton crop outlook fairly good—as promise as could have been expected. Mr. Moore is especially pleased with the momentum which the warehouse movement seems to be gathering as it progresses, and he regards this as the most important matter before the farmers at this time.

Church Union Held Valid.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.—In his opinion delivered here on the Presbyterian Church case between the unionists and the anti-unionists, involving the right of possession in the property of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Chancellor Walter Bearden held that the "union" was valid and in substantial conformity to the Church constitutions but decided that under the deeds conveying the property to the trustees of the several Churches the bill of the "unionists" asking for exclusive possession in the name of the united church must be dismissed. Both sides appealed. The court refused to enter into the merits or demerits of the various ecclesiastical questions.

New Corporations.

Raleigh, Special.—The Charlotte Realty Company filed notice with the secretary of the State of an increase of capital from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

The Dixie Real Estate Company of Greensboro was incorporated \$25,000 authorized, \$600 actual capital; C. G. Wright, W. S. Lynn and others incorporators.

A charter was granted to the Elise Mining Company, Hemp, Moore county; J. J. Jones of Glendon an others incorporators; \$50,000 authorized capital.

The Charges of Peonage.

Raleigh, Special.—Judge Purnell has gone to Beaufort where on Monday he will begin a special term of the Federal District Court for the trial of the peonage cases. A man named McNeil who is construction superintendent of the Norfolk and Southern Railway will figure as the chief defendant. The cases will be prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Russell from Washington, assisted by the district attorney. Much interest and importance is attached to the trial.

Convicts on the Railway.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn and council of State took up the matter of using State convicts on the Mattamuskeet Railroad and decided to allow the use of convicts in construction work in Hyde county, the State to accept as pay for the convicts stock in the new road. The road made the deposit required by the new law to guarantee completion of construction. This is the first road of five to accept the State's offer to aid the railway construction in this way.

Forty Killed or Wounded.

Washington, Special.—A dispatch received at the State Department from Consul General Thomas Sammons, at Seoul, Korea, says that forty Koreans were killed or wounded Friday in a fight precipitated by the disarmament of the Korean army. The casualties on the Japanese side, the dispatch adds, were slight.

Four Men Crushed to Death.

San Pedro, Cal., Special.—Four men lost their lives when 40 feet of the trestle leading from the wharf of the Pacific Storage Company collapsed. The dead men were crushed by car loads of rock or drowned in the harbor. Four others who went down with the teams were rescued. All were Greek laborers who were put to work and their names were on the pay roll. The trestle collapsed as a train of 20 flat cars laden with rock backed off the wharf.

In Conference With President.

Oyster Bay, Special.—President Roosevelt is holding a conference with Assistant Attorney General Alford W. Cooley, who has just finished his vacation. It is understood that the President intends assigning Cooley to an important trust investigation or prosecution. Cooley said he did not know why the President had telegraphed for him.

PANIC IN NEW YORK

A Reign of Terror Has Broken Out Because of Crimes

MOB VIOLENCE IS THREATENED

Police Apparently Unable to Cope With the Situation, and Citizens Into Their Own Hands A Mob Nearly Kills an Innocent Man—Women and Children Dare Not Venture Forth After Dark—Police Arrest Three Mob Leaders.

New York, Special.—Sadie Hazenling niece of the State Senator of that name, was attacked by two men Monday near her home at Williamsburg, but rescued by her father and her fiancé before being injured. The police had to protect their prisoners with drawn revolvers.

Lynch law nearly prevails here as a result of the crime wave. Louis Conconula, an innocent victim of a mob, is dying in a hospital. People thought he tried to assault the girl George Kestner, captured carrying a girl into a hallway, was nearly beaten to death, but was rescued from lynching by the police.

Hylo Salada a palmer, was beaten by a mob for talking to a girl and giving her pennies. He was arrested, charged with "seeking to corrupt the morals of a child."

Fathers and mothers on the upper East Side are frantic and the last cry starts an angry mob ready to lynch the first man they think guilty of attacking girls.

Nine new attacks on women and little girls are reported to the police Monday and the spirit of mob vengeance has seized the outraged citizens of New York. Infuriated men and women, numbering over 10,000, attempted to take the law into their own hands because of the inability of the police to cope with the situation.

The noise was placed around one culprit's neck before the police interfered and in another case an innocent man was set upon and injured so he had to be taken to a hospital in a dying condition. Three men caught dragging two girls under a bridge were stoned all the way to the police station. Desperate efforts were made to lynch George Kesner for assaulting 8-year-old Sadie Nanebroeger. Three mob leaders have been arrested. Women and children are in a panic and thousands fear to go out after dark.

Booker Washington Speaks.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., was the central figure of attraction at the celebration Saturday of Negro Industrial Day at the Jamestown Exposition. Rain interfered to some extent with the celebration, but there were more than 5,000 negroes on the grounds to greet Dr. Washington and other prominent negroes who spoke. The national negro teachers' association which has just adjourned at Hampton, Va., attended. A special feature of the day was a military parade with the entire cadet corps from the Hampton Normal, Agricultural and Industrial School, from which Dr. Washington graduated, participating.

Serious Hail and Wind Storm.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Specials to the Free Press tell of a serious hail and wind storm in Central Michigan. Corn and oats and fruit were badly damaged. Around Oakley, Chesaning and Orion the loss is reported to aggregate \$100,000.

Skating Rink Doorkeeper Killed.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—R. G. Carter, aged 28, doorkeeper at the Waynesville skating rink, Waynesville, was shot and almost instantly killed Monday night by Theodore Davis. The shooting was the outcome of a quarrel concerning the admission to the rink of one of Davis' friends. Davis was arrested.

Massacre by Turkish Troops.

Teheran, Persia, By Cable.—Official reports say that a massacre of Christians by Turkish troops occurred in the Persian village of Ninevah. It is said that 18 men and 60 women and children lost their lives. The Turks forced the Persian garrison to evacuate and bombard the town, massacring the Christians. Other official reports say that 6,000 Persian troops joined the Turks, threatening Umriah, Persian Armenia, where there are many Christian missionaries.

The Southern in Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—There was no action as expected on the part of the Southern Railway in reference to the cancellation of its franchise or license. It is now said that developments will occur on Wednesday. It is stated as probable that the Southern will stop all extra-State business, which will be greatly felt by commercial interests and the traveling public. Public sentiment is not backing up Governor Comer's actions.

NOW VIRGINIA WINS

Railroads Agree to Accept the Two-Cent Rate

PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION

Virginia Corporation Commission Enabled to Publish 2-Cent Rate Law, Which Goes Into Effect Not Later Than October 1st, Pending Final Adjudication of Entire Question by Supreme Court.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Within the next week United States Circuit Judge Pritchard will sign a modified decree, agreed to by the State and the railroads, under which the corporation commission will be enabled to complete the third step of its rate-making function by publication of the 2-cent rate order for four consecutive weeks in a Richmond newspaper. Not later than October 1st the new rate will go into effect pending final adjudication of the entire question involved by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Thus the Commonwealth will have accomplished that for which it had consistently fought without disorder, without defying a Federal ruling and without employment of "big stick" tactics.

In the Circuit Court of the United States for the eastern district of Virginia there were filed two papers in the case of each contesting railroad, constituting an important part of the present and pending litigation.

Judge Robert R. Printiss, member of the corporation commission, filed the demurrer, which sets forth the general plea of the defendant commission in all of the cases. It reads as follows:

"This defendant by protestation, not confessing or acknowledging all or any other matters and things in the said plaintiff's bill to be true in such manner and form as the same therein set forth, demurs thereto and for cause of demurrer shows,

First. That the said plaintiff has not in and by the said bill or stated any such cause as doth or entitle it to any such relief as is thereby sought and prayed for.

"Second. That this defendant has no personal or individual interest in the matters and things referred to in said bill."

"Third. That the said plaintiff has adequate remedy at law.

"Fourth. That the matters and things complained of in said bill are res judicata.

"Fifth. That this court has no jurisdiction to hear and determine this cause for the reason that this is a suit against the State of Virginia.

"Sixth. That this court has no jurisdiction to hear and determine the cause for the reason that the State corporation commission is a court of the State of Virginia and this court is therefore without power to enforce the said commission.

"Seventh. That this court has no jurisdiction to determine this cause, for the reason that if the said commission is not such a court as this court, with power to enjoin, then the public interest of said commission's order of April 27th, 1907, was the necessary part of the enactment of the same as legislation, and this court is equally without power to enjoin legislation before it is enacted.

"Wherefore, and for divers other good causes of demurrer appearing in said bill, this defendant demurs thereto, and humbly demands the judgment of this court whether he shall be compelled to make any further answer to the said bill; and prays to be hence dismissed with his cost and charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained.

It may be explained that this is in no wise a final determination of the trouble, but only a method of getting the questions at issue speedily before a competent tribunal and having them settled in an orderly manner.

Farmers' Burn Big Auto.

Chicago, Special.—Mobbled by farmers after their big touring car had accidentally run over a little boy, S. B. Chapin, millionaire broker and two women companions, one of whom was Mr. Chapin's wife, are said to have been driven from the automobile in the vicinity of Deerfield, Ill., and forced to stand and look on while the big automobile was incinerated in a big bonfire that the farmers built under it, and then compelled to walk two miles through the country before they could find an accommodating driver who would take them to the Moraine Hotel.

News in Brief.

Nineteen persons died in the tenement fire in New York.

Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners was admitted to bail in the sum of \$25,000.

The trial of Caleb Powers for the alleged murder of Governor Goebel, of Kentucky in 1900 was delayed because the defense objected to Judge Robbins.

N. C. WEATHER REPORT

Official Report on the Weather Conditions for the Week Ending Monday, August 5.

The North Carolina section of the weather and crop service of the Department of Agriculture issues the following bulletin of weather conditions for the past week:

The mean temperature for the week was slightly below the normal. Precipitation was above normal in the eastern portion of the State particularly on the coast, and was below the normal in the south and western portions, where rain was needed. Some damage locally was caused by hail and high wind in the eastern and central portions of the State on August 2d. Sunshine was deficient in the eastern portion and about normal in the central and western portions.—A. T. Summary.

Killed With Baseball Bat.

Charlotte, Special.—As the result of a general fight following disputes over decisions in a baseball game at Hardins, Gaston county, Saturday afternoon, John Mauney, aged 35, a mill operative of Hardins, died at Lincolnton Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the effects of a blow administered by Will Cloninger with a baseball bat. Cloninger, who lives at Laboratory and is also about 35 years old, made his escape as did others who were implicated in the row. Cheap whiskey, it is charged was directly responsible for the killing. The game which was between Hardins and a team from Laboratory, passed off quietly enough, with the exception of some grumbling about certain close decisions of the umpire. After the close of the game and while whiskey was flowing freely, Mauney and Cloninger got into a dispute. Both lost their temper and began cursing each other.

"It's a lie!" cried Cloninger, in answer to one of Mauney's spirited declarations. With that Mauney grabbed a bat from the hands of one of the players and struck at Cloninger, the blow almost severing his ear. But Cloninger was stunned only for a moment. He also grabbed a bat and came back at his assailant, striking him twice and fracturing his skull before bystanders could interfere.

New Charters.

The secretary of State issued charters Monday as follows:

Aeme Match Company, Greensboro; capital \$100,000, with \$20,000 subscribed; will manufacture matches. Incorporators— all from Winston— J. Palmer, Gus, Palmer, L. A. Wade.

Sharpsburg Banking Company Nash county, capital \$30,000, to be given with \$7,000; Geo. T. Dawes, Geo. A. Lucas an others, incorporators.

Murder at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—News of a tragedy on the outskirts of town reached here Friday morning, and by the time the authorities proper were notified of it an unknown man had made his escape after mortally wounding Robert W. Owens. Mr. Owens is keeper of the pest house at the most solitary looking place in the county, more than a mile from the public square.

Fire in Wilson.

Wilson, Special.—Fire of unknown origin damaged the dry goods store of W. D. Ruffin to the amount of over \$5,000 Sunday morning. The value of the stock was \$16,000 with insurance of \$9,000.

North State Notes.

Penitentiary Superintendent Mann says the crops at the State farm on the Roanoke river are far from good this season. The cotton is small in size and the stand is remarkably poor. The crop is not suffering from drought, as there was a good rain last week. He does not think even with a perfect season much over two-thirds of a crop can be made.

State Superintendent Joyner is notified that two more school districts have voted for local tax, one of these being Mocksville, where Mr. Joyner recently spoke in support of that plan.

The Charlotte Realty Company is authorized to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Charters are granted the Dixie Real Estate Company of Greensboro which will do an insurance business capital stock \$20,000 and to the Elise Mining Company, of Moore county capital stock \$50,000. A. J. Jones of Glendon and others being the stockholders.

Current Events.

The Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Railways filed appeals in accordance with the North Carolina "peace agreement."

Five negroes are reported to have been mortally wounded and a score of others hurt at a negro campmeeting near Seaford, Delaware.

Senator Foraker opposed the indorsement of Secretary Taft of Ohio Republicans.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Charlotte, N. C., board of aldermen has determined not to repeal the ordinance against Sunday selling of soft drinks, in cream and cigars.

The Virginia rate matter has been settled by compromise until the higher court can decide the issues involved.

The crime wave in New York city is in magnitude and the whole city is stunned at the numerous murders committed.

John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, made a statement Monday in which he declared that the company was not given an opportunity to be heard or to submit data in the preparation of the report prepared by Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith, and made public.

Earle Irven of Indianapolis rescued four persons at Colon and was drowned.

Mrs. Eddy's witnesses in the Christian Science leader's suit refused to testify.

Rev. Levor Marogossian, the Armenian priest concerned in the recent New York agitation was arrested. The candidacy of Secretary Taft was endorsed by the Ohio Republican State Committee, despite Senator Foraker's protest.

The Georgia Legislature passed the Hardman Prohibition bill.

Two strangling cases, with women as the victims are puzzling the New York police.

Senator Pettus of Alabama was buried at Selma with distinguished honors.

A section of the Erie canal gave way, causing heavy loss.

Mrs. Youtsey contradicted her husband's confession in the Caleb Powers case.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw declared she had foreseen the stage.

Aeromonic arguments were made in the matter of taking depositions in the Eddy case.

There was a new explosion in the Hartje divorce case.

After a stirring speech by Mr. Choate delegates at the Hague said the Peace Conference had just begun, so far as results were concerned.

Russian troops killed 30 persons in Russian Poland strike riots.

In riots in Seoul a large number of Koreans were killed by Japs. Three Korean delegates to The Hague came to New York to appeal to America to save their country from Japan.

A strike of sailing-ship masters is on in Australia.

Army investigators are said to have exonerated Lieut.-Col. William J. Tucker of the charges brought against him by his wife, who was Miss "Dolly" Logan.

Government attorneys state that the dissolution of the Dupont company, of Delaware, will not affect the suit against the Powder Trust.

The Culgoa is to be fitted up as a repair ship for the battleship fleet on its voyage to the Pacific.

Mr. A. Caperton Braxton, president of the Virginia Bar Association, is out for Senator John W. Daniel for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

The trial by special court-martial of Chaplain Harry W. Jones, United States Navy, upon charges of scandalous conduct, was begun at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The Richmond grand jury reported that it could not find any ice trust in that city.

Primary election returns indicate that Charles T. Laseiter was nominated for the Virginia Senate for District 29.

Stephens S. Walsh, a New York policeman, was dismissed for alleged cowardice and ejected from the office in which his trial was held.

Four indictments have been found against Rev. Levant Martogossian, the Armenian priest, under arrest in the New York conspiracy cases.

Attorney-General Bonaparte is expected to appear personally in the suits against the Dupont Powder Trust.

E. H. Harriman, in the face of a heavy decline, declared stocks would soon go up again.

The plant of the York Felt and Paper Company at York, Pa., was burned, with \$100,000 loss.

Capt. G. W. Kirkman was denied his petition for release from the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Six hundred striking miners in Hebbing, Mich., were turned back from a march intended to intimidate nonunion men.

A rate war from Chicago to New York is expected after passenger agents refused to attend a conference.

The Interstate Commerce Commission decides that in the equitable distribution of cars to coal miners private cars must be considered as part of the quota.

Admiral Evans conferred with naval officials regarding the autumn maneuver program and the trip of the fleet to the Pacific.